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EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

Topics of Interest That are Talked About This Week—Many Timely Articles.

The people of Kings County are becoming somewhat keenly interested over the result of the recount. The decision of Judge Wedderburn that he could not consider any ballot that was not objected to when the ballots were being first counted was a surprise to many of the legal fraternity and the result of the application that will be heard this morning before Judge McLeod will be awaited with interest. The contention of the petitioner is that no ballot that was printed on paper without the water line is good, in fact that it is not a ballot at all. If this argument is held to be a good one there may be another election in Kings in a very short time.

SHE MADE HIM WAIT.

A Young Man Who Lingered in Vain at the Opera House Entrance.

The female portion of any good opera or theatre company visiting the city, usually receives considerable attention from the masters of the town, especially if the girls are "pretty to walk with and witty to talk with," which is generally the case, and the hearts of not a few of this sort are shattered or in some way affected, upon the departure of the troop, should the flirtation last that long. A case in which the pride at least if not the heart of a devotee received a severe blow, happened one night this week. The young man who not many weeks ago started up a business on Mill street, was waiting at the stage door, as he had done a number of nights, for a leading lady in the company, who is very pretty and a general favorite both off and on the stage.

The door opened and out tripped the little lady; seeing him she smiled, then turned back saying as she did so, "just wait a minute please." He did. But the minute was rather a long one, and some tardy members of the orchestra saw a man of the company walk quietly across the stage, to the Peter street entrance, followed closely by the girl on tip-toe. While the clever little actress was being safely conveyed to her boarding place on Coburg street, the enamoured attendant tried one foot and then the other, with a timorous sensation at his heart, much to the amusement of the few spectators who were "on to" the trick. But the patience of even a rubber man will wear out, and after a solitary vigil of an hour or so, the disappointed admirer departed uttering anathemas.

A Passenger's Joke.

Mr. Reginald Ritchie of Salmon River was one of the passengers to the old country on the steamer Megantic. The steamer did not arrive on time and her date of sailing was not known exactly. Mr. Ritchie expected that she would sail a day earlier than she did and consequently was on board in good time, went to his berth and to sleep. He had what he considered a good night's rest and in the morning came on deck and saw that the steamer was at the wharf and had no doubt whatever that she had arrived at Halifax. He asked one of the crew how long they expected to stay there, and received the reply that they would start shortly. Somewhat mystified by this he asked where they were. "Why we're at St. John, we haven't left there yet." The joke was such a good one that the passenger could not help telling it upon himself.

He Managed to Save His Own.

A King Square livery stable keeper, whose tardiness in paying up back rentals for his premises, caused the sheriff and a posse of constables to take charge on Tuesday evening last, must have been born beneath a lucky star, as, at the time the law stepped in and took possession, the proprietor just happened to be out driving with the best horse and "outrigger" owned by him. The sheriff had come in, while the proprietor was out, and had it not been for the kindly tip given, the stable keeper might have driven to the stables and into the clutches of the law with his best "rig." As it was he got the tip, and safely stabled his horse and carriage elsewhere.

There were other horses and carriages

in the stables and these together with all that happened to be there were confiscated to satisfy the claim which was one held by the Diocesan Synod. The seized horses belonged to country men

any more contests with which his wife is connected, for he finds it doesn't pay.

Removing the Snow.

The first fall of snow did not prove a very profitable affair for the city of St. John. Under the present arrangement with the street railway in regard to the removal of the "beautiful" from the streets, the snow haulers were hardly prepared to be called upon so early in the season and not many of them had their apparatus in readiness. Still the banks are beginning to disappear now and the

Mr. Sellar's Rough Words.

He Causes Much Indignation Among the Ladies and Gentlemen Who Took Part in Zephra.

Rev. George A. Sellar who made himself so conspicuous in his evidence before the Bathurst school question enquiry some five or six years ago, by his reference to the episcopal and roman catholic faith,

generally understood that the reverend gentleman intends to modify in some degree his words either from the pulpit or through the public press.

It is to be hoped that he will, as no citizen, be he methodist or otherwise, would like to believe that the divine intended their wives or daughters were abandoned women, or their sons and brothers saloon frequenters, gamblers, etc.

One gentleman, a good methodist in every sense of the word, said to the reporter of PROGRESS that Rev. Mr. Sellar's views were rather too far drawn for even the straight-laced to tolerate.

A COSTLY TENANT.

He Would Not Move Unless He Was Paid For Doing So.

A North End property owner had quite an expensive experience with one of his tenants a few days ago, which he will not soon forget. The landlord in question had his property damaged by fire recently and embraced this opportunity of making extensive repairs and remodelling the place, which is located in the business part of Main street. The changes could not be made however, until the up stairs tenant had moved out.

The landlord suggested to his "third floorer" that he was going to make repairs and required the flat. The occupant refused to vacate and answered that the place was good enough for him as it was. The landlord finding his tenant a stayer ordered him to leave, whereupon the tenant argued that he had taken the place for a year and always paid his rent promptly and did not propose to get out.

