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THAT POLICE FUND.

The reference was made a few weeks ago to the fund raised by the policemen some time ago was not an idle one. The men upon the force—especially those who were active in matter wish to know where the money is, how much the principal and interest amount to and then some plan may be formulated for the disposition of it. If the money is deposited in the name of the chief that gentleman should tell the men how much there is of it and in what bank it is. If it is held by trustees that they should make a report. Silence upon such a matter is liable to lead to suspicion and misconception and it is as much due to the chief as to his men that there should be an explanation. More than that the public are interested. Some subscribed to the fund direct, others helped to increase it by a generous purchase of tickets that were not required. It is due to the public that there should be some report.

ONE KIND OF INDEPENDENCE.

The independent man is not the pleasantest of God's creatures. You admire him perhaps because you are fain to admire what is strong, and he certainly is that; but you do not love him. He is a man who neither invites nor gives much sympathy; he will not enter into your heart, and he will not allow you to enter into his. His independence is shown in his solitariness. It is not that he is a Sybarite. On the contrary, he is very much of the world, but he uses the world merely for his own ends. His gospel is that Number One is the most important person in the world, and that all things are to be made to work together for his good. To do him justice, he quite expects you to hold the same views, for he neither counts on your support nor desires it. He will use you when he requires your help, but it will be compulsory, not voluntary, service that you give him. Sufficient unto himself, he, more than most men, rises superior to circumstances which he moulds and models to his own ends.

The difference between the independent and the dependent man is this—the dependent man recognises the existence of a corporate society, whether the small family or the large state, and he regulates his movements so that he shall not strike a jarring note in this society. If not his brother's keeper, he at least sees in himself his brother's colleague, and he will preface an act by the inquiry whether it is one that his duty to his brother will or will not allow. He recognises an obligation to his father and mother, and sees that there are times when he must sacrifice his own ends to the convenience of those with whom he associates. The independent man has a different code of existence. He wants a thing, and that is enough. A father cannot be allowed to be an obstacle to the attainment of an ambition, but must, if necessary, be sacrificed at once. Filial sentiments are pretty and, under certain conditions, natural, but they are only sentiments—intangible, unreal things, which cannot so much as be considered where personal advancement is at stake. The independent man will not, as he will put it, see his prospects ruined because his father is possessed of crochets. He will merely bid him "Good-bye" and go his way alone. In the same way friends are to be lightly brushed aside when they become obstacles. There is no heart-wrench in parting with them, because they have always been so lightly esteemed in comparison with the central idea of advancement. Friendship is a utilitarian thing, and if it fails in its usefulness it becomes at once valueless and to be disregarded.

The independent man desires your acquaintance because you are able to introduce him to some one it is necessary for him to know. So he uses you, and then thanks you, raises his hat, and passes on, taking care to repay your services so that he shall not be under an obligation. It is not to be supposed that the independent man is literally independent in the sense that he achieves all his ends single-handed. His art lies rather in organization, and in the adaptation of means to ends. He will not beg for any man's services; but he will just take them and use them with the same complacency and feeling of justification as he would the stepping stones across a brook. In short, to employ a vulgar-

ism, the independent man is determined to "get there," and he quietly and naturally makes use of whatsoever person or thing will help him to "get there."

It seems, then, that the independent man is very dependent, after all. Well, so he is in a sense—in his instruments. He cannot wash without water, or cook without fire, or live without food. And he cannot attain certain ends without another pair of hands, another pair of eyes, or another head. His independence does not consist in his making bricks without straw, but in the fact that he will get the straw, be it flesh or money, without direct recognizable assistance from others. If you wait for him to say, "Help me," you will find that your waiting will be a long one; but, if you are sufficiently observant, you will find one day that you have helped him almost unconsciously. Moreover, his prevailing characteristic is not that of pressing other hands into his service, but that of disregarding the interests—and shall we say the rights?—of other people in his own advancement. To put it roughly, he eliminates sentiment from his programme of life. He of course recognises legal obligations, and those of well-defined etiquette. He would not willingly do an impolite act which would afford a reason for condemnation. But on more delicate ethical points he is an unblushing egotist, and it would not occur to him to make a sacrifice because it would be to your advantage. He is a packet of selfishness—selfishness regulated by certain insistent social rules. In brief, independence in the sense in which we are regarding it may be taken as being almost synonymous with egotism, dependence with altruism.

Many of the heroes and heroines who helped the United States fight against the Spaniards went from Canada. One of them came back the other day in her coffin—Miss PHINNEY of Richibucto—the first victim of the Red Cross Society while on duty. Her afflicted relatives have the consolation of knowing that she died at her post while ministering to the sufferings of her fellow creatures.

