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WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

Premier Tweedie is to Examine Into the Charges Made Against the St. John Police Force.

Progress intimated last Saturday that the government would not submit to the wholesale charges of the Lord's Day Alliance in reference to the enforcement of the liquor and other Sunday laws without a searching investigation. The correctness of this assertion has been placed beyond doubt now because at a meeting of the government this week the premier of the province Hon. Mr. Tweedie, was selected to inquire into the charges and make a report from the evidence taken before him. Since then some of the daily newspapers have interviewed the Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, who seems to be at the head and front of the movement for this apparent reform and that gentleman has told them that the Alliance has ample evidence to support the charges that they advanced in their memorial.

If this statement turns out to be correct there will be a most interesting session when the investigation is held. The Premier has announced that he will hold the investigation in the government rooms in this city and that the press will be admitted and every publicity possible given to the evidence.

There is a good deal of surprise in certain circles at the sweeping charges of the Alliance but so far as the officers who control the sale of liquor and the police force are concerned they do not seem to be agitated very much over what might transpire when the investigation really comes off. They maintain that St. John is far more orderly than other places of its size, that all the laws are properly enforced and that there is no substantial reason for the movement of the Alliance. In support of what they claim those who walk around the streets of the city on a Sunday may well agree that it is a very orderly and well conducted community. Very rarely indeed are any drunken men to be seen and so far as the open sale of liquor it is not possible to observe it. The Alliance, Progress understands claims that in certain quarters liquor is sold and that it is dispensed with the knowledge of the police and the inspector. In their memorial they have not named the inspector but they bring the police very prominently to the front. Now there is no doubt the inspector is the chief official under the liquor license act and it such things as the Alliance alleges are going on in connection of the act it is no doubt his duty to see that a stop is put to it. But Mr. Jones has worked a very considerable reform so far as the Sunday sale of liquor is concerned since his advent to office and he is of the opinion rightly or wrongly that St. John is a somewhat model place in that respect on the Sabbath day. It is very difficult to forecast what the outcome of the investigation will be but it is no doubt a sense of relief to the minds of all persons who have heard these charges of neglect made repeatedly that an honest effort is about to be made to either prove or disprove them.

RACES AT MOOSEPATH.

Labor Day's Exhibition did not Turn out Very Satisfactorily.

The races at Moosepath on labor day under the auspices of a number of gentlemen who have leased the park for the season did not turn out so satisfactory as they promised to or as those who attended hoped that they might. According to the rumors that were flying around the park on Monday the imported horse Ben H. had been purchased by a number of those interested in the management of the course and that the race between him and Baby Boy owned by Mr. Keele of the country market was for a portion of the gate receipts. Ben H. has a mark of 2.18 and Baby Boy, it was said, had a record of 2.23. Progress does not vouch for the correctness of these records, but at any rate the people who attended thought there was little doubt that Ben H. would win the race. Quite a lot of money was wagered upon this opinion. The supporters and friends of Baby Boy did not hesitate in the least to put up

their collars against those who thought that Ben H. would win. To the surprise of everybody, in spite of the records, Mr. Keele's horse, driven by Mr. Bowen had no difficulty whatever in winning the first heat neither had he the second and although every body was of the opinion that the race was to be the best three out of five when the owners of the horses refused to start again for some reason or other there was a great deal of dissatisfaction.

The race was hurriedly arranged and that may have been some excuse why everything did not go off as it might but being the first race that took place at Moosepath this season. It is to be regretted indeed that there was not more general satisfaction with the way in which it was carried out. Horse races used to draw large crowds in St. John, notwithstanding the disadvantage of a track so far away but if they are not conducted in a manner that will suit the people there is no use announcing them as an attraction.

THE EXHIBITION.

Fredericton Making Preparations for a First-Class Show.

The two great attractions this fall in this Province will be the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to St. John and the Fredericton Provincial exhibition.

It is quite evident that the Celestial is going to have a first class show. The gentlemen who are at its head are working energetically and faithfully and they expect to give the public a surprise in the way of exhibitions. They are men who understand their business and as Fredericton is noted for its very successful exhibitions in former years it is assured that its citizens are not going to have its reputation in anyway marred.

A fine programme of races has been arranged for exhibition week and some of the fastest steeds in Canada are entered for all the contests. Amusements are being engaged that will be of a very high order. The new building is well adapted for its purpose and the grounds about are receiving attention. If fine weather prevails there is no reason why the exhibition should not be most successful. There is no doubt that visitors will be numerous and as there is no better time in the year to visit Fredericton than in September all will enjoy themselves.

Sussex Exhibition Races.

