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MR. BUSTIN'S FLIGHT.

Who Miss McDonald Was and Her Career in This City for Some Time.

The whereabouts of Mr. Bustin, formerly the superintendent of the reformatory, has not as yet been ascertained, and the management of that institution is somewhat at a loss whom to select for the successor. It is also said that the boys who took their departure about the same time that he did, have not been heard from since. That is of course the popular report, but PROGRESS is pretty well assured that it is perfectly true. Discipline seems to have been abandoned in the institution since Mr. Bustin left.

The woman whom he is supposed to have left the city with is Miss McDonald, not Mrs. as some of the papers have stated. She was for sometime an attendant at the Provincial Lunatic Asylum and while there she seems to have impressed those in authority with her capability. She stated at that time that she came from Worcester, Mass. and had some relatives living on the line of the Intercolonial, not a hundred miles from this city. She evidently did not like the life of waiting on weak minded people and after leaving the institution boarded for a while in Carleton. A well known gentleman of the west end seems to have been a constant visitor at the house at which she resided and those who follow up those sort of things connected the two names together quite frequently in their conversation.

Whether this good or evil report became obnoxious or not the result was that Miss McDonald moved across the harbor, and for a time earned her own living in one of the leading hotels of the city. Even hotel life seems to have disagreed with her and having obtained another admirer she took lodgings on a quiet street where it was said Mr. Bustin was a very frequent visitor. He may have been confounded with somebody else but recent developments seem rather to prove that disprove the fact of his somewhat intimate acquaintance with the woman in question.

While she was at this boarding house she acted in a very quiet and well behaved manner seldom, if at all, going out in the day time, cooking her own meals and living as any well behaved person might. But the landlady became suspicious too late and one evening there was a new arrival in the room. The doctor who attended her said that the child was living when he left and he was much surprised to hear of its death a short time after wards. He also said that it was not compulsory to report the birth and he did not do so, but he was quite certain that a death certificate should be furnished by some medical man to entitle it to proper burial under the board of health rules. So far as PROGRESS could learn, this was not furnished, and how the infant was buried is not known. After this of course the woman had to seek other quarters and it is stated that she boarded first in one quarter of the city, then roomed in another, until it was evident that this kind of living became too burdensome for her and her admirer. It may be that this was the cause of the departure, but at any rate their plans were well laid and no person at the present time seems to have an inkling of where they went or why they went.

Divorces Galore.

If the number of divorces are on the carpet that the public hear of on the streets, there is a lovely time ahead for some people. No less than three couples are said to be dissatisfied with married life, and no one knows how many more. The new century seems to have opened rather unhappily for domestic bliss. Of course there are all kinds of rumors, and the gossip's time is now pretty well employed. It looks as if the new Divorce Judge is going to have some rather spicy evidence to deal with.

The Minstrel Boy.

What a great trip the harmony club had on their Moncton tour. They were accompanied by some friends on their trip. One of the "gang" that went with the boys included a well-known and sporty amateur professor of the auto-harp. This gentleman essayed to render some selections on his instrument while on tour. His renditions of airs of the day was very ac-

ceptable but the Monctonites failed to locate in his fairy form the "Minstrel Boy" or even the "Harp that once thro' Tura," although dubbed "Pat," he felt as if he were an Andrew Carnegie and made a lavish throw off of his spare collateral. Just about now he is figuring what it costs for a return ticket from St. John to Moncton, not counting in such details as Abbey's Salt, etc.

Liquor Commission Changes.

