

CASEY MADE A BAD MISS

HIS MARKER ON THE RIFLE RANGE WAS TO BLAME.

The Halifax Riflemen Took Prompt Action When They Suspected They Were Being Done and Casey, the Regular, Lost His Big Prize.

HALIFAX, Aug. 23.—The provincial rifle men of Nova Scotia have just brought to a close their annual shooting competitions on Bedford range. Those events are always well contested and the riflemen take great interest there from the opening to the close. The meeting this year was a far greater success than those of previous years, but one regrettable feature occurred which is deplored by all of the militiamen who took part. The associations, competitions, and in fact all of its dealings have been above board and everything possible has always been done to keep matters straight, and make the affair as pleasant and satisfactory as could be. The cause of the trouble was the falsifying of the scores by a register keeper on the third day of the competitions when the "All comers match" was being shot. The like of this affair never before occurred on the range and to think that such a thing should come before their notice, at the most important meeting of the year, makes the marksmen one and all feel very indignant. The men who were keeping the registers were from the Leinster regiment and it was thought that they were above reproach. The regulars have always been employed to do this duty, and they always did it well. Among the competitors in the competition mentioned was Sergeant Casey of the Leinster regiment, and one of his men kept the register for him. While he was shooting there were several riflemen watching his shots, and when he had finished he had the fine score of 84 points to his credit out of a possible 85. Of course notice of this was taken at the time, and later on when the scores were posted up, it was found that Casey was the winner. This set the others thinking, and they well remembered that he had made a miss, so it was impossible for him to make the score he was credited with. Their suspicions at once became aroused, and they came to the conclusion that everything was not going as it should be, so a protest was at once drawn up, and handed in to the secretary against the awarding of the prize to Casey. This was a very serious matter in military etiquette, and one which required the most careful consideration from all concerned. The protest was placed before the executive body which has the power to deal with all matters of this kind, and a thorough investigation was held. The evidence of Sergeant Carter and of two members of the Royal Engineers was taken and it was to the effect that Casey did not make the score that was credited to him. Casey was then called in and informed of the finding of the executive officers. He protested ignorance on his part of anything wrong but as the evidence was overwhelming, he could not explain it away. The executive here let the matter drop, as it did not wish to have the trouble made public, because if it did Casey might be reduced when it was brought to the notice of the commanding officer, for being a party to such a mean affair. The register keeper, of course, vowed that his marking was correct but there were a dozen to one against him. One rifleman whispered it to another on the range, and soon everyone of them were made aware of what had taken place. All regretted that anything of the kind should have happened as they are honest sports, and go in to win by fair, and not by foul means every-time. The prizes were presented the following day, and Casey stepped up to the front and got his like a little man. Since then affairs have taken another turn, and it is now stated that Casey intends bringing an action against his accusers for slander.

HALIFAX SPORTS IN COURT.

They Appealed to the Magistrate to Settle a Little Bet.

HALIFAX, Aug. 24.—A case that has caused more than unusual interest was brought to trial before Stipendiary Fielding in the city civil court last week. The principals in it were George Hartlin, O. St. Kidston, and J. P. Hyde, better known as "Jud" the sport. All three are business men and are particularly well known throughout the city. The trouble all arose over a bet, and as they could not settle the affair mutually, it was decided to take it

into court, and give it an air of publicity. Kidston and Hyde are rival shop keepers, and it was while discussing the use of Trading stamps that the difference of opinion arose. Kidston made the statement that Hyde could be compelled to give his customers stamps whenever they made a purchase. Hyde argued to the contrary, and after debating the point for some time, Kidston said he would bet \$10 that his contention was right. Hyde asked to have the amount raised to \$20, and Kidston agreed to raise it for another \$20. They made arrangements to meet next day, and at the hour appointed both were on hand. Kidston did not have the money with him, so he put up his watch and chain against Hyde's \$20. George Hartlin was appointed referee and stakeholder, and the money and watch were placed in his hands. Kidston was to call the following day and redeem the watch by putting up the \$20 in cash. He put in an appearance on the day mentioned all right, but he did not have the money. Hyde here grasped the opportunity and made a bet of \$1 that Kidston could not get the money, and as he did not return again Hyde won the \$1 bet. An agreement, binding the bet was drawn up by Hyde but this document Kidston refused to sign without first obtaining the opinion of a lawyer as to its legality. The wager was made in May last and after some weeks elapsed, the stakeholder Hartlin, paid the money over to Hyde, as he considered that he had won it. He gave him \$40 in cash and kept the watch and chain himself, as Hyde did not want the jewellery. Since then Kidston called on Hartlin, and demanded the return of the watch, but he told Kidston that Hyde had won the bet and had given him the money in lieu of the watch and chain and kept the latter himself. Kidston threatened to take the matter to court, but Hartlin still refused to hand it over. Finally Kidston sued Hartlin for the amount of the watch and chain. The case has been tried and judgment reserved. While the evidence was being taken, there were large numbers in court principally sporting individuals, who are very much interested in the outcome.

