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THE MAGISTRATE'S LETTER.
 The communication of Police Magistrate RITCHIE, which was read at the Common Council this week, and which appears elsewhere, was a remarkable document—remarkable for its imprudence in the first place, and characterized by such audacity and insolence as the representatives of the city have rarely, if ever, met with. Mr. RITCHIE is at no pains to conceal his contempt for the opinion of the mayor and aldermen. He treats their courteous resolution, addressed to him, with sarcastic disrespect and submits a lengthy reply in which there are uncalculated allusions, and brings up religious issues that never entered into the question of the appointment of any man to fill the position vacated by the death of Sergeant WILSON.

Ignoring the fact that the aim and object of the aldermen was to save the salary attached to an unnecessary office by not filling the vacancy, he questions whether they would have been so "economical" if he had appointed a protestant. What right has the police magistrate, after such a courteous request for a conference, to impute such motives to representatives of the people? He takes shelter behind the fact that he is not controlled by the common council, that his salary is fixed by law instead of by the people who pay him and whom he serves, he is making a grievous error. The will of the people will triumph in the end and it is a mistake to substitute insolence for courtesy and audacity for independence.

His reminder to the council that its courteous remonstrance to him was not the "inherent protestation of an idle corner lounge" but the deliberate proceedings of the common council is intended to be in the nature of a rebuke, but, instead, is simply ridiculous vaporing and savors of the frequent lectures from the bench which he delivers when he can find an audience large and patient enough to listen to him. Then, proceeding to the recital of facts, the magistrate makes some extraordinary statements about the visits of the mayor-elect and some aldermen to him, and he gives the impression that they were thoroughly cognizant with the course he proposed to pursue. If that is a fact, in justice to other members of the board, he should state who tried to influence him to make an appointment—if indeed such influence was exerted.

Though no complaint had been made to Mr. RITCHIE concerning the selection of CAPLES, but simply a remonstrance against any appointment, the magistrate takes much pains to explain why he selected Sergeant CAPLES in preference to other men on the force, and he reproduces a certificate from Dr. McLAREN stating that continued night work had affected CAPLES' health. Magistrate RITCHIE surely does not say for an instant that this fact excuses the filling of an office to which there are no duties attached and which the representatives of the people were unanimously in favor of abolishing. He would not pretend that, because he has some shadow of right in law—and it is contended by able jurists that even the shadow does not exist—to appoint a man to such a sinecure that he should do so simply because a physician recommends that an efficient able-bodied and youthful policeman should have more day duty and less night work? Did the magistrate forget for an instant that it was in the power of the chief of police to provide a remedy for Sergeant CAPLES by transferring him to day duty for a time. Surely such a subterfuge as this is unworthy of the man who presides over our civil court and dispenses justice there from day to day.

Then, most regrettable of all portions of his wordy letter, comes the reference to protestants and catholics, and upon the flimsy pretext of a senseless remark by an anonymous "protestant citizen" the magistrate proceeds to announce the fact that

Sergeant CAPLES is of the same faith as himself and to repel the imaginary accusation that he would make any difference in his treatment of men of different religions. How supremely ridiculous! Who inquired into the faith of Sergeant CAPLES? Who cared whether he was a protestant or a catholic? He was a good officer and if the council was in favor of an appointment and the magistrate had a right to make it he would have been just as acceptable as any other man. But in seeking to excuse his lack of courtesy to the council, in seeking to divert public attention from his own haste and injudicious act, Magistrate RITCHIE has not hesitated to stir the embers of a religious fire which was lighted in this community when his colleagues in this city and county sacrificed themselves for his interest and not only provided him with a position of emolument but surrounded it with such safeguards for him that the people, whom he is riding rough shod over today, have not even the right, according to his idea, to be accorded an interview upon a matter of public interest. Mr. RITCHIE must bear in mind that governments do not last forever and that the day may come when obnoxious laws as well as obnoxious appointees can be set aside. If there is any "protestant citizen" who was silly enough to make the remark imputed to him he should be held up to public ridicule, but, even if it was made, such a senseless remark should not have been made the basis for reviving such a dangerous agitation. It was a poor excuse for Mr. RITCHIE to parade his loyalty and affection for his religion.

