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SCENES AT MOOSEPATH.

HOW THE CROWD SURGED AROUND DR. PENDLETON

When They Thought that They had Not Received Their Money's Worth—Mr. Carvill Carried out his Threat and Drove, but He Went Around the Circle Alone.

Nearly a thousand persons attended the horse races at Moosepath Park on Monday afternoon last. The weather was all that could be desired, and those in attendance looked for contests of more than ordinary interest. The crowd had not been long assembled before the fun commenced. No less than three team loads of men, who at the time did not know whether they were at Moosepath or upon the billowy Atlantic arrived, and their maudlin conversation punctuated by numerous tumbles off the vehicles, helped fill in the long wait before the races commenced.

A delegation of colored gentlemen from the wilds of Duke street, driving a "caricature of a horse" and seated in a junk-shop carriage, were very conspicuous. Before the races were over a practical joker removed one of the nuts off the axle of the wagon and in starting its dusky occupants were thrown overboard in a grand mix-up. Four fights was the outcome of this little occurrence and officers Killen and Anderson were for a time quite busy.

Perhaps the greatest drawing card on Monday was in the announcement that Driver George Carvill of "Speculation" fame would drive in the three minute trot, despite the ruling of the National Trotting Association of America, who only a couple of years before expelled him from all N. T. A. tracks for several alleged offences, chiefly that of acting in a decidedly unspontaneous manner in appealing to courts of law in certain matters instead of seeking the protection and advice of the big trotting organization. A fine was imposed upon Mr. Carvill and it yet remains unpaid.

After the judges had taken their position in the stand the first race was called. Three horses out of the programmed five started, and with a little show of favoritism on the part of the extremely judicial committee in the elevated box, the trotters got away, Mary Mack with Fred Watson handling the ribbons and four lengths ahead when the two scored. It goes without saying the North End mare captured the purse, although two for superior trotters were her rivals. The colt race was amusing and more like an old time polymorphian parade than anything else. The more wealthy owners had the equine babies fitted out in bike sulkeys and the most modern accoutrements while the other youngsters had to drag along old fashioned gigs. Nevertheless the contest was quite spirited at times, the securing of second place by Amos Tower's colt being hailed with applause. Beside hauling a 250 lb. man the little horse was hitched to a road sulky.

True to his threat Mr. Carvill appeared on the track behind "Spec. Jr.," and playing the role of the hero, which upon this occasion was not an easy one, he sped back and forward in front of the grandstand bowing and scraping to that portion of the crowd who thought it well to applaud his act. Both driver and horse seemed to be gotten up especially for the occasion. When the bell rang and the remainder of the drivers faced the judges, Mr. Carvill was informed by Mr. Stockford that the owners of other horses had refused to allow their animals to trot in a race with him. Not in the least abashed the disputed driver started "Spec. Jr." alone, and covering the required distance demanded the purse, glory and all. After this part of the programme had been enacted a crowd of angry people led by an ambitious citizen well known as a police force aspirant, political heeler etc., surrounded Dr. Pendleton who was in a bewildered state, and demanding their money back threatened direful things if he did not comply with their request. The doctor was not the man however to be frightened by persons of this calibre and stood his ground manfully. He was finally taken home in a coach guarded by three police officers. The races broke up in a general rabble and now Mr. Carvill has given notice that he will next Thursday sue Dr. Pendleton for the purse he alleges to have won. An interesting suit is expected and upon it depends in no little degree the future of horse-racing in St. John.

He Caught Something.

The bright young son of a St. John physician accompanied his parents on a little jaunt out of the city on the Queen's birth-

day, and upon his return was describing the glories of the day to a friend of the family. It was a little chilly that day, it will be remembered, and the lad contracted a slight cold. "I fished," said the child, "I fished nearly three hours I guess with my own fishing rod." "And did you catch anything?" enquired the friend. "Catch anything!" was the astonished reply, "Well I guess I caught a bad cold; and that was enough for one day. Just hear me cough," and the youngster proceeded to demonstrate that it is sometimes easier to snare a bad cough than it is to catch fish.

THAT DIPHTHERIA SCARE.

The Board of Health Thinks it Warranted all Precautions Taken.

