

## WHO OWNED THE TICKET

A LOTTERY TICKET WORTH \$15,000 GOES ASTRAY.

But the Former Holders of It Have a Good Idea Where It is—The Man Who is Supposed to Hold It is Now in the States—He Made a Rich Exchange.

The well defined rumor that a prize of \$15,000 from the Honduras lottery had come to St. John this month has occasioned more talk about town than even the visit of Lord Hershell and the incidents connected with his reception.

Strange as it may seem and contrary to the law as it is there is quite a sale of lottery tickets in this city every month. They are not sold openly but it is well known that they can be had and in whatever quantities they are required.

The curious part of this story is what followed after the winning numbers became known. It seems, according to the current story, that one man who was interested in the drawing found out the winning numbers sooner than the others and that he knew in some way that one of them was sold in St. John. He may have found it out from the local agent but however he did find it out he soon located the holder of the ticket and went to see him.

It turned out that the gentleman was busy in his store and when approached with an offer of \$1.50 each for the tickets he said he did not have time to discuss the matter but after telling his caller that he was only one of a company of five who bought the tickets he left them in his hand and waited on his customer. When he had time to attend to his caller he was returned as he supposed the same five tickets as he had handed him. He did not compare them with the list of numbers in his pocket but took it for granted that the same five tickets he handed him were returned. But now he maintains that they were not for a short time afterward when the list of winning members arrived and he began to compare the numbers with one of his "syndicate" he discovered a strange ticket in his lot and the absence of the winner.

That same night the man who called on him in the morning took the train for Boston or New York but before he went he told a few of his friends that he had the winning ticket and it is even asserted that he told them how he got it. This however may well be doubted for he would not likely be so foolish as that. It certainly appears strange, however, that he should offer to buy the tickets in the morning at a premium of fifty cents each and in the afternoon start for Boston with the winning number.

When the syndicate found out how they had been imposed upon their anger knew no bounds. But what could they do was the question. They telegraphed to Boston trying to head off the party who had duped them but they had little faith in being successful. The knowledge that even their purchase of the tickets was a crime in Canada may have prevented them from taking more active steps. Each of them had a list of the numbers of the tickets they purchased and when they compared them with the tickets they had and found the one worth \$15,000 missing they felt pretty blue.

The Honduras lottery is the concern that formerly thrived in New Orleans under the name and style of the Louisiana State Lottery. It was driven out of the United States and the privileges of the mails and the express companies taken from them. In those days when the lottery was in full blast St. John men were liberal patrons of the fickle jade, Chance, and thousands of dollars found their way from this city to the south. Some good prizes came this way too. One of \$15,000 fell to the lot of a clerk in the Bank of New Brunswick named Foster. He wished two clerks who also had tickets to agree that they should divide the winnings of any ticket but they refused and each of them lost \$5,000 by their act. Quite different from this was the verbal contract made between a well known employe in the Royal hotel and a Charlotte street jeweller who agreed laughingly to "divy" whoever won. The former won \$2,500 and when he got his money he walked into the shop of his friend and placed his half less the collection commission on the counter!

A representation of a safe manufacturing concern was once lucky enough to draw \$2,500 by the expenditure of \$1. and many people remember the big prizes drawn at different times by two newspaper

men, one of them living in St. John and the other in Halifax.

The other side of the story is not so pleasant. A gentleman talking to PROGRESS showed a cigar box full of old tickets that never drew a cent. "So much for nothing" he said.

G. Herbert Lee, who made such a sudden exit from St. John used to buy \$50 worth of tickets a month and he never drew more than \$25 altogether in prize money. "I have bought them for years" said another man "and never won a cent. Still I keep on buying them, I don't know for what reason but—in hopes I suppose," he said laughing.

