

## PROGRESS.

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## THE MAYOR'S ELECTION.

Mayor ROBERTSON has not given the people any satisfactory reason why he should be elected a fourth time. In his speech at Carleton he carefully refrained from alluding to that plank of his platform which was so fatal to the election of the late Mayor T. W. PETERS. If the people had not been opposed to a fourth term then they would not have rejected Mayor PETERS whose record was quite as good as that of any officer who had preceded him. Tuesday will tell if the people have changed their minds. Mr. ROBERTSON'S claims to the civic chair were challenged last year by Mr. CHARLES McLAUGHLIN who understood when he announced his candidature that Mr. ROBERTSON was not going to seek re-election. At the same time a requisition was being quietly circulated asking him to be a candidate again. When that requisition was large enough it was sprung upon the people and printed in all the newspapers. Mr. McLAUGHLIN'S friends were discouraged but they made the fight and lost. We think in common with many others, that he was not treated fairly last year. He should be elected this year. His experience in civic matters has been extensive. He made a good elderman. He has been warden of the county and deputy mayor. It is all nonsense to say that the winter port movement cannot be continued save under the direction of Mr. GEORGE ROBERTSON. The plea was set up last year that he had certain projects and schemes on hand and wanted to complete them. The same reason is put forward this year for his election. If it is a good one Mr. ROBERTSON will be mayor as long as he lives for he will always have some "unfinished business."

Let us have a change. Vote for Mr. CHARLES McLAUGHLIN and elect him.

Perhaps persons will not be so eager to have the anatomy photographed by the Roentgen ray process, when they consider the experience of Dr. WAYMOUTH REID, professor of physiology in Dublin university. Having to deliver a lecture, Prof. REID took a photograph of his own body through the clothing, in order to exhibit the contents of his pockets as well as the skeletal structure. The exposure lasted an hour and a half, the Crookes tube being three inches from his waist coat. Shortly after the exposure, marked erythema of the chest, was noticed and also the skin of the back where the rays made their exit. A fortnight later the skin began to peel off leaving a raw surface. It was not apparent that any of the organs beneath the skin were injuriously affected, but it was obvious that the affected skin did not stop all of the injurious rays as they passed through the body and affected the skin of the back in a similar manner. It is a curious fact that though the rays passed in close proximity to the nerve terminals there was no accompanying sensation.

It is known that locomotion by means of electricity is gradually gaining ground in Europe though not to the same extent as in America. In mileage of electric railways Germany stands first. Then follow France, Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Serbia, Russia and Spain in the order named. Of the 111 lines operated in 1895 ninety one were worked on the overhead surface system, twelve on the underground system and eight by means of accumulators. In Germany alone the capital invested is \$32,800,000. It is estimated that a number of new lines to be established this year in Europe will exceed those established in 1895. The city of Berlin which now has only horse tram ways and omnibuses will soon introduce electric railways. The electric systems of Hamburg and Leipzig are nearly completed.

Whatever Scotch presbytery shall sit in inquisitorial session upon the fiction of Dr. JOHN WATSON ("JAN MACLAREN"), it will not be hard for the canny orthodox elders to discover a rank growth of Arminianism and other heresy in his tales. Even his two volumes of printed sermons and lectures will readily reveal the most liberal views on religion and the religious conduct of life. His works which incline at times to a regrettable over-sentimentality, are nevertheless full as a rule of virile, wholesome humanity such as will stoop to no yoke of narrow creed or dogma. The Scotch kirk may put its iron heel on Dr. WATSON but it cannot persuade the world to exile itself from "Drumtochty" or the delightful faith of "The Mind of the Master."

The discussion in the British House of Commons of the woman suffrage bill brings out the fact that females are largely in the

majority in Great Britain and Ireland. The United Kingdom holds 1,200,000 more women than men and for this reason Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT supports the bill on the principle that the majority should rule. It is said by the Saturday Review that the proposition to enfranchise the Queen's female subjects is being treated by parliament with unbecoming levity, HARCOURT being the only responsible member of the house who handles the matter in a statesmanlike manner.

The long talked of project of a railroad connecting North and South America is being revived. The negotiations between Mexico and Guatemala, which were interrupted ten years ago by the strained diplomatic relations of the two countries, have been resumed, and Mexico has just appointed a commission to act with a similar commission be appointed by Guatemala. It will be the duty of the first commission to select a feasible route for the proposed road.

A novel event in the history of surgery chronicled in the legal operation performed in Cleveland O., last week upon a larger for whom the plea of insanity had been advanced. The surgeons examined both skull and brain and were able to bring forward the strongest presumptive evidence of mental derangement. Criminal surgery bids fair to become an adjunct of the court of the future.

