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FEELING OVER A RACE

BACKERS OF HALIFAX OARS MEN DO NOT LOVE EACH OTHER.

How one of the Boats was Procured—Where Will the Race be Rowed—Sharp Words and Blows Over the Affair—the Vail Challenge From St. John.

HALIFAX, July 28.—The sport loving public of this city are becoming very greatly interested in boat racing this season, and before it closes some good races will probably be the outcome. Aquatic sports hereabouts are very popular, and no matter how small the event is, great interest is always manifested in it. Like every other thing there is bound to be bad feeling over it, and there is no exception in the present mance up over boating matters. The way the affair now stands is not at all creditable to a few who are taking a very prominent part. Of course all of them are not to blame, one or two being the cause of all the trouble that has arisen. The principals who are behind the racing men are not on the best of terms, and from the present standpoint they are divided into two parties. The men who are being brought out and placed in racing shells are Michael Lynch and John Brennan. Both men have had considerable practice and it was thought about time to have them brought together and test their relative merits. The question of providing boats caused some of the trouble. The party who are behind Brennan provided him with a shell, and issued a challenge to Lynch. The men who are backing the latter ordered a shell from England some months ago, and it has been lying in bond at the custom house here for over six weeks. The boat was built by Clasper and is said to be a beauty. There were certain conditions on which the boat was to be obtained. Messrs. Fraser and Gowen the sporting representatives of the "Mail" and "Echo" respectively were to provide funds for the payment of half the cost of the boat, while Messrs. Quirk and Porrior were to make up the balance. The newspaper men came up all right with their share, but the other pair were somewhat slow in coming to time, and as a result the boat remained in bond till the last moment. The Brennan party were urging matters for all they were worth on the others and finally the backers of Lynch were forced to make a match for \$200 a side. Then the balance of the money for the scull was soon brought forth, and the boat taken out of bond. While the match was being made some unpleasantness occurred between two of Lynch's friends. One of them was a Brennan man up to a short time ago but he has since changed his coat and came over with the other party. He was the aggressor in the assault but his assailant after striking him promptly admitted that he was too hasty and apologized for what he had done. The parties are bitter against each other, and the outcome of the race will be the only thing that can settle their difficulties. Some of the match makers desired to have the race rowed on the Arm while others wanted it on the Basin. The Brennan party are in favour of the latter course as they stand in with John Gough who keeps the three mile house, and on a race day he sells lots of "refreshments" and helps them out with any expenses that are liable to occur. The men who are prominent behind Brennan are Jim Salterio, and the proprietor of the "Hub." The Lynch party will take pretty good care to have the course properly measured and there will be a strict proviso inserted in the articles of agreement "that Shorty will have nothing to do with the placing of the buoys," as his handling of them recently was not very satisfactory to many. Some two weeks ago a challenge came through the "Sun" from Harry Vail, formerly of St. John but now of Baltimore to row Lynch. The latter's backers wired the sporting representative of the "Sun" about making a match, but up to the present time no reply has been received from him and nothing further has been heard about Mr. Vail.

FOR A POPULAR POLICEMAN.

Thousands of Votes Cast for Sergeant Kline of Halifax.

HALIFAX, July 28.—There has just been brought to a close in this city a very successful bazaar under the auspices of the members of St. Patrick's parish. Among the many schemes that were introduced at the fair for making money was a voting contest for the most popular member of the

