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THE DEAL FOR POSITIONS.

Chairman McGoldrick is Ousted in the Scramble for Chairmanships, etc., at the Common Council.

The new council was organized Tuesday but it was not done without considerable interest being taken in the proceedings. The formation of the committees had been agreed upon before hand by a majority of the board and the changes were such that surprise and disappointment as well were felt by the friends even of the gentlemen who are supposed to control the actions of the council. When objection was taken to the way this was done by Ald. McGoldrick and others Dr. Christie showed that he proposed to pursue his old tactics and he gave the minority notice that they need not think they could come in and rule the council.

The addresses of ex-Mayor Sears and Mayor Daniel were happy and delivered in such a spirit that everyone was pleased. Portions of both are printed elsewhere.

More interest was taken in the chairmanship of the safety board than in any of the new council's acts. It was understood that in the caucus the ticket had determined to oust Ald. McGoldrick who has presided over the department with much acceptance for years. This news leaked out last week but there were many who did not believe it. Ald. McGoldrick did not oppose the election of any of the gentlemen who proved to be against him; in fact being unopposed himself he took no part in the election and he naturally thought he could depend upon the support of the gentlemen whom he had been associated with during the year. He was wrong. The very people whom he thought would support him voted against him. His apparent indifference to the chairmanship made it easy to put another man in his place. He went to Boston and New York just after the contest and only returned a day or two before the organization of the board. Alderman Seaton is now chairman. He was the candidate of the caucus and there it was on the motion of Ald. Maxwell that Ald. Christie was continued as chairman of public works. Then when Ald. Colwell moved that the same be done in the department of safety Ald. Maxwell objected on the ground that Ald. McGoldrick had occupied the position so long that a change was desirable. If this argument applied to Ald. McGoldrick it should have left Dr. Christie out of his chairmanship.

This action of Ald. Maxwell was the more remarkable in the light of recent events which would lead to the belief that

he and the then chairman of safety were on particularly friendly terms. When the market building was damaged by fire and the explosion Ald. Maxwell moved that Mr. Drury be the city's arbitrator in appraising the damages. That was carried and when he and Mr. Bates made their award the former (Mr. Drury) offered to repair the building at the figures they named. This was satisfactory to the board and no doubt it was equally agreeable to all concerned because Mr. Drury sublet a portion of the contract to Ald. Maxwell. This is one example of the way city business is transacted and there is no doubt that it might be improved upon.

The friends of Ald. Seaton made Ald. Maxwell Deputy Mayor and Ald. Millidge was the favorite candidate for the new chairman of water and sewerage. The minority in the council might fairly be said to consist of Ald. McGoldrick, Ald. Colwell and Alderman-at-large Hilyard. Competent and careful criticism is very necessary and these gentlemen will no doubt have their eyes open.

A Pleasant and Mysterious Visitor.

The Boston train that left St. John last Saturday took from St. John a gentleman who for eight months has been staying at the Dufferin hotel. Mr. Wilson made friends with all who met him and was cordially liked for his gentlemanly ways and pleasant and agreeable conversational powers. He came from New York and had been traveling in other parts of the Maritime provinces before coming here. In spite of his agreeable ways however, those who met and liked Mr. Wilson displayed a pardonable curiosity as to who he was, what he did and why he found St. John so attractive. These unasked and of course unanswered queries lent a sort of mystery to the gentleman that was only partly solved a day or two before his departure. It may be stated that Mr. Wilson is still about as mysterious as ever. He belongs to one of the best families in New York and the fact of his returning there is the best proof that he had not seriously offended against the laws of his land. Still he had good reasons for remaining away and it is a curious fact that a man so well known in New York as he is could remain in one of the leading hotels in St. John for eight months and not meet any one who was able to "give him away."

Looking at the Year.

Ex-Mayor Sear's Comments on Our People's Loyalty and Our Good Trade.

Succeeding this catastrophe (the Indian town Fire) came in the autumn the South African troubles, throwing upon us, in common with all other communities of British citizens, a great duty to perform. Heartily the people responded, and the spirit of the true hero took possession of our boys, who, sacrificing everything to that loyal principle enfolded in our flag—that has made the British nation what it is today—took leave of home and friends to fight for their Queen and a noble cause. Well have they upheld our honor—in establishing the reputation they so well deserve. Again, St. John came forward—generously, and from a meeting in my office established the New Brunswick South African Contingent Fund, our province enjoys the proud consciousness of providing in a most happy and expeditious manner for every one of our soldier lads who marched as members of the contingent to fight the Boers. The ladies, too, were not less prompt in what they elected to take in hand, and so many comforts have gone from them to relieve and assuage the conditions that prevail in such a campaign that they must indeed be looked upon as ministering angels. Let us hope and pray our heavenly father may soon intervene in our behalf, and that it may not be long before we enjoy the proud satisfaction of welcoming back again our youthful warriors, crowned with victory and honor.