Sussex will again hold a five days exhibition this year, lasting from Monday, September 30th to Friday, October 4th. This enterprising town is succeeding in building up a reputation for holding one of the best exhibitions in the province, and the fact that there will be no exhibition in St. John this year has caused the Sussex people to make greater efforts than ever before. The races, which have hitherto been a long feature of this exhibition, will this year be better than ever, \$1200 in purses being put up by the management. There will be two days racing, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1st and 2nd. On Tuesday, October 1st will be the 2:25 class trot, purse \$300; free for all trot, \$350. On Wednesday, October 2nd will be the 2:30 class, purse \$200; free for all trot, purse \$350. The Sussex track was never in better condition and the time made there last year shows it to be one of the fastest tracks in the Maritime Provinces, Brazilian having made his mark of 2.19 on it. The liberal purses hung out by the management coupled with the reputation Sussex has earned for good, clean, honest horse-racing, should ensure the best races of the season at Sussex on Oct. 1st. and 2nd.

What's the Latest.

Nothing has been heard lately of the Gowd to be worn by His Worship Mayor Dr. Del on the coming visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. It is to be hoped that if Mr. Worth is the maker of the gorgeous garment that he will not be behind hand. It would be too bad if St. John failed in doing its part of flunkeyism.

THEY TAKE ACTION.

The St. John Firemen will not join in the Reception Proceedings.

The action of the fire department in refusing to take part in the reception to the Duke of Cornwall, as far as can be learned, does not seem to be commendable.

From reports published it would appear that some of the firemen felt much annoyed because they had been overlooked in not being placed on the general committee. This feeling to say the least is very small. In placing persons on the committee there was certainly no intention to offend anyone and if mistakes happened they were entirely accidental.

It is to be regretted that these little feelings have to crop out. The fire brigade has a right to refuse to take in any reception. They have so decided that St. John will do its part perhaps just as well in spite of the firemen. If the department think that their action is proper it has a right to its opinion. There are many people who wonder why it is necessary anyway to have the fire brigade turn out every time an illustrious visitor comes to the city.

Let it go On.

It is understood that the Provincial government is to hold an investigation into the charges made by the St. John Sabbath Observance Alliance against the Police Force.

It is to be hoped that the examination will be a thorough one, and that all the facts will be brought out. It will be of interest to the public to know just how matters stand. It is of the utmost importance that these affairs be cleared up. As has been said before there has been too much talk and little action regarding the City's Police and the sooner something definite is learned the better. Let the investigation go on and the quicker the better for all concerned.

A Lady Minister.

For the first time in its history St. John experienced Thursday evening the ordering of a lady into the ministry. The event took place at the Reformed Baptist church Carleton St. and Mrs. Saunders wife of the Rev. H. C. Saunders was the lady ordained. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders left yesterday for Durban S. A. by steamer 'Mau'nea. They expect to be in Durban for six months and later remove to take up mission work in Zululand.

Good Many Cases.

Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A. reports that for the three months ending with August 31st he had attended to no less than 230 cases. This is an average of over two a day which is certainly a very large number. It is hard to believe that so much cruelty exists in our midst. The need of such a society as the S. P. C. A. is quite apparent.

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THE LATEST FASHION.

Exhibits Itself at the St. John Station—The Great Change in a Paper's Politics Causes Comment.

A visit to any Railway station will amuse interest and instruct the student of human nature and it is evident that the station at St. John is no exception to the rule. It is to be hoped that one of the incidents seen there however on Tuesday afternoon of this week is uncommon anywhere and one which the S. P. C. A. will turn their attention to, if it happens again.

A well-dressed young mother walked back and forth through corridor and waiting-room with a dainty little fair haired child holding her hand. The little one was attractive enough to win a second glance, but that revealed a state of affairs which made every woman in the room feel like shaming that foolish mother. The child was in its bare feet and there were apparently no shoes nor stockings attainable. It seemed simply the fashionable fad of which we hear something in the English papers, carried to an extreme.

Mother and child were well enough dressed to preclude any idea of poverty, and why the delicate feet of a child of less than three years old should be exposed to the dust, splinters and nails of the waiting-room as well as to the cold tiles and draughts of the corridor was a mystery to the uninitiated.

They fervently hoped that at least the couple had not walked to the station and added the hot pavement and dusty streets to the matter.

Had a scandal even protected the little sole one might have thought the mother had Spartan principles and some reason for her madness. There was however no Spartan like look while there was a very evident frivolous one.

