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## HE DID NOT SALUTE HIM.

OFFICER BURKE WAS TOO DULL TO SEE HIS CHIEF.

And the latter asked for his resignation—Indignant Aldermen Call Him to Order And Pass Strong Resolutions in Earnest. The City Will Ask For a Change.

Gilson and Burke are no longer on the police force.

Both of them, it was stated, "handed in their resignations."

That was the "official" bulletin and the public was expected to receive it as truth.

Part of it was correct but the men in question handed in their resignations because the chief asked them to.

The request was made of Gilson because a man named Cox came to town and made a charge against him, which if true, was sufficient to cause his dismissal. Whether Gilson did not care to wait for an investigation and the publicity attached to it or whether the charge was true is not stated but his "resignation" went in.

This was nearly ten days ago and the chief got the daily papers to make an announcement that the next man he wanted was a small giant—he must be nearly six feet tall weigh nearly 200 pounds and not over 27 years of age.

That narrowed down the list for applicants very considerably but why there should be any applicants at all was what puzzled the aldermen. When Sergeant Owens resigned special officer Johnson was promptly appointed and so far as dimensions go the requirements of the chief in comparison with his, provoke a smile. No fault could be found with the stature of special officer Rankine and his friends were confident that he would get the appointment.

But the programme of the chief could not be marked down for him in that fashion and a Milford stalwart, Sullivan by name, with plenty of height, circumference and averdupois was sworn in to take the place of Gilson.

This was in defiance of the resolution passed by the board of safety of which the chief was notified and in consequence there was a rumpus in the common council Thursday about the matter.

A good many of the aldermen "wanted to know" and the discussion that ensued was far from complimentary to the chief. Alderman Christie was especially severe in his remarks and there did not seem to be any objection to them on the part of the other aldermen. Altogether it was a bad

half hour for the chief of police. He declared it a scandalous thing that ratepayers of the city should be overlooked and a man appointed who had to pay a license in order to go upon the force. Moreover he expressed his opinion—and he is a medical man—that a good man five feet ten inches in height with other necessary qualifications was big enough for the force.

Every time the chief has appeared before the safety board or the council he has always been full of protestations of his

willingness to work in unison and harmony with the aldermen, still this is not the first occasion upon which he has shown them the discourtesy of ignoring their recommendations. It was said that because Johnson was placed upon the regular force after Sergeant Owens resigned, that there was a feeling in favor of the appointment of a catholic when Gilson resigned, still the feeling did not seem to be in the majority in the safety board, because the recommendation of that body was very distinct



MARGARET ANGLIN

PROGRESS presents to its readers this week a picture of Miss Margaret Anglin, the charming St. John actress who is this year Mansfield's leading woman and who is said to be the youngest and handsomest leading lady on the American stage. Miss Anglin's bright graceful work in Christopher jr., and The Mysterious Mr. Bugle here last spring will be well remembered and now the people of her native city, have cause to feel proud of her success as Roxane in Cyrano de Bergerac. In this character Miss Anglin has suddenly

risen to a conspicuous place among the leading players of America. It is only four years since she made her first appearance in New York in the play of Shandooah but since then she has played many parts her most important engagement being with James O'Neill and E. H. Sothern. In the latter company she once played the part of Lady Ursula in the Adventure of Lady Ursula, at only an hour's notice, with a charm and distinction prophetic of her present performance of Roxane.

## Where Will They Play?

HALIFAX, Dec. 15—There is serious trouble among the members of the Crescent A. A. club, and the split is of such a nature that unless it is soon patched up, there will be no hockey team this season. The whole trouble is over the rinks. Some of the members want to play in the old rink of which H. B. Clarke is the lessee, while others want to make the new rink which is under the management of John Mullane the home rink. Ever since the visit of the team to St. John last season there has been trouble brewing, and the members of the club and players on the team have not been getting along in harmony. There was a little unpleasantness occurred on the trip and the party who suffered then told some of his friends on his return that he would get square if it took him a whole year to do so and he has kept his word. It was also understood that there was an under hand attempt to freeze out the captain of last year's team, and not give him a chance among the chosen seven this year, but matters took a sudden change and now the majority of the members can see "through the whole scheme. As is customary a committee was appointed to select the team, and also make the best possible arrangements for a successful season both financially and otherwise. The committee held a meeting and considered the tenders that were submitted by the lessees of the two rinks. Clark offered a greater percentage than did his rival, and on this ground many were disposed to favor his tender. On the other hand Mullane had treated the team fairly well last year, and several of the committee thought it would be unfair to go back on him now. As there was a difference of opinion, it was decided to test the matter by a vote. There were just nine present, and the vote