We have had our commercial clouds to worry as a bit, and the opening of our winter port business seemed anything but promising, yet after all the stress and strain between the east and west side railroad corporations, a truce was declared, and our trade returns from Sand Point reveal a most gratifying increase over last year. The London service was a great advantage, and generally the different steamship lines ran more satisfactorily and creditably, and carried larger freights than they did in years ago. We cannot but feel proud of our east side elevator and government wharf extension, and it cannot be doubted that next fall we shall enjoy the proud satisfaction of seeing grain and produce of all kinds coming over the I. C. R. and freighting some of the finest steamers that come to our port.

His worship here read the following letter.

"My Dear Mr. Sear:
"In accordance with your request re figures in connection with our last winter's export trade from St. John.

"Outward tonnage about 800,000 tons, as against 145,000 tons for the previous season. Inward tonnage, 20,000, as compared with 18,000 for the previous year.

"Our grain shipments nearly touched 4,500,000 bushels; grain shipments previous season were 3,025,000 bushels. Cattle shipments this year were about 18,000 head; last year, 10,300 head.

"There have been 61 sailings this season, as against 51 last year.

"J. N. SUTHERLAND,
"General Freight Agent."

NEW "RULES" FOR LIQUOR DEALERS

Much Uncertainty Felt by Some of Those in the Business.

There are to be some new "rules" in reference to the sale of liquor in certain places. This is the word that has gone out and while no person is at all certain what is meant by these "rules" the proprietors of restaurants and other places that have other business in connection with their saloons are somewhat uneasy at the prospects. It is understood that the "rules" will be enforced Monday. PROGRESS did not have an opportunity to inquire of the inspector for information. He has not been too explanatory it appears with those dealers whom he spoke to. The commission has an idea that the law has been broken and this may be a gentle hint to keep it better.

There are only a few places of this sort in the city and the two principal ones have spacious restaurants adjoining their bars. They comply with the law and close their bar doors at ten o'clock every night but Saturday when seven o'clock is the hour. Now they seem to fear that the inspector proposes to make them close their restaurants as well as their bars at these hours. That would mean a great loss to them for the late hours of the evening are the most profitable in the day to them. Their doubts will be satisfied perhaps sooner than they expect.

Thirty eight applicants for beer licenses must go without them and look for some other business. They cannot sell beer without a license and there does not appear to be any short beer licenses granted.

One Sign of Summer.

One of the signs of activity in tourist travel is the presence of Mr. J. B. Lambkin, district passenger agent of the Intercolonial in this city. He speaks with confidence of the prospects for good tourist travel and says that the Intercolonial is better prepared than ever it was to handle the business. Mr. Lambkin says that the Montreal extension is very popular with the patrons of the road which, by the way, in his persuasive fashion he easily makes one believe is the only one to travel by.

Wants Views of Eastern Canada.

Ex-mayor Tanner of Williamantic, a small city in Connecticut, writes from London to his friend, Ald. McGoldrick, asking for a number of copies of views of the Maritime provinces which he wishes to give to his friends there. When Mr. Tanner was in St. John he was entertained by the alderman and in his letters he refers to his pleasant recollections of his trip and he describes how he enjoyed himself in Ireland and in England.

No Beer on Sheffield Street.

The police will have some difficulty in watching the resorts on Sheffield street now as the liquor commissioners has refused to grant any beer licenses there. That means that no places can be kept open.

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Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired
Ducal 17 Waterloo.

HOW HE GOT THE TICKET.

John Mackay Tells PROGRESS How He Knew Where the \$15,000 Ticket Was and How He Got It.

"You have written a good deal about lottery tickets" said John Mackay to PROGRESS a few days ago, "let me show you a winner in this month's drawing." Then he produced one of the Honduras tickets and said it was worth \$8. "That leaves me three dollars to the good—this month" he added with a smile. Then John discussed lottery tickets in quite an entertaining way showing that out of 150 tickets sold by one agent in St. John for that month eight dollars was the only result. "St. John sends a lot of money to that concern" he said, "that never comes back."

Then Mr. Mackay spoke of his experiences in Boston, how he happened to know where the \$15,000 ticket was and several other things in connection with the case. He said it was all over now and no harm could come to anybody from its publication.