Mr. C. E. Northrup, secretary of health district No. 7, Moncton, writes PROGRESS as follows in regard to an article which appeared some weeks ago in connection with the diphtheria epidemic in that town:

In your valuable paper of May the 8th there appeared an unsigned article referring to diphtheria in Moncton headed, "Moncton gets excited." I have no desire to criticize the article in question merely for the sake of criticism, but the same is so at variance with the facts that I feel it my duty to make a statement of the situation as it really was at the time the Board of Health took the very strongest measures they did in the interest of the public. Your correspondent says "that any body of men in the full possession of their faculties should be capable of the extraordinary mistake of closing not only the schools and Sunday Schools but actually the Churches, Y. M. C. A. meetings, Salvation Army services, in short everything resembling a place of worship in the city, on account of seventeen cases of the mildest form of diphtheria seems almost beyond belief, but that is what was done last week by that assembly of wise acres."

It does seem regrettable that your correspondent had not sought information at the Board of Health Office, where the books are open for inspection to any person who may wish to know the true state of affairs. I am sure they would never have written the article in question. Instead of seventeen cases of the "mildest form of diphtheria," there were just twenty-four, twelve of which had been reported in the last forty-eight hours preceding the Board's action and were generally distributed throughout the city, several of them so severe that when the patients had been under medical treatment from four to seven days, the physicians in reporting to the board stated that they could not give a definite answer as to probable results. It is true there were some mild cases, but contagion or infection contracted from a "mild case" does not in any sense insure similar results. The Board of Health was in no way excited, but fully realizing the gravity of the situation, and the responsibility resting upon them discharged what in no sense was to them a pleasant duty, and in which we are pleased to state that we had the support and sympathy of leading citizens in the city including clergymen, physicians and the other professions, also the commercial and other interests.

The Board of Health are composed of gentlemen who have homes of their own to guard, and they represent medical, legal, and commercial interest of the city, are connected all of them with some of the various religious organization of Moncton, holding common interest with the public.

I am pleased to state that as a result of the efforts the Board has put forth the disease is now being rapidly stamped out, as has resulted in many similar cases we could name, under the care of the state and provincial Boards of Health.

HE NEVER CAME BACK.

He got a Word of Warning in Time and So he Flew.

There is a young man in this city who is congratulating himself upon what he thinks was a little bit of wisdom on his part a couple of weeks ago.

In one of the companies at the Opera house not long since was a shapely little actress who sang her way into the heart of a well known young man who tookook his favorite pastime of pool and billiards for the Opera house, his evenings and afternoons being spent there. He had an acquaintance among the male members of the company and to the latter he applied for an introduction to the young lady. His request was favorably considered and soon everything was arranged satisfactorily. An afternoon after

the matinee was decided upon and the young man was in a fever of impatience till the time arrived. On the day in question, he and his thespian friend strolled towards the young lady's boarding house. During the walk the young man was given several pointers as to how he might manage to win the lady's affections, among which suppers, flowers and other expensive luxuries were mentioned.

The man in question isn't exactly a millionaire and the prospect of an acquaintance did not seem quite so alluring with the suppers and flowers as necessary adjuncts. He however said nothing, for just then the young lady was seen in the distance. The affair called for prompt measures one way or the other and so doubtless thinking that in this case discretion was the better part of valor he made a hurried excuse about having forgotten something at his hotel and left just as the young lady came up to the hotel. He did not return.

JOSEPH LEFT HURRIEDLY.

He Owed a Fredericton Lady a Large Sized Board Bill.

FREDERICTON May 27. Several weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brundage came here while pursuing the work of book agents boarded with Miss Russell of George Street. Mr. Brundage set forth the value of a book entitled "A Business Guide and Council" and also of one "For Men Only". Mrs. B was equally enthusiastic over "Stories of the Bible" and book for women.

For the first week the energetic couple worked very cautiously so that they might avoid having to pay license. Finally Mr. B was obliged to pay the required amount but Mrs. Brundage managed to steer clear of the authorities altogether.

All the time they were here they without luggage of any kind and had not even a change of clothing saying that they daily expected their trunks from the Island; and as every day they expected to leave Fredericton on the one following, Mr. Brundage put off settling his board bill. After four weeks had passed Mr. Brundage appeared before Miss Russell, with a book under his arm and telling her he would be back in a few days, asked her to take good care of Mrs. Brundage. Two weeks passed and Joseph did not return. Mrs. Brundage however was the recipient of two letters a day from her affectionate husband. Then one day a telegram came. "Joe" had got uneasy, so she said, as he had not received two letters from her, and had wired to hear from her.