Recorder SKINNER says that the council ceased to be a council when Mayor SEARS left the chair. The decision is, no doubt, correct but it does not excuse the mayor however, for vacating his post. To allow himself to be driven out of the chair by the language of Ald. CHRISTIE is an evidence of weakness that he had better not have exhibited.

The law and order league does not seem to have been such a necessity after all. The date for the meeting has come and gone and citizens proceed as usual undisturbed and unarrested.

Too Attractive for Him.

Why a well dressed and apparently well to do gentleman should cast himself from the rock at the falls into their swirling and fatal waters may always remain a mystery, for there is not one chance in a hundred that his body will be recovered. Nobody knew him he did not seem to know anybody. There is no resident of the city reported as missing so the inference is that some tourist has found that life was wearisome and the whirlpools of the falls too attractive to resist. If they possess such an element, visitors in the future will please be careful because, while the people here wish one of the chief scenic attractions of the city to be a sight for tourists they have no desire to see it used as a grave pool.

Since the above was written Mr. Thompson of the firm of Knox & Thompson Princess St., is reported missing.

Grateful for the Fog.

Dr. A. C. Smith of Everett, Mass., Eugene McCarthy of Boston and George Lowry are seeking comfort and recreation in this cool and moist climate. They have had so much sunshine in Boston that they are so grateful for our fog as the grass is for its dew. No one will deny them all they can take of it for St. John people are getting tired of it and somewhat weary of excusing it on the ground that it comes in to clean the tan off the cheeks of the tourists before they return home. Mr. Lowry and Mr. McCarthy are old St. John boys and they can give lots of welcome news of former associates who are now in the land of Uncle Sam. Dr. Smith has never been here before and he is compelled to return home tonight. During his brief stay he spent a day at Loch Lomond and saw a part of the river St. John beside making a host of friends.

Free—No Money Required.

The Gem Novelty Co. of Toronto, Ont., are offering great inducements to readers of this paper who have a little spare time. They are a reliable firm and have earned the reputation of doing exactly as they agree. See their advertisement on the eighth page.

MR. FORSYTH IS WANTED.

A BANKRUPT WHO HAS LIVED IN THE GREATEST STYLE

Since He Failed to Pay His Creditors—Now the Latter are After Him and His Lawyers With a Sharp Stick—Features of a Curious Case in the City of Halifax.

HALIFAX, August 16.—Where is George E. Forsyth? That is the question that is agitating his many creditors in this city, as they are particularly anxious at the present time, especially if he is within the jurisdiction of the province to learn his whereabouts. Some say he has gone away while others are loath to believe this. It was stated that he had gone on a visit to Germany to see some of his relatives, but since the statement was given out, this much wanted individual was seen late one evening last week at one of the prominent hotels on Hollis street. Forsyth some years ago carried on a successful wholesale grocery establishment on a large scale, and he also dealt somewhat extensively in gold mines, and other money making adventures. Every one in this city thought that he was a prosperous business man, and worth considerable money. A surprise came one day however, and it was on the 25th of July in 1892 when the bubble burst. His many creditors were startled on this bright summer's morning by the assignment of Mr. Forsyth to W. J. DeBlois. It fell like a thunder-bolt upon the ears of some of his many creditors to whom large sums of money were due, and then they set about to ascertain the cause of all the trouble. For the past six years they have been trying to find out what caused this financial crash, but up to the present time they have been unable to ascertain anything definite about it. After the matter had quieted down somewhat, the books of the firm were sold at auction, and were purchased by the law firm of Lyons & Tobin for something like the sum of \$100, and they have since been in their possession.

There were many thousands of dollars on the books, and some say that the purchasers made a big thing out of the speculation, but more reliable informants claim that the firm has not collected one dollar. The books were bought for a secret purpose they claim and that is the reason that no steps have been taken to collect any of the many accounts. Mr. Forsyth has since the assignment resided in a fine residence on Hollis street which is elegantly furnished, and he has enjoyed all the comforts of life. Some of the creditors did not understand how this all could be done by a bankrupt, and as they were always suspicious of the assignment they thought that it would be well to have the matter ventilated through the courts, so with this end in view they set to work to fathom out the mystery. The creditors who started in on this undertaking were Messrs Boak and Bennett, and Charles Smith of Sambro. Their first move was to employ legal gentlemen to fight their cause, and though the city is filled with legal lights, it was a somewhat difficult matter for them to obtain counsel. It seemed strange that so many of the leading lawyers were mixed up in the case. Either Mr. Forsyth or some one representing him retained half a dozen of the leading lawyers in this city to watch his interests in the various moves, and it is said that something like \$2,000 was spent as retainers. When the other law firms that were consulted by the creditors learned of this array of legal talent they were somewhat dubious about taking a hand in the matter, as they knew it was going to be an uphill fight. The creditors mentioned however retained a firm of young baristers, and with a tutor of many years experience they had the pluck to face the odds, and from what has transpired recently, it looks as if they were going to come out on top. The creditors above mentioned have tried hard to effect a settlement with the assignee but they were unsuccessful. Their solicitors took the matter into court and some weeks ago the law firm that purchased the books were ordered by one of the judges of the Supreme court to produce the books for examination. The firm in question paid not the slightest heed to the judge's command, so last week a climax was reached when the same judge again issued an order to have the books produced, and also for the appearance of the members of the firm and the clerks in the office.