His remark, in conclusion, that he cannot take any more notice of the request of the common council than of any sixteen citizens, is simply insolent. A man who has been elected again and again by the people and who has held positions of responsibility in the government of this province cannot be taken seriously when he makes such a statement to the representatives of the people of St. John. Such an assertion could only be dictated by the judgment that prompted such an injudicious document as was received by the common council, a document that may well make one question whether the same judgment is capable of balancing the scales of justice with that evenness so necessary in the public interest.



JUDGE WILLIAM WILSON.
 (Appointed this week to succeed Judge Steadman—resigned.)

Hired to the City.
 PROGRESS has never heard of the chief of police being in the livery business but there was an entry on the big book in the central station this week that would indicate that he had a tendency that way. When Capt. Jenkins and Detective Ring started for Mrs. Sloan's last Sunday afternoon they took the chief's driver and went out probably quicker than they would with an ordinary livery horse but when they returned and made the charge against Varian, there was a memorandum underneath it "Horse Hire, two dollars." Now it may be that the chief thinks that the city would have had to hire a horse if his had not been available. That is quite true and the charge of two dollars cannot be called unreasonable but these little matters are always scrutinized carefully by inquisitive aldermen and perhaps is little explanation in anticipation will not be amiss.

Ald. Christie's Early Application.
 Ald. Christie has a quiet air of humor about him that is sometimes quite effective in debate. When Alderman McArthur proposed that the council hold an investigation into the interference of civic officials in civic politics, Ald. Christie pleaded with quite a pathetic air that if the council decided to do this they would take into serious consideration his application for the commissionership. If any fat snaps like that was going he thought that as the oldest member of the council he should be thought of first. But considering the flattering majorities of himself and Ald. McArthur he thought they could afford to draw the mantle of charity over the offences of any such opponents.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

My Heart Loves on With Thine.
 I would not have you sad to hear,
 I must go far from thee,
 Nor cause thee one regretful tear,
 Though absent I must be.
 In holy dreams that bless the night,
 In memories divine;
 With thee I walk in heavenly light
 My heart loves on with thine.
 The blissful joys of bygone days,
 Now wear a darker shade;
 But first affection fonder stays,
 And trusts the vows we made,
 Though parted loved we still are true,
 As stars at night most shine;
 The world is nothing without you,
 My heart loves on with thine.
 I hear the distant midnight chime,
 Across the moonlit lake;
 I soon must seek a foreign clime,
 Be true for love's sweet sake.
 My soul guards still for thee alone,
 Love's ever hallowed shrine;
 I love but thee for life my own,
 My heart loves on with thine.
 Farewell my love the stormy sky,
 And the heaving sea is dark;
 The night wind gives a mournful sigh,
 And now I must depart.
 The sky of fate has a cloud above,
 Over the surging brine;
 Farewell and still remember love,
 My heart loves on with thine.

Their Big Fight.
 It was the Yankee Navy
 That steamed the open sea
 Full forty ships and more had they
 In that white company.
 Sailors had they of every stripe
 Russian and Jew and Dutch
 But American men were very few
 Nor officers many of such.
 "I say there men!" the captain shouts,
 "We'll take another spin,
 And land some harmless merchantmen
 Then divey up the tin."
 And lo with shot and blunder bold
 Some fishing smack is stopped
 A crew of prize men placed aboard
 A noble "fight's" been fought.
 "Hurrah!" they shout and "Liberty!"
 Then as with silence dead,
 Each sailor figures out his spoils
 In his much distended head.
 But what is that in distance dim?
 A most imposing sight!
 Back to the gathered fleet they speed
 And tell the news with fright.
 With guns engaged and decks all bare
 And all buoyed up to fight
 The squadron bold with joy untold
 Confronts the harbour light.
 There was lack of woman nursing
 There was lack of mother's tears,
 But to celebrate the "action"
 The Admiral "did the beers."
 HONO.