The next evening Mrs. Brundage did not return to tea and on going to her room Miss Russell found a note saying that she had become very lonesome and had gone to St. Stephen to meet Joe and if Miss Russell would send her bill to that town her bill would be paid. Mrs. Brundage alleged as her reason for the silent departure was because she was afraid Miss Russell would laugh at her for having the "blues." The bird had flown all her belongings having been transported under a faithful and ever worn cape. Miss Russell was left to mourn her bill of \$30.00. She sent the bill to St. Stephen but Joseph has not yet forwarded the amount due. Meantime Miss Russell would be glad to hear of their whereabouts. They said they were newly married and hailed from St. John.

THOUGHT HE HAD A JAG.

Two Ministers Manage to Distinguish Them selves in Different Ways.

HALIFAX, May 29.—Two good ministers of this city have obtained some prominence this week, the one in a public way, the other more quietly. One charged that he saw a policeman stagger on the street, intoxicated. The policeman—"Pat" McLarey was a candidate for a vacant sergeantship and the minister's blow was a severe one. The police commission, however, had a protracted meeting to investigate the charge and they honorably acquitted the officer. The evidence conclusively showed that he was not drunk at all, but illness and the effects of powders administered by Dr. Wallace, who freely stated what their effect might be to a man like McLarey.

The other minister has had a love affair for some time, but "distance made the heart grow cold," and he became attached to one nearer home. The consequence is that the poor country girl finds herself frozen out, as it were, by the city rival, and the engagement is off. The end of this may be not yet. Many are talking about the anti-drinking minister but only a favored few know of the other affair.

WHAT IS THE TROUBLE.

THE REGULARS AT HALIFAX NOT IN USUAL FORM.

Words of Praise for the Fredericton School Men—How the Officers Carried Their Swords—Some of Them did Splendid but Others Were Careless.

HALIFAX, May 29.—It is not customary to criticize the work of the British soldiers stationed at this garrison. It is the rule to say that everything they do is right, and the custom to remark that it is done in the best way possible. This being the case it will be considered remarkable to utter anything but words of the highest praise of the review of the British troops which took place in this city on the Queen's birthday. But the fact is that it would not be truthful to say that everything was lovely. The marching which passed before the critical eye of Colonel Leach, V. C., was not what it should have been. It was not one whit better, on the part either of officers or men than could have been done by the militia of this city. The rank and file were not up to the mark; the officers were no better. The bearing of many of these was superb, but that of others was essentially careless, showing great lack of that training which is the mark of the true soldier. Some of the officers, for instance, carried their swords as though they were bearing their walking sticks at some garden party. This was evident more with some of the officers of the Berkshire regiment than with the engineer or artillery. It is yet early in the season and probably the drill will improve as the summer wears on. It is to be hoped it may, or some of the yankee visitors expected here in jubilee week will draw some obvious comparisons with one or two of the crack regiments of United States cities.

One company that deserves not one word of this adverse criticism, and for whom it is not intended, is the company from Fredericton attached to the Berkshires. The men marched quite as well as any in the review, their bearing was excellent, and the captain in command of the company was apparently every inch a soldier in every particular. The crowd applauded them heartily as they passed the reviewing point.

General Montgomery Moore is at present on a visit to England but it is not this that caused the raggedness complained of. He will probably hear of this when he returns and see that there is no reason in the future for similar criticism.

GETS DINNER IN STYLE.

An Official Who Converts a Public Office Into a Kitchen.

HALIFAX, May 29.—One of the officers in the province building, not many yards from the provincial secretary's office, has the misfortune to have made more than one enemy in the building. The cause of this sad condition of affairs may have been mutual, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that the official in question has no one but himself or herself to blame. Whether "herself" or "himself" is the correct pronoun matters not—the feud exists.

Fuel has recently been added to the flames by the fact that the official in question has taken to cooking a mid-day repast within the sacred precincts of the provincial building. This is a preceeding which some of the other servants of the province there do not relish. This dislike on their part may, however, add to the "relish" with which—enjoys the said mid-day meal, with some degree of daintiness prepared as stated by the official's own hands. Perhaps one reason why this objectionable cooking has been started is the example of the much debated cookery school. This institution has been regularly established by the ladies of the Halifax women's council, and has become a great success. Can it be that a rival cookery school is to be established and so near the provincial secretary's office as this mid day kitchen.

