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AT THE YACHT RACES

THEY WERE WELL ATTENDED AND FULL OF INTEREST.

The Beatrice Owned by Mr. J. N. Sutherland Makes Her Debut Under Favorable Circumstances—How a Collision Between two Speeders Was Averted.

Last Monday's yachting events at Millidgeville were largely attended and full of the liveliest interest. Of course the star attraction of the day was in the debut of Mr. J. N. Sutherland's new yacht "Beatrice," the fact of its being a schooner-rigged craft adding even more to the curiosity of those interested, as two-masted speeders are quite scarce in these parts. The day was all that could be desired and fast sailing was the consequence. Each contesting yacht tried its utmost to defeat or keep in company with the newcomer and all around the six mile course expert sailing was displayed.

A city paper a few evenings ago contained an article setting forth the opinions of a yachtsman spectator with regard to the little fiasco between the Sutherland boat and Albert McArthur's Kathleen soon after the boats had started. It was stated that although the Kathleen had the right of way on a certain tack to windward yet it would have been more sportsman-like in her skipper to have come round on a new leg and in so doing relieve the schooner craft from the very awkward and perhaps dangerous position into which she was forced. Mr. Sutherland had sailed his boat away in near the shore to the windward of Indian Island, and when forced to veer around for fear of running a ground, was intercepted by the smaller boat which was coming right down on her bow. A collision looked imminent but the Kathleen kept right on, forcing the "Beatrice" into a back seat and greatly discomfiting her crew who handled the boat in such a manner that she became uncontrollable, and lost ground. For over five minutes the crew worked hard endeavoring to get her out of the winds eye until at last her sails steadied and she slowly got under way again about five hundred yards behind the McArthur boat. The "Beatrice" people say they lost the race through the fluke.

While the spectator referred to may think it was unfair in the Kathleen to take advantage of the Beatrice's predicament, yet the general opinion among skippers and others is that it was through superior handling that the Kathleen was so situated. Hers was the right of way and considering the size and qualities of her big rival she took the full benefit of her advantages and outwitted those aboard the schooner.

Next week the St. John yacht club will hold its annual cruise along the river as far as Fredericton. There will be fifteen yachts in line and some steam crafts. Commodore Skinner and Rear Commodore Holder will command the fleet which is now being made ready for the start. Each crew will be uniformed in white duck suits, caps shoes and woolen sweaters and at the capital and intermediate points social functions will be held as they arrive.

STOLE HIS HOST'S BOOTS.

But Kildly Left an Old Pair of His Own Behind.

About the only acquaintance the city folk have with the conventional tramp is through the medium of the comic press. Nevertheless one of these individuals wended his way to this city a few days ago and visited several houses in search of something to eat and whatever else he could find.

Residents of the city are frequently looters in many ways, by these visitors, who are imperative in their demands. Many of these gentlemen are somewhat of epicures and the best in the house is oft times none too good for them.

One day last week a prominent foundry man had placed his boots just outside the back door of his residence to have them polished. The boots were accordingly done up in style. Meanwhile a tramp put in an appearance at the back door of the foundryman's house and asked for a meal; in fact nothing short of a meal would please him.

As there were none of the male persuasion about the premises, the tramp's wish was hastily complied with and in a few moments he was served with a bountiful supper. While the servant had been preparing the repast, the tramp became quite attached to the foundryman's boots which had been left outside the door. He tried them on, and found them to be just the

fit. He threw his own boots into the street and sat down as unconcerned as possible and awaited his lunch, which was eventually brought forth and eaten with much gusto. After the evening meal was over the foundryman looked for his boots, but they were not available. A search was made but still the boots were missing. In course of time it dawned upon one of the members of the household that the tramp had taken them. This was confirmed by the finding of the tramp's boots, which were afterwards found near the house, and there is no doubt in the mind of the foundryman now as to who stole them.

UNGENTLEMANLY CRICKET.

A Halifax Team Treats a Negro Player Very Shabbily.

