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## FUNNY CIVIC CONTEST.

### JOHN K. STOREY A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IN BARNST.

Some incidents in connection with filling of his paper—where the contest is and who stand a good chance of election—Six Aldermen at Large.

The civic nominations have been made and the contest has narrowed down to five competitors.

There are three candidates for the office of chief magistrate and there is of position in four wards while six candidates are in the field for aldermen at large. Only two of these can be elected and the most interesting question of the campaign is what two will get the most votes.

With considerable hesitancy and much trouble in spirit the merchant candidate and bird fancier, John K. Storey, acceded to the wishes of his many friends and filed his nomination on Tuesday. He was on the street early in the morning getting advice from his friends as to what his course should be. Some were very blunt in their remarks and plainly intimated to John K. that he wouldn't get a handful of votes and advised him to stay out of the contest. Of course he would not believe them and their advice, if anything, only strengthened him in his desire to run. He never failed to have a comforting word for his worship, Mayor Sears, when he met him on the street and even went so far as to induce a citizen whose vote he was sure of to sign his opponent's nomination. "But he is going to vote for me" says Storey.

Then some wag started the rumor that either Dr. Quigley or Count de Bury was to be nominated by their co-religionists for the office and Mr. Storey was much concerned. "Of course" he said "if that was the case he would not run because a large number of his friends came from that quarter." But, after some friend of Dr. Quigley's had given him a satisfactory denial of the rumor so far as he was concerned and he had seen the Count himself, Mr. Storey was once more reassured and went to his dinner in a calmer frame of mind. Then, in the afternoon he filed his nomination.

Mr. Wallace also filed his and some of the names found supporting him indicate that he will get many votes from his personal friends and from those, who, no doubt, wish to see a change in the mayoralty. His intimate friends and supporters are rather under the impression that there is some understanding between Mayor Sears and Mr. Storey but those who know them thoroughly are not inclined to this view. What Mr. Storey wanted of his landlord, Mr. Sears, has not been granted to

him yet. The vacant room above his store is desired by him for use as his apartments without increase of his present rent, \$8.00 and Mr. Sears cannot be induced to let him have the use of it. Mr. Storey thinks as he has paid his landlord some \$16.00 in 20 years for the use of his own store that some consideration should be shown him.

There was another candidate for mayor, Mr. Moulson, who is the acknowledged leader of the Knights of Pythias in the province. Mr. Moulson is popular with those who know him and his many years of business in St. John have brought him into contact with a large number of people. Up to about a year ago he was a partner with William Kankine, the grocer, and while he was in that business he was assessed on two or three thousand dollars worth of personal estate. That was more than sufficient to qualify him for the office

of mayor—in fact an assessment of \$1000 on personal or real property that is not encumbered is all that is necessary. But when Mr. Moulson found that the assessors continued to value his property at the same amount after he had retired from the firm very naturally and properly he went before that body and asked for a reduction. His valuation was reduced to \$300 and he was taxed upon that. In spite of this fact there were those who advised him that he was eligible to be a candidate and consequently he went to the Clerk's office to file his papers. The common clerk refused to receive them and for a time there was an animated discussion. Mr. Wardrop merely said he was acting under the law and could do nothing else. Mr. Moulson said he had obtained advice that the action of the assessors was illegal because he had not made a sworn statement to them. So the matter stood for a day or two until the good sense of Mr. Moulson and his friends convinced them that it would not be possible for him to run. There is no doubt but that he would have received a very handsome support that had he been in the field and no candidate would have had more energetic workers.

As the time approached four o'clock and the nomination of Mayor Sears was not filed his friends began to remember how he had only two or three minutes grace the year before and they wondered whether he might not make a mistake this year by putting it off too long. But he did not and the paper was received in time. His worship had not gone to the trouble of getting many names. He had the necessary three or four and that was all. It looks as if he was under the impression that the opposition to him is not strong and that he can be elected without any trouble. Many a man has made a mistake in this way and his worship may fall into the same error. There is a spirit of indifference abroad in regard to the mayoralty and many men are so careless about the result that they will not go to the polls at all. When it is considered that there is only opposition in four wards, one in the south end, King's ward, one in the North End, Landsdowne, and two in the West End, Guys, it can readily be imagined that the vote will not be a large one. There are several men in the present council who would not lift a finger to help the present mayor, in fact they may be counted to do what they can against him. So taking all things into consideration the vote on Tuesday may be a surprise, though at the present time the general impression is that Mayor Sears will secure his reelection.

How will it be with those aldermen who are opposed. Dr. Christie is again faced by his adversary of last year, Dr. Smith. The latter has been unfortunate in his election campaigns for on both occasions he has been unable to do any canvassing on account of illness. Dr. Christie does not do any because he thinks it is not necessary. The same spirit of independence seems to actuate him as Alderman Millidge which put tersely is, if the people don't want them to serve them, they don't want to serve the people.

Guys' ward has three candidates—the former alderman I. E. Smith, an ex-alderman, Enoch B. Colwell and Mr. C. E. Belyea, who was a candidate last year.