Among the laws passed in the legislature during this session was one amending the liquor license law and making it imperative that the liquor commissioners should retire after serving a certain number of years. Under the provisions of this act it is said that the first appointment on the commission, that of chairman George A. Knodell, will lapse and another gentleman take his place. The liquor license commissioner gets \$300 a year and to one like Mr. Knodell, who is in the manufacturing business that supplies in a great measure some of the wants of the trade, he would be in a position to make a great deal more out of the office. It has been said, whether truly or not, that this has been a considerable source of revenue to the business of the chairman and no doubt he gave good value to those who patronized him. But at the same time it does not appeal to the public as a purely proper proceeding for the chairman of the license commission to be supplying those in the trade with their stationery so entirely as he has been. The name of the successor to Mr. Knodell, if there is to be a successor, has been stated as Mr. E. J. Armstrong. Whether this is correct or not PROGRESS is not in a position to say but it is known that a year or two ago Mr. Armstrong was an applicant for the vacancy made by the appointment of Mr. Lockhart to the customs collectorship. Mr. Peter Clinch was elected then, however and it is understood that there are many applicants from the government ranks for prospective job now.

Not a Happy Family.

The domestic affairs of Captain Dickson and his wife, have occupied some space in the newspapers this week, and it is quite probable that they will occupy still more, if this interesting couple does not agree to agree. The Captain wants the custody of his little daughter and Mrs. Dickson seems to want the custody of her clothes. At the same time she is holding her daughter as some sort of collateral for their return. No doubt both of them want the child but even after their interview with the lawyer last week, during which they failed to agree, they had a squabble in their boarding house and the landlady in a flurry of excitement went into the corner grocery and hurriedly called for the police. Before the police arrived the angry husband had departed and all was quiet.

Government Appointments.

The vacancy in the post office has not yet been filled and many are still kept on the anxious seat. A friend of Mr. McDade's denies that the latter is after the position, but said he would not be surprised if that gentleman became a deputy minister. In what department however he was not proposed to say. Mr. McDade certainly deserves well of his party. He has been a hard and consistent fighter and his appointment to a lucrative position would be gratifying to his friends.

The Lunatic Vote.

It was reported yesterday that the lunatic who escaped from the asylum, had been told that Mr. McKeown's bill had come in force and everyone had a vote. The poor unfortunate became so jubilant that he could not escape fast enough in order to get in his vote at the approaching election. The rumor cannot be confirmed. It is not known whether Mr. McKeown's bill includes lunatics or not, but probably it does. Dead men vote at elections and why shouldn't lunatics.

No Exhibition.

St. John will have no exhibition this year, and the reason given is that the Provincial government refuses to give a grant. It is to be regretted that the annual affair will not take place. It has been a good thing for this city and the province at large and it is thought by not a few that had the exhibition received the management that it deserved, it would have been able this year to be on such a basis, that the taking away of grants would not retard it.

HE WEARS AN UNIFORM.

Changes in Our Police Force—What Comes Next.

A very rapid course has been set in police circles since Fools Days set in. Proposed changes have been talked about, but no decisions arrived at; the old council has virtually decided to pass all its business over to the new (?) body. Among such business is that evolution of the 20th century law framing the "police regulations."

Since then many things have happened, for instance the effervescent and reliable policeman of the people, Patrick Killen, has been forced to don the homely helmet and suit of blue. Everybody in St. John knows "Pat," and his appearance on the street, this week in the brass buttons of policeman denoted that something unusual had occurred, what that something was the public is still guessing at.

PROGRESS is far too modest to intimate that it knows what are the internal workings of that happy family on King street east.

Enough can be said, however, to inform the anxious taxpayers that in police circles something is afoot, and, in the language of comic opera, "He never will be missed." One policeman, more or less is nothing, but when it comes to placing genial night detective Killen inside of a uniform, the chief must have something hidden up his sleeve.

It is rumored that officer Amos has been suspended; however that is all conjecture, as the Chief has not sent forth any bulletin informing the public that such is the case.

Another instance going to prove that a policeman's lot is not a happy one is the application of Sergeant Kilpatrick for the position of superintendent of the Boys' Reformatory, rendered vacant by the sudden disappearance of the erstwhile living Mr. Bustin. It is true that the sergeant must think that the Superintendent's job is the best or he would not desire to leave the force, where the work is supposed to make one look like the proverbial alderman and seek a position in the house across the flats.