police force. In this contest the prize was a very handsome gold watch and chain and the officer who received the most votes got the prize. It cost the person who cast the vote 10 cents for that privilege. Of course all policemen are popular, that is unless they are off the force, with the majority of people. There were quite a number of the blue coats after the coveted prize at the opening of the contest, but suddenly something happened and all but three of the officers retired. The something that happened was just this. One of the officers Edw. Prince, who had a relative interested in the affair managed by some means or other to procure for him several books of tickets. He had them some six weeks in advance of his brother officers, and had disposed of a large number of them. He had a cinch on the others, and that is why so many of them dropped out of the contest. They felt highly indignant when they learned of the unfair way that they had been treated and considerable dissension soon sprang up amongst the men. Each were envious of the other, and bad feeling made its appearance in many quarters. The general opinion of those who were informed of what had taken place, was that the affair should not have been tolerated in the slightest degree by the heads of the department. The three remaining officers who fought the contest out to a finish, left no stone unturned to win. Day and night they canvassed every one in every place all over the whole city, and in many cases it was a relief to take a couple of votes and get clear of them. The general expression of opinion is that this is carrying the thing too far. One of the officers who put his whole soul into the contest, is said to have spent a month's salary for votes, and this he could ill afford to do. The interest was kept up in the affair till the finish by the publication daily of the standing of the poll. It was worked so systematically that one officer would lead one night and the other the next, and so on till it was ended. The contest closed Tuesday night, and the successful competitor was Sergeant Kline who received several thousand votes. If any more of those contests are to take place it would be as well to prevent the officers from taking any personal part in them, and then all the trouble and bad feeling that has arisen over the present one will be averted. Of course the winner received many congratulations from his friends and also from others, but the path he trod was not one of roses. Many are of the opinion that he should not have competed against the privates, but he was nominated outside, and the contest was well under way before he personally agreed to become a contestant. Kline is happy while the others are downcast and disheartened over the result.

SUNDAY OUTINGS ON THE RIVER.

How They are Enjoyed—Orderly and Quietly Conducted—A Pleasant Spot.

The pleasant Sunday trips of the Steamer Victoria are becoming more popular as the season advances. Conducted as quietly and carefully as they are they can afford no room for regret on the part of those who believe in the strictest of Sabbath observances. The boat does not leave the wharf at Indiantown until ten o'clock and returns between six and seven in the evening thus affording any one an opportunity of attending service at least once a day. Already Browns Flats, that growing and beautiful baptist centre, has been the destination of the steamer two or three times. Then Evandale where the splendid hotel and attractive grounds of John O. Vanwart are situated, captivated some three or four hundred people on another Sunday.

The excursionist who could not enjoy the four or five hours at his disposal in this lovely spot has no affection for the country. The air of neatness and plenty surrounding the place gives anyone a most favorable impression and the comfort that such regular visitors, as Hon Thomas R Jones, Dr. McAvenny, Judge Wilson and others seem to take as they sit upon the broad veranda with their wives and families makes one rather envious of their pleasant location. The conveniences of the hotel, its spaciousness, and coolness are somewhat surprising to one who has sought and failed to find such advantages in connection with country hotels. The situation of the house and the fact that there is a spring famous for the volume and quality of its water upon the high ground in the rear enabled Mr Vanwart to conduct water through his

building and summer visitors enjoy this privilege to the utmost.

Last Sunday the Victoria went to Hamptstead and Wickham and only a score or two disembarked at Evandale. But those who did enjoyed the best of dinners and attention. This Sunday, if fine, the Victoria goes to Gagetown and no doubt many will take advantage of the reasonable rate to see the beauties of the river and the country.

MOUNT ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE

Something About the New Teachers Who Will be Here Soon.

The Mount Allison ladies college, the advertisement of which may be seen in another column, is the oldest Protestant institution in the maritime provinces devoted to the work of the higher education of young women. It was established 45 years ago, and has an interesting and inspiring history which shows that it has always been in the van of educational progress. During the past few years this institution has been advancing by leaps and bounds. Since the erection of the musical conservatory eight years ago hundreds of students have been attracted to its walls where they have enjoyed many of the highest musical advantages our country affords. The calendar for the current year announces the engagement of a splendid staff of conservatory teachers, every one of whom has had the advantage of residing and training in the great musical centres of the world.

Dr. Borden has just returned from New York where he has engaged some new talent to strengthen the conservatory staff. Notwithstanding the excellent musical attainments of those who are leaving it is confidently hoped that the new Director and the new vocalist will more than fill their places. Prof. Vincent who is a graduate of the Leipzig conservatory, is known as a superior teacher and practical organizer, while the Leipzig Tageblatt speaks of his playing as "graceful and finished, displaying admirable taste and technique." Miss Maud Golden B. A., who has been appointed to the head of the vocal department combines with her five years' musical training in Europe the exceptional advantage of a University education. The principal of the conservatory at Saratoga Springs, where she last taught speaks of her as "the most satisfactory teacher he had employed in an experience of thirty years."

