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PRICE FIVE CENTS

WHAT MADE THEM LEAVE?

Important Witnesses in the Police Investigation are not Kept in the City.

The investigation into the charges preferred against Detective Ring by Pearl Nason and Kate Brown, proprietresses of certain unlicensed houses, at the east end of Brittain street, was commenced in Chief Clark's private office Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

The inquiry had as its main feature, the lack of witnesses, Misses Nason and Brown not appearing. Those present were the chief, Recorder Skinner, Capt. Jenkins, Detective Ring, Inspector Jones, Ada Wilson, and a number of reporters.

Before starting the investigation the chief, in a very solicitous tone, asked Detective Ring if one of the windows, which was open was too cold for him, Ring replied that he didn't think so.

The investigation was opened by him with a little speech, congratulating the members of the force on the excellence of that body. He said that the police force, as at present constituted, would compare favorably with any body of policemen; they were a temperate body of people and good-living citizens. He did not know of any of them, captains, sergeants, detectives, or patrolmen, who were addicted to strong drink. There was a time, he said, when some of them might have taken a drink, as he himself had done, but he was pleased to state that such was not now the fact. Of late it had been hinted that some of the policemen had been in the habit of receiving money from the proprietors of certain houses of ill fame in this city. This was considered a sort of police protection. His duties as chief of police was to investigate such statements, and if possible to locate the guilty parties and wipe the stain off the police force. It was a surprise to him and to the public to hear of such charges. He called Detective Ring after the accusation had been made against him. The charges against Detective Ring were these "of receiving money from Pearl Nason and Kate Brown."

Captain Jenkins then stated that he had notified the witnesses to appear. He told of visiting Kate Brown's place, she said she would be on hand as a witness. From there he went to Pearl Nason's and saw Beatrice Field, who was in charge of the domicile; she said that Miss Nason was going to Boston and would not return. Miss Field also said that Madge Smith and Flossie McDonald had left the city. At the same time he notified Ada Wilson to appear at the inquiry.

He had since learned that Kate Brown had left the city, and, on an order from the chief visited the place on Wednesday. He was told by the woman's sister, May Brown, that she had left the city in company with the girls on Wednesday, that she was not positive where she had gone to, but thought she had gone to the States and that it was not her intention to return to this city.

Recorder Skinner at this point asked Captain Jenkins, if there was any way of finding out the circumstances under which these women left town and who induced them to go.

Capt. Jenkins—I do not know anything about that.

Recorder Skinner.—It is a remarkable thing that in a case like this—one in which the public is so interested—that these witnesses should leave the city, and that nobody should know when they left, or where they had gone to.

The recorder thought that the chief should instruct the captain to find out if any person had been instrumental in getting them away from the city.

As Mr. A. Geo Blair, Detective Ring's counsel, was unavoidably absent, the case was further postponed, until yesterday afternoon at 2.30 and as PROGRESS is printed on Friday it was impossible to get that portion of the inquiry.

A Pleasant Week of Curling.

The Fredericton curlers have had a very pleasant week of it. In St. Stephen on Monday, here on Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday at Hampton. They have met with victory and defeat, and have taken both with that equanimity that distinguishes them. The enjoyment of good play and good fellowship has

been their's but they would no doubt have had a more generally good time had the week not been marked by the event which saddened all people.

AFTER THE DIRECTORSHIP.

Applicants For the Position Are Not Wanting—What Aldermen Think.

If rumor is at all correct there will be a lively contest for the directorship of public works, made vacant by the death of Mr. A. Chipman Smith. It will be hard for any of the applicants at present mentioned to fill the place of the deceased gentleman, for his energy and executive ability and wide knowledge of civic affairs made him especially fitted for the office. Ald. George H. Waring was first to be announced as applicant for the position. Mr. Waring has been in the council for some time and is known as an engineer once connected with the firm of Waring, White & Co. still later with the Union Iron Works of Carleton. Since that time he has been in the employ of A. Cushing & Co. He is an alderman for Sydney ward and one of the few on the board who does not permit the duties of his public position to interfere, very materially, with his private affairs. The name of Alderman-at-large Hilyard has also been mentioned though it may be without his knowledge or consent. If, however, he should prove to be appointed, there is no doubt he would infuse much of the energy and determination so characteristic of him into the office which needs a go ahead man at all times. There are many members of the council however, who seem to think that a capable engineer is all that is necessary to conduct this department of civic works. This would mean, no doubt, a reorganization of the public works and probably relegate the present engineer to a somewhat minor position. PROGRESS is simply giving the views of a few members of the council whom its representative has talked with but when the alderman get time to talk it over the taxpayers will probably have an opportunity to express an opinion and they may be largely guided by their views.

After the Commissionerhip.

