SOME ONE BLUNDERED.

NOSE FOB DREDGING. The Freeports Wonderful Charter-A Profit of \$530 a Day-Towing to the Foul

Square Yard-The Probable Expense. in regard to the progress of the improveup his mind whether the wharves will be ready for the steamers in good time or not.

the city in taking the chances of carrying tiken except by contract.

by the Dominion government is idle because there is a dispute who shall pay for repairs-the city or the government. The reports in the news papers at the time indicated that the crew did not know how to Here then is an idea of the cost : handle her and it only seems reasonable that the city should repair any damage to manachinery which was broken in its own service. But the expense is becoming so large that the city fathers are scared and are trying to cavil about this matter. They here to lie at one of the public wharves idle.

But what about the Freeport, that wonderful dredge of an astute Portland firm? Is the doing the work expected of her ! Not by any means, and the city is paying 20 hours for her services. When it is considered that this is for every working day no matter whether the Freeport dredges or is said not. not one can imagine what a sum the dredging is costing the taxpayers. When Mayor Robertson made such a contract with Colonel Moore he must have been magnetized by that gentleman, or else he would have thought of the fall season, the high winds and teas which would make it impossible to tow the scows away, and many other drawbacks already experienced and incidental to the season. But no, the winds may rage and prevent tugs and scows from leaving their berths, but the whether idle or not gets the sum of \$325 for the day and \$275 for the night. Then as to accidents, while the time limit for repairs with the American and the Canadian governments is two hours the city allows the Freeport 24 hours to make repairs; that is to say she can injure her machinery and if the damage is repaired within 24 hours, lose nothing by the

It is said that it costs no more that \$70 a day to run the Freeport and if this is true the owners are receiving the nice profit of \$530 for her daily work, Of course it has been shown long ago that the dredge is one of the clam shell machines that are employed along the coast at the ordinary price of \$200 a day and it is difficult to understand what possessed his worship to close at \$325. Colonel Moore is a better bargainer than he is.

It the offer of the Portland firm had been the only one then there might have been some excuse for the blunder but when Morris, Cummings & Co. of New York offered to supply the best dredge on the coast-a combination dredge, clamshell and bucket-having a capacity of 4000 yards a day for \$325 it is difficult to realize that Colonel Moore's dredge was chartered. Moreover the New York firm only asked the usual conditions, making allowance for wind and weather and the government time limit for accidents.

This New York firm made so many Werent offers at the request of the city it it is curious none of them suited the mayor and his advisors. The first one was the offer to do the work for \$89,600 which iucluded the placing of the dredged material behind the work to the extent of 100,000 yards or more if the city wanted it there. This sum included the towing outside of the harbor-not to the foul ground where the city is dumping the scows.

The second offer was to send the big dredge as described above \$325 a day. It must be remembered that this dredge is wice the capacity of the Freeport.

Then there was a third offer of 45 cents per square yard in situ which included towage to sea and despositing whatever quantity the city wanted behind the whart. In addition to this knowing that time was an object this firm offered to bring more than one dredge and to have the work completed in time or early in December. But all of this was in vain; the mayor was evidently determined that Colonel Moore should have the job and it went that way.

see where the figures are apt to lead him. to 'rush the growler.' The clergyman says The original estimate was the city would require 200,000 yards to be dredged. was not left long in doubt when the youths PROGRESS understands that it is began quarreling as to the kind of 'growler' said now that 260,000 yards will they wanted. It was at this point that the be nearer the quantity in situ measurement. In situ measurement means as the matter appears above the water, not clergyman joined the group and gave them a little lecture that had the effect of quieting the 'growler' for the time being, and sending the boys home.

atter it has been dumped in the scow and | HE COLLECTED THE FARE mixed with water and foreign sub-THE CITY IS PAYING THROUGH THE stances. There is a difference of about 40 per cent in scow and in situ measurements. By adding the 40 per cent to the 260.000 yards it will appear that the Ground-What the Gravel is Costing a quantity in scow measurement will be 364 000 yards. The Freeport cannot aver-Varying reports come from Sand Point age more than 1000 yards a day in situ measurement or 1400 yards in scow. It ments and the average citizen cannot make she keeps on doing the work practically alone it would take her 260 days to complete the job or more than four months What everyone is sure of however is that | night and day. Supposing this to be true the cost for dredging will be \$78 000 on the work itself is bound to pay heavily while to that must be added \$50 for the privilege, and it is safe to say that | a day for towing or \$130,00 more. never again will such a work be under- Then as the specifications called for the material to be deposited behind the wharf

The dredging is progressing slowly and the cost of that must be included. The the tax payers are paying through the nose | way it is being done is costing the city 25 for it. The Cape Breton which was loaned | cents a yard, measuring the square yards upon the cars. The city is calculating car measurement but the yard measurement was adapted in the first place and should be retained for the purpose of comparison.