And on the Night Winds.
 The sun has fallen o'er the western hills,
 And dark the shadows of the after day,
 All nature rests in quiet solitude,
 And night exhales the brightness of the day.
 The Smiddy's forge is cold at last,
 The day birds' notes are hush'd and still,
 And all of earth and heaven seem'd blest,
 As rests the herd on yonder hill.
 On yester-night the ploughman, worn by toil,
 Trod homeward o'er the meadows, sweet with hay,
 The old mill silent, and the wheel at rest,
 And quite peace foretold the Sabbath day.
 Across the emerald field and through the lane
 The town-folk wend their silent way,
 And from the belfry of the village church
 The old bell tolls the eve of Holy day.
 The old, the young, the grave, the gay,
 Extol the blessings of the hour,
 The rich and poor meet on a common plain,
 By faith to recognize a higher power.
 On breezes laden rich with perfume rare,
 Flow sounds from voices old and fair,
 And on the night winds soft we hear
 "Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear."
 —William Van Buren Thompson.

A Solitary Way.
 There is a mystery in human hearts,
 And though we be encircled by a host
 Of those who love us well, and are beloved,
 To every one of us, from time to time,
 There comes a sense of utter loneliness.
 Our dearest friend is "stranger to our joy,
 And cannot realize our bitterness.
 "There is not one who really understands,
 Not one to enter into all we feel;"
 Such is the cry of each of us in turn.
 We wander in a "solitary way."
 No matter what our lot may be;
 Each heart mysterious even to itself,
 Must live its inner life in solitude.
 And would you know the reason why this is?
 It is because the Lord desires our love.
 In every heart He wishes to be first,
 To every one of us, from time to time,
 To open all its chambers, and to bless
 With perfect sympathy and holy peace
 Each solitary soul which comes to Him.
 So when we feel its loneliness, it is
 The voice of Jesus saying "Come to Me,"
 And every time we are "not understood,"
 It is a call to us to come again;
 For Christ alone can satisfy the soul,
 And those who walk with Him from day to day
 Can never have a "solitary way."

**And when beneath some heavy cross you faint,
 And say "I cannot bear this load alone,"
 You say the truth. Christ made it purposely
 So heavy that you must return to Him.
 The bitter grief which "no one understands"
 Conveys a secret message from the King,
 Entreat you to come to Him again.
 The Man of Sorrows understands it well.
 In all points tempted He can feel with you.
 You cannot come too often, or too near,
 The Son of God is infinite in grace,
 His presence satisfies the longing soul,
 And those who walk with Him from day to day
 Can never have a "solitary way."**

They Intend to Remain.
 The Boston Optical Co., state that it is their intention to remain in St. John permanently. They can always be found at the old stand 25 King street. Their advertisement appears in another column of this issue.

Steamer Clifton.
 The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of the Stmr. "Clifton" in another column.

WHO MOVED THIS YEAR

A FAIRLY COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE WITH NEW ADDRESSES.

They are in all Quarters of the City—More Said to Have Changed Their Place of Abode This Year Than Usual—the List Alphabetically.

Moving day was Monday of this week and those who have observed the annual changes in this respect say that the people manifested a more than usual restless disposition. At any rate PROGRESS has a list of the names of those who have changed their places of abode. No doubt there are others who are not in this list but it is as complete as possible under the circumstances.