Progress would be glad of any explanation of the spectacle but if there is none might we offer the opinion that while the cool grass and sandy shore may be perfectly safe for youthful bare feet, the hot and cold pavements and splinty floors of public buildings is not a safe walking ground for any well-seasoned foot of the street arab. The thought of that rose-leaf skin being exposed as it was brings silver and wealth to the most hardened.

WELL! WELL! WELL!!!

This is a Change That Might Sterilize the World.

During the last few years there has been no more bitter opponent of the Conservative party in New Brunswick than the Fredericton Gleaner. It would be wasting space to cite what may be termed the extreme views of that paper in Dominion politics. No paper has been stronger in condemnation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his cabinet than has this Fredericton Journal. In fact even Conservatives thought that the journal was a little bit too severe in its criticism of the Dominion Government. It is known that the Gleaner sometime ago had a serious falling out with Mr. Blair the present Minister of Railways and its writings towards that personage for years have been of the strongest kind. Indeed, the feeling was of such a violent nature that it was found necessary or suitable so report says, to engage as Editor of the Gleaner no less an individual than the nephew of Sir Charles Tupper. His nephew is Mr. C. E. A. Simonds barrister of Fredericton. It is commonly known that Mr. Simonds writes the Editorials of the Fredericton Gleaner.

This being the case it was not surprising that the Gleaner opposed Mr. Blair and the Liberal party. But there has been a change. There is a bye election on in the County of York the candidates are Mr. Gibson liberal and Dr. McLeod conservative the same as in the general election, but the Gleaner judging from its utterances is no longer a supporter of Dr. McLeod but is a follower of Mr. Gibson's. Here is a change. There is no report that Mr. Simonds is no longer Editor of the Gleaner and it must be taken for granted that he still fills that position.

Liberal principles have triumphed as far as York is concerned and the public has now the spectacle of a nephew of Sir Charles Tupper supporting Premier Laur-

ier. The liberals have gained much but this is one of the greatest victories it has yet won.

WRONG SOMEWHERE.

Four men stood for Conviction in the Police Assault Case.

It is understood that the jury in the Torryburn assault case stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction. This will surprise no one. The only wonder is that the whole twelve did not stand for the immediate release of the prisoners. There is something wrong somewhere and justice as it is dealt in St. John requires a little more investigation. It is strange, passing strange, to allow a man ten days in which to leave the city for assaulting an innocent girl and yet at the same time to fine four upright men, who would have the hardihood of finding men guilty on the simple charge of assaulting the police.

Many will not agree with the finding of the jury in the assault case. It would have been more satisfactory and more in accordance with justice as dealt in St. John if the jury had returned the following.

"We acquit you honorably of the charge of assaulting the police. The only fault to be found is that you did not give them a more thorough beating. It is very tiresome the way the police is getting to interfere with public liberty. If it had been murder, acquittal would have certainly followed as a matter of course. We hope next year that you will attend the Cathedral picnic, and if there is any interference that you will do your part more nobly in the future than you have in the past."

OPPOSES CARNEGIE.

Mr. Flett Thinks the City Should Accept no Gift.

Mr. John A. Flett of Toronto, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and general organizer for the American Federation of Labor has been in town this week and on Thursday evening addressed a meeting of ship laborers in the latter's hall on Water street.

Mr. Flett does not appear to be a bosom friend of Andrew Carnegies, in fact judging from his talk he would be styled a bitter opponent of the millionaire. He has no sympathy with any of the great man's undertaking and in the strongest language opposes the acceptance of any money gift towards a library. "In Carnegie's book, The Triumph of Democracy, Carnegie was a traducer of the Canadian people, and acceptance of his gift, Mr. Flett styled, "a triumph of the degeneracy of Canadian people." He called Carnegie's wealth blood money, wrung from the working man and felt that if Carnegie wished to do good he could make restitution right at Homestead, where working men were shot down.

There might be something in Mr. Flett's remarks, but he will find it difficult to influence a majority of St. John people.

Coming Into Line.

Judging from the tone of the paper the latest convert to liberalism is the Fredericton Gleaner. This conversion is worthy of mention. The proprietor of the Gleaner is Mr. Jas. Crockett whose father it is understood was requested to resign by Mr. Blair's Government. The editor it has been asserted is a Mr. Simonds a nephew of Sir Charles Tupper, late leader of the Conservative party. The liberals have reason to rejoice in the capture of the late leading conservatives.

Souvenir Of Royal Visit.

The Montreal Star is engaged in the production of a magnificent souvenir number of the royal visit, to be known as the Royal Welcome Number. With the enormous resources of the Star, and a determination to spare no money in its production, it is safe to say the Royal Welcome Number of the Montreal Star will be a magnificent production.