Even if this was the total it does not look like the saving the city intended to make by not letting the work to contractors. But paid \$2000 for getting the Cape Breton | that this amount does not represent the total. There is an item of 2000 for bringing the Cape Breton here and then the repairs both on her and the other machinery.

made for the work of the other dredges. this the stout passenger and the maiden her owners the nice sum of \$600 a day of | That is true but if a return of the amount | lady laughed loud and long and the conwill the average be 1000 yards a day? It shock.

But there is another serious matter so far as the harbor is concerned that should be inquired into at once, and that is the dumping of the dredged material on the knowledge that he did his duty. A road to produce a single scripture text to prove role of moderator, and if necessary mentor. foul ground. With such a wind and such official who was not known to the conductor | that Christ while on earth ever baptized A person known amongst his intimates a sea as last Saturday who will pretend to entered the car and when the conductor an infant. This Mr. Hall is the clergyman by the euphonious nick name of 'Peachy' say that the loose mud is not washed into the channel. Perhaps the city is relying of the owners of the on the fact that the Cape Breton was entitled to ride free. 'Where will be here next summer and is your pass,' said the conductor, will deepen the channel, but the gov- to which the owner replied that he left the ernment may not relish such additional book home. "Well you must pay up "inwork as this. More than this if the work had been let to a contractor and he attempted to take any such liberty as the board of works director has, how many availing; he could not pay up and the conhours would it be before he would be answering the queries of the police magistrate. Harbor Inspector O'Brien would hustled out; but the conductor was not disnot stand it for a moment. Why does he charged. not inform on the present offenders?

Some one has blundered. That is plain The taxpayers want to know who is to blame. Taey have to pay the bills: they have a right to know but so far there has been the greatest secrecy maintained about the negotiations that went on. Now let some alderman call for a copy of the Freeport charter and then for a return of the record showing the cost of the work so far.

SOME PROMISING YOUTHS.

The Actions of Boys Who are Allowed Roam the Streets at Night.

While in St. John the standard of morality is admittedly higher than in almost any other city in Canada, it bids fair to become lowered if children, particularly boys between the ages of nine and fifteen, are permitted to go their own gait at the rate many of them are now rushing ahead. At any hour from half past seven nntil late in the night knots of boys congregate around various corners and to the passersby their conversation is anything but editying. A night or two ago eight or ten of these future citizens were gathered at a corner on Mill street and two little girls who happened to be passing, claimed a share of their attention. The little ones were evidently unaccustomed to being out alone after night and were hurrying along in a manner that betokened extreme rervousness and fear. When they approached the group of boys they were greeted with the most vile and disgraceful speeches that it was possible for utterly depraved youths to invent. The little girls hurried past and were breaking into a run when one of the largest of the one of the largest on the coast and has boys hastened after her and catching her by the arm again indulged in even worse language than had been previously used.

A gentleman who happened to be following closely behind the children, gave the boy a sharp rap over the knuckles, with his cane, and thus came in for considerable

This is only one of many similar incidents that occur nightly, almost under the eye of the police, for in the case mentioned above an officer was only a short distance away. A night or two ago a well known city clergyman happened to be in the vicinity of a group of boys who were try-If he has begun to count the cost he will ing between them to raise enough money that for a new moments he was mystified as to what was the meaning of the phrase but

THOUGH THE PASSENGER CLAIM-

Funny Incidents in the Life of an Electric his Change-He Thought Tickets Were Four Cents-Other Matters.

The life of an electric car conductor is usually an uneventful one as far as his business is concerned, but he has a better chance to study human nature than most people think and the average conductor usually has a good fund of stories which he can relate to his friends under the head of personal experiences. One of the conductors bad a queer experience lately with a passenger who was economical to a fault. The passenger in question was a man of eminently respectable appearance who looked like's well to do merchant or tradesman. He entered the car and sat down between a very stout man and a middle aged maiden lady. When the conductor came round for the fare he dived into the furtherst corner of his waistcoat pocket and produced a nickle which he tended to the conductor with an air of grandeur that completely overawed his tellow passangers. 'I'll take one ticket' he said. The ticket was produced and placed in the collection box by the passenger and the conductor passed on Before he had finished collecting fares he, of the nickel said "I didn't get any change." "Why," said the conductor "you only gave me five cents" "yes," was the reply, "but tickets are only four cents But someone will say no allowance is each, or six for a quarter you know." At dredged is called for and correctly given ductor has not as yet recovered from the generally expects to see something very

Another conductor had an adventure with one of the officials of the road a short time ago that for a time filled him with tear and trembling but he was consoled by the sisted the conductor. At this the official got wrathy and threatened to have the young man discharged but it was all unductor was obdurate. The car was stopped at the next crossing and the official

THE LADY WAS LOCKED IN

And was Therefore Unable to Take in the Centenary Concert.