After his notorious escapade with a French actress and his unsavory connections with the CHIMAY scandal, the King of all the Belgians will not surprise the world by his new idea of establishing a rival Monte Carlo on his private estate in Ardennes. The rulership of a gambling Vanity Fair would seem to be just about King LEOPOLD'S measure.

Against Greece which contains a population of 2,200,000, there are pitted seven European powers containing a population of not less than 280,000,000. The Persian hosts that were arranged against the Greek twenty-three centuries ago were far inferior in number to the European hosts arrayed against them.

A thoughtful contemporary announces that "boiled alligator flesh tastes very much like veal". Those who are in straitened circumstances and are unable to obtain veal will do well to remember the substitute.

A company in Lacon, Ill., intends to raise 100,000 cats next year. The fur market is demoralized at present, but that company will probably be able to come to the scratch.

The people know that PROGRESS knows a good thing. Hence the popularity of Rockwood as a name for the park.

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## HIS NIECE HAD THE MONEY.

But Others Were Suspected and Their Houses Were Searched.

Mr. George Sullivan of St. Stephen writes PROGRESS as follows: Will you kindly allow me a small space in your paper in which to tell you of the recent action of a leading merchant and ex-mayor of this city. Last Thursday afternoon the man referred to lost a sum of money, somewhere between one hundred and forty and one hundred and fifty dollars. The loss occurred while he was absent from his store for a few minutes. At in times past he charged an innocent person with the theft. The first one attacked in this instance was a poor boy, whose only wealth is his good name. A few moments conversation with the boy convinced the ex-mayor that he was on the wrong scent, so without more ado he arrived at the conclusion that I was the guilty person. He had a search warrant issued and brought the deputy sheriff to my house before I was out of bed. After a fruitless search they departed. I then went out and made several inquiries about the robbery that was news to me. When I went I learned that during the merchants absence from the store his niece was there. This had been carefully concealed from the deputy sheriff until I told the latter of the circumstance and sent him to the ex-mayor when he acknowledged that it was so and the two went to the home of this niece, who, when she saw the officer broke down and confessed that she had taken the money and had it at the time concealed in a closet. It was fortunate for me that the officer was one who could not be silenced, or it would never have been known whether the money was found or not, as was the case a year ago. I may add that the latest rumor is that the ex-mayor is telling that a woman in the country had taken the money and returned it, but nobody even pretends to believe it. He has not yet apologized to me for his action in my case."

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## VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

## The First Easter Day.

St. Matthew, chapter 28, and St. John, chapter 20.  
Dawn, on Jerusalem: and yet it slept,  
Unconscious of a fact destined to be  
The most important in all history.  
Around a new sealed tomb had then repaired  
Two sad disciples of the buried Christ:  
To hold their vigil through a tedious night,  
While the two Marys there wept bitter tears.

Not whiter were the clouds embossed on high  
Than Joseph Arimathea's marble tomb  
Wherein the Crucified last eve was laid.  
Around it the sad twain: the Marys two  
A tender watchfulness had waked kept:  
The while a Roman guard joined watch and ward,  
Anxious those mourners four stood mournfully  
In the stern gaze of the face soldier.

Gray dawn was melting into sunrise day  
When suddenly the earth beneath them quaked,  
While on the guards' heads a deadly fear  
"Twas then the four amid those sounds of awe  
Saw a winged angel drop from far above  
To roll away the white sepulchral wall  
"Fear not," he said, in accents sweet and low,  
"Nor longer tarry. Look within the tomb  
Where lies supinely yon sweet scented shroud,  
For he whom lately ye had there embraced  
Has, like to Lazarus, risen from the dead."

Then fell they on their knees in prayers of joy;  
And when they rose again, close at their side  
The Resurrected Jesus stood, as once in life  
Before them, radiant with celestial light.  
Then Mary, with glad impulse, strove to grasp  
The hand of her Rabbouni; but he waved  
Away the loving impulse as he said:  
"Take not thy hold on Me, for not as yet  
Have I ascended to Our Father God!"

'Tis at His throne that thou and I must meet.  
Meanwhile depart, and My disciples warn  
They'll find Me soon in My own hall."  
Addressing Peter next, as Mary left,  
Grand organs peal: the music of the choir;  
'Thou art the Rock on which I build My Church,  
Which henceforth shall this Easter Day preserve  
In loliest remembrance for My Sake."

Still is their joy on that first Easter Day  
Rekindled year by year as Easters grow.  
Glad bells ring for it to the glad blue sky;  
Grand organs peal: the music of the choir;  
The murmurs of devoutest prayer and praise;  
And clustering flowers, with their rich perfume,  
Keep in remembrance that first Easter Day.

## The Easter Lily's Bloom.

The world is bright in sweet spring days,  
When lilies tint the silver sprays,  
And like a lute the fountain plays,  
After the winter's gloom.  
But sweeter far than all beside,  
O'er hill and valley far and wide;  
The beauty of the spotless bride;  
The Easter Lily's bloom.