The friction caused by this new industry might not have been caused had the enterprising official been better liked by fellow employees in the province building, but it is the last straw on the back of the governmental clerical staff of Nova Scotia.

Held Free Races.

HALIFAX, May 29.—The split in the Halifax driving club resulted in an afternoon of free sport on the common on the Queen's birthday, provided by the aggrieved club. The design of this free show was undoubtedly to kill the patronage of the races proposed to be held in the riding ground by the members of the club, who,

on their own account, leased the race track. Whether it was the driving club that succeeded in knocking out the paid races or not, they certainly were knocked out, or rather they did not come off, the reason assigned for this being that the entries did not fill. There promises to be a long and bitter feud among horsemen in this city over this split in the Halifax driving club. The sports on the common way have afforded some amusement, but they were rather poor.

TROUBLE OVER THE SITE.

The Attorney General and Mr. Keefe Have a Little Misunderstanding.

HALIFAX, May 29.—It may pretty safely be taken for granted that there will be no provincial exhibition in this city this season. A fight has been going on for six months or more regarding a site. Now it seems to be in a measure a question between Attorney General Longley and M. E. Keefe regarding the erection of the main building. Hon. Mr. Longley, acting on a letter from Mr. Keefe, said, last Saturday, that he believed the work could not now be satisfactorily done in time, immediately took that as equivalent to Mr. Keefe's declining to go on with the work, and asked consent of his colleagues on the commission to give the job to Curry Brothers & Bent of Bridgetown, in the county which he represents in the house of assembly. Mr. Keefe's tender was \$17,900, and the Bridgetown firm asked \$100 more. On the back of this Mr. Keefe comes forward and says that he has plead till he is tired with the commission to sign his contract. Over three weeks of precious time has gone and still he could not get Mr. Langley to sign. Yet in the face of this, because Mr. Keefe expresses the belief that so much time has now elapsed while he has been waiting for the signing of the contract by the commission, that he doubts if the buildings can be erected by September, the statement is made that Keefe, having declined, Curry Brothers & Bent should get the contract. This conduct has, to a certain extent aggravated the ex-mayor of Halifax. If the policy of the commission, in seeking a site, was anything like that followed with contractor Keefe it is no wonder the exhibition commission has been beset with trouble from the beginning till now, and that the sports who have followed the controversy were not afraid to bet that Halifax would see no provincial exhibition this fall, even though \$90,000 has been pledged between them by city and province.

INCENSED AT HIS DEPARTURE.

Some of the Men who are Angry with Rev. Dyson Hague.

HALIFAX, May 29.—The acceptance of a professorship in Wycliffe college Toronto by Rev. Dyson Hague rector of St. Paul's church, this city, is much regretted by people in Halifax of all churches, in common with the congregation of St. Paul's, or rather they do not regret his going to Wycliffe, but they sorrow that he is leaving Halifax. Rev. Mr. Hague has been a good man every way.

In St. Paul's church this feeling is said to be mixed, in some cases, with a touch of resentment at Rev. Mr. Hague. Some of the leading people there think the rector has done wrong in deciding to leave St. Paul's. Hon. A. G. Jones, who with Judge Ritchie, was chiefly instrumental in bringing Mr. Hague to Halifax, is one of these men who felt most deeply aggrieved. He is credited with having expressed his opinions on this point to that the departing rector could make no mistake about his sentiments. A number of less important people in the church have also spoken out quite strongly in condemnation of Mr. Hague, for deciding to leave the church which so prized his services, indeed some of them have said that they would not re-enter St. Paul's on this account. This is unreasonable, for in going west Rev. Mr. Hagal doubtless goes to a lower salary than he received at St. Paul's, and he certainly follows what he considers the call of duty.

C. A. Evans, T. Mowbray, C. C. Blackadar, Judge Ritchie and A. Mackinlay, were appointed a committee to deal with the question of a successor to Rev. Mr. Hague. They will report to the vestry and that body to a parish meeting.

Too Late For Comment.

The fact that PROGRESS goes to press early Friday prevented such a criticism of the amateur performance of the Mikado at the institute as it deserved. The attendance was fair Thursday evening.