To be locked in a parlor no matter how elegant or comfortable the apartment, is not the pleasantest way of passing an entire even ng but whatever of joy or discomfort it entails was experienced by a Queen street young lady on Tuesday evening. At supper the lady announced her intention of accompanying some friends to the Centenary church concert that evening and as she disappeared immediately after tea and nothing more was seen of her it was naturally thought that she had dressed and gone out without saying any more about the

This young lady has a mother who is a particularly careful houskeeper and how usually makes a tour of inspection before going out, to see that everything is secure and the doors all locked; she also intended going to Centenary with another lady for whom she was to call at an early hour and it was not more than a quarter to seven when she made her nightly raid upon the doors. The key was turned in the parlor door the last thing as the lady was on her way out. so she went content in the belief that everything was safe at home.

As the story goes she was a little too particular, or rather her daughter thinks so for that young lady had entered the parlor a few moments before and wishing for a little rest had ensconsed herself upon the sofa and had fallen into a light doze from which she was awakened by the slamming of the front door as her mother went out The family occupy the middle flat, so there was nothing to hope from the windows; the fair prisoner had not even the comfort of a light, no matches being available. It was almost eleven o'clock when the family returned to be met with the indignant and tearful reproaches of this cold and weary member of the family who insists that locking every door in the house without first ascertaining whether there is anybody inside who has no means of getting out, is a downright outrage.

Y. M. C. A.

Grace lectured to the regular meeting of | limit at 8 in the morning. the Dalhousie college Y. M. C. A., and he gave them just such an address elequent China,

and forceful and correct as would be ex- PEACHY STILL TALKS ON pected from a presbyterian or baptist minister. True His Grace did not enter the room till after the devotional exercises over but this may have been because he arrived too late. is very little of denominational bitterness in Halifax, a fact upon which we here often congratulate ourselves. There is not much of that feeling it is pleasing to know, which caused a deacon in a prominent presbyterian church to say, on the occasion of a Roman Catholic officiating at the church organ : "If that young man ever again plays the organ here I will leave the church." The world must be getting better and broader for this deacon is not a sample of Halifax views.

HE IS A MODEL OFFICER. Captain Winn R. E. is Greatly Admired for

HALIFAX, Oct. 29.—Captain Winn, R E to whom PROGRESS referred in a recent issue as having performed the rite of baptism for a brother officer who sought immersion, is a remarkable man. He is wise." In appearance he is stern, but in His rulings from the chair, and any remarks he makes, are given in the tone of a general shouting orders to his brigade. There is not a Sunday school teacher in Halitax who has met Captain Winn but admires him. The qualities of Captain Winn, however, are not so remarkable in themselves as that they should be posters. ed by an officer in the army, where one connection with Captain Winn it is interes:ing to note that Rev. W. A. Hall is out with a challenge to Rev. H. H. Pittman, to whon Captain Wiggan of the Royal Berks regiment, appealed for baptism for himself and wife. Brother Hall agreed to perform the ceremony but when he found that all the captain sought was baptism. and not membership in the baptist church. he refused to perform the ceremony and the affair was declared off.

Rev. Mr. Pittman rep'ies with a challenge o Rev. Mr. Hall which seems completely befoor that gentleman. He asks him for one single scripture text which will be clear, that Christ ever positively ordered the holy observance of the first day of the week as the Sabbath

THEIR CIVIC TROUBLES.

Halifax Aldermen Experience Some

HALIFAX, Oct. 29.- Tae city council on Tuesday evening refused to reconsider its action in shelving the city auditor bell and removing the city treasurer, the vote standing nine to eight. It the mincrity had shown the same activity, previous to the vote that they did after it, the charge would not likely have been made. When the names had been called and recorded Ald. Musgrave. Lane and others started a campaign against the proposal which Ald. Hamilton, the father of the scheme, called

fillibustering tactics. What is the true inwardness of the opposition to Ald. Butler's civic salaries reform scheme, or rather to that part of it which proposed to make J. J. Hopwell city treasurer? Some of the alderman say t is because Hopwell is blamed for having given the information which led to the hardware contract investigation of some months ago. But this is not likely to be so. Others urge that the men who are opposing Butler have some man in their minds eye whom they wish to hoist into the new clerk-treasurers office. and that man is not Hopewell. Ald Hamilton himself is certainly honest in his advocacy of the abilition of the treasurersship. For years he has consistently urged that this step be taken, and now he has his chance. There will be some fighting yet, however to make it sure.

