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STILL ANOTHER CHANGE.

The Duke and His Party Will Reside on the Cars While Here—Not a Popular Move.

The announcement that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York and their party will occupy their own cars on their visit to this city comes as a great surprise to the people of St. John.

The Provincial government has gone to considerable expense in having the Jones and McNutt residences fitted up for the entertainment of their royal guests. Besides they have entered into a large number of contracts in connection with these houses, contracts which they are in duty bound to carry out. The change in the programme means the waste of much public money.

The change as given out in this respect as well as other changes contemplated by the visitors do not meet with popular favor in St. John. This City has gone to considerable pains in providing for the entertainment of the Royal party and it might well feel somewhat annoyed at the turn affairs have taken. There is no doubt as to the loyalty of this City and its great desire to extend to the son of the King the heartiest of welcomes, but at the same time the citizens have a right to feel that some little respect should be paid to their feelings and requests.

Major Maude who seems to be the gentleman responsible for these changes is not to be congratulated on the part he is playing. PROGRESS is not acquainted with him, but it feels that it does not speak far from the truth when it says that such actions of Major Maude do not meet with popular approval.

Before the Royal party arrived in Canada, a programme was given out to the Canadian people where the party would visit and how long they would stay at each place, and the people governed themselves accordingly. This being the case Major Maude or no other gentlemen has a right to change the order of affairs. It is easy enough for Major Maude if the whim strikes him to change his mind from day to day and tell the people they must put up with it, but Mr. Maude or any other Englishmen wants to understand that Canadians though they respect fully their British rulers, they also have some respect for themselves and they do not care about being made a foot ball of, to be kicked about just as a few parties desire.

It might be putting the case pretty strongly, but it does seem that there is a certain smount of snobbery and overbearing in connection with the present visit of Royalty to our shores. It looks as if the parties who are managing affairs for the Duke and Duchess had got it into their heads that Canadians had to accept just what were dealt out to them and that the Royal guests were conferring a great favor upon people. They seem to forget that they are guests in this country and it is generally the custom for polite guests to put up with what the host supplies.

It would surprise no one to learn that next week Major Maude might take it into his head not to visit St. John at all. The Royal Party appear so uncertain in their actions that it is most discouraging for our people to go ahead and make arrangements for receiving them. There is no certainty that any part of the present programme will be carried out. If they do come St. John will enthusiastically receive their distinguished visitors, but all the same the citizens do not want it rubbed in too much.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

The Torryburn Assault Case is Ended and all New Free Men.

The finding of the jury in the Torryburn Assault case has come in for some severe criticism. It is to say the least just a little bit peculiar. The verdict would seem to indicate that it is all right to assault St. John policemen so long as it is done in no small way.

Deputy Chief Jenkins and Sergt. Campbell received a severe beating at the hands of certain parties on the day of the Cathedral picnic. These parties were arrested and have been tried and twelve of their fellow countrymen have decided that their action was perfectly proper. There seems

to be no doubt as to the identity of the persons concerned in the fracas. That appears to be admitted.

It is evident that the St. John police force is a superfluous organization. A jury has decided that they have no right to keep the public peace and if they attempt to keep law and order and get a sound whipping in the attempt it serves them right and they must put up with the consequences.

The verdict as rendered will not probably be pleasing to those who take an interest in the Cathedral Sunday school picnic. If the boys have had a big time on that day in years gone by what will they have in the future. Picnic days in the vicinity of Torryburn in the future will likely be red hot ones and the party that interferes will take a good deal upon himself. A regiment may be called out in the future to preserve the peace but there is no reason to believe that a company of soldiers would fare any better at the hands of a St. John jury than the police force.

St. John has decided two very pretty cases of justice this year. One is that a man may commit an indecent assault, provided he gets away within ten days after so doing, the other is that Policemen have no right to interfere in drunken fights. Well done St. John. No wonder this city feels so indignant at the act of the anarchist who shot McKinley.

Suspend Payment.

The announcement of the suspension of payment by two well known

St. John firms, Merritt Bros & Co and Puddington & Merritt came as a surprise to people this week. These firms are known among the best in the city and it is the hope of all that they will be able to tide over their difficulties. The failure of the latter firm followed that of the former as it was closely connected in business transactions.

A Big Fistic Meeting.