The papers were issued on Wednesday last, and the matter was set down for a hearing in court on Friday. The purchasers of the books began to realize then that justice was not to be tampered with and the commands of the judge ignored, so on Thursday they were kept very busy in looking up the creditors and their solicitors to try and make a settlement of the matter out of the court. This they positively declined to do, and the matter came up in court on Friday. The members of the law firm were there, and so were the books. After

making an explanation to the court, and submitting the books for examination, the judge gave them a very severe lecture. He said it was all right this time, but not to do it again, so they thus go out of being contempt of court very easily. The costs of the motion were somewhere in the vicinity of \$200, and this was the reason that the firm were so anxious to have it settled before it got into court. It was a big knuckle down for them, but they had to do it, or put up with the consequences. The creditors have also applied to the court to have another person replace Mr. Dr. Blois. During the early part of this week the creditors obtained an order to bring Mr. Forsyth into court and Sheriff Archibald, armed with the authority, made a search of Mr. Forsyth's premises but he was nowhere to be found. The general impression is that things are badly mixed, and it will be some time before they are properly straightened out. Some of the creditors claim some person has made a lot of money out of the transaction, and those who are now pressing their claims are determined to ferret the matter to the bottom and are sparing no expense in doing so. Mr. Forsyth has not yet turned up, but when he does some interesting developments will surely follow.

An Exhibition Query.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—Can you give me some idea of who the active directors of our Exhibition association are? I have understood that Messrs. Alex. Macnamara, D. W. McCormick, and A. O. Skinner—gentlemen who interested themselves very much in the success of the show last and previous years are not assisting the management this year. Can you tell me who has taken their place? Also if Mr. W. W. Hubbard is engaged again? AN OLD EXHIBITOR.

Moncton, Aug. 16, 1898.

The term "active directors" would limit the last considerably. The president, Mr. Pitfield, is very active and Mr. James Reynolds always takes a considerable interest in the show, but the burden of the work of course falls on the secretary and manager Mr. Charles A. Everett who gets \$1,200 for his services in connection with the exhibition. His salary was raised \$200 this year. Mr. Hubbard is acting partly in the capacity of an exhibition representative.—[ED. PROGRESS.]

The Date of Renforth's Death.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—Can you tell me the year, day and date of that race of the Paris Crew in which Renforth died and oblige.

ONE INTERESTED.

FREDERICTON, August 15th, 1898.

That race was rowed on the Kennebecasis on Wednesday, August 23, 1871.—[ED. PROGRESS.]

(CONTINUED FROM EIGHTH PAGE.)

Miss C. W. McKay of Houlton is among the summer visitors at Windsor Hall. Mrs. J. E. Edwards and daughter Miss Kitty, have returned from a pleasant outing at the Bay Shore. Mrs. W. H. Steeves, who has returned from a month's visit to her parents at St. John. Mrs. Henry Jewett, wife of Dr. Jewett of Providence Rhode Island, and daughter are visiting Mrs. Jewett's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley. The Misses Bessie and Audrey Blair, daughters of the Minister of Railways have arrived in the city and are staying with their sister Mrs. R. Randolph. Prof. Bristowe has returned from his vacation trip to St. Andrews and points in Nova Scotia. Miss Carr of Woodstock, is visiting friends in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branscombe have returned home. Mrs. White of St. John is visiting her father Mr. Marvin Hart. Mrs. Charles Burpee of Sheffield has been spending a few days here the guest of Miss Martha Block. Mrs. Wm. Matherson of Waltham Mass is here visiting friends. Mrs. Agnew of St. John is here for a few days. Mrs. Allen Block has gone to Eastport to visit friends. CRICKET.

MONCTON.