During the discussion there was a characterestic passage at Arms between Ald. Hamilton and Foster. The former asked Ald. Foster it he had been canvassing Ald. Mosher, as he seemed to know very well how that city father would vote. Ald. Foster replied that he did not canvass; it was Ald. Hamilton who did that kind of dodging. To this Ald. Hamilton replied: "Ald. Foster's hardest work is dodging

early rising business man. He solemnly found near the Union hotel, and which has the least they could have done was to stay and with philosophical determination A Catholic Bishop Addresses The Dalhousie | fought in the council on Tuesday for the 'privilege' to shopkeepers of washing their HALIFAX, Oct. 29.—Archbishop O'Brien | shop windows up to 10 o'clock in the foreaddressing a gathering of Y. M. C. A. stu- noon. Not withstanding this 'wide-awake' dents marks a new era in religious work in representative of the people the aldermen this city. Last Sunday afternoon His almost unanimously resolved to keep the

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CARROLL THE PICTOU POLICEMAN

Him by Mrs. Green Who Denies the Statements Found at Milltown?

Stories, most of them of a more or less sensational nature, relative to the discovery of new evidence against John Sullivan implicating him still further in the Meadow Brook tragedy, seem to be the order of the day, and if some of those whose inventive genius seems to be far in advance either of their discretion or their veracity in Dorchester jail who is so patient awaiting an opportunity to defend himself, will have as scant mercy shown to him as that meted out to the unfortunate 'Buck' a few years ago.

It has always been the aim of Prog-RESS to judge the poor man by the same standard as the rich, and to see, so far as possible that justice was done. Many a poor and friendless man has felt a glow of the backbone of the Nova Scotia Sundsy gratitude in the midst of his desolation school organization "financially and other- when he discovered that Progress was on his side, determined to see that he was reality he is kindness and gentleness itself. fairly treated, and many a wealthy sinner tried. has trembled at the fearless denunciations of the paper which has never hesitated to speak in the cause of justice and right.

If ever there was a man tried, convicted,

and executed by public opinion before his preliminary examination was over, that man was the unfortunate "Buck" and to the last Progress sturdily maintained that he was a victim to the public clamor for vengeance, and that he had not been fairly different from his manly christianity; in treated. It begins to look as if John Sullivan might be another victim to misplaced zeal, and misdirected newspaper. and detective enterprise; and as if. Prog-Church of England of this city, asking him | RESS would be again obliged to adopt the been interesting himself in the case to a wonderful degree, and in his zeal for the triumph of right over wrong he has even gone so far as to put words in the mouth of Mrs. Jana Green of Meadow Brook, which Mrs. Green has felt called upon to publicly deny. Carroll stated that Mrs. Green told him that she saw a man carrying a light in the large room of the Dutcter house on the night of the fire, and afterwards saw a man-presumably the samecome round the corner of the Dutcher house and run away. Mrs. Green writes to the Daily Times stating that she never made any such assertion, and told all she knew about the tragedy on the witness stand. Of course it merely amounts to a question of veracity between Mrs. Green, and the valiant capture of 'Jim' the neversufficiently-to be - admired-on-that-account-'Peachy'; and the one possessing the best reputation for truthfulness, whichever that may be, must be believed.

> Mr. Carroll has also been kind enough to give it as his opinion that even if Maggie Datcher should be unable to give any evidence there is enough circumstantial evidence now to convict Sullivan of the murder. If Mr. Carroll says so, that settles it beyond all possibility of doubt; but surely the Moncton Daily Times is guilty of a very serious error in giving publicity to this opinion. It is a rule of British justice that every man however humble should be considered innocent until he is proved guilty, and things look quite dark enough for John Sullivan as it is, without the public mind being further prejudiced against him by reputable newspapers giving currency to such statements, and virtually trying him before the bar of public opinion. instead of allowing the proper authorities to try him before the bar of justice. It is to be regretted that the gallant 'Peachy' cannot forget his capture of 'Jim' some years ago, and devote his attention to his native town, where he would doubtless find much to engage his attention and occupy his talents.