Surely not of all this frying there must come some fat.

It is a well known and incontrovertible fact that the magistrate continually scores the police, and while the chief ignores such attacks the chief then in turn "roasts" the policemen. So the perpetual motion of discord goes on. The little Vesuvius opposite the graveyard will have another eruption ere long and everybody is wondering who will walk the plank.

Baseball.

A correspondent wishes to know if St. John is to have any base ball clubs this summer. It is a little too early yet to answer such an important question. The grown up boy is too busy just now to think about it and the younger fry has not yet finished with his marbles.

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A SATISFIED COMMUNITY.

Mayor Daniel and Twelve Aldermen Elected by Acclamation—Only two Elections to be Held.

Dr. Daniel has been re-elected mayor of St. John by acclamation. The announcement came as a surprise to people generally, for it had been quite well understood that ex-mayor Sears would be a candidate and was in the fight to the finish. At the last moment, however, Mr. Sears decided to withdraw and so His Worship had it all to himself. No one has been greatly disappointed at the result. The feeling was prevalent that the present incumbent of the

times to dawn the veteran councillor Dr. Christie and on one occasion became nearly successful. Defeats, however, have not been discouraging to the doctor and he is ever ready to try again. His motto is evidently the same as the great Bruce's—"If at first you don't succeed try again."

Mr. Wilson was in last year's election when he unsuccessfully tried conclusions with Ald. Tufts. In that contest Mr. Tufts had a large majority and so Mr. Wilson thinks it better not to try Duke's ward again, but enters the larger field as a candidate as alderman at large.

The interest taken in the coming election is very small, and the vote will probably be anything but large. Whatever the result no great disasters may be expected and St. John will continue along the even tenor of its way. We will still have our council meetings, our delegations to Ottawa and Fredericton, and the spending of the tax-payer's money. Mayor Daniel will have the opportunity of acting as host to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, should their Highnesses condescend to visit the metropolis of the Province, and all may rest contented and satisfied.

The Freshet.

The freshets have come and gone and people, particularly those living along the river have had their annual scare and that is about all. Every year when the ice begins to run out the same telegraphic despatches appear in the paper telling what awful things are going to happen and how the water is just within a few inches of the greatest rise ever known and so forth. Then when the reading public has become thoroughly aroused and a great smash is looking certain there comes a great drop in water and excitement and everything runs smoothly as before. An old man said the other day "at sixty years ago, and that is as far back as he could remember, the same alarm was sounded and that the rivers rose when always within a few inches to what it had been some sixty years before. This goes to show that some stories never grow stale if they are dealt up at big intervals and seasoned with good sensational spice."

Thos. R. Jones.

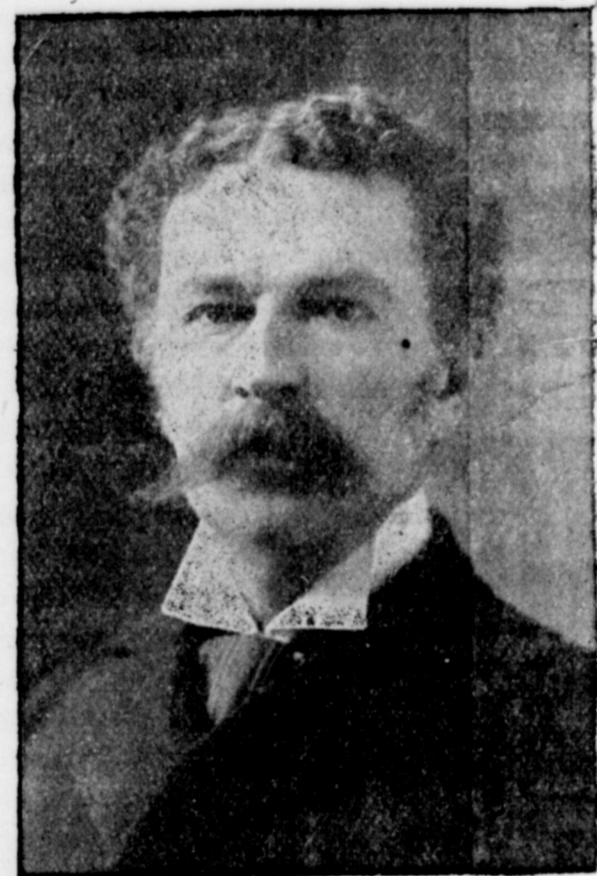
Thos. R. Jones whose death occurred Wednesday morning adds another name to the long list of those who have passed away in recent years as a citizen well known on the streets of St. John. The greater part of his life was spent here and on account of his large business connections, formerly as a merchant and in later years as a banker, his acquaintance was large. He was always known as a man of strong opinions and had no weaknesses in expressing these opinions. As a legislative councillor his speeches were always characteristic of force, and many Frederictonians can tell today of the hot times that would often occur in old legislative council chamber when Thos. R. Jones was one of its leading members. He is one of the last of the old stalwarts.