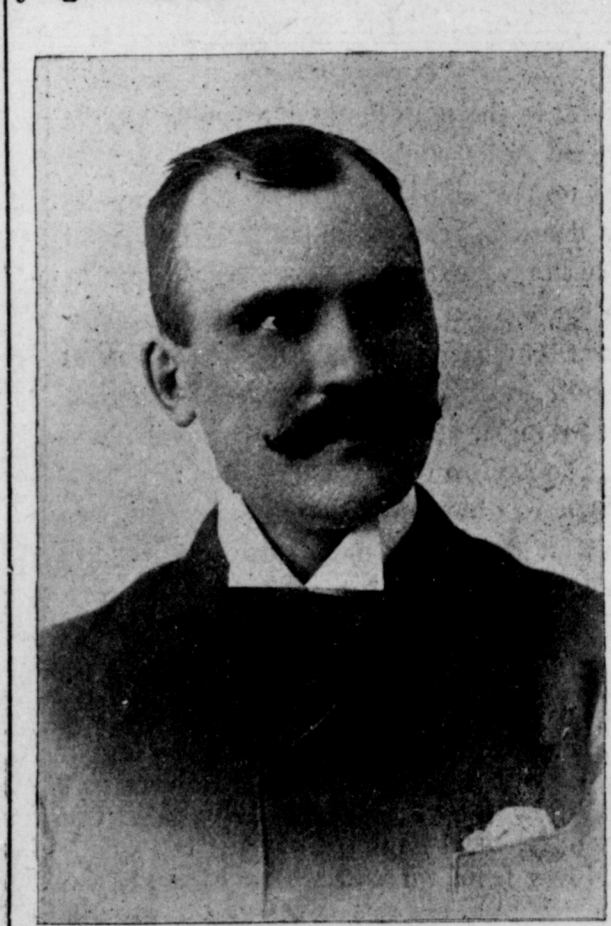
**MR. O'LEARY KNOWS HARDING.**  
The Guileless Young Man Still Causes Some Trouble.

Mr. Wm. Harding, the young man that gave Officer Burchill such a job to arrest him who weighs 160 pounds and stands nearly six feet in his stockings, is at large again. The police magistrate sentenced him to 30 days, but he only kept him long enough in jail to give evidence against the four liquor dealers, who thought Harding was a man, and found out to their sorrow and to the extent of a \$10 fine each that he will not be recognized as such until the spring of 1901. There are sixty or seventy other people in the business, and perhaps more, who would like to have a photograph of Harding in order to know him when he comes into their place. T. O'Leary found him out sooner than the others, for some time before the recent fines were imposed, Harding gave information to the police to the effect that he was a minor and had obtained liquor in O'Leary's saloon; but the facts of the case were such that the magistrate did not fine Mr. O'Leary, but it cost the latter \$10 for legal service's just the same.

**WILL FIGHT IT TO THE END.**

Mr. Bell Does Not Propose to Be Divorced At Once.

Mr. A. H. Bell, the defendant in the Bell vs. Bell divorce case, now before the court was in town this week. He does not propose to allow his wife to have her freedom without a fight and he is seeking now to bring forward evidence to show that her standard of conduct during married life was not what it should have been. For this purpose a commission will take the evidence of a former clerk of a hotel in Calais. The judge would rather have the witness before



MR. ADAM H. BELL.

him but as that did not appear to be possible representatives of the court will go to the witness.

This case comes up again in Fredericton on the 25th and the evidence of the principal parties will then be given. As the charges and the counter charges are not few in number the testimony will likely be interesting.

The portrait of the defendant that appears in this article shows him as he looked with a moustache. He has dispensed with that adornment to his face since the photograph was taken.

**They Ate the Ministers Dinner.**

Two newspaper men, who went up to Queen's County last week to report the speech of Hon. Mr. Blair, had rather a pleasant experience at the outset. They left on the early morning train from St. John and expected along with others that the special of the minister of railways would leave Norton for Cody's Station at the same time as the regular train. But the special did not arrive, and the representatives of the press pursued their way, satisfied at least that they were in good

time in advance of the minister and his delegates from this city. They were pretty hungry when they arrived at the station and their natural enquiry was for something to eat, and where to get it. The man they asked happened to be the ex-member of the county, Mr. Thos. Hetherington, who after stating where they might satisfy their appetites, thought they could not do better than to drive to his residence and take dinner with him. It happened that Mr. Hetherington had provided the best in the land for Mr.

