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TALK OF JAIL REFORM.

County Councillors Express Their Opinion—Rev. Mr. Richardson's Action.

It is not Warden McGoldrick any longer but Warden White. The change took place Tuesday afternoon at what may be termed the annual meeting of the Municipal Council.

This body meets four times a year, but the first meeting after the election is considered the most important as the officers are elected and much business transacted.

Warden McGoldrick in his seventeen years of experience as a representative in civic affairs has passed through the chair of public safety and the warden-ship of the county. There were many of his friends this year who thought that he should either be continued as head of the county board or given a chairmanship but the applicants were persistent and the alderman for Stanley was apparently opposed to competing for honors that bring much work and sometimes much criticism with them.

Ald. White will make an excellent warden. He is a strict but impartial chairman and is not inclined to allow much, if any departure, from the rules of debate. This is right and will have a great tendency to make the meetings shorter and more business like. He has been deputy mayor and is now warden but has never aspired to the work of a board chairman. He is freely recognized as one of the best men at the Council board and the duties of warden, especially in this year of the expected visit of the heir apparent and his wife, will no doubt be performed to the satisfaction and pleasure of every citizen.

The jail question provoked much discussion, though, perhaps it was not so much the condition of the jail as the attitude of those who condemned the council for its inaction. This is not the first time the council has been condemned for its indifference to the comfort and safety of the poor unfortunates who are placed in that institution. It is within the recollection of many of the present members that PROGRESS published a series of articles years ago which so aroused the people that some two or three thousand dollars were spent upon the improvement of the premises. What is unclean now was filthy and abhorrent then. The Councillors, when they saw the condition of the institution were shocked themselves and ordered immediate repairs. After they were made the interest in the sanitary condition of the jail lessened and for good reason but the over crowding, and the continual occupancy of all the cells, the absence of employment for the prisoners, the impossibility of airing and cleaning the cells while empty for any length of time has brought about a condition that is naturally objected to by such wide awake gentlemen as Rev. Mr. Richardson. He has the courage of his opinions and is not afraid to speak out. PROGRESS knows from experience that this course is not relished by some of the aldermen or councillors and, even against their common sense, they will object to improvements that must meet with their approval, because an outsider has suggested them. The pulpit has taken a greater interest in civic reform of late than in days gone by and the assistance it has rendered the press cannot be estimated. The action of Rev. Mr. Dewdney and Father Gaynor in seconding the efforts of PROGRESS towards effacing the evil resorts of Britain street had a happy result. The Home for the Incurables and the Wiggins institution no longer have to complain of the close proximity of houses of prostitution.

But this is somewhat a departure from council business. The session was long and to many became weary. The anxiety of one councillor to speak because another did was as apparent as it is in the council. To the credit of the county members let it be said that they listened and spoke when they thought necessary. There is no clearer and more convincing speaker than Ex Warden Lee who may always be relied upon to take a fair view of all topics.

There was an impression that the warden-ship should go to the county this year and the statement was made that there was a sort of an agreement to that effect but, at any rate, no notice was taken of it and the city caucus decided in favor of a city man. Councillor Lowell was mentioned and had a fair support but his friends decided that

another year would be more a suitable time to nominate a county man. The main objection to a county man, though it can hardly apply to Councillor Lowell, is that he lives too far from the city and that he has to make too frequent trips for the purpose of signing his name etc. The same objection might require the governor of the province to reside in Fredericton, but the business seems to go on fairly well with him upon his Riverside farm.

Another matter that was given a hasty hoist, was the motion of Councillor Christie to declare the office of county treasurer vacant. The motion to adjourn instead of discussing the dismissal of a gentleman who has been so prominent in city and federal affairs, and who at one time was so successful a merchant, was at once carried, and showed that the hearts of the majority of the board are in the right place yet.

An Irate Father-in-Law.

James Rogan, a master carpenter of the North End was a very mad man this week on Wednesday night he went in search of the scalp of Thomas Burns of Lower Cove. Mr. Rogan's daughter Minnie was the "steady company" of Thos. Burns. It is claimed that the young couple were secretly married last winter. This statement of fact did not meet with Mr. Rogan's approval, as a consequence he resolved to take matters in his own hands. The supposed clandestine marriage of his daughter to Burns came near being the undoing of that young gentleman. The timid son in law who had secured the daughter was evidently not very much in love with her father as the fact of his having a warrant issued for his arrest indicates. A knife and a revolver in the hands of a father who feels that he has been wronged are very bad weapons to toy with, hence Burn's caution in this matter. Just now family relations are a little strained. As PROGRESS goes to press it is not known what the police court upshot of the case may be.

The Serious Charge of Arson.