stood four to four, and the chairman gave his casting vote in favor of Clark's tender. The chairman was J. Scriven, and the others who voted for the above tender were Graham, Bishop, Rbuler and Glassey. It was generally understood that the Crescent Club as a whole would endorse the decision reached by the committee, but such was not the case. Clarke was notified that his tender had been accepted, but it was not official. It was also publicly announced that the team would play in the old rink, but it will not, as later developments will show. The matter has again been opened up, and from the present indications, two teams may be formed from the club. The committee met again, to reconsider its former action, and as a result several of the members changed their minds, and decided to make the north end rink their home rink, during the hockey season. This sudden change fell like a bomb shell upon the other members who favored Clark's tender, and they are very much displeased, in fact so much so that they are about to resign from the club. They claim that the action taken was both ungentlemanly and unbusiness like, after Mr. Clarke had been notified of the acceptance of his tender, and that in the face of that they could no longer remain with the club. Those who are resigning have been connected with the club for years, and both Scriven and Glassey are officers. Mullane the captain of the last year's team will not play with this year's team unless the new rink is positively made the home rink. The difficulty has not yet been settled, and it is doubtful if it will be. It is also stated that some further changes will take place in the personal of the team, and more trouble is anticipated.

and certain. Alderman Maxwell made the statement at the meeting of the council that Burke did not hand in his resignation in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but that the chief asked him to do so, and refused the man any reason for his action. Since then it has been discovered that Burke was asked to resign because the chief thought he was "too dull," and the question arose as to whether his "dullness" was not attributed to the fact that upon one occasion when the chief was on the opposite side of the street, the officer did not see him and salute him. The aldermen did not confine this statement to Burke alone, but said that it was equally true of other officers. This brought forth indignant remarks from many of the aldermen, and the chairman of the treasury made the important motion that the Bills and By-Laws Committee prepare a resolution amending the union act and vesting the appointment of the chief in the council of St. John. This met with such approval that it passed after a slight discussion, though the mayor and Alderman-at-Large Purdy did not appear to approve exactly of the proposition.

### Wanted to Raise the Wind.

One gets a fair idea of the sharp look out the saloon men have to keep for the interdiction when the act of one Daen one evening this week is explained. Without being "on the list" he represented that he was, and after getting a drink demanded two dollars of Thomas Haley instead of making a report. He struck the wrong man. Instead of paying up Haley followed him with an officer and caught him. He tried the same game on Mr. Cronin but the latter could not see why he should be blackmailed in that fashion. So Daen is behind the bars and the charge of obtaining money under false pretences is against him. In the meantime the saloon men are looking over their lists and guessing when the next "unknown" will come along and try the same game.

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## DON'T LIKE ALDERMEN.

MAGISTRATE RITCHIE GETS A CHANCE AT ONE AGAIN.

And Alderman A. W. Macrae Returns the Compliment at the Council Meeting the Same Afternoon— They Wait Returns Promptly.

The magistrate does not seem to have the highest opinion of the aldermen of the city—as such.

He and Alderman Macrae had a sharp tiff in the city court room on Thursday and he referred to the latter as an alderman though he was before him simply as a barrister.

The facts in brief are that Mr. Macrae and Mr. Mullin went before the magistrate awaiting a decision in a case that had been going on for some time and the magistrate seemed to be very much in doubt. First he was disposed to favor Mr. Macrae and said if he would take the risk he would give judgment in his favor. Mr. Macrae was willing and then when Mr. Mullin protested against the reason that the magistrate gave for making such a decision Mr. Macrae was told he could withdraw the case or submit to a non suit. He was naturally astonished at this change and told the magistrate that he thought it was unfair. Then in the words of the reporter the magistrate said "I consider your statement impertinent and though you are an alderman I have a good mind to commit you for contempt".

Mr. Macrae attempted to make some answer to this but the magistrate interrupted him, refusing to listen and ordered him from the court.

The lawyer retired in good order after a courteous salutation to the court.

Now comes the sequel. Mr. Macrae is an alderman and a very aggressive one when he takes the notion. There was to be a meeting of the council that afternoon and he found out from the chamberlain just how the magistrate stood with the city in regard to the remittance of fines &c. collected in the police court. He must have discovered that the receipts for the month of November were not handed in because he moved a resolution that afternoon instructing the chamberlain to take the necessary steps to compel payment.