Progress has not last year's vote at hand but is under the impression that Smith had a considerable majority over Belyea. The scene has changed to some extent and some support that the alderman had last time has now changed over to Belyea. Again, Mr. Smith, while a member of the liberal party, made no friends in that section by his action in the school trustee appointment. He was not strong enough, moreover, in Carleton to give the government the vote they expected, and for these reasons there is not the same certainty of his election that there has been on previous occasions.

Mr. Colwell hopes to slip in between him and Belyea and some of the aldermen are supporting him but what that will amount to remains to be seen.

Mr. Watters comes out against Mr. Stackhouse. He is a new man and is not very generally known.

The most interesting ward contest on this side of the harbor will be that between W. C. Rufman Allan and Colonel Armstrong. They are candidates for the aldermanship of Kings ward while the former representative is in the field for alderman-at-large. Mr. Allan seems to be the favorite and there is not much doubt but that he will have support of many of the present board. He is better acquainted with them, meets them often both on the street and as a member of the board of school trustees and the hospital commission, both of which bodies are composed to a certain extent of city representatives. Again he is strong in Carleton and will poll a tremendous vote there. The colonel may get a large conservative vote but it is not thought that will offset the support Mr. Allan will get from the West side.

It was a surprise to many but not to some to note the retirement of Mr. Holder from Stanley ward, thus electing Ald. McGoldrick again by acclamation. Mr. Holder is a busy candidate and as this is the season for work he no doubt consulted his own interests when he kept out of the field. The friends of Ald. McGoldrick were glad to see him unopposed not because they doubted his election but because they thought him entitled to a term without a contest on this his sixteenth aldermanic year.

Capt. Keast, Ald. Hamm, Harris Allan, James Kelly, James Seaton and Thomas Kickham are seeking to be aldermen-at-large. Two of them can be elected. The candidates of the local government appear to be Kelly and Kickham, Keast and Seaton will be the vote of a large number and Hamm and Allan will get their share of support. There is an impression that Hamm will be selected anyway and the choice of a second man will be between the others. By the time PROGRESS appears again the new council will be chosen.

An Athlete and Contentionist.  
Rarely has St. John seen a better athlete than Eddie McLaughlin—better known as Eddie Marvelle—who is here with the California Burlesquers. Marvelle is one of the California trio and his speciality is contorting himself into all kinds of shapes. He seems to be without bones and in the performances this week did the most wonderful acts with perfect ease. Off the stage Mr. McLaughlin is a pleasant fellow to meet and talks modestly of his varied experience with the great stunts he has been with.



There'll Be Music In the Air. There'll Be Music Everywhere When I'm Elected Mayor. (From John K. Storey's Card.)

## REASON FOR A NEW LAW

### WHY THE CITY ASKS FOR FIXED ARBITRATORS' FEES.

The Notable Account of Arbitrators Chesley, Pugsley and Vroom in one Case—The Items in Detail and the Sum Total Plotted For Members' Information.

It is not much wonder that the city is tired and sick of arbitration bills and is eager to get a law passed that will in some way regulate them. Perhaps it is no surprise to find such gentlemen as Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Hazen opposing such legislation because if the law passes they will not be able in future to waste their time upon arbitrations.

The city however was led to this course by the character of the bills they received in the Jewett and Sutton arbitrations and for the work on the McCarthy and O'Regan claims. The legislators from the province may not have any idea how these accounts were made up but as the bill is to come before them PROGRESS reproduces the account that Messrs Chesley, Pugsley and Vroom rendered for their service in the Jewett, Sutton arbitration. This will surely convince them that the law should be changed. It should be mentioned that Mr. Chesley was the city arbitrator, Mr. Pugsley for Messrs Jewett and Sutton and Mr. Vroom was chosen as the third man. Here is the bill.