- A**
 Allan, John 112 Charlotte to 104 Britain street.
 Anderson, Robt. D. 230 Union to 216 Waterloo street.
 Armstrong, D. W. from Chipman Place to Cor. Princess and Sidney.
 Arnold, Mr. Hospital to Exmouth street.
- B**
 Bustin, S. B. St. James to Duke street.
 Bain, John Wright to Celebration street.
 Bridges, Geo. 105 St. James to Charlotte street.
 Barbour, H. 212 Brittain to Broad street.
 Bustin, A. 79 Broad to Britain.
 Bauer, A. 106 Broad to St. James street.
 Barnes, Geo. W. 167 Westmorland Road to 50 St. John street.
 Beatty, Rev. B. 41 Richmond to White street.
 Brown, Ala. Cor. Harrison and Main to Adelaide street.
 Brown, Mr. Adelaide Road to Cor. Metcalf and Durham.
 Barbour, Mrs. City Road to Wright street.
 Belch, Mrs. from Cor. Germain and Horsefield street to Germain.
 Brennan, Capt. from Charlotte to St. James street.
 Belyea, Jas. A. 84 Garden to 5 Garden street.
 Bain, J. C. Wright to Winter street.
- C**
 Curran, Frank P. Mill to Metcalf street.
 Creelock, Mr. 26 Richmond to 230 Union street.
 Cronin, T. J. Peter Street to King Street East.
 Crawford, Geo. Gilbert's Lane to Westmoreland Road.
 Carmichael, Miss Lizzie, 311 Brussels to Gilbert's Lane.
 Clark, William Cor. Princess and Sydney to Cor. Charlotte and Duke.
 Colwell, Miss Carleton street to 27 City Road.
 Cowan, Leonard St. James to 206 Britain street.
 Cox, Wm. City Road to Chubb street.
 Cox, Wm. 21 Wall to Chubb street.
 Carson, Allan 721 Main to Rockland Road.
 Crawford, J. Main to Chapel street.
 Clarke, Cap. 31 High to 70 Acadia street.
 Climo, C. H. Princess to Halifax.
 Coleman, Mr. St. Paul to Chapel street.
- D**
 Doherty, Mr. Middle to Brussels street.
 Dixon, Capt. St. James to Cedar street.
 Dunham, Mrs. St. James to Queen Square.
 Dods, Andrews, 100 Coburg to 159 Princess street.
 Davidson, Gilbert, 13 Duke to 20 Duke street.
 Doherty, Hugh J. Elm to Clarendon street.
 Duncan, Alex. 35 City Road to 35 Lombard street.
 Daley, H. 207, 7 St. Paul to 27 City Road.
 DeMile, Jas. 29 City Road to 102 City Road.
 Donahoe, Thos. 55 City Road to 60 City Road.
 Draper, W. Germain to 133 Broad street.
 Dunham, G. W. Spring to Lombard street.
 Duncan, Mrs. Alex. 41 City Road to 35 Lombard street.
 Doyle, J. 34 St. Andrews to 98 Queen street.
 Dunlap, James 38 Charles to 40 Charles street.
- E**
 Emery, Jas. 25 Exmouth to Elliot R.w.
 Einson, Mrs. 216 to 63 Waterloo street.