It seems that the agent who sold the tickets kept a record of each one and he knew exactly who had the winning numbers. When the sheet arrived that gave the list of the lucky numbers he saw that one of those he sold had won \$15,000. Mackay happened in about that time and the agent told him of the discovery he had made. Then there was a talk about the possibility of getting the ticket. How it was to be done neither one knew but Mackay went up to Mr. Bonnell's store and entered into conversation about tickets. Mr. Bonnell produced his and among them was the \$15,000 winner. Without saying a word as to its value Mackay produced some of his and then in a joking way offered to buy Bonnell's from him. The latter would not sell and gave as a reason that he was in with others and did not care to. While they were talking, the tickets on the counter, a lady went into the store and Bonnell made a move to sweep the tickets out of sight. Some of them fell to the floor and among them was the lucky \$15,000 winner. Mr. Mackay picked them up and in the transfer of the five tickets of Mr. Bonnell's that particular one remained with his visitor who stood for some minutes afterward talking with him. Then making a sporting offer of \$10 for the

chances on the five tickets Mr. Bonnell still held Mackay went out and that night started for Boston.

His arrest soon followed and then his long confinement in Charles street prison. He could have got out again and again had he accepted the terms offered him but he refused to. This story of his eventual release through the fear of the New England agent Fitzpatrick that he would tell what he knew is interesting. Fitzpatrick, it appears, has made a fortune out of his business in this direction and he could well afford to pay something to get clear upon this occasion.

Another Evening Newspaper.

PROGRESS understands that the Sun proposes to issue an evening edition in the near future and that canvassers are already sounding the pulse of advertisers. No doubt this move is prompted by political as well as business reasons. The opportunities for a morning paper to issue an evening edition are enticing and no matter what the feeling may be about the field and its present supply of newspapers it must be admitted the facilities of the Sun are quite equal to the proposed venture. A dominion election is supposed to be one of the probabilities of the near future and the conservative party may be prepared now to give a more cordial support to an even-organ than it has ever shown a disposition to do in the past.

Successful Effort of Miss Daisy Sears.

Miss Daisy Sears who made a graceful and successful appearance on the Opera House stage in Bootles Baby with the Valentine Stock company has increased her popularity by reciting the "Absent Minded Beggar" on two occasions and collecting almost \$100 for the second contingent fund. Her bright talent is thus being put to excellent use. The enthusiasm that greeted the announcement that a collection would be taken up from the immense audience in the Opera House was only equalled by the readiness of the people to respond when she passed down the aisles. A successful repetition of the same recitation was given in Trinity church Thursday evening.

The Ex-Mayor's Farewell.

His Appropriate Remarks Upon Taking Leave of the Common Council.

I congratulate the council in having concluded it was better to elaborate and improve the status of the board of management, and bring its affairs more conspicuously before the members and community. As the board of water and sewerage, with a larger membership and open to the press better results should naturally accrue. We look for a generous water supply to meet all and every necessity on the west side, and it is a matter of grave responsibility in the consideration bestowed upon our supply on this side of the harbor.

The condition of our streets and various services—the financial aspect as relates to the ability of our citizens to bear the heavy burden of taxation—reflected in the large amount registered on the defaulter's list; the matter of civic government—whether a better or more effective system than at present obtains cannot be devised—these, gentlemen, are a few of the many important suggestions that will probably be dealt with by the new board, and it is not my place nor my intention to more than allude to them.

Looking outward we are today brought face to face with a claim that our sister city and our capital has upon our heartiest and most unselfish endeavor. I feel it is within my right on my retirement from the chair to suggest to the incoming board that a generous grant be voted to the cities of Hull and Ottawa, for I received from Mayor Payment, of the latter city, a wire asking if St. John would not help them, and we know that to us, in our great and devastating visitation of 1877, flowed thousands upon thousands of dollars, and donations of flour, food, or

other material supplies, from Ottawa and its neighboring towns. Also, I would mention it would be a proper thing to do to request Messrs. Reynolds and Everett, men of large experience in such a calamity, to visit Ottawa on behalf of St. John, that they may assist the committee at this the critical time in their organization—a member of their executive having wired Mr. Reynolds to send them such papers, books, blanks and information as might aid them in their labors.

And now, my fellow workers, I must say to each and all of you, for a time at least, good bye. If there is any feeling of antagonism or malice engendered by any action of mine, draw the mantle of charity over each, and let me say to each and every one of this board I have no feelings but what I can express in using, Ald. Allen's favorite toast: "Here's to them that love me, and to them that hate; may God change their hearts."

To the incoming mayor and aldermen I offer my happiest wishes and congratulations. The civic interest within their keeping are large and important, comprising factors that make for the comfort, happiness and welfare of the community. They are in touch with power. I trust they may use it wisely and well, so as to conserve the greatest good of the greatest number, which is an ambition that should accompany its exercise. Trusting that Providence may guide and bless all their efforts, and with kind thanks to friends who through calumny and evil report, were tried and true, I will now make way for my successors.