## DEAD MAN IN THE HOUSE

THE CHIEF OF POLICE GETS A RUDE SURPRISE.

An Escaped Thief Gave the Information That led to the Warrant Being Issued Against Mrs. Melvin—She paid One Hundred Dollars.

No doubt if the chief of police had known that there was a dead man in the road house of Mrs. Melvin he would have postponed the visit he made to her one evening this week. But as it was he went and

## Park Managers After Partridge.



"All I Want is Ma Chickens, Ma Lovely Chickens."

Blair and his party, whom he had expected to arrive in time for dinner, but as they did not come he had the greatest pleasure in the world in entertaining the newspaper men. It is not necessary to state that they enjoyed the dinner and it may be imagined that they had a little merriment on the side at the idea that they were demolishing what had been prepared for the hero of the occasion.

**A SURPRISE PARTY TO THEM.**  
Ald. McGoldrick and Mr. John Connor Have Something to Say.

There were two surprised men in town last Tuesday morning, when the report of the liberal meeting appeared in the Sun, and emphasized the fact that Mr. John Connor and Alderman McGoldrick had a good deal more influence with the minister of railways than the leading members of the Young Liberal Club, or even the representatives of the city and country. The gentlemen in question, and more particularly the alderman from Stanley Ward, did not feel honoured at having such greatness so unexpectedly and so obtrusively thrust upon them. In fact, they did not appear to wish to shoulder the responsibility of the recommendations that have been made recently to the minister of railways.

Alderman McGoldrick told PROGRESS that, while he had been a supporter of Premier Blair in New Brunswick politics, he belonged to the conservative party, and did not pretend at the present time, either to advise that gentleman as to what appointments he should make, or to solicit favors from him in his capacity as a member of the administration and the head of a great spending department. In regard to his recommendations to Mr. Duncan, he stated emphatically that he had never asked Mr. Duncan to give any man a job since the liberals came in power nor had he asked such favors of the railway department.

Mr. Connor was quite as much surprised as his former aldermanic colleague from Stanley. He has only been in the city a few days and proposed to leave again in a short time for the west, and to have such accusations brought against him as being a supporter and adviser of the liberal party was not, to his mind, the most agreeable of the greetings he has received since he returned to the city. Mr. Connor, like Alderman McGoldrick, was a friend and supporter of Mr. Blair in local politics, but like many other supporters of the provincial government he is conservative in Dominion affairs. PROGRESS had a talk with both gentlemen and they did not hesitate to express their views in a most emphatic way.

took enough officers with him to surround the house and capture all who happened to be there. But the usual occupants of the house were in the city. When death entered the house they went out and came to the city. So the police did not find anyone to arrest but the landlady herself and she paid \$100 to get out of the scrape.

The young man, Fox, who stole \$60 from his boarding house at Mispec seems to be the cause of the activity of the police towards this particular house. It seems that when he was trying to escape, he went to Mrs. Melvin's and was not very long in spending the greater portion of the amount he had stolen. He was arrested in Moncton and brought back to the city on the charge of theft, was imprisoned for a time, and the other day, to the astonishment of the public, was let go. His poor mother had sold her cow, and parted with a lot of other stuff, that she could ill afford to sell, to raise the \$60 that her son had stolen. When, after she had done this, his theft appeared to be no crime and the authorities let him go. It is to be hoped that there was no bartering made for his release, but it certainly looks queer, though no doubt it was just enough to see how willing he was to lay information against the people who harbored him in his flight. Fox is not the sort of a man, if all the stories that are told about him are true, to be at large in the community.

