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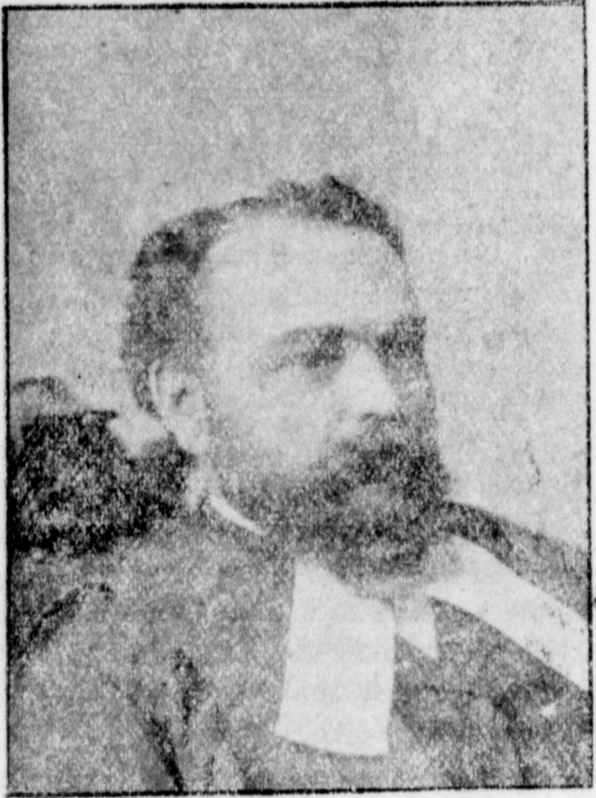
PRICE FIVE CENTS

CHANGES IN THE HOUSE.

How the Federal Elections and Other Causes Affected the Provincial Legislature.

There have been many changes in the New Brunswick legislature since the last sitting of that body; in fact perhaps it is not too much to say that never before in the history of the Province when no local general elections have been held, have there been such a number of changes. This has been brought about in several ways, but the chief factor was the Dominion elections, when so many of the local members retired from the Provincial arena to try their political fortunes in the higher sphere. Taking it all in all it may be quite truthfully said that assembly has not gained materially by the changes, but this could hardly be expected.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson will no longer be seen in his accustomed seat in the house. No gentleman will be more missed than he, ever forward in debate, a power to his



HON. WM. PUGSLEY.

friends, well liked by all irrespective of politics, his retirement will be much felt.

Mr. White who for so many years represented Kings county, one of the most valuable members in the legislature, and probably the ablest debater in the government has dropped out of local political life and Mr. Carvell the brilliant member for Carleton, has followed Mr. White's retirement. Mr. Carvell, though but a short time in the house, gave promise of a bright future, a good speaker, an indefatigable worker as chairman of committees, his absence will be a loss to his party.

No member was more popular than the late Mr. Wells of Westmorland; a fluent speaker and always foremost in humor, the province has sustained no little loss by his removal.

Mr. Gibson of York and Mr. LeBlanc of Kent, are two more well known figures that must be added to the list. These gentlemen did not shine so much in the speaking line, but as hard working representatives they were ever to the front.

The gentlemen who took their seats for the first time in the house on Thursday, though new to political life are generally well known throughout the province as prominent men in their several counties. What success they will have in provincial politics, time only can tell. Mr. Allen who succeeds Mr. Gibson in York is known as a clever and argumentative speaker and his friends mark out for him a bright future. Mr. Appleby takes Mr. Carvell's place, Mr. Ryan that of Mr. Emmerson, Mr. Copp that of Mr. Wells, and Mr. Poirier that of Mr. LeBlanc. Mr. Copp has the reputation of being a good talker while the other gentlemen are yet to be tried.

Another change that has been brought about during the past year is that in the speakership, Mr. Robinson who was elected to that honorable position on Thursday will no doubt fill the duties of his office satisfactorily. He has had some experience in the line by holding the office of chairman of the accounts committee. He is a clever and has a generous amount of tact.

Mr. Tweedie for the first time assumes the position of Premier on the floors of the legislature and Dr. Pugsley the Attorney generalship. They are both old members of the house, but now have much more responsible positions to maintain.

They both possess much parliamentary knowledge and are fluent and ready debaters. Neither of them need any introduction to the public. They have been in public life so long and their ability so well recognized that no few words in an article such as this would do them justice.

Mr. Ferris takes his seat for the first time as a minister with portfolio and Mr. McKeown as a minister ex officio.

Mr. LaBillois has also changed his portfolio since the last session. The fighting on behalf of the government will fall most on the Premier, Dr. Pugsley and Mr. McKeown all good speakers and good fighters.

There have been no changes in the opposition, if the ranks have not been decreased they have not been increased. Mr. Hazen has not behind him the speaking talent that an opposition should have, and so it is not expected that the debates will be of any great length. A familiar figure that will be missed during the present session is that of Mr. McDade, the official reporter. Mr. McDade held the position for a great many years and his retirement is a matter of regret. No person could have filled his office more acceptably than he did. He was always most obliging and courteous to all and to the newspaper fraternity he was ever ready to give any information.