FISHWAYS MUST BE BUILT.

The Fishermen are Bound to see That the Mispec Stream is Protected.

If it is true that H. H. McLean has refused to sign the petition of the people against the construction of dams across the Mispec stream without fish ways, then the voters of Simonds and hundreds of anglers in this city will make it warm for the present representative for the county at the next election.

Messrs Mooney and Pulp Company they organized are building a pulp mill at the mouth of the Mispec. They want water



Theodore Poirer.

The first man tried for his life on the charge of murder at New Carlisle, Bonaventure Co. He fought about a girl and stabbed his rival in the neck, killing him almost instantly. Poirer is popular and the People don't want to see him hung.

power and they propose to build a dam on the same principle as that which was their before and which held the water which furnished the power for the Mispec woollen mills that went to ruin there some years ago. The men however who bought the property, the dam and the water privilege were told by the department of marine that they would have to put in a fish way or tear the dam down. They tore a portion of the dam down so the fish from the sea could obtain access to the great chain of lakes that the Mispec drained. The department carried out its plan and

placed large quantities of salmon spawn in the lakes and to day fish known as salmon trout can readily be caught in the Loch Lomond lakes and the Mispec drains.

Now however the pulp company wish to deprive these fish of their exit to the sea. They do not want to build fish ways as those in every part of the other province have to and they have had fishery inspectors and Prof. Prince out there to try and prove that the Mispec is not a stream that fish frequent. What nonsense! Let Prof. Prince go out to Loch Lomond and catch one of those four or five pound trout that the writer has

HE FISHED ON SUNDAY.

BUT NOW HE'S RIGHT AFTER THE SUNDAY DESecRATORS.

Judge Forbes, When a Lawyer, Went to the Mtramicht and Fished on Sunday—The Joke His Companions Played on Him—A Presbyterian Elder.

If his honor Judge Forbes had been upon the Steamer Victoria last Sunday, he would have enjoyed it exceedingly. True the morning was full of fog, so full in fact, that very many of the good people who look forward with delight to this mode



James Gordon Forbes, County Court Judge.

Who does not want St. John to have a continental Sabbath, but fished on the North Shore on Sunday himself.

seen and he will say at once that there are fish in those waters. The Mispec stream abounds with them and would make one of the great fishing centers in the province if properly provided with fishways.

So impressed were the Messrs. McGuire with this that when they sold their property to the pulp company they reserved the fishing rights. They reserved them under the law of the land which said that fish-ways must be built and which had made the former owners tear the dam down in order to provide the fish with exit to and entrance from the sea.

There are many land owners and hotel men along the lakes who will not see the fishing sport destroyed without an effort. Mr. Ellis will learn that there are fish in the Mispec stream, it is not protected by fishways, when he asks the electors to send him to Ottawa next time.

TOOK THE JAG WITH THEM.

A Happening at a Recent Ball—Why They Were Ejected.

A disgraceful scene occurred at a select dance held here in the early part of the week in which two promising youths played a very unenviable part. They were among the invited guests and abused the hospitality they were enjoying by getting drunk. It wasn't an ordinary every day job they got up, but a noisy, hilarious, one that made them a little difficult to deal with.

After playing what havoc they could in the gentlemen's dressing room, destroying hats etc., they made themselves conspicuous in the ball room. There however the chaperons acted with great promptness, and ordered the offending guests out. The latter couldn't see any reason why they should do so and just as promptly declined. Other aid was called and the young men were ejected but not before they had succeeded in frightening many of the ladies, and making a disgusting exhibition of themselves.

A Cordial Invitation Extended.