WHO WAS THE WOMAN?

The Names of Many Persons Connected With the Raid a Short Time Ago.

How the tongue of slander does love to wag. As this paper suggested last week, in this city rumor springs from suggestion and in no time becomes a dread scandal travelling about, passing from mouth to mouth, repeated thoughtlessly, added to with zeal, and seized upon with that air of certainty that characterizes the people of this small community. No one is free from the scourge. People leading the most exemplary lives are oftentimes the most likely to be seized upon and made targets of, while those who are happy and easy in their way of living, pleasing themselves, not thinking of public opinion but rather of pleasant enjoyment and working as near the golden rule as possible, soon find themselves the subject of public criticism which becomes keener the more it is despised and finally so untruthful and virulent that even the most independent are forced to succumb.

How many people—men and women—have passed under the criticism of the gossips since that raid upon the assignation house spoken of in PROGRESS last week. Ladies known to be familiar with their friends who do not hesitate to pass along the street with their husband's friend, have passed under the glass of the gossiping critique and examined with more than the care a scientist would bestow upon a specimen.

There were only two woman in the affair PROGRESS refers to one of them was single the other married. The single woman is known to many and cannot be included in any particular class, the married woman moves in some of the first circles. Yet half a dozen married women have been included in the list of those gossiped about in connection with the affair. This is a simple and illustration of the unfairness spoken of in PROGRESS last week when the question of suppressing names was dealt with. The innocent are confounded with the guilty and much more harm is done in the end than if the name of the guilty party had been made known at the outset.

WHAT ABOUT THAT FUND

SOME POLICEMEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE POLICE FUND.

How it was Raised in the First Place and What it was Intended For—There Should be Officers and Auditors as Other Organizations Have.

Every once in a while the common council has an application from some policeman for full or half pay on account of illness which has prevented him from doing his duty. If his illness is caused by his attention to his duty the council may in its discretion order that his pay be continued as usual—otherwise half pay is the rule.

A few years ago the policemen began to have a vision of good times in the future—freedom of anxiety during illness and an idea that when they were unable to walk around and attend to their duties they could never be entirely without cash because of their allowance from the police fund. That police fund!—where is it?

No doubt in the bank, but what bank? and who knows anything or all about it? The policemen? Not many of them at least. Since that fund was started some years ago the force has changed greatly. Perhaps half of the men who were on duty at that time and who worked as hard as the rest to increase the fund are not there at the present time. They have either got tired of protecting the public or the chief has got weary of them.

According to all the rules of such funds their portion will no doubt be the property of the whole force but so far as PROGRESS knows the bye laws upon that subject are not as visible as they might be. In the enthusiasm of the scheme when it first started the canvas for funds was vigorous and quite successful. The idea of looking after sick and old policemen was well received by the public and there were several substantial subscriptions from merchants. But the great bulk of the funds was provided by the policemen themselves. When they had a ball game they sold tickets like hot cakes. People who did not like to subscribe a small amount to the police fund bought tickets willingly for the ball game as it was in aid of it. Well, the ball game came off and the proceeds went into the "police fund." Then there were rink sports—everybody remembers the policemen's sports and what a crowd was there,—which, if PROGRESS mistakes not were repeated two or three seasons. The firemen and policemen had sports together on one occasion and the proceeds must have been considerable and they went into the "police fund."

Now some of the older officers say that there should be a meeting once in a while and an occasional report made to show the state of the funds. They would like their affairs to be managed as the affairs of similar organizations are—to have officers, auditors, and trustees. And this would be the more satisfactory way. No doubt the chief will make a move in the matter.

MORE BIRTHS THAN DEATHS.

There is a Difference of Three Hundred in Them—The Marriages.