 Elmore, Mrs. St. James to Broad street.
 Estabrooks, G. J. 151 Union to Drury Cove.
 Ellis, T. Adelaide to Elm street.
 Foster, Robt. Middle to Carmarthen street.
 Fraser, W. J. 31 Peters to Brookville.
 French,—210 Brittain to 116 Broad street.
- G**
 Gilchrist, James Elliott Row to Sydney Street.
 Gleeson, Mrs. 31 Brittain to 15 Germain street.
 Gibson, Hugh, Brussels to Clarence street.
 Gorman, Jas. 88 Broad to 211 Brittain street.
- H**
 Heath, A. J. 311 Princess to 59 Carmarthen street.
 Harrington, Cor. Courtenay and St. Davids to Union street.
 Hunter, G. D. 90 Exmouth to 48 Exmouth street.
 Howard, Wm. Clarendon to Victoria street.
 Harrington, Jos 611 Main to 71 Paradise Row.
 Howard, H. 217 Leinster to 134 City Road.
 Heffer, H. 216 Brittain to 129 Broad street.
 Hutchings, C. A. 34 Mecklenburg to 188 Carmarthen street.
 Hogan Capt. Wm. 170 Main to Simonds street.
 Higgins, Mrs. Acadia to Camden street.
- I**
 Irvine, John 134 City Road to 42 Charles street.
- J**
 Jackson, Geo 83 St. Patrick to 102 Wright street.
 Johnston, Wm. 32 Main to Union street.
 Jones, Jas. 300 Princess to 113 Queen street.
- K**
 Kenny, Henry Main to Elm street.
 Keenan, Mr. Cor. Waterloo and Union to Cor. White and Waterloo street.
 Killam, Mrs. R. C. Moncton to 23 Broad street.
 Kane, J. Moore to Sidney street.
 Kerr, James 40 Charles to Spring street.
- L**
 Lang, F. Brittain to 88 St. James street.
 Lily, Mr. 49 Brussel to Douglas Avenue.
 Lobo, Mrs. 18 Clarence to St. David street.
 Lee, John Lombard to Mill street.
 Lowman, Jas Spar Cove Road to Adelaide Road.
 Liden, Mr. St. James to Charlotte street.
- M**
 Mills, Miss Broad to Germain street.
 May, Jas S. 108 Duke to 19 St. James Street.
 Melvin, Dr. 189 Duke to Sidney Street.
 Munford, Mr. Paradise Row to 23 City Road.
 Mathews, Mr. Rock street to 140 City Road.
 Megarity M. 238 Waterloo to 277 City Road.
 Myers, Wm. City Road to Prospect street.
 Myers, John 140 City Road to Prospect street.
 McGovern, Jas Cor. Princess and Sidney to Hazen street.
 McIntyre, Miss 9 Adelaide street to Millidgeville.
 McKee, Chas. St. Patrick to Duke.
 McCallum, Jas Cor. Peter and Waterloo to McDermott, David 187 Brittain to St. James street.
- N**
 McBeath Mr. Princess to
 McClaverty, Mrs. James Moncton to Dorchester House, Dorchester street.
 McDonald Chas 11 Peters to 199 Douglas Avenue.