HALIFAX, August 5.—Sport, but especially cricket, is supposed to level all social distinctions with Englishmen. We have had many examples of this in Halifax, year after year in the garrison team; officer and man play together against the common foe, the Wanderers, or other athletic enemy. The most pronounced case of this kind of thing was seen the other day, when the officers of the navy included in their cricket team that played the army, a negro. His name is Ashley, and he is assistant cook on the Pallad. Ashley is one of the best bats ever seen in this city. The Navy thought fit to play Ashley against the Military, but there seems to have been some friction about it, or about the selection of the team generally speaking, and Ashley was somewhat shabbily treated, at least all the cricket critics said so. In playing a ball from the Army bowler it struck Ashley a severe blow on the hand. The poor fellow hopped around in a lively manner and in the course of his gyrations stepped beyond the mark safety for a batter. Hill, who was keeping crickets seized the opportunity to stump Ashley, and the Navy umpire gave it out. To stump a player under such circumstances is considered low cricket and not a practice for gentlemen, and the fact that the umpire gave it out is construed as a desire to get back at one of his own team, especially at the colored man, in a way no gentleman cricketer should have done. This occurrence gives rise to rumors of trouble in the Navy team, and the fact that neither Baily nor Vivien played in the match has added to the talk.

AT A CHURCH PICNIC.

Why Some People Enter all Prize Giving Contests.

What might be regarded as a good sized, well developed row took place at a church picnic last week the combatants being a lady who has quite a reputation for her skill in archery and a member of the picnic's managing committee.

The lady has been in the habit of entering all the archery contests held at such events and always with the result of carrying off the prizes offered. At the picnic mentioned she put in an appearance and was about to enter as a contestant when one of the young men on the committee called her aside and explained to her that it was not fair to enter—and besides he added, her frequent capture of so many prizes had excited so much talk that he thought it better that she should not have anything to do with the archery games.

The lady was angry; she came to conquer and carry home a prize and she wasn't willing to give up the idea at a moment's notice. She argued with the young man, who, however, was very firm, and when it last dawned upon the lady that she was not going to take part in that particular contest she veered round and challenged the young man to one of a different sort. By-standers had an excellent opportunity of hearing just how rapidly a real angry woman can invent terms of abuse. Before she was finally hustled off the scene the young man learned many things concerning his own reputation and standing that was as great a surprise to his friends as it was to himself.

The game of archery went on and another lady captured the prize.

He Wanted a Job.

HALIFAX, Aug. 5.—People have been talking during the past week about the scandalous conduct of a lawyer in trying to obtain a retainer from the relatives of the late W. H. Ross, C. E., to prove that the poor man met his death neither by accident or suicide but by murder. Ross' body was found floating in Bedford Basin a month ago. Now the lawyer is found calling to a sister who is supposed to be wealthy

asking her to retain him to show that there was foul play, evidence of which the lawyer professed to have in abundance. Detective Power, Chief O'Sullivan and the public generally laugh at the very idea of murder and scoff at the pretended evidence. But as for the lawyer, people are now somewhat down on him in this little matter.

JUST LIKE MONCTON.

Halifax Police Officials Fully Respectable Citizens.

HALIFAX, August 5.—What is Halifax coming to when a leading police official can knock down a citizen in the city hall because the citizen happens to use what the official calls impudent language towards him. It appears that such an occurrence was what was seen when a reputable master painter of Halifax was violently struck at the police station. The trouble began the day before, Friday, for the sensational occurrence happened on Saturday. On Friday afternoon the painter was at the police station on business which had to be attended to. He asked for the use of the telephone, placed there for the convenience of citizens and of the police, so he held. The officer refused to allow this, in spite of remonstrances that the telephone was his property as much as that of any one else because of the fact that his taxes contributed to pay for it. The prominent police officer, however, would not permit this use of the telephone on any consideration. A little later on the painter in another way obtained delivery of the message he wished to convey and the object in view was accomplished. Such was the first act in a little drama.

Next day the painter was again forced to be present at the police station, when the same official was on hand. Again the telephone question came up for discussion between the two. The painter must have been very pronounced in the expression of his views, for the official became white with anger. One word led to another till at last the official, shouting that he had been subjected to more abuse than for 25 years past, assailed his opponent, and laid him low. "Thus," some one remarks "was the citizen trampled under the iron heel of the official."

The chances are that this affair will make an interesting subject of deliberation at a meeting of the police commission.

APOLOGIZED TO THE MAGISTRATE.

A Shipping Man's Unpleasant Little Experience.