The union act leaves no doubt on this question for it says that the money must be paid right over after the first of the month to the chamberlain and it would appear that the returns for November were not in on December 15.

That is nothing new as far as the readers of PROGRESS are concerned because some time ago when the magistrate took issue with the council on the appointment of an officer to the mayor's office the question came up but nothing definite was done about it. Now, however, resolutions have not only been passed calling upon the magistrate to be prompt but the council seeks to add to the law that it as well as the government may impose a penalty if the magistrate does not do so.

This seems to be but the beginning of a strong attempt that will be made to keep the officials appointed by the government to the line. The council seems to have much trouble with the officials who are not responsible to them. There is but little division of opinion regarding the appointment of the chief of police, the great majority feeling that it should rest with the city. There are some who imagine that if that was the case the aldermen would be pestered all the time for police court favors. That is an absurd idea. If they had the right sort of a man no favor that cannot be obtained now would be obtained then. This idea has been industriously boomed by the supporters of the chief who do not want to see him come under the sole control of the people who pay him.

The fact that he ignores the suggestions and recommendations of the aldermen sometimes leads to resolutions that are necessary to remind him that although he may appoint as many new men as he pleases the council regulates the number they will pay and the amount they shall give them. This led to the resolution moved by Alderman Maxwell and passed by the council which practically ties the hands of the chief so far as new men are concerned, and makes the appointment of Sullivan null and void unless the Milford man wants to work for nothing.

As the chief wants a good sized force he won't be so ready to ask for resignations and the days of Officers Boyle and McDonald may yet be prolonged. Surely it was a curt Christmas box for them to ask for their resignations. Did the chief at the same time intimate to them that he would hand over their share of the police fund?

### Will You Observe Sunday or Monday?

Many people are going to eat their Christmas dinner on Sunday this year and many others will observe Monday but whether Sunday or Monday the splendid beef and turkey in Thomas Dean's stall in the country market will appear on hundreds of boards.

## Who Stole The Rum?

HALIFAX, Dec. 14—Who stole the rum? That is what Mr. Hesslein, R. A. McDonald, Dillon Bros. and several other dealers would like to find out at the present time, and no doubt if they did, they would in all probability make it interesting for some one. Large quantities of liquor of various kinds have been stored for quite a long time in the government bonded warehouse on Corbett's wharf, and up to last week everything was found to be O. K. there. The startling discovery however was made the other day, that someone had been tampering with the liquor in the various packages. First it was found that several bottles of gin had been removed from the cases which were the property of McDonald. Who ever took it must have been an expert at the business as he completely covered up his tracks, so as not to leave the slightest clue for either the custom officials or the police to work upon. This discovery was only a mild one when compared with the developments that followed a short time after. Some of the merchants are in the habit of importing large quantities of liquor at one time, and leaving it in the bonded warehouses to mature. They only remove the casks or cases as they require them, and consequently there is always more or less in the warehouses. On the day referred to one of the government gaugers was sent down to the warehouses to test some rum there that was the property of Mr. Hesslein and to his surprise he found that there had been some person there testing it before him. Something was radically wrong with this cask of rum, and a hasty and more closer examination of the contents were made, but the result was the same in both cases. It was soon seen that someone had been getting free rum by some unexplained means, and good rum

at that. The rum in this cask was supposed to be 40 per cent over proof but the best it would go on the gauger's test was three under. This was not the only cask that had been tampered with, but not to such an extent as the first mentioned. There was a peculiar taste about this rum, so say those who sampled it. It was salted, and the brine was very strong. The person who had extracted the rum from the casks went to all the trouble of procuring salt water, and emptying it into the casks in equal quantities for the rum that was taken. Perhaps he thought that a fair exchange was no robbery, but there was a slight difference, not in quantity, but in quality.

There is a customs officer always on duty at the warehouse in the day time, and the keys are kept by him. No one has access to the place or any communication with it, except those whose duty it is to be there. Up to the present time no clue has been obtained that would lead to the arrest of the guilty persons, but some information was secured which will in all probability be of much value to those who are handling the case. It is understood that an entrance was gained to the warehouse through a tunnel or subway that runs from beneath the wharf up to it. When the tide is low it is not very difficult to walk under the upper part of the wharf, and the rungs of the stairs made their way into the building, by raising the flooring or some planks. After making the haul, they would always carefully replace the boards again, and leave the place unnoticed. So far the customs authorities are unable to state the exact amount of liquor taken, but it is estimated that in value it will not fall far short of \$1000. The whole affair is a deep mystery and has caused considerable talk throughout the city.