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## NOW SHE IS BRUCKOFF.

THE FAMOUS DIVORCE CASE OF BELL VS. BELL ENDED.

And Judge Vanwart Gives the Plaintiff her Liberty—She Regains her Maiden Name at the Same Time—A Summary of the Case—From Start to Finish.

Grace May Bruckhoff, the sometime Mrs. Adam H. Bell, is happy. She now walks again in maiden meditation, fancy free, untrammelled by the matrimonial chains which bound her for the space of six or seven years.

It isn't often that domestic bliss comes to so abrupt an ending, and then again in some cases it comes more quickly.

If the relatives of the fair plaintiff had had their way the Bell-Bruckhoff alliance would have been dissolved long ago, in fact never would have been made, for from the time Mr. Adam H. Bell, a man old enough to have known a good deal better, married the little school girl, there has been trouble. Just who has been most to blame is a much discussed question. Both Mr. Bell and his transient wife have their respective defenders. However, in matters of this kind it is only reasonable to suppose that there is fault on both sides. Mr. Bell is known to be a man of quick, fiery temper, and of a disposition little calculated to bear the caprices of an inexperienced unreasoning girl, while those who are intimately acquainted with the latter say she has a spirit of her own and is better able than most wives to take her own part.

As was quite natural she was fond of admiration and the attentions of gentlemen, and couldn't quite see why the wife was not free to receive as much of it as was the maiden. Grace knew a thing or two, but the knowledge which would enable her to retain a husband's regard does not seem to have been among them.

Story after story of the couple's domestic infelicity reached the public, and so when Mrs. Bell applied for a divorce from her husband on the ground of infidelity, nobody was greatly surprised.

For some time previous Mr. and Mrs. Bell had resided in St. Stephen. Rather



Grace May Bruckhoff.

Mr. Bell had—for his wife had made so many, and such lengthy visits to her old home in St. John that she can hardly be said to have ever lived there. It was during one of these visits that Mr. Bell is said to have strayed from the straight and narrow path in which a husband is supposed to walk. Perhaps he did, and then again perhaps he didn't.

The other person named was a domestic in the Bell household, one Gertrude Leaman, now Mrs. Rines of Boston, who gave evidence when the case came up last October. Several unpleasant things were brought to light at the time that did not reflect very creditably upon either of the parties.

Judge Vanwart did not regard it in that light so far as the fair plaintiff was concerned, and those in attendance at the trial then were quite prepared for the decision rendered Thursday, that of absolute divorce.

In summing up, the judge was not backward in saying just what he thought of the evidence brought forward by Mr. Bell at the October sitting of the court, and in plain language said he believed most of it to have been manufactured for the occasion and upon a subsequent examination he was more firmly convinced than ever that such was the case. He had every reason to believe that the evidence had been manufactured a few days before the court met; particularly did he believe this to be true in the case of the young man Barrett, who was foreman of Mr. Bell's cigar factory. The case for the plaintiff he intimat-

rested principally on the evidence of Mrs. Rines. His honor concluded as follows: "I find that the defendant is guilty of having committed adultery with Gertrude Leaman at the town of St. Stephen on the night of October 1st, 1897 and the order of the court is that the plaintiff will be divorced from the bond of matrimony and that the marriage between the plaintiff and defendant will be annulled and dissolved on the ground of adultery committed by defendant and it is further ordered that the defendant shall be deposed of his right to any tenancy by the courtesy of England, and it is ordered that the



Adam H. Bell.

defendant pay to plaintiff her costs of suit to be believed as between attorney and client. The registrar will allow for only one council on the trial."

Regarding the matter of costs his honor stated that while the wife was entitled to be supplied with suit money by her husband he did not think she had a right to employ as many counsel as she saw fit, and call upon her husband to pay them, so he would allow only cost to be taxed for one council.

Mr. Bell was in court throughout the proceedings and received the decree with a smile, and he was evidently among those who foresaw the Judge's decision.

### REPRESENTED AT A CARNIVAL.

A Halifax Alderman's Friends Honor Him in this Manner.

HALIFAX, March 9.—Every winter Halifax has its usual number of carnivals. This winter has been no exception. Many and various are the characters that are represented. Still none however, is that of an Alderman seen on the ice. But the carnival held recently marked an innovation in this respect. At this gathering not only was the character of an alderman represented, but what was still more decidedly new that of a city alderman.

The city father, who was fortunate enough to be so honored, hailed from ward IV. He is a character in himself. Of diminutive stature, of corpulent build, dressed in the latest fashion, he has a decidedly aristocratic appearance. The beautiful vacant stare in his countenance unmistakably discloses his identity. His saucy of expression and eloquence of language is unfortunately spoiled by a guttural enunciation.

An exemplary man he is ever ready to invectively oppose the granting of Liquor licenses. Another evil also receives a share of his attentions, he is very solicitous of the moral welfare of the youth of the city, being always favorable towards a crusade against the "houses" on the upper streets. In fact he is a moral reformer, a second Dr. Parkhurst. Again, the dry Sundays now experienced are attributed to his doings.