The April shower singing sweet,  
Its melodies of joy repeat,  
And hope looks in the sad to greet;  
In every darkened room.  
There is a smile for every sigh,  
A glory on the sea and sky,  
The Master risen draweth nigh;  
The Easter Lily's bloom.

All hearts are lifted up to see,  
What love there may in sorrow be,  
And every soul from sin set free;  
The stone rolled from the tomb,  
O sweet the Easter peon's swell,  
The calling of the matin bell,  
The resurrection angels tell;  
The Easter Lily's bloom.

Love once by bitter anguish tried,  
The sorrows of the crucifix;  
The joyful songs of Easter-tide;  
Have hushed the fear of doom.  
With us, the grain in earth concealed,  
The budding blossoms of the field;  
To one more sweet their fragrances yield,  
The Easter Lily's bloom.

CYPRUS GOLDBE.

Hyacinth Window, April 1897.

## THE SUNDAY BEER LAW.

It is Hard Upon Many People and Extreme in Its Provisions.

It is feared that much actual hardship will result from the enforcement of the new law regulating the sale of light drinks, such as ginger beer, ginger ale, etc.

This law comes into effect on the first day of May and requires that any who propose to sell shall take out a license at the nominal fee of one dollar. That is not what is complained of, but the law prevents the sale of these non-intoxicants on Sunday and that is the day of the week during the summer season when the most of such beverages are sold.

Speaking with a well known manufacturer of these drinks, Mr. R. J. Garnett, PROGRESS learned that among his customers are many old persons who depend wholly for a living upon the sale of ginger beer etc., and if the Sunday business is taken from them, their income will be reduced to such a point that they will be unable to live without assistance.

Persons out walking Sunday find that ginger beer does not hurt them and the same is true of a glass of soda water, but under the new law they can get neither this summer within the city limits. This law is a mistake and a genuine hardship to many. If men will drink it is better that it should be ginger beer than ale and past experience has shown St. John people that it is not an impossible matter to get the latter drink on Sunday. The fact that a few people in the beer business tried to sell something stronger on the sly is no reason why the trade and the public should be punished in this extreme fashion.

## A Good Business College.

The fact that the graduates of the St. John Business College have succeeded so well and are holding the best of positions in the city and elsewhere, is all the proof that is needed of the ability of Messrs. S. Kerr & Son to give their students such a business education as will place them at the head of the list of college graduates. In their advertisement they have a testimonial from another of their students who in business life has proved himself to be equal to the best. Any who contemplate taking a business course will be wise to enter this college and may rest assured that they will there receive the best instruction obtainable in Canada.

## HE WAS LOCKED IN.

The Police Sergeant is Accidental Incarcerated.

Among the city police there is no more efficient officer than Sergeant Hipwell, police court sergeant. Like all others in any walk of life the worthy official has his woes and sorrows, his difficulties and dangers, but he comes out of all these right side up with care.

His latest escapades occurred last week, and they were a little perplexing for a time but the genial sergeant came out all right at the close, and is ready for new adventures.

A few days since he had occasion to take an unruly prisoner "down stairs," and in doing so got into quite a predicament. He put the prisoner into one of the cells and had occasion to go into the cell himself to see that all was right, when the culprit slammed the door and prisoner and sergeant were locked in, as the door was fastened with a spring lock. The "drunk" sat down on the cold stone floor and laughed at the frantic efforts of the sergeant to open the door with the billy and twister. When he could not get out he called to the upper world, the police office, to let him out, but in vain. They did not know the gentle voice of the sergeant, especially when it was heard from the inside of a cell, and thought that it was the prisoner concluding his celebration.

The sergeant stormed and shouted but his woes were not listened to in the upper chamber, and the minutes passed—Oh so slowly to the official, while the criminal rolled over and over in the cell rejoicing at the trick he had played. The glances the sergeant shot at him would have killed a less hardened sinner but they failed to take any effect on that sinner, who continued to roll over and over on the cell floor. If the sergeant was tempted to give him a kick or two no one could have found fault.

At this time a gentleman entered the police office and enquired for the sergeant. He was not to be found, then someone remembered that he had gone down some time before to look up a prisoner and a search was made. The sergeant was not lost; far from it; he was where he could not be lost. Explanations followed, the door was unlocked and he was at liberty. As he left the cell he shook his billy at the criminal, who rolled over on the floor again and said, "Ta-ta! sorry we have to thus part company; au revoir—but not farewell.

Another story is told of the sergeant that shows the course of a police court, like love, does not flow smoothly. A large Newfoundland dog had invaded the police court, and the sergeant decided to eject the intruder. He caught him by the collar and unceremoniously rushed him from the room, but the dog decided that he was not thus to be treated, and began howling. The sergeant pushed and the dog pulled back and growled. The officer is strong, and as the canine's toe nails began to slip over the floor he stopped growling and began to whine and then changed his tune to most unearthly yells.