The tenant however did not wish to be an obstructionist to any improvement scheme and agreed with the landlord to move, providing he the landlord find him a flat on the same street, within two blocks nearest the house in question. This proposition the property owner accepted and started out to find his tenant a flat. But the aforesaid tenant had been over the ground before and knew the landlord would fail in finding the vacant floor. Sure enough, several days later the energetic property owner returned and announced his utter failure to find a vacant house to thrust his tenant into.

"What will you take and git out," asked the landlord.

"What do you think it worth to you," responded the tenant.

"Oh about \$25" said the landlord.

"Not on your life" answered the tenant in a cool manner.

"All right, what do you think would be fair."

"Well make it \$50 and I will go."

The \$50 was paid but the air was somewhat warped by the landlord who is now at work making his repairs.

The Opinion of a Citizen.

A well known citizen passing by one of the bulletins of a daily newspaper a few days ago, called PROGRESS attention to the fact that there was a scheme on foot to exempt from taxation a company that proposed to locate in St. John and carry on works of considerable magnitude. He was quite indignant over it, and from his standpoint no doubt he was correct. The line of his argument was that the people who have lived in St. John for years, carried on business and helped to build up the city are forced to pay the taxes and, as he said, "right up to the handle," but that a new concern can come in, ask for exemption and get it. He said it was not fair and right, and then he commented upon the attempt of the street railway to have its valuations reduced to a ridiculous amount. His claim was that they are not only paying taxes upon a small valuation, but that they have received a very valuable franchise for which St. John gets nothing in return. This is so unlike what is done in other cities, in Halifax or Toronto for example, that this citizen could not see why any reduction or any agreement should be entered into which would favor the street railway. A great many people will agree with him and there are others who think that the services St. John has is such an excellent one that the city could afford to be generous in the matter.



LIEUT.-GENERAL LORD KITCHENER,

Who succeeds Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa.

who had put them up while they dispensed their wares in the market, made purchases for their winter keep etc. However the law is mighty and must be satisfied so the good country people, whose ill luck it was to put up at that particular stable, had to return home without them but may eventually get their property returned to them after the legal claim, \$180, has been settled.

HE TOOK THE CAKE.

The Lady's Husband Was a Good Guesser and was a Winner at the Fair.

The St. Peter's Fair had this year as usual a number of special attractions, among which were several lotteries. The first prize given in one of these was that marvel of culinary art—a spiral candied Christmas cake. A lady of the church made the beautiful looking confection and when the guesses of its weight were examined, it was found that the devoted spouse of the maker was the man who took the cake, he having named the exact weight in pounds and ounces. Of course it was considered a strange coincidence, but nevertheless, the husband got the prize, even though another man came within a few ounces of being correct. To be sure the successful guesser had the privilege of being right on the premises where the raisins were being weighed, the currants dried, and the little bits of citron and teaspoonsful of spices added to the toothsome mixture, and he may have used his calculating abilities as to its probable weight, whilst he was brooding over the thought of the added clause upon his grocer's bill.

This is only a probability, but it seemed to strike the next best contestant so forcibly that the judges were compelled to ask the lady for another though a smaller cake. Since, upon counting up the matter the husband has decided not to enter into

streets to become passable. The street railway pays the city of St. John \$3,500 every winter for keeping its tracks clear of snow, and one or two seasons the arrangement was a very profitable one. It is said however that last year the cost of the work far exceeded that amount.

is once more before the public, this time however, in a worse light than on the previous occasion.

While at Bathurst Mr. Sellar said he did not consider the Church of England a protestant doctrine, in as much as that they were idol worshippers.

On Sunday last the Reverend divine arraigned the patrons of the theatre in a severe manner in a sermon delivered at Exmouth Street Methodist Church.

He condemned the theatre as an institution unworthy of patronage of any right thinking Christian man or woman. He set it forth as the promoter and delineator of passions calculated to destroy the morals of any not already seared by contact with evil. Mr. Sellar went so far as to offer a gross insult to patrons of the play when he styled them degenerates; frequenters of saloons; gamblers and abandoned women. He also went so far as to quote "Zephra" its patrons and those who took part as no exception. In supporting his limited views of the stage and theatre patrons Mr Sellar quoted many antideluvian and old time authorities who held views similar to those held by him.

That the clergymen's sermon created a furor throughout the city was readily seen especially to the ladies who acted as chaperones to the production of Zephra who were visited at their homes and even stopped on the streets by many of the little misses who helped make the production a success.

Among the chaperones were many ladies from the best families socially and otherwise of the city. Of those who took part many were methodists, in fact there were those from all persuasions in the city, all were thorough ladies and gentlemen. Fancy then how Rev. Mr. Sellar's remarks must have ruffled up some parents, to say nothing of the expressions of indignation that must have followed the words of the pastor. It is

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