The death of Mr. A. Chipman Smith has left a vacancy on the hospital board which is being somewhat eagerly applied for by some one or two aldermen who evidently thought at first that it was a council appointment. Only a few days ago Dr. W. W. White was selected by the common council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. John Berryman and



A. Chipman Smith.

now it is the turn of the province to fill the present vacancy. It is understood that Dr. D. E. Berryman is an applicant for the position and that his claim is very favorably considered. Dr. Berryman is a practitioner of long standing and of much experience in work of this kind. He is a coroner and police surgeon and he would, without doubt make a most efficient commissioner.

A Livery Man's Grievance.

"I wish," said a prominent livery man in this city, that you would say something in PROGRESS about the custom which seems to prevail throughout the city, of people, when death occurs in the family, permitting the undertaker to order the coaches for the funeral from whomever he pleases. Time and time again have I seen the mourners of my customers taken to the

cemetery in the coaches of a rival in the business. This is not only unpleasant but it seems to me that it is not right. Moreover I am quite convinced that it would be more agreeable to the undertakers if the coaches were ordered direct from the livery keeper and the bill sent from him. I am quite sure that the majority of those who have coaches to let will agree with me in this opinion."

To Rejoin Her Husband.

The discovery of ex mayor Snow some where in the British West Indies, but just exactly where, no one except the parties most interested seems to know, is likely to lead to the reunion of him and the wife

MOURNING THE QUEEN.

How St. John Awaited the Sad News and Sorrows For the Dead.

The suspense in this city on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday morning, waiting for news of the condition of the well loved Queen of the Empire can hardly be imagined. The interest was universal and the anxiety such as to nearly suspend all business.

O. Sunday the churches were thronged

greatest empire on the earth.

Only a short time ago the whole city was ablaze with illuminations of the gayest description that could be imagined in honor of the victories in South Africa. Today the streets, the principal business buildings of the city and dominion offices are covered with the deepest mourning. And until a week from today when the funeral takes place the same air of sorrow will prevail.

The love of St. John for the deceased monarch and the loyalty of its citizens to the new king cannot be disputed.

God save the Queen; Long live the King.

DIRECTOR A. CHIPMAN SMITH'S DEATH.

He Passes Away After a Long and Severe Illness—a Good Officer.

The death of Mr. A. Chipman Smith, director of public works for the city, which occurred this week, while not unexpected, was much of a shock to those of his friends who hoped that he would be with them for a longer time. No man was better known in this city than the deceased gentleman. He had been associated for so many years with the civic and business interests of St. John that his face was even more familiar to men of all classes than those prominent in political life. Mr. Smith, for some years, was mayor of the city, at another time chief of the fire department, which was a fitting recognition of his services as a volunteer and for many years was chairman of the water commission and, when he died, director of public works which included the duties of his former office. He was an active and useful member of minor boards, and his large experience and keen perception, at all times aided those with whom he was associated. His judgement was good, his energy unbounded and it at times he was inclined to be impulsive, he could be readily forgiven for that which proceeded rather from the heart than from the head. The corporation thought much of him as a good officer, a man of splendid executive ability and he was frequently consulted upon matters other than those which came within the scope of his department. While PROGRESS is being printed the funeral is being held and there is no doubt, from the preparations that have been made for it, it will prove one of the largest that has ever been held in the city of St. John.