JOHN CHINAMAN'S DOUBLES.

He gambles on Sunday and is fined—The Magistrate tells plainly.

'How'd you like to be a man,' is a saying which is very applicable in the summer season, but it is one that is totally out of place in the winter time. An expression that would be better just about now would be 'How'd you like to be the Chinaman.'

This little prelude to this little story tells more than appears on the surface. On Sunday last some thirteen Chinamen were arrested in a North End "opium joint" conducted by one Chong Lee. According to the evidence of Detective Ring, who saw the whole thing from a ladder in the rear of the premises, they were all seated around a table on Sunday night last playing cards. Ring from his vantage point could not sail in like Mrs. Carrie Nation with her little hatchet and destroy the outfit, he with Captain Hastings and some officers had to saunter around to the front door and thus



D. J. PURDY, M. P. P.

effect an entrance upon the surprised 'Boxers.'

They were brought to court, gambling was proved against them and they escaped with a fine of five dollars each.

The court in passing sentence upon the sons of the Flowery Kingdom took occasion to make a few remarks, in fact the court indulged in a sort of a general judgment.

The magistrate said the fine could be a hundred dollars, the same as a disorderly house penalty, and warned the Chinamen against a further infraction of the law. He remarked as a final shot, that he hoped the North End police would bring a dozen or

so christians to justice for misdoings on the Sabbath, and he would show them what the law was. He had received a letter from a North End clergyman, which told of beer shops being open in that vicinity.

It seems strange that there should be



HON. L. J. TWEEDIE.

From a photograph of years ago.

two ways of dispensing justice in this city, one for the Christian and one for the pagan; yet such is the apparent fact. Magistrate Ritchie in his remarks, intimated as much. If gamblers or others who pose as Christians are brought before him he claims he will impose the limit of statutory fine.

John Chinaman is noted for ways that are deep and dark, but in St. John he has never been accused of being innocent of the intricacies of that game designated as "fan-tan." Among the Christian population of card adepts "poker" is the favorite pastime; with John, "fan-tan" fills the gap. John is taken to court, with his supreme simplicity, escapes with a five dollar fine; the Christian if brought before the magistrate has a \$100 limit hanging over his head.

The Snow Soon Removed.

The street department the first of the week had another busy time of it and the chamberlain will be called upon to pay a very considerable sum for removing the snow from the streets. It is an ill wind that does not blow somebody good and this was seen on Monday morning early when hundreds of the unemployed ready to get a job and willing to work hovered around the head quarters of the department and strove to be engaged as early as possible. The storm was a very severe one, almost as severe as any of the season and had not the warm sun on several days assisted in lessening the banks of snow the cost would have been much greater to the city. Superintendent Martin was out bright and early and it is to be said to his credit that the evidences of the great volume of snow were soon removed from the business portion of the city.

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Chairs Re-seated One, Spirit Perforated, Dual, 17 Waterloo.

DOES NOT LIKE BOXING.

Magistrate Ritchie Differs From Mayor Daniel on This Particular Question.

Everybody in St. John knows that it is more than a year since a "boxing exhibition" took place in this city.

The revival came last Monday night when "A Big Go," was held at McLaughlan's hall. Previous to this the hall had been occupied by social and festive gatherings, but as Lent was ushered in they gave way to the sportily inclined young men and, instead of scenes of "beauty and chivalry" the room resounded with the smash of the boxing glove and the solarplexus energy of the boxer.

The sequel came about on Wednesday morning in the police court, when his honor, Magistrate Ritchie, made some pertinent and sarcastic remarks about boxers and boxing in St. John.

In one of the cases brought before him the magistrate asked the prisoner "if he was connected with the prize fight held a few nights ago in McLaughlan's hall." The prisoner replied that he was not.

The magistrate retorted that it had been reported "that he was one of the fighters," and if this had been true he would have imposed upon him the full penalty of the law.