How curious it must appear to any strangers who have an interest in our local affairs to see a man in the county of St. John, who has stolen \$60 from his landlady, walking the streets and to read that another man in the county of Kings, who stole a bee-hive from his neighbor, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

## THE FUSS IN HALIFAX HOSPITAL.

Some Aldermen who are Eager for an Investigation.

HALIFAX, Oct. 20.—The death of the little girl Bertha Keating at the infectious diseases hospital, and the investigations that have been held by the board of health in connection therewith have aroused an endless amount of public feeling, and it is justly so. Gross carelessness and culpable negligence on the part of the board, and also the officials at the hospital has been established, and the end of the matter has not yet been brought about. Many blame the matron of the institution for her harsh treatment of Mrs. Keating on night

of the child's coming and her inhumanity in not allowing the mother to remain with her little one, but the blame should not be placed on her shoulders alone as there are others who should share a portion of it. In the first place the chairman of the board should never have ordered the child to be removed there at 11 o'clock at night, and secondly, when he did he should have made some arrangements for the reception of the mother. The board of health however has been a source of worry and trouble since its inception some years ago, and many unsuccessful attempts have been made to abolish it but all to no avail. The members composing the board seem to have many influential friends who always stand to their back when any trouble arises; and this is mainly the reason that it in existence at the present time. For all the good that it accomplishes, it might just as well have been done away with long ago. In the present case both the chairman of the board and Dr. Trueman the city medical officer have been very delinquent in their duty, and the general expression of opinion is that some one has blundered. The matter was before the city council a week ago last Thursday and at that time some of the aldermen took up the defence of the keeper and matron, and strongly objected to their dismissal. The three objectors managed to stay judgement for the time being. Ald. Martin, one of the three, promised to open the eyes of his brother aldermen with some information that he said he possessed about the institution, but when the special meeting of the council was held on Monday afternoon for dealing with this special purpose he sat unconcernedly in his seat, and did not even make the slightest effort to place his information before that body. Ald. O'Donnell was another objector but he did not help the cause any, as people pay very little attention to what he has to say on matters of such importance as this. The only one out of the trio who made a stand was Ald. Hawkins. Of course everyone knew what he was working for. It was a personal matter with him. He wanted to get back at the board for that famous "smoke test" decision that was given against him, and it was a grand opening for him. He spread himself on the case when the opportunity offered. He sailed in for the board of health and laid particular stress on the actions of Doctors Jones and Trueman. He publicly charged that they were criminally responsible for the child's death and that proceedings should be taken against both of them. There appears from all accounts to be a good deal of truth in what he says, and before the affair is brought to a close he will no doubt throw some more light on the matter. The city medical officer appears to do pretty much as he pleases in all cases and no one seems to be able to bring him to account for his actions. The board has an inclination to hush the matter up, and dispose of it as quietly as possible. It wants to run the whole show, and not be interfered with in any way by the members of the city council or others. There is something behind the whole matter that they do not wish to get out, and up to the present time no one has been able to fathom the mystery. It has been hinted that females have been sent to the hospital for other treatment than that of infectious disease. What foundation there is for this statement has not yet been made public. The public however has been satisfied for the present by the dismissal of the keeper and nurse of the hospital, but there are others who are not satisfied to let the matter drop there. They want further information, and they vow they are going to have it too. Only two aldermen out of the whole council skirted the vote. They conveniently found it necessary to inspect some gold mining property outside of the city. Further developments are awaited with interest, by all.

## Mayor Sears Was Surprised.

Some of Mayor Sears particular friends or opponents made quite a little talk about a sentence that appeared upon a programme a "Trip to Coontown," which represented His Worship as giving very hearty and unstinted praise to the performance which he attended at Halifax recommending all his friends in this city to patronize it when it came to St. John. The Mayor was amused and yet annoyed when he saw what use had been made of a complimentary remark he had addressed to the manager of the company, and he told PROGRESS that, not only he did not use the words attributed to him in the recommendation, but that he had no idea that his courteous reference made to the manager of the company would be exaggerated and represented as an endorsement from him in his official capacity.