The noise disturbed the magistrate upstairs who thought someone was stepping on the tail of his faithful hound that lolls under the desk and over which someone falls every day, and began to whistle and call for the dog.

Then the fun began. The canine thinking that he had a friend at hand redoubled his efforts to get back into the room, and as the whistling continued his spirits revived, and at the same time he got firmer grip with his claws on the floor and it was a tie game between him and the sergeant. "Stop yer whistlin," shouted the official. "Stop yer whistlin will ye?"

He had to waste so much breath shouting that the dog got the advantage and the sergeant became angry. He did not know it was the magistrate who was whistling but supposed it was the owner of the dog, and he yelled, "If ye don't stop that whistler I'll not leave a whole bone in yer skin."

This had the desired effect apparently, for the magistrate sent an official down to see what was the matter, and the dog, taking the hint, decamped.

## HOW HE GOT A BICYCLE.

Pretended he Wanted to Buy but Neglected the Payments.

There is in this city a dashing young man who all last summer rode a wheel that only cost him eight dollars. It was of a first class make too, and could have been sold half a dozen times over during the season. The same young man would have ridden one of a similar make this year upon the same terms, had it not been in an unlucky hour he boasted before half a dozen other young men of the methods he had employed last summer and hoped to employ this.

It was nearly the beginning of May last year when the young man in question presented himself at an establishment that carried a fine line of wheels. He looked over the stock in a critical manner and his knowing talk on the latest improved sad-



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dies, tires etc. led the obliging clerk to believe that the probable customer knew a thing or two about bicycles.

At last a silent steed was exhibited that caught his fancy at once. Yes, he would take that one. The clerk smiled, and smiled and became more obsequious than ever in his manner. At last all preliminaries were satisfactorily settled and, then the dashing purchaser came round to business. Of course he could not pay the whole amount down but he could give the most satisfactory references, and would pay a certain sum monthly.

The clerk didn't smile quite so blandly now, but he sought the proprietor and explained the young man's wishes. The references were unexceptional, being two well known King street merchants; so after a few moments consideration he decided to let the young man have the bicycle on condition that he would pay \$20.00 down and agree to pay \$5 a month until the wheel was paid for.

When this was told to the customer he smiled serenely, unfolded his references, and laughed in a gay light hearted way that was good to hear. He agreed to the terms of course, only unfortunately he had not more than five dollars on him just then. The references were good, the pay apparently sure, so the firm decided not to let a little matter of fifteen dollars interfere with the sale.

The first payment was made in June but it was only a three dollar one. In July no money was forthcoming and the firm waited till August before billing him. As the weeks passed by with no sign of a settlement another bill was sent, couched in somewhat forcible language. In October the book keeper went to the proprietor with the story and the latter wrote a sharp letter demanding either the return of the bicycle or an immediate settlement. but if he thought so he did not do it.

His surprise was great when in a few hours he had a communication from the young man asking him "to send at once for useless and inferior wheel that had been palmed off upon him. It was no good anyway, and unless it was removed at once storage would be charged." The bicycle man had not bargained upon such a course but he promptly removed the wheel glad to have it back unimpaired, although it had done a hard summer's work.

The smart young man gleefully related his experience before several friends one evening during the winter and said he hoped to have the use of a wheel this summer only he was planning to get it on cheaper terms. He had not counted upon the story being repeated but it leaked out somehow and the majority of the bicycle dealers in the city are on the lookout for a visit from him when it is likely he will learn that this year the best of references will not go with them, unless backed up by hard cash.

## Victorian Fair.

The costumes to be worn by the attendants at the "Victorian Fair" will be of the fashions of each ten years of Victoria's Reign. They will be quaint and pretty, and will show how our great grandmothers of 1837, our grandmothers of 1857 and our mothers, aunts, and cousins of 1877 were dressed. Those of 1897 will be of the newest spring styles of 1897. Florence Nightingale will be at the "Fair," and with her attendant nurses will practically illustrate the "Red Cross" movement. The Queen will be represented as she was in 1837, and as she is at the present day. The Victorian medals will please the boys and girls. A large number have been obtained and will be sold for a mere trifle. All wishing to pass a few pleasant hours, and to invest in artistic, useful and fancy articles should attend. Remember the dates, Easter Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon and evening. Five o'clock Tea on Wednesday afternoon. For price of admission etc., see advertisement later.

## The Customers Well Pleas'd.

The millinery store of Miss Bartle on Charlotte street, presents the same tasteful appearance at this season. The latest styles are seen there and those customers who patronized the new store last year were so well pleased that they have not failed to return Miss Bartle's stock of millinery is all new and selected with the greatest care.