A good honest sporting evening promised for the seventh of October (Monday) when Mr. William Keele, who has umpired so many bouts to the entire satisfaction of the public, will introduce to the city men who have reputation and fame in the ring in the New England States. Mr. Keele has applied for permission to conduct an exhibition in the Victoria Rink in which L. Weisig and George Byers will be the Star attractions. They will go for fifteen rounds and those who know the men will readily conceive what a treat that will be.

Mr. Keele has undertaken this exhibition on his own account and there will be no misunderstanding as to the earnestness of the fighting. The men who go up against each other will know that they are there to please the public and not themselves.

Johnny Taylor, who has been a favorite especially in the north end, will go against the amateur champion of New England, Jimmy Kelly, for fifteen rounds, and those who know Taylor expect him to win.

The show will be opened by a six round bout between George Phelan of Portland and the 'Cyclone'.

There will be plenty of fun, there is no doubt, with such a programme.

Day of Mourning.

Thursday was supposed to have been a day of mourning in St. John though it was not very clearly exhibited. Just the same peoples sympathy for the United States was no less felt on that account.

GOOD EFFORT DID THIS.

Fredericton's Exhibition a Success and the Attendance Very Satisfactory.

The Fredericton exhibition, which on account of its grant was of a provincial character, has been truly called a success.

The show was not a large one but what there was of it was so good as to call for the praise of those who saw it.

St. John and other parts of the province were represented so well, that all the trains and boats were crowded to the utmost and the Fredericton hotels and private houses had the greatest difficulty in providing for the accommodation of the visitors.

There was an impression in the Capital that St. John should have done more than it did in the way of providing exhibits for the big show but when they found out that the same idea was prevalent in this city when the exhibitions were held here no explanation could be sought. The attendance from St. John was splendid and the visitors found much pleasure in the sight seeing trip.

President Campbell and Secretary Murray were busy men but they always had time to direct those who did not know much about the ins and outs of the show. President Campbell told PROGRESS the gentlemen on the committee were well satisfied with the attendance and that in his opinion the show would prove a success. The building had cost them \$2,900, the repairs to the sheds another \$1,000 and the premium list would approach \$2,000. These were the large expenses. The receipts would be \$2,500 from the government and \$1,500

from the city with \$500 from the province to fall back upon in case of a deficit. Of course the entrance receipts would be added to these and such other income as come from the sale of space and entrance fees. Whatever the result the people of the capital are to be congratulated, upon their energy and effort which resulted in an exhibition that pleased all who saw it.

The races were good, considering that the track had been out of use for years. The time of 2.23 has not, in the writer's recollection been made on the same course for some time if indeed it ever was. Happy Girl was the surprise of the day and the owner, George Clark, of this city was correspondingly happy. He found this speed in Yarmouth almost by an accident, and his faith in the lofty mare, disabled, poor and abused as she was then, has been verified. She is said on good authority to have paced Moosepath in 1 05 for the half and this would not seem extraordinary considering the speed she showed in Fredericton Thursday. Anna T. is speedy, but after the first heat was not in the race, Happy Girl winning as she pleased and jogging in even at the fastest time recorded. There were protests of course but these were withdrawn, the owners of Ben H. leaving for home satisfied that Mr. Barker of St. Stephen would not push his objection to their claim for third money.

There was also a protest against Happy Girl on account of her name but the identity of the mare, the owner said, could be established in half an hour.

The starting by Mr. Ward of this city and the judging was fair in every respect the attendance was good and the efforts to give good value for the entrance money so earnest as to please everybody.

The people of Fredericton are always hospitable but this year those who went from St. John can truly say that they found the greeting from their celestial friends of the most cordial nature and their time almost too brief occupied in the pleasure of meeting and regret at parting.

Who Took or Stole the Steps

The question "who took or stole the stone" has made quite a lot of fun about the city this week. Alderman Hilyard says he was quite willing to "take or steal" two or three of the old stone steps, that were discovered when the jail repairs were started, but he found some one had been ahead of him. Ald. Maxwell raised Cain when he found that the steps had disappeared and in the meantime Stanton Bros., under the architects directions were shaping the steps so that they would serve as bases for the windows. Contractor McArthur said he offered \$80 for the steps and wants to know who they belonged to and whether the contractors paid for them while some of the other aldermen think the information regarding their presence should have been general. So far as any one can see now there were only thirteen steps and the aldermanic board is of fifteen members. In any event the number, for a fair division was two short.

His Title is Clear Now.