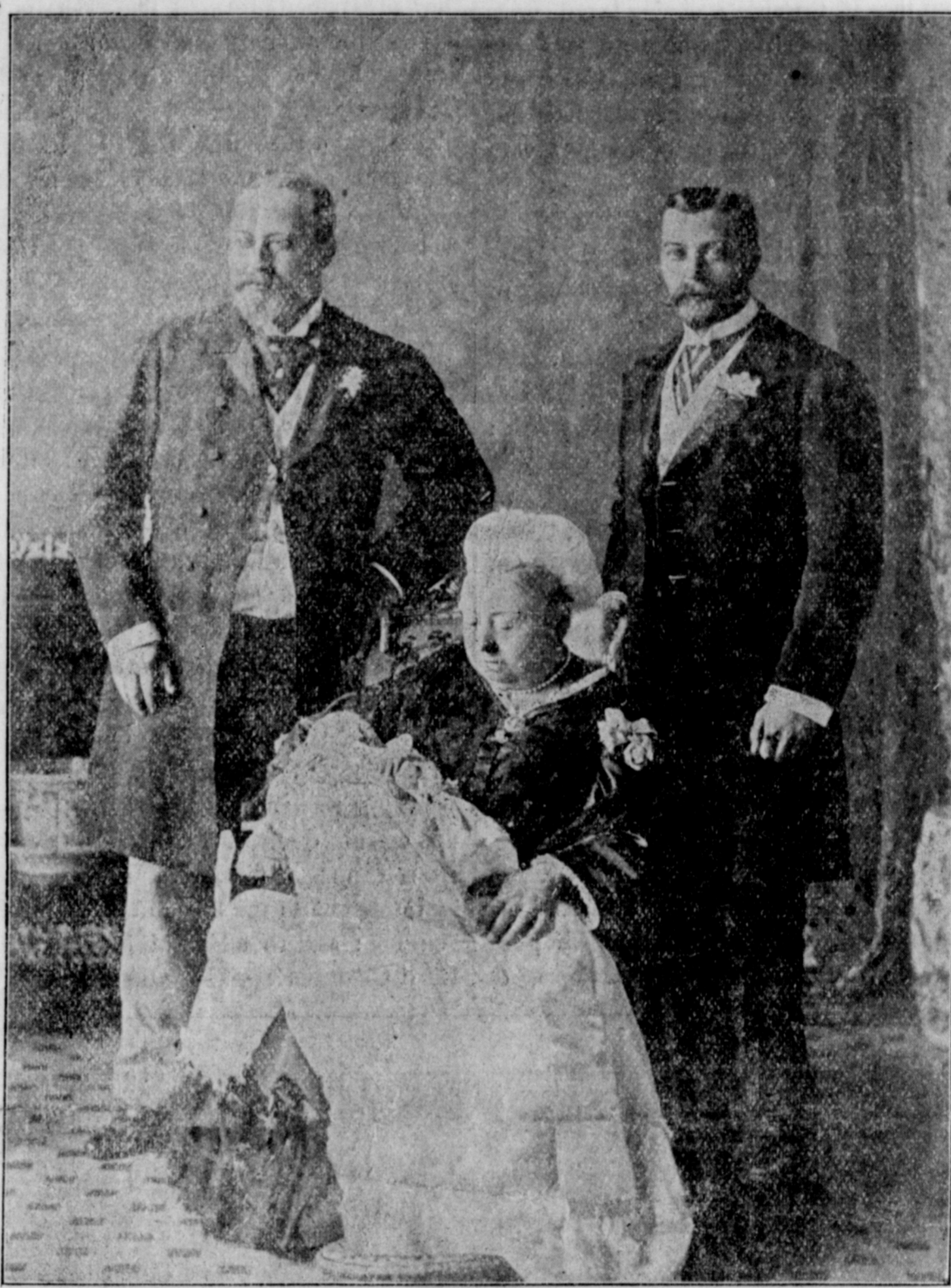
Damages Can be Recovered.

The runaway accidents of Wednesday afternoon came very near having a serious ending. As it was, one of them, at least, injured several people and the narrow escape that others had from death caused many a shudder among the large number who witnessed the runaway. If there is not a regulation requiring teamsters to hobble their horses or fasten them in some way, there should be one. Hardly a day passes without some grocery or other delivery team becoming frightened and making a dash along the street. It may be that the owners of these teams do not understand that they are liable under the law for any damage that is done by them running away, when they are allowed to stand on the street without any fastening. The accidents of Wednesday should be a warning to all those who own delivery teams.

Testimonial of the Centenarian.

The presentation of the address and testimonial to the St. Martins centenarian will no doubt be somewhat delayed by the death of Her Majesty, the Queen, as the municipal council will probably wait till after her funeral before going upon such a pleasant mission as this would likely be. Warden McGoldrick is preparing the address and when the proper time arrives will proceed to St. Martins and deliver it and the testimonial of the county council to the gentleman who was nearly 30 years of age when the Queen was born.

Chairs Re-seated Cane Spins, Perforated, Duval, 17 Waterloo



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THE FOUR GENERATIONS.

that he left behind him in Moncton. It is understood that Mrs. Snow has gone to Moncton to arrange some matters preliminary to her departure for her husband's present home. Another rumor is to the effect that his whereabouts was discovered by a New York newspaper man, who was in that vicinity during the Spanish war, and was acquainted with Mr. Snow before he left for the States. The original report of his discovery claimed to be due to a knowledge of his handwriting on the part of a subscription clerk in a Moncton newspaper office. It does not matter, however, which is correct so long as the mystery has been solved at last.

and in many the latest news regarding the condition of Her Majesty was given. That her illness was so serious was not known until Saturday afternoon and then suddenly the fist flashed over the wires that there was but little, if any hope of her recovery. Special sermons were preached by many of the most eloquent clergymen, who also took occasion to be prepared to announce the condition of the queen to their congregations.

Hope and fear alternated on Monday and for a brief period, when the news came of her great rally from the shock that prostrated her, there were many hopeful people who thought it possible that the Queen might live for years longer. This hope was dissipated on Tuesday morning when the papers announced that she was sinking gradually and was only expected to live a few hours. As noon approached groups of men and women could be seen on every street corner waiting for the news which they knew could not be otherwise than sad, and hoping that it would be delayed for days or even hours. Just after the noon hour, however, it was learned that the end was drawing near, and a few minutes after 2 o'clock the first bulletin appeared that the Queen was dead.

Men who read it turned away as if anxious to hide their feelings, silence prevailed throughout the streets and through out the city; people spoke to each other in lower tones; there was an air of grief in every quarter and in a very short time the usual life of the streets on a fine afternoon was absent. Only those whom business compelled moving