John A. Chesley:  
On being appointed arbitrator by the city, having received documents from the Board of Management bearing on the question at issue, examining same..... \$ 10.00  
Five attendances on Chairman of Board of Management prior to commencement of sittings—\$2.50 each—and consultation.... 12.50  
Three attendances on Superintendent of Water Works at his office—\$2.50 each... 7.50  
Two attendances on the Recorder and consultation with him—\$2.50 each..... 5.00  
The city having been notified of the appointment of Wm. Pugsley as arbitrator on behalf of Mr. Jewett and Mrs. Sutton: Three lengthy attendances and consultations between Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Chesley in reference to deciding on third arbitrator before agreeing on three different days—\$15 each..... 30.00  
Having decided on Mr. Wm. E. Vroom as third arbitrator, notifying him of his appointment..... 1.00  
Having received notice of Mr. Vroom's acceptance, attendance on him—\$2.50 each... 5.00  
John's account:  
Attendance on Robert Marshall, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, to be sworn in, and obtaining certificate of same—\$1.50 each... 4.50  
Notifying three counsel for parties to a stand on the 13th June, 1898, for commencement of proceedings..... 5.00  
About:  
June 11—Meeting to consider as to stenographer, and deciding to have Mr. Devine and notifying him to attend..... 5.00  
June 13—Meeting for organization, being attended by counsel, and counsel having decided on a postponement to the 22nd; consulting together after counsel left, as to the conduct of the proceedings—\$15 each..... 45.00  
June 22—Mr. Vroom and Mr. Chesley attending meeting of Board appointed for to-day—Mr. Pugsley having wired that he was detained at Campbellton—after considering matter it being decided to adjourn hearing until the 23rd. Mr. Devine having written the chairman that he was ill and unable to attend, considering as to appointing another stenographer and deciding on Mr. Ritten—\$15 each..... 30.00  
June 23—Hearing to-day at \$25 each..... 75.00  
June 24—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
June 25—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
June 27—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
June 28—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
July 4—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
July 5—Meeting and going to Prince Luke to view premises—\$25 each..... 75.00  
July 6—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
July 7—Hearing this evening—\$20 each... 60.00  
July 8—Hearing this evening—\$20 each... 60.00  
July 11—Hearing part of to-day—\$20 each... 60.00  
July 13—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
July 13—Hearing this evening—\$20 each... 60.00  
July 14—Hearing part of to-day—\$20 each... 60.00  
July 21—Hearing part of to-day—\$20 each... 60.00  
July 25—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
Aug. 17—Meeting to-day—adjournment by reason of Mr. Pugsley's absence at Campbellton—\$10 each..... 20.00  
Aug. 29—Meeting to-day, and adjournment at request of counsel..... 35.00  
Sept. 1—Meeting to-day, and adjournment at request of counsel..... 30.00  
Sept. 2—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
Sept. 5—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
Sept. 6—Hearing to-day—\$25 each..... 75.00  
Sept. 14—Hearing part of to-day—\$20 each..... 60.00  
Reading evidence at intervals during progress of hearing and in the evenings, extending over three months, there being a great deal of evidence, including fifty documents, and considering questions as to witnesses in connection with the sluice way and water rights, times, etc., estimated at ten days for each arbitrator, or thirty days in all—\$15 each per day.... 450.00  
Sept. 16—Meeting at Vroom & Arnold's office, considering as to award—taking considerable portion of day—\$15 each.... 45.00  
Sept. 22—Meeting at Vroom & Arnold's office, considering as to award—taking considerable portion of day—\$15 each.... 45.00  
Sept. 23—Considering and deciding and consultations with Recorder and Mr. Gu-

Table with 2 columns: Description of services and Amount. Total: \$2,366.60

NO MORE LICENSES WANTED.  
The Proposal to Issue More Meet With Much Opposition

The liquor license commission for the city of St. John want to issue more licenses. They have power to give 75 now besides those given to hotels and clubs and the liberal sprinkling of three months permits to sell.

They are anxious for more revenue, so it is said, though why they should concern themselves about the revenue is not apparent.

Everybody will agree that enough liquor licenses are issued in this city. The saloon men themselves say there are too many. The wholesale dealers who supply them agree with this view. They claim that many of those in the business do not make enough to pay their licenses and that when spring comes around they have to assist them to that end. It is well known that quite a number of dealers have gone out of the business because the trade is so cut up and on account of the excessive license.

The temperance people are agreed that if there must be licenses they should be reduced in number instead of increased. They are scattered all over the city now with the exception of Carleton where the people took a stand against them and they are going to object very vigorously against the proposition to issue more. But practically speaking the commission has been issuing about all the licenses they please.

It there is a new applicant he may get a full and complete license but some one of the 75 will have to be content with a partial. There is always some reason to be found for this course and so one more is added to the list.

But it is also said that there is a plan to increase the license fee. If this is true it is not easy to understand how more licenses can be issued. In brief, they will not be taken out.

There is a general belief among the smaller dealers that the license fee is a most unfair one. The man on Sheriff street, or the City road, can't understand why he should pay as much as the man who keeps on Prince William, or Charlotte or Union streets. These men reply that they are under a higher rent charge and that equalizes affairs but the dealer who is remote from the centre of population cannot see it in that light. That was one of the reasons why Charles Ward who keeps the one mile house wanted to have the county line changed. He gets no police or fire protection or light out there and his taxes are the same as those in town. It does seem unfair. Mrs. Bradley and others on the Old Westmoreland Road can make the same complaint so far as the license is concerned with almost equal justice.

### Cost of Civic Elections.

A candidate for alderman a year or two ago boasted that the entire expense of his election was \$260. Needless to say he stayed at home. From \$20 to \$50 is perhaps the average candidate's expenditure. If they advertise in all the papers the cost is greater. This year there isn't much advertising. Then their ballots will cost five or ten dollars; their ward books as much more and lunches, horse hire, and cigars on election day something more. One mayoralty candidate last year spent \$1,000, the other, probably half as much again. John K. Storey's outlay will not reach these figures. Some aldermen when elected by acclamation say that they have saved from one to two hundred—and their time, but then an alderman's time is not supposed to be worth anything.