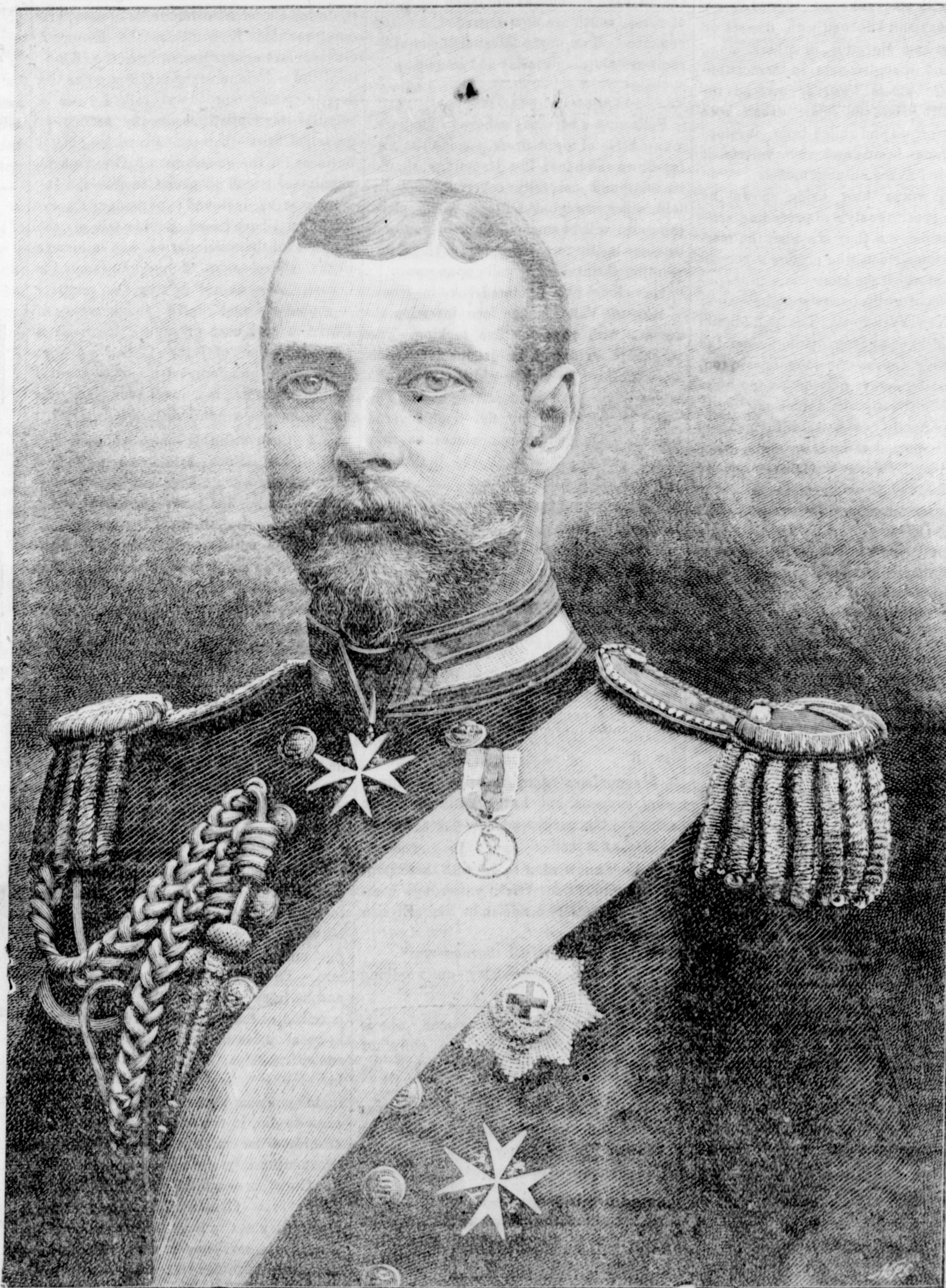
The friends of Harry Nelson have been heartily glad of his distinct clearance from all suspicion of the charge of getting money under false pretences from the steamer May Queen. The verdict of a jury while it may save a man from prison does not always make all people consider his title for honesty "right and clear" therefore Nelson should be happy and his friends glad that the confession of the guilty man has proved him what PROGRESS said and thought he was an innocent man.

Fleets of Them.

St. John has done pretty well this week in the line of weddings and they are not all over yet. September is giving June a hard race for first place in the matrimonial market.

A Civic War.

Fredericton is having a fight between its council and clerk and the war is most interesting.



H. R. H. The Duke of Cornwall and York, who is now on a Visit to Canada.