Provincial Constable Ring has had some special work to do these last few days, which resulted in the arrest of one William Brown, of Hammond, Kings County. The charge against Brown is a very serious one, that of arson and accuses him, it is understood, of setting fire to buildings owned by Messrs. Kennedy, Crow, Grey and Charles M. Bostwick. The prompt action of the Attorney General, Hon. William Pugsley, in placing the detective upon the investigation and the good work of Ring himself resulted in the arrest of Brown on Thursday. The prisoner seemed to take the matter coolly, asked that the warrant be read to him and then accompanied the officer to the jail at Hampton.

The Colored Baby Question.

Considerable of a sensation has been caused in Moncton by the appearance of one or two colored babies. They seem to have appeared in the wrong place for it is generally understood that white women have no business with little colored strangers. No particular publicity has been given to the events, such as birth notices in the press or otherwise but such news will break out despite the professional secrecy of physicians or the efforts of those interested to keep it quiet.

A Warm Welcome to Him.

The many friends of Capt. Lockart of the steamer Prince Edward were glad to meet him upon his arrival Thursday night from Boston. The captain's popularity in this city and the favorable opinion all who have travelled on the Prince Edward entertained of that officer and his boat will no doubt induce many who want to go across the bay to travel by the water route. The steamer Prince Rupert will be repaired and renovated while the Edward is doing the work.

A Protest From Carleton.

A lady living in Carleton tells PROGRESS that the three colored boys arrested in Carleton for singing, a short time ago were no more faulty than their white companions, that they were respectable colored boys, had good voices and their songs were much enjoyed by those who

listened to them. Some indignation was felt that they should have been selected and fined in the face of the protests of a number of people who knew all the circumstances of the case.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

Liquor License Commissioners Who Make it Difficult for Restaurants Saturday Night.

Because a man keeps a restaurant as well as a bar, the liquor license board has held the last year or two that he must close his eating place as well as his bar at seven o'clock Saturday night—the best night in the week for that particular line of business. No matter how much separated the two places are, because the street entrance is the same, the commissioners have deprived them of a large portion of their week's business. They naturally consider this a hardship, and those who are thoroughly acquainted with the circumstances agree with them.

The board thinks that if the restaurant was open liquor would be carried in from the adjoining but cut off bar. The penalty for this is too heavy for any such risk to be taken and the two eating saloons particularly refused to be conducted by men whose word that nothing of the sort would be done should be readily accepted.

In these days when the commissioners are stretching the law to issue more licenses and thus making it harder for each man in the business to make a living and pay the heavy license fee exacted, some latitude should be permitted persons who have gone to great expense in getting up presentable restaurants and who wish to keep them open six nights in the week.

Boom on Baseball.

The baseball indications are that the season will be a banner one. The Alerts new pitcher, Popp, arrived here on Thursday. Jope, the star backstop, is daily expected. The Rose's management has been hustling and have the promise of several good batteries with which to begin the season's sport. Jark M. Lean, who is at present with the Boston American League team may play in the initial games on Victoria Day. The "ball fans" are assured of good ball from the start. Both teams have crack imported batteries and the best local players obtainable are bound to please their patrons. If a good clear sportsman-like article of baseball is given St. John people will not fail to show their approval of the energies of the players.

King's County Bridges.

The repairs to Perry Point Bridge have been completed, and that structure is now in good condition. The work was done under much difficulty, as the freshet was very high and the ice running freely, but Contractor Gilliland and his crew lost no time and had the draw completed and the bridge ready when navigation broke up. It was no sooner completed, however, than a bridge across the Hammond river went down, and called for the services of the contractor again.

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OFF TO THE BIG SHOW.

What the Province and the I. C. R. Are Doing to Make an Attractive Exhibit.

The Pan-American exposition is causing considerable interest among those citizens of St. John and the Province who have thought of taking a summer trip and a little recreation. Several ladies and gentlemen have already left the city for Buffalo with that idea in view. Inducements held out by the Intercolonial Railway as well as the Canadian Pacific are such that the trip is not only pleasant but cheap. Of course in Buffalo the hotel rates and the boarding-house terms will be higher than usual but that is to be expected. Reports from that city, however, rather indicate that the exposition is not nearly ready for sight seeing. The railways will naturally wish to get all the travel they can early in the season, because during the months of July, August and September their rolling stock will no doubt be occupied to its utmost capacity.

New Brunswick, will be particularly interested in the exhibit of the Intercolonial railway, which has taken upon itself the task of giving an adequate idea of the game and fish to be had in this province. The revenue from this source of late years has been considerable, both from the standpoint of the provincial government and from that of the railway. Sportsmen who come here with the idea of salmon fishing or moose hunting or in fact looking for any kind of game are not as a rule particular as to the expense and the licenses they have to pay to the game wardens, the guides which they engage, the railway and the fares all amount to a considerable sum which they pay willingly for the sport they enjoy.