When the crew of a ship in the harbor this week refused to go to sea, alleging that the ship was unseaworthy, they were brought before the magistrate and were given a chance to explain their rebellious conduct as best they could. The magistrate refused them a lawyer, which course so incensed a young shipping man present, that he, later on, expressed himself freely concerning the magistrate's ability to fill his position, to friends in the guard room. His words were repeated to the magistrate. Next morning when the case came up the young man was present, seated next to the captain's lawyer; the latter leaned towards the young man and enquired what he had said to so arouse the magistrate's anger. When the lawyer intimated that an apology to the official would avert trouble the young man quickly left the room with a somewhat frightened look.

He waited around outside till the lawyer put in an appearance when he promptly button-holed him and asked kindly after the magistrate's state of mind. Upon being told that his condition was unchanged the shipping man decided that discretion was certainly the better part of valor in this case, and he apologized to the magistrate. He will however be careful as to how he expresses himself in future in regard to that official.

A Pleasant Club House.

The improvement placed upon the pleasant club house building and grounds of the Log Cabin Fishing club this season are of such a character as to make the spot more comfortable and attractive than ever. Perhaps the most important improvement was the construction of a veranda about the front and end of the club house. Here, no matter whether the weather is fine or otherwise the members and their friends can enjoy the pleasant view and the cool breezes from Loch Lomond Lake. The painter and carpenter have had much to do within as well as without and the evidences of their work are very plain. The interior of the barn has been modernized and a score of horses can find accommodation there. The boats and boat house are in excellent shape and with such advantages and opportunities for pleasure and the gentle sport of angling it is no wonder that their wives and friends find it a great resort unquelled near the city.

WITH THE LAW MAKERS

THE PEOPLE OF MONCTON GET MIXED ON CIVIC LAWS.

The Cutsack-Hanington Case Still Continues to Interest the People of the Railway Town to a Large Extent—Why Mr. Cutsack Still Wears his Uniform.

MONCTON, Aug. 5.—Whether a majority of the city aldermen are inclined to shield officer Cuisack, and present further investigation into the charges against him, it is impossible to say at this stage of the proceedings, but it certainly looks that way now. The case came up again on Monday before sitting Magistrate Atkinson, who decided that as there was now a stipendiary Magistrate—Mr. Kaye having been appointed to that position—he would not proceed any further, but report the evidence already taken, to the city council. It was understood that Officer Cuisack had witnesses whom he wished to call in defence, but as no new evidence was taken he was unable to do so.

The matter came up before the city council at their meeting last evening when Alderman Bradley asked the chairman of the police committee whether he had any report to make with regard to the Cuisack police investigation. Alderman Wallace replied that as nothing had been reported to him, he had nothing to report, and Alderman Givan rose to inquire why the accused policeman was not suspended pending the investigation. This question was one which had suggested itself to a good many other citizens besides Alderman Givan, but had as yet remained unanswered, and is still in that position. Alderman Wallace having responded that he did not know of any authority for the suspension of an officer by the police committee, and upon Alderman Bradley inquiring very pertinently in what position the matter stood at present, the chairman of the police committee communicated the satisfying intelligence, that he could not explain. Sitting Magistrate Atkinson took the floor at this stage of the proceedings and stated that he had been asked to hold an investigation in accordance with the act of 1893, and began taking evidence, but during a necessary adjournment Stipendiary Magistrate Wortman died, and the city solicitor had advised him that all jurisdiction of the sitting magistrates in matters which usually appertained to the jurisdiction of the police magistrate ceased. Mr. Atkinson was unable to make a return because the evidence was incomplete, and the charges still remained in his hands.

Alderman Givan, seconded by Alderman Dunlap, then moved that Officer Cuisack be suspended pending an investigation into the charges against him, and in response to this motion Mayor Robinson remarked that the difficulty was no investigation was pending.