A Big Gathering.

Those of the Masonic order, especially those in the higher ranks are looking forward to next August as being a great month in the history of the fraternity. In that month the Knight Templars from all over Canada are to meet in this city and the gathering it is expected will be a large and magnificent one. The order has a strong following in St. John and the entertaining of the visiting Knights will no doubt be on a grand scale. Senator Ellis is the head of the Templars of Canada and his friends are anxious that the good name of St. Johnners be maintained as hosts and entertainers.

Church Has Confidence.

The past escapades of certain members of the legal profession, has had the effect of detracting from the reputation of the bar, that is so some think. The church, however, has confidence in lawyers. At the annual elections of the Anglicans on Monday last, no less than twelve lawyers are among those selected as church representatives; so there is a chance yet for lawyers to have good standing in the community.



MAYOR DANIEL.

office should be given a second term, and no doubt no one realized this more than ex-mayor Sears himself, and the latter has lost no friends by his retirement. People are a little bit election mad but the rule has its exception and the present instance forms one of those exceptions.

Dr. Daniel has, considering all things made a good chief magistrate and it has become a precedent in St. John that a mayor should be given a second term. Mr. Sears would probably have made a good fight, but the odds were heavily against his being successful. People have not only been satisfied with the way the mayor has fulfilled the duties of his office but judging from results the whole city council has met with hearty endorsement. When it is considered that twelve out of fifteen aldermen have been elected by acclamation there is only one of two conclusions to come to and that is, that either the ratepayers are fully satisfied with their present representatives or that they take very little interest in city matters.

PROGRESS would be very sorry to believe that the latter is the existing state of affairs for our city fathers represent vast interests and interests that are every one's own. At the same time it is to be regretted that there is not more interest taken in city matters, and if things do not go in the future just exactly right, the taxpayer has nobody to blame but himself. Not that the aldermen who have been elected are not good ones, and maybe the best that can be chosen, at the same time the apathy shown on all sides as to the result is most noticeable. At the least, wards might have meetings and ratify the past actions of its representative and not let it appear that no one cares what has been done or who has done it.

Not a few think that since so many of the whole council was allowed to be elected without opposition that it might have been made unanimous. The presence of Dr. Smith in the field as alderman for Landsdowne and Mr. Wilson as alderman-at-large necessitates a contest and the loss of holding such an election, will amount to just as much as if every ward was contested. Such is one of the errors of the present voting system. No fault can be found with Dr. Smith or Mr. Wilson in seeking aldermanic honors. It is a free country and they have a perfect right to get all the glory that is possible to be found in it. If it is going to cost the city hundreds of dollars to find out whether they are worthy of public confidence or not the fault as has been said is not theirs, but the present system of electing aldermen.

This is not the first time that Dr. Smith has been in the field, he has tried several