"A champion of the police force and of the laboring man," he frequently proclaims himself. Still he differs as to the relative merits of their work. The former he contends should receive \$6 per diem, while the latter would be well paid at \$2.

This gentleman, although regarded by his friends (?) as a "prince of good fellows" has his enemies in the council. This is probably because he is spoken of as a possible candidate for the Mayoralty, and petty jealousies would naturally arise over such matters.

Frequently passages-at-arms occur between him and other members of the council during a meeting, when language anything but parliamentary is indulged in.

However, his friends' animosity showed

itself last week, when he was impersonated at the carnival through their instrumentality. Their efforts in this regard met with a decided success, as many thought that the original was present, and surprise was mingled with amusement.

These aldermanic jokers, securing the services of an individual who worships at only two shrines: viz. that of Bacchus and Mammon, and whose countenance easily stamps him as a "bum", carried out their plans with grand effect.

Hustling their friend the "bummer" to a well known Tontorial Artist, they rid him of his unkempt beard and substituted "side lights" therefor. Next securing a "Prince Albert" made by an Ex Alderman and a hat and a new pair of boots being generously furnished by two other members of the council, their hiring was persuaded to roba. Presto! The transformation was startling, one half an hour ago a veritable tramp, now a prominent alderman.

After surveying the spectacle for a few minutes, they felt confident that their scheme would materialize, and giving their subject a \$10 bill, they bade him attend the carnival that evening.

Amid the glare of the many colored lights and the revelry of the lets a figure conspicuous in itself flitted to and fro among the crowd of skaters. Many exclamations following were plainly audible, "Why Ald. — is skating to-night." Still it was only that gentleman's counterpart, Some however stubbornly refused to believe that it was anybody else but the original: others less in'allible suggested that it might be his ghost or at least his double. Believers of the first theory advanced the argument that the speech was the same, and that an elevation of the chin and an upward roll of the eyes, as if the owner was a profound student of Astronomy, peculiar to the original, was manifest in this individual.

The impersonator skated and imitated the City Father throughout the whole evening, much to the amusement of his employers, who attended and enjoyed the fun immensely.

The "bum" who has the honor of impersonating an Alderman, having the enviable reputation of being the Champion of the Police force and the laboring element, and also a disciple of the renowned Parkhurst, all for a \$10 bill and a new outfit, is in danger of getting hurt, as the Alderman has heard of the incident and swears eternal vengeance on the perpetrator in the shape of a manual demolition of that person's firmament.

### The Brief Joy of Matrimony.

HALIFAX, Mar. 9.—In last week's issue PROGRESS referred to a young man, who so secretly married the cook in the South End, and took the boat to Boston to spend his honeymoon. Since that new facts have come to light concerning this precious pair.

It seems that after this cooing couple had landed in Boston a connubial squabble occurred in which the words "brute," "lazy good for nothing" were frequently used. When they had made up again, they spent money freely and lived in good style. Everything went well until the young man in question was approached by his better half on the question of work. This suggestion on her part nearly took his breath away. He boldly disclaimed any intention of such a movement in that direction. This annoyed his wife and she forcibly reminded him of his promise to toil, when they had reached the "land of the free." Matters became worse, and finally his bride declared that she was going home, that she was homesick and wished to see her people.

So she took the steamer Halifax. Before she left she furnished a six months supply of collars, shirts, etc., and also the tidy sum of \$100, as a slight token of her affection. She also kindly relaxed all other wearing apparel supplied by her. She arrived home Saturday evening.

### A Hint to William Mason.

PROGRESS has received a letter from "William Mason" in which the information given is important—if true. William, your spelling is so bad that it would lead one to think you could have made it worse if you had tried real hard. Suppose you go to the chief of police and present him with evidence of the charge you want to make in PROGRESS. Many thanks for your kindness, William.

Chairs Re-seated, Cane, Splint, Porcelain, Duval, 17 Waterloo Street.

## STOREY TO THE FRONT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT HIM TO BE MAYOR.

If His Requisition is Large Enough and There is no Third man He Will Come Against Mayor Sears—How Rapidly His Paper Was Signed.

There are two requisitions out encouraging opposition to Mayor Sears at the coming civic election. Both of them are for the same man, however, and his name is John K. Storey.

Mr. Storey is not unknown in St. John. In fact he has been for years a dry goods merchant on King street and a tenant of



HEDLEY V. EDGECOMBE.

A popular Frederictonian who died somewhat suddenly from pneumonia in Boston where he was pursuing his art studies.

the gentleman who now occupies the civic chair.

Some idea of his independence may be gathered from the fact that he is not tied to his landlord in any degree and is willing, if the citizens are anxious for his services, to devote his time and his ability to the work of chief magistrate.

So far as PROGRESS knows few if any canvasses can be made against Mr. Storey. He is a gentleman who has many friends in Ireland and on the occasions which he has visited them he has scorned the cares of business, closed the doors of his establishment and left his customers to await his return.