Aug. 18.—Mrs. R. A. Borden's numerous friends heard with very deep regret last week of the sad death by drowning at New York for her nephew, Mr. Ernest Roach, son of Mr. Richard Roach of St. John. Mrs. Borden, who is spending the summer at Shediac Cape passed through Moncton on Friday on her way to Sussex where the interment took place. Miss Myrtle Fullerton of Point de Bute is spending a few days in town the guest of Miss Lodge a Central Methodist parsonage. Miss Stenhouse, daughter of Mr. James Stenhouse, manager of Woodside sugar refinery a Dartmouth, left town on Friday for Halifax where the rest of the family intend remaining very shortly. The Misses Wilson of Roxbury, Mass., sisters of Mrs. R. S. Crisp, are spending some weeks in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crisp at Wesley Memorial parsonage. Miss Harris, daughter of Mr. C. P. Harris, who has been at school in Brighton, England, for the past year, returned home last evening. Mrs. James Muirhall of Vancouver, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton of Bonaccord street. Mrs. Muirhall is accompanied by her two children. The many friends of Mr. James McAllister will be glad to hear that he has almost completely recovered from his recent illness. Miss McMillan of Providence, Rhode Island, is spending a few weeks in town the guest of her aunt Mrs. Z. Lockhart, of Botsford street. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marr of Markham, Ont., who have been spending some ten days in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Marr left town on Monday, for Halifax where they intend visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Marr. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marr of this city. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Oulton are being congratulated upon the arrival of a little daughter at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Archibald of Boston who

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have been visiting Mrs. Z. Lockhart of Botsford street, left yesterday for St. John where they take the boat for Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mitchell left town yesterday morning for Cape Breton, where they intend spending a few weeks' holidays.

Mrs. John Campbell is spending a few weeks at St. Andrews visiting friends.

Mrs. and Miss Basten of Newark, N. J. are spending a few days in town the guests of Mrs. Basten's sister Mrs. William Brown of Archibald Street.

Mr. William Lyons brother of Mr. John Lyons of this city and a member of the well known law firm of Lyons and Tobin of Halifax paid a short visit to Moncton last week.

Mrs. A. E. Frites, of Salisbury is visiting her sister Mrs. C. S. McCarthy of Weldon Street.

Rev. N. B. Hinson, accompanied by Mrs. Hinson and her mother Mrs. Wadsworth of Montreal left town on Friday for P. E. Island to spend a week.

Mrs. C. D. Thomson and children left on Thursday for P. E. Island to spend some weeks with relatives.

Miss Nina McSweeney who has been spending the past few weeks with friends in Nova Scotia, returned home last week.

Mrs. I. G. Phelan of Springfield, is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marr of Botsford street.

Mrs. J. J. Walker and family who have been spending part of the summer on the shores of Bay Chaleur, returned home last week.

Mrs. F. J. Bolland left town on Thursday for Point Tupper, C. B., where she intends spending some weeks.

Miss Christina White returned last week from Amherst where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Lyman of Boston who has been visiting her sister Mrs. H. A. Peters of St. George street for the past few weeks delighted the congregation of St. George's church on Sunday evening with her delightful rendering of "There is a Green Hill Far Away" given as an offertory solo. Mrs. Lyman has a beautiful voice, and is most generous in using it for all good objects. IVAN.

WINDSOR.

Mrs. Dysdale gave a very pleasant tea on Tuesday for Mrs. Rutherford of Halifax; among the ladies present were Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Clarence Dimock Mrs. Duncamp Halifax Mrs. and Miss Christie Miss Nagles Miss Dermody New York Mrs. Kinnear, Miss Hind, Mrs. Norman Dimock. Prof. Kierstead accompanied by Mrs. Kierstead spent Sunday with Misses Bennett. Prof. Kierstead preached at the morning and evening service in the Baptist Church to a large and appreciative congregation.

There are to be two marriages in the near future; one will remove a very popular lady official.

Mr. Dermody of New York who has been visiting through Nova Scotia spent a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dimock; his daughter Miss Mon. Dermody accompanies him.

Mrs. Walsh of New York who has spent several summers at Clifton is again with us being one of the late arrivals at Fairfield.

The Methodist Sunday school picnic was held at Princes Lodge; a large number outside the Sunday school availed themselves of the chance of the day's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blanchard have returned from a pleasant trip round the south shore.

Mrs. Geo. Geldert is visiting with friends in Yarmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fraser of Halifax were in town for a day or two this week.

Miss Alice Lawson has returned from Bedford where she has been for the past few weeks.

Mr. T. B. Smith was in Halifax last week.

Mrs. E. J. Torey who has been in Windsor for some time, returned to her home in Freeport, Ill., on Wednesday. She was accompanied by her brother Mr. C. Bennett Shaw.

Mrs. W. D. Sutherland and family are spending a week with Prof. and Mrs. Butler at Blomidon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dimock and daughter are summering at Kingsport.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Black of Halifax are in town for a short visit.

Miss Harding who has been here for a few days, returned to Digby yesterday.

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