There are a good many of PROGRESS subscribers who are forgetful. Some of them have lost their memories for some time, so far as payment of their subscriptions go. Now this may be convenient for them but it is quite inconvenient for the publishers, who beg to extend the most cordial invitation to them to send in the subscription remittances.

of rest and nature worship decided that the steamer would not go. But thick fog in the south end often becomes thin mist at Indiantown and the two or three hundred who boarded the Victoria had the pleasure of seeing even this dispelled and vanish as the good steamer cleared the Narrows. The day was beautiful and the broad expanse of the river at Grand Bay almost as placid as the surface of a mirror. Freedom of the boat was given to all, and this excursion was as pleasant as could be imagined. Belleisle Bay was visited, a broad tributary of the St. John with which most of the people on board were unacquainted. It was new even to the captain, but a compe-



Professor Hesse.

The Providence organist who was injured so badly in the street railway accident—He was 36 years of age this month and promised to be one of the greatest musicians of the century.

tent man, acquainted with the channel, had charge of the wheel in his stead and the passage was made with ease and rapidity. The landing was made at Earle's wharf and the excursionists hurried on shore, not to find a place of any size but one of great attractiveness from a scenic point. Those who ascended the mountainous hill were well repaid when they reached the summit for the view for miles was one of unequalled grandeur.

Going to church or staying at home may have been better than watching the beautiful and suggestive rainbows that seem to follow the Victoria as she steamed rapidly homeward, but those who gazed upon these

beauties of nature and promises of God could not keep being better men and women.

The Judge, however, will be interested in knowing that these Sabbath desecrators did not fish. Such gentlemen as James Manchester, J. deWolle Spurr, Joseph Lively and Alderman Hamm when they go upon a Sunday excursion do not carry their fishing rods with them. Instead of that they enjoyed what was before them and did not think of disturbing the serenity of the finny tribe. There is where they differed from the judge, when, some years ago, he happened to be upon the North shore with some other gentlemen on a fishing excursion. Sunday proved to be among the days of their trip and the judge—he was not a judge then—was so much infatuated with the sport that he began to whip the stream. Now his friends, who were of a jocular turn of mind, thought what a good thing it would be if they could improvise some wardens and have Mr. Forbes taken into custody. They carried out their joke to perfection and the bogus game wardens catching the judge in the act of fishing on Sunday promptly arrested him. His distress was undoubted and the full enormity of his offence dawned upon at once. To have the fact made public that he, a staunch and uncompromising presbyterian and an elder of the church, was discovered fishing on Sunday, as certainly not to his taste. But all of his arguments proved futile. He was a prisoner for some time and preparations were being made to take him to some place of greater security when some one exploded the joke and the laugh passed around.

But is it any greater harm to sell soda water or cigars on Sunday than it is to fish. Here is a nice point of law.

"DAVE" WAS ORDERED OUT.

And Had to Walk Two Miles With His Best Girl to the City.

"Dave" Macintyre, a bright young colored waiter in William Clark's restaurant, had an unpleasant experience last Sunday afternoon. After starting on a pleasant drive, the expense of which took no doubt a great part of his weeks wages, he and his companion, a girlfriend—were ordered out of the wagon a little beyond the cemetery and had to walk back to town. According to Macintyre's story he hired the team from Walter B. Campbell's livery stable about half past two in the afternoon and paid two dollars in advance for it. Then he drove to the funeral of Fred Diggs, and after that started to take his girl out the Marsh road for a drive. When just beyond the cemetery the occupants of a team coming in the Marsh Road stopped them. One of them proved to be Walter Campbell, the livery man who had hired the team to Macintyre. He ordered them out of the rig and gave it in charge of his companion who drove it into town. Before this was done, Macintyre offered to give him another dollar to be permitted to complete his drive or, if not, to turn the team around and drive back to the stable. But Campbell would not listen to these offers and turned them out. This was about half past five in the afternoon. Macintyre says that he had not taken a drink, that he was driving along slowly and quietly—much more so than the team which had stopped him—and that he had just passed his employer, who can prove what he says, when he met Campbell.

Help The Boys Along.

There are a few places where PROGRESS is not sold. We want bright bustling boy agents to handle the paper on Saturday morning in these sections. They want require any capital to make a start outside of some brains and energy. This may not meet the eyes of the boys in the places where we want them but it will be read by subscribers in those towns and if any of them want to help a bright boy along refer him to us. We will make the terms right and give him a chance to earn enough to make him happier.

Looking for Novelties.

Mr. H. G. Marr of the Parisian, this city, has Miss Kearns of his Monoton Millinery house now in New York looking carefully through the stores for the latest novelties and newest ideas in millinery. Mr. Marr is always up to the season's styles, and he finds that bringing a first-class New York milliner to the provinces meets with the success his enterprise merits. His milliner returns from New York the 1st. of September and his patrons may rely on something novel, pretty, and stylish from the fashion centre of America.