In order to give a better idea of the resources of the provinces in this direction, the government at Fredericton lent its remarkable collection of moose heads, etc., to the Intercolonial passenger department and they have gone forward by special car to the exhibit.

Mr. W. H. Carnall of the well known firm of taxidermists of this city has charge of the business of setting up the exhibit, hanging the many photographs of sporting resorts and scenes to advantage and generally to make it look as attractive as possible. During the absence of those heads of the department, who will probably visit Buffalo later, he is willing to give any and all information to those who seek it. It was found necessary when the representative of the Intercolonial went to Buffalo at first to build an annex to contain this splendid exhibit and under the supervision of the dominion architect a building 35 feet in length and of proportionate width was added to the agricultural department on the grounds. This will enable the exhibit to be displayed properly and no doubt much benefit will result to the province and to the Intercolonial from the show.

WANT A HARBOR BRIDGE.

A Merchant Lumberman Who Talks of St. John's Disadvantage From Lack Of It.

Speaking of the Cantiliver Bridge the other day a well known lumber merchant talked quite freely of what he termed the disadvantages the charges of carriage on that structure were to St. John. It is well known that \$5 a car is charged on all freight brought from the west to this city over the iron bridge. Whether this charge is excessive or not PROGRESS is not prepared to say but in the opinion of this merchant with whom its representative talked there should be no change at all made but ordinary freight rate from the west. This lumber merchant did not hesitate to state that he could buy his supplies for his crews in the woods or on the streams cheaper in St. Stephen than he could in St. John and the reason of it was, he claimed the longer rail haul from St. John and the tolls to and fro on the bridge making both ways \$10 a car. He was very emphatic in urging that the government of the city should take some notice of this disadvantage and overcome it and the only way, in his opinion, with which it could be done was to construct a bridge across the harbor of St. John. This of course was much talked of at the last

election but no move seems to have been made since. A combined street railway and passenger bridge across the harbor at Navy Island would allow the Shore Line access to the eastern side of the harbor, would permit the Intercolonial to go to the western side, would give the street railway a chance to unite Carleton more closely with the city and at the same time to make the beautiful beaches at the west side and the advantages of the summer resorts much more popular with the people in general. He was of the opinion that proper representation should be made to the government in regard to matter and all its benefits discussed. The ferry is now a paying concern, but in a short time two new boats will be required for the service, the cost of which will be very considerable. The present boats would no doubt last until the bridge could be constructed, if the matter was taken up promptly and pushed energetically.

CHANGE IN THE LICENCE BOARD

Said to go into Effect on the First Day of the Coming Month.

It is said quite openly that there will be a new liquor license commissioner on the first of June and that his name will be Dr. J. M. Smith. Mr. A. W. Adams has been mentioned in the same connection but it seems that Dr. Smith was first in the field and has very decided support for the position. Whoever gets it, however, will probably have to salute Mr. Commission Coll as Mr. Chairman and consequently being the last appointment made will be the last to retire from the present board. Mr. Peter Clinch is the other member of the board now and for some time he and the other gentlemen composing it, Messrs. Coll and Knodell have been busy discussing who shall and shall not get the liquor licenses. It was somewhat surprising to a number of people who would have liked to see the number of licenses reduced to the original 75 to find that nearly everybody that applied received the coveted authority to sell from 6 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night for five days in the week, and until 7 o'clock at night on Saturday night.

For the first time in a good many years the old Central House, now thoroughly renovated and refurbished and renamed as Hotel Edward, has a license. It is under the management of Mr. James Driscoll, who formerly conducted Tammany Hall. Mr. Roop who used to conduct the Central House always furnished lots of work for the inspector and some excitement for the public upon occasions by his utter indifference to license restrictions. To his credit be it said he always applied for a license and the reason it was not granted to him is best known to the board and Mr. Roop himself.

Now that Mr. Chairman Knodell is about to retire the probabilities are that there may be some change in the attitude of the commissioners towards some of those who think they have been hardly dealt with the last few years. However, this remains to be seen.

Changing Their Quarters.

The two tonsorial artists who for some time have been officiating in the barber shop at the Dufferin hotel will after the 27th inst. be found in a place of business formerly occupied by Mr. McGinley, who for years has conducted the barbershop in connection with the Victoria hotel on King street. Mr. Myles Gibbs has purchased the business of Mr. McGinley and with Mr. Charles Hanlon, his capable assistant will conduct the new shop on King street.

A New Restaurant.

The restaurant opened by Mr. A. Nixon on the north side of King Square presents a fresh and attractive appearance, is nicely fitted up with new furniture, new dishes and table linen and gives much satisfaction to all those who have patronized it. The lunches quickly gotten up, the cooking is excellent and the attendance prompt.

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