- McNeill, Rev. L. G. Union Street to Hazen street.
 McAndrews, 148 Carmarthen to 167 Queen street.
 McAtee, Robt. St. Paul to 68 city Road.
 McColgan Wm. City Road to St. James street.
 McAfee, Mrs. City Road to Lombard street.
 McLellan, J. V. 100 Coburg to King St. East.
 McDonald, Mrs. D. 234 Princess street to Brussels street.
- N**
 Neilson, M. 109 Wentworth to 114 Wentworth street.
 Nagle, W. J. 116 Broad to 79 Broad street.
 Northrup, Mr. Corner Delhi and Waterloo to—
- P**
 Purchase, W. R. Elliott Row to Riverside.
 Porter, J. Sydney to 257 Carmarthen street.
 Paddock, M. V. 13 Paddock street to Sewell street.
 Parlee, Howard Rebecca street to Waterloo.
 Peters, Mr. 216 Waterloo to City Road.
 Pendleton, C. H. 50 Durham to 134 Mill street.
 Patchell, Israel Celebration street to 62 City Road.
 Pender, Jas. 55 St. James to 187 Queen Street.
- R**
 Robertson, Mr. 46 Carmarthen to 14 Peters street.
 Rogers, Frank Waterloo to Johnston street.
 Riecker, Capt. Delhi to Winter street.
 Riley, Fred, 193 Canterbury to Britain street.
 Rourke, Mrs. Corner Haymarket Square to Corner Sheriff and Hilyard street.
 Riley, Lewis Ludlow street W. E. to Exmouth street.
 Robertson, Geo. 128 Bridge to 675 Main street.
 Rourke, E. 68 City Road to 72 Mecklenburg street.
 Ritchie, Calp Douglas Ave. to 65 Garden street.
 Ratchford, R. Waterloo to Delhi street.
- S**
 Sullivan, Jeremiah 20 Queen to Charlotte street.
 Stirling, Peter Charlotte to Orange street.
 Simmons, Mr. Brussel to St. David street.
 Shonoman, Mrs. Summer-st. to Barker street.
 Shea, Mr. Garden to Rock street.
 Secord, Mr. King Square to 297 Union street.
 Smith, Mrs. 61 High to King St. East.
 Smith, Milton St. James to Hazen street.
 Stewart, Mrs. John City Road to Sewell street.
 Stackhouse, Mr. Queen to 55 City Road.
 Spears, M. Charlotte to Brittain street.
 Spears, Jas Carmarthen to 21 Broad street.
 Saunders, W. H. E. St. James street to Toronto.
 Snider, P. W. 243 Princess to 84 Princess.
 Stammers, C. J. 112 Orange to 13 Exmouth street.
 Smith, R. 137 Elliott Row to 260 Waterloo street.
 Sangster, Mrs. Main to Union street.
- T**
 Tobin, H. 132 Factory to 60 City Road.
 Taylor, Rupert D. 42 Carleton to 99 Waterloo street.
 Taylor, J. M. 30 Queen Square to Rothsay.
 Turnbull, Geo. Military Road to Paradise Row.
 Thompson, LeBaron, 40 Duke to 256 Germain.
 Temple, F. L. 19 Cl. St. to 100 Coburg street.
- V**
 Vroom, W. E. St. James to 283 Germain street.
 Vincent, David 257 Carmarthen to 130 Broad street.
 Veasey, Mr. 21 Adelaide to Main street.
- W**
 Wilband, W. A. Dorchester to 10 Charlotte street.
 Wilson, A. 114 Pitt to 297 Princess street.
 Wilson, Mr. City Road to cor. Stanley and City Road.
 Walker, Dr. A. B. Dorchester to cor., Mecklenburg and P. St. street.
 Weikert, Miss Adelaide to 279 Main street.
 Weimore, A. H. 185 Duke to Riverside.
 Whalen, Mr. Mt. Pleasant Ave. to Richmond West End.
 Craft, E. S. Prince to Ludlow street.
 Jones, Mrs. E. O. Ludlow to Winslow street.
 Lemon, J. S. Guilford to Duke street.
 Robson, Wm. St. George to St. John street.
 Smith, O. E. King to Union street.
 Wheaton, Edgar Rodney to Duke.

GOAT HUNTING IN ALASKA.

Novel Way to Bring Wild Goats Into Rifle Range.
 "They have a queer way of hunting mountain goats up in the mountains back of Skaguay," said D. J. McKinney, the 'Mayor of Skaguay,' at the Hotel Northern. The boys at one of my camps told me one day that they had seen some goats up in the hills and they asked me if I wanted to go along to hunt them. Of course I did, and we were soon climbing high up on the mountains, away above the altitude that I thought any living creature would live. Still up and up we went. The boys were trying to get above a place where they had seen the goats a few days before. When they had located the proper point, they selected a huge boulder and got me to help them tip it over. It took the combined strength of three of us to get the rock started. When it did get to going the havoc it caused on its way down to the valley was something fearful. Then the boys told me to get ready for a surprise. We all got our rifles ready and waited. It was only a short time until we saw emerging from the scrubby growth below us three fine goats. They came toward us bounding from crag to crag and apparently heedless of the danger they were running into. They came to within sixty yards of us and we brought down all three.
 "I learned then that the goat always tries to get above rolling rocks, and that that is a favorite way of hunting them."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
 The adult scalp should be thoroughly washed occasionally to remove the oily particles, then apply Hall's Hair Renewer to give the hair a natural color.