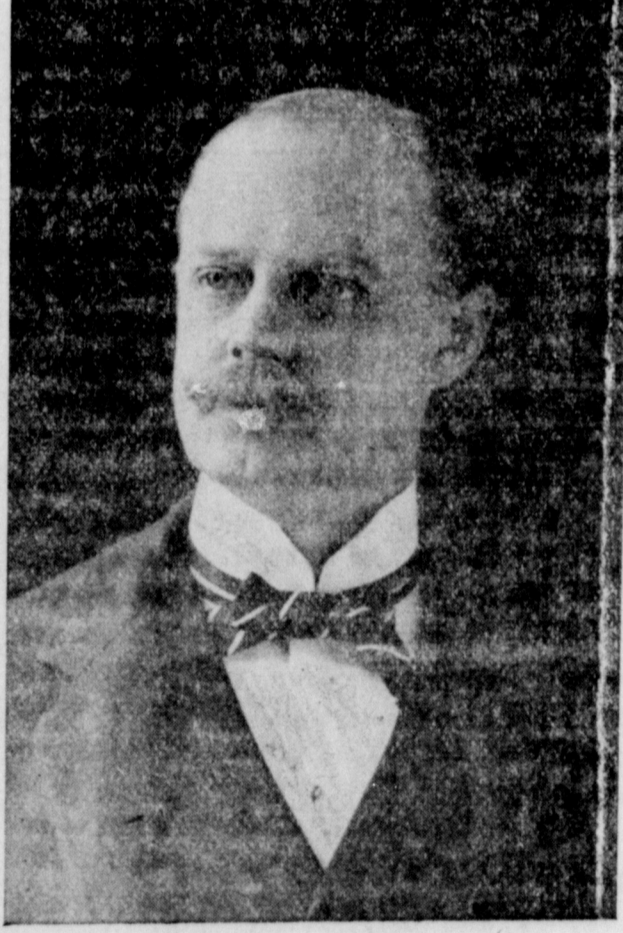
The magistrate is evidently not one of the "sporty" kind. In his court room oration he took His Worship the Mayor, to task. He referred in pointed terms to his astonishment at the Mayor allowing such "brutal affairs" to take place in this city. His attention was called by the Mayor to the fact that a fighter being able "to stand the length of the round," and again "another man was hardly able to get up before the ten seconds were counted," to continue further "one fighter was not capable of standing off his opponent, the men were battering one another, etc."

The strictures were indeed severe, coming as they did from the magistrate on the bench.

He said the expressions he used were from the daily papers, and he wondered if the mayor read the same accounts as he had. He further remarked that if the mayor was aware of the facts he would not grant another license to hold one of these beastly affairs.

In concluding Magistrate Ritchie said it was not purely a boxing affair, it was nothing but a fight and as such, a lasting disgrace to our city.

These are strong words, and, going broadcast as they do, will convey the im-



HON. H. A. McKEOWN.

pression that St. John with its many recent events on the criminal calendar, is far from a desirable abiding place.

PROGRESS has seen some of those who were present at last Monday night's entertainment. Such spectators were of the opinion that nothing happened that would affect any person's morals. The entertainment was an athletic event and was carried out in an orderly manner.

Police Magistrate Ritchie thinks different, and he has endeavored to impress upon the public that the mayor was wrong in allowing such an affair to go on. The mayor has not been seen in relation to the matter, but one would judge that if His

Worship saw fit to grant a license for such an event, that he was perfectly justified in so doing. As chief magistrate of this city he has a perfect right, it would seem, to use his discretion in such affairs. The spirit of contradiction is at present abroad in the land, and judging from present day events such a feeling abides in the breasts of some of St. John's officials. The recent moral wave has not passed without leaving behind it a troubled sea of many opinions. As a result the public awaits patiently the outcome of the crusade.

The Chair Presented.

That long delayed delegation to St. Martins to present the chair to Centenarian Ross got away early on Friday morning. If the storm of last Sunday had not prevented it no doubt the chair would have



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been presented on Monday or Tuesday. But it is better late than never. Some of the wags in a jesting mood grew somewhat facetious over the possibility of Mr. Ross tiring of waiting for the chair. However, Warden McGoldrick could be relied upon to do his part of it in his usual genial way and the assistance that he would receive from those who accompanied him and from the St. Martins people would no doubt attend to make the affair a very pleasant one.

Bank of Nova Scotia Improvements.

The proposed enlargement of the premises of the Bank of Nova Scotia will give the staff and the customers of the bank in this city much needed additional accommodation. The places as seen by a PROGRESS representative show that the new offices when complete will be handsome, roomy and well lighted. It is proposed to make a change in the entrance to the managers office, to shift the heating furnace to excavate in the rear and erect a one story addition lighted from the roof, which will be pleasant quarters for a portion of the large staff now required to carry on the business of the court. General Manager McLeod was in the city a few days ago and it is understood that tenders have been asked for the work and that it will be proceeded with as early as possible.

A Satisfactory Result.

Chief Kerr of the fire department tells PROGRESS that the receipts from the concert in aid of the poor in the Mechanics Institute last Friday night a week ago, will probably amount to \$400, or within a few dollars of that sum. A number of people sold a good many tickets, the attendance at the concert was very large and the entertainment all that could be desired. Chief Kerr made a pleasant speech explaining the motives of the men and everything went off in a highly satisfactory manner.

Death of Mr. A. W. Reed.

The death of Mr. A. W. Reed, the chief in the P. O. money order department, while expected for some days surprised many of those who were well acquainted with him. There was a hope that he might survive, but the disease had obtained such a hold on him that his strength could not withstand its determined attack. He leaves a widow and four young daughters, all of whom as well as his aged parents have the sincere sympathy of his numerous friends.