The complainant in the case, Mr. H. C. Hanington was here given an opportunity of expressing an opinion, which was most decidedly the same as he had given before that the police committee had full power to suspend an officer pending the investigation of charges against him. Mr. Hanington said he attended the adjourned investigation on Monday, and the magistrate had informed him then that the evidence would be submitted to the city council, and he expressed some surprise that this had not been done. Mr. Hanington then proceeded to point out that case was not one at law, but merely held before a magistrate in order to obtain the evidence of witnesses under oath, and he therefore held that the magistrate was perfectly competent to proceed with it. He had been authorized by Mr. Arthur Merritt to proceed against Cuisack in another matter and he had every intention of pressing all the cases, but thought that in the meantime Cuisack should be suspended. This drew a reply from the chairman of the police committee—Alderman Wallace—who said that the act under which the investigation had been made—that of 1893—set forth that when a charge was made against a police officer an investigation should be held before the city magistrate, who should submit the evidence to the city council. Mr. Wallace admitted that the city council had authority to dismiss or suspend as they choose, but thought the police committee had no jurisdiction in a case of the kind, their power being limited to the suspension of an officer for but one cause, that of refusing to wear his uniform. It was not his duty he said either to investigate the charges, or defend the ac-

cused. Mr. Wallace added his opinion that the law in this city with regard to police matters was exceedingly lame and weak, and concluded by contrasting the state of affairs here with the law in St. John, where the Chief of Police had authority to deal with all such matters as the present case. Whether the chairman of the police committee was applauded or not his hearers were certainly with him in this sentiment.

Alderman Givan then changed his motion to the effect that the investigation be proceeded with, Officer Cuisack to be suspended meanwhile, but Alderman Martin objected that the motion was out of order, though he admitted that Officer Cuisack had exceeded his duty and would be prepared to do what was right when the time came.

What Alderman Martin thought would be right and when the time for action, in his opinion, would arrive, does not appear; and Alderman Givan very properly remarked that action should be taken at once. The mayor was in favor of having the investigation brought to a conclusion as quickly as possible, and the matter then dealt with, and he proceeded to put the motion Alderman Givan and Dunlap voting yea, and Alderman Martin nay while the other members of the board refused to vote at all. A lively discussion then ensued as to the obligation of every member of the ward to vote, and upon the mayor reading the law upon that point, the aldermen all voted except Alderman Martin and Alderman Wallace who declared that the motion was an absurdity. The motion was then declared carried. What possible object there can be in delaying the settlement of this case any further is a question that the outside public would find rather difficult to answer, but it would seem that the city council are better informed on the subject, otherwise they would be willing to aid in every way in their power the speedy investigation of the grave charges against Officer Cuisack and either have him restored to public laws, or dismissed from the force, it is proved that he is not a fit man for the position. What the next move in the matter will be is not yet apparent but it is to be hoped, for the satisfaction of the citizens that the case will be disposed of in the near future.

Some Ridiculous Contests.

HALIFAX, August 5.—When will the management of the Royal Nova Scotia yacht squadron gain sense enough to prohibit competitions between 1/2 raters like Colonel Isaacson's yacht Tinee and 2 1/2 and 3 raters like Alba, Yaula, Wynn, and Hebe. On two occasions recently Tinee came in for in the rear of the procession of racing yachts and yet on the measurements and time allowance she was given the first prize. Holding now the \$1000 Wenonah cup and the Crescent cup. It is said that in no other yacht club do the rules and regulations allow of such ridiculous contests, yet it seems impossible here to avoid this kind of "racing". There is one way to put an end to it and PROGRESS takes the liberty to suggest it. The way is simply this: Let the heavy yachtsmen refuse to race in such an unequal class as that of Tinee. One lesson like that would cure the trouble and the spectacle of a yacht coming in miles astern and yet with regularly taking first prize would not be seen again for a long time to come. Try it next time, please, and see.

In Search of an Organist.

NEW GLASGOW, August 5.—This town is one citizen less in the departure for parts unknown of Mr. Lough, organist of the United Presbyterian Church. It is the old story of spending two or dollars when only one was coming in. The late organist was something of a swell and possessed considerable power it appeared over feminine hearts. This incident recalls a bit of history centred in Halifax when a chaplain of the British forces at that garrison ended his career as a minister. Mr. Lough is a son of that Rev. Gentleman. When the young man came out from England only a few short months ago he is said to have made a decided impression at the capital city on some of the fair ones there. Mr. Lough has gone from New Glasgow now who shall we have next?

Sixty Years a Physician.

Dr. Bayard is being feted just now by his friends in the city, and from every part of the Dominion is receiving the warmest congratulations upon attaining sixty years as a medical practitioner. It is a long record, and no man more thoroughly deserves the many good things that are being said about him than does the worthy doctor. His friends everywhere will wish him many more years of health and prosperity.