Registrar J. B. Jones says there are about 1200 births in St. John each year while the deaths number but 900 and the marriages 300. According to those figures the natural rate of increase in the population would be 300 every year. But it may be more than that for while all of the deaths must be reported through the board of health, some of the births may not be. The fact that a baby arrives in a household is sometimes made known by the physician who attends but some of these are more obliging than others and sometimes they forget. Then there are families in poorer circumstances who cannot have doctors but some midwife of local repute. It may be taken for granted that many of these births are not reported and it would be a difficult matter for any registrar to collect them. Marriages are different. Clergymen report them and the issuer of marriage licenses has a pretty full list of those who enter the matrimonial state.

St. John however is about the only place in the province where these vital statistics are collected with any method. The registrar gets ten cents for each report and that means between two and three hundred dollars for him but there is a deal of clerical work and nothing soft about the job at all.

More Expensive Than Paying a License.

Sometimes it is more expensive to sell liquor without a license than with one. This has been the case of Joseph Rowley.

The year is not much more than half gone and yet Rowley has been fined three or four times to the amount of \$90. If he had not applied for a license but started out deliberately to break the law no fault could be found with the officials for enforcing the law. Perhaps no fault should be found anyway but one is apt to compare their weak day vigilance with their Sunday negligence. Rowley keeps what was known for years as the Allandale House. The old place was burned down a few years ago but since then he and Mrs. Rowley have managed to erect another but smaller structure which they are gradually finishing.

WHAT WILL PROF. HESSE GET?

The Question of his Damages Discussed—What Mr. Harding Saw.

The value of Professor Hesse's foot and ankle is one of the topics discussed around town at present. The unfortunate victim of the street railway accident went through the operation of amputation one day this week. All hopes that the foot would be saved had to be abandoned. Mrs. Hesse, his wife, is at present in the city and her husband is most anxious to return to Providence. In fact he is almost determined but his physicians think that such a move would be a mistake. Of course since the amputation the question of damages has been discussed on all sides. No one seems to doubt the liability of the street railway and there is an impression—whether correct or not—that the company would like to have the matter arranged as soon as possible. It is said that Prof. Hesse was in receipt of a large salary as organist in Providence and the loss of his foot will be a most serious matter for him in that profession. The foot of an organist is about as useful to him as his fingers. It is hard to say on what basis damages will be estimated and the amount perhaps has not been named. Public opinion has canvassed sums ranging from ten to fifty thousand dollars. At any rate the quick trip of that open car on the Sabbath may take all the profits off the Sunday business for some time and more than that serve as an argument for the Evangelical alliance that Sunday street cars do not pay either from a financial or a moral point of view.

Whether the seven or eight hundred dollars that M. A. Harding is said to receive for the damage done him includes the shock to his nerves is not stated. That street car hadn't any peculiar knock but went into his place quicker than a policeman would. It is said that Matt could not bear the sight of a Street car for a whole week afterward but went around the corner when he heard one coming. Perhaps he had reason to for a man's nerves must be in a pretty good state of preservation when he finds his cash box flying in one direction and himself in another in the peaceful stillness of a Sunday afternoon. When Mr. Harding came to and felt himself to see if he was all there the first thing he saw was the motorman standing with one hand upon the brake the other on the lever starling straight ahead and rigid as the electric light pole just outside the door. "Are you hurt?" asked Matt. No reply. "Are you hurt?" he again demanded and still there was no answer. Then something fell and cut the motor man's cheek and as the blood began to flow he gasped and took in the situation. A snap shot of the car half way in the building taken by a local photographer has attracted a good deal of attention.

The Surplus of the Grocers Picnic.

The grocers picnic has come and gone. The morning was foggy and damp and prevented many from going who had been anticipating the affair for weeks. The evening was foggy too and prevented many from coming home who wanted to get there in the worst kind of a way. Two of the boats, the Victoria and Aberdeen crowded with the picnickers passed the night upon the river. How weary the already tired and sleepy excursionists must have been by morning can easily be left to the imagination. They arrived in time for breakfast and the labor of the next day. The management of the picnic do not know as yet what the surplus will be but think in the neighborhood of \$300. Part of this will go to the park fund—how much has not been determined upon yet but all of it might have been donated had some decided interest been shown by the park management in the efforts of the grocers to add to their funds. As it was it is stated that not not one of the directors even attended.