He has an abiding faith in his fellow townsmen and is ever ready to reciprocate their good opinion. When, last year, he was spoken of as a possible figure in the mayoralty contest the newspapers duly noted the fact and his relations in Ireland were intensely pleased at the honor that their good Canadian representative was receiving.

With the knowledge that Mr. Storey is a modest and unobtrusive man a delegation of citizens including shipping men, commercial travellers and gentlemen in other walks of life waited upon him last Saturday and entreated him to permit them to circulate a requisition among the "free and independent" electors requesting his acceptance of the civic chair. Mr. Storey did not lose his self possession. He listened to the smooth and pleasant persuasions of the shipping man and the vigorous arguments of those with him—and he consented.

Never in the history of St. John was a requisition so rapidly signed. In a very short time there were hundreds of names attached to the paper. Some of them were signed by their owners many of them by proxy but who outside of those in the secret was to know the difference!

Mr. Storey was pleased—why should he not be when the good opinion of his fellow townsmen was so generously displayed toward him and when his vigorous adherents reported their success to him he rewarded them and all who accompanied them by a most hospitable invitation.

During the week the requisition has not been in evidence and the inquiries for it have been frequent. But learning that one was being circulated a number of Mr. Storey's friends have offered to sign it and the document in his possession is one of which any citizen might well be proud. The signatures of bank managers, merchants and clerks can be seen there and if there

were only enough of them the home and foreign friends of Mr. Storey might well be gratified at the signal distinction conferred upon him.

### THE CIVIC SITUATION.

Who are and Who may be Candidates for Aldermanic Honors.

There are more aldermanic candidates talked of this week than "you can shake a sick at". No doubt some of the names mentioned are used without warrant and in that event it is not fair to discuss the chances of their race.

But since PROGRESS was published last week there have been a few names brought to the front. Perhaps the most notable of them is that of Ex-ald. Chas. W. MacLaughlin who for some time represented Queens at the council board. He thought that his chances for the mayoralty were good year before last and he offered for nomination. Unfortunately for him Mr. George Robertson wanted to remain for a fourth term and the present mayor Mr. Sears also had aspirations in the same direction. Mr. MacLaughlin pulled nearly a thousand votes but not enough to elect him. Since then he has been, a part of the time, an employe in the water and sewerage department.

Capt. Keast of Lorne ward is said not to be unwilling to measure strength again with Alderman McMulkin. The latter seems to be secure in his position and to fear no foe. But Capt. Keast is better known this year than last. He has been giving some attention to public affairs and has expressed himself in vigorous fashion at the board of trade on many of the important subjects considered there. These things will not do him any harm in the event of his candidature.

Whether the gentlemen who proposed to give John A. Chesley another trial will carry out their intention or not remains to be seen. The support he counts upon is rather of an invisible nature and its assistance may not be so powerful as it is thought to be.

There is some talk of their being no opposition to Alderman McGoldrick. Mr. Helder who has opposed him twice was not anxious to do so last year and is not, it is said, eager to run another election this year. The representative for Stanley has been at the board fifteen years and his attention to the affairs of his department—police, fire, public buildings, etc.—of which he is chairman, is as good as that given by an alderman to the civic business.

In order to complete a "ticket" there may be opposition in Dufferin again. Mr. Brennan was the opponent of Alderman Millidge last year but he did not come so near winning as he did the year before.

In Kings the retirement of Alderman Hamm makes a new man necessary and the names of Col. Armstrong, Mr. C. E. Macmichael and W. C. R. Allan are all mentioned.

Any one of them would make a good alderman and would bring intelligence and ability to the civic board. Col. Armstrong is a strong conservative, Mr. Macmichael at the last dominion election was an independent and Mr. Allan is now a liberal.

Mr. A. W. Macrae and Mr. James Dunlap do not purpose to try conclusions again, so PROGRESS understands. The latter will not run again. Mr. Harris Allan is in that ward and there are some who think he would make a good representative. He would not care to run against Alderman Macrae and so he has turned his eyes upon the honor of alderman-at-large. There is one thing about Mr. Allan—defeat sits lightly upon him. He has offered again and again but success does not appear to crown his efforts in these later years.

To Alderman Robinson of Victoria, Maxwell o'Prince, White of Queens, and Waring of Sydney no opposition is spoken of as yet. Neither is there any definite information of opposition in Dakes and the west side representatives are not spoken of as opposed.

### Hockey Club's Colors.

All the hockey teams of the Maritime provinces have different colors and they display them in profusion when they visit any place. The Dufferin is the favorite resort of these young ice sprinters and as the teams have come to St. John and played their colors have been added as a part of the artistic decoration that adorns the bar of the hotel. The latest addition is the green and white of the Champion Shamrocks of Montreal and they are used in profusion. The visiting players are always gratified at seeing their colors displayed and take much interest in noting those of other clubs.