The latest important development in connection with the tragedy is the finding of a bundle of blood stained clothes found about ten days ago near Middle Landing, Milltown, Maine, and which have been identified by a Mrs. Clarke of the Union hotel, Milltown, as exactly similar to those worn by a man who called at her house about the time Sullivan was in that vicinity and asked for a suit of old clothes. Mrs Clarke states that she gave him an old suit of her husband's wrapping it up in a newspaper on which Mr. Clarke's name was printed. This same paper was wrapped Ald. Eden 'takes the cake,' as a modern around the bundle of blood-stained clothes been sent to Moneton for identification.

> Mrs. Clarke has been summoned to Moncton to give evidence in the examination, and say whether John Sullivan is the man to whom she gave the clothes.

Of course it is possible that the clothes tound may belong to Sullivan, but taken in connection with all that must have happened on the night of the tragedy, it eems highly improbable. In the first Duval, 17 Waterloo.

place if Sullivan had been wearing a suit of blood strained clothes when he was strolling about town on the morning after the fire, some of the numerous people who were with him would surely have observed it, and it is scarcely possible that he could ments-Who Owns the Bloodstatned Gar- either have found an opportunity of changing his garments either directly after the murder, or on his way to Moncton, nor is it likely that he would have left such ghastly evidence of his crime at his father's house, or risked almost certain detection by wearing the same suit to Calais, and trusting to the charity of the people he met on his journey to provide him with another suit. John Sullivan was surely a man who have their say, the unfortunate young man | had sufficient clockes to provide himself with a change, without begging an old suit like a tramp, and if he had only possessed that one suit he would never have walked around Moreton on Friday and Saturday in it, absolutely inviting people to notice the blood stains; no man in his senses would do such a thing. On the other hand if John Sullivan is guilty of the awful crime of which he is suspected, it is to be hoped he will receive the punishment he merits, but until his guilt is proved it is the duty of all right thinking people to see that he is not condemned before he is

> The little Dutcher child is recovering rapidly; her mind seems clear, and there is every indication that she will be able in a short time to give intelligent testimony as to the events of the terrible night when she so nearly lost her li'e.

HE WORE HIS RUBBERS. Because He Thought They were Easier to Dance in.

The members of a certain dancing class are smiling over the action of a young man. a recent arrival in the city who, having a slight knowledge of the terpsichorean art, was anxious to acquire more, and enrolled bimself as a pupil of the class mentioned above. Now the feminine portion of the class are very good hearted and as the young man was rather nice looking and dressed as well as the other gentlemen present he found no difficulty in securing partners willing to instruct him in the mysteries of waltzing or to navigate him

through the less difficult dances. Their first attempts was usually their last; and from her praiseworthy efforts his last partner would retire in a state of exhaustion, in several cases being so completely tired out that it took her some time to recover sufficiently to take part in the dancing. Before long the young man found it next to impossible to secure a partner among the ladies: but as he was quite determined to learn he threw himself upon the generosity of the male members of the class. They were less diffident than the ladies had been and after one or two turns his first partner asked in an astonished manner, "For heaven's sake Mr. L., what have you got on your feet?" "What have I got on my feet" repeated the by this time crest fallen young man "Why-why-I thought it might be easier to dance in rubbers, don't you see, so I bought a new pair, and got them small too, so they would be just the right thing. Is that the reason I am not getting along as well as the others?"

It is needless to say that the young man was told that rubbers were not the order in that class and that a different kind of foot wear was not only desirable but necessary. He remedied his error as soon as possible and is now progressing rapidly with his dancing-and the ladies.

NOT WITH THE COMMON HERD.

They Enjoyed the Call but Didn't Want Their Names to Appear.

HALIFAX, Oct. 29 .- The ball of the petty officers of the warship Crescent, which took place on Friday, was most successful. All enjoyed themselves, and the management are sincerely to be congratulated on the delightful evening they provided for these guests. It is amusing to note, in connection with the ball, the solicitude that some people manifested to keep their names out of the list of guests as published by the evening papers. Many of the people went to the ball and danced the liveleng night, making merry the merriest, but they did care to have their names published as among the number of those who enjoyed the hospitality of the "chief and petty officers." Why is this thus? None asked to have their names kept out of the list of those invited to the ball given by the officers of the Crescent the day be-They were only too glad to have their names blazoned to the world as among those invite 1 by the officers. Such is "society." But if any one was at all averse to the publishing of their names as away from it, and then, as some strangely enough did, they could insert a card in the p pers that Miss So and so, and Mr. So and so, were not at the ball on Friday night.

The "function" was indeed good, the questionable thing about it being the taste ot any who attended and enjoyed it and then objected in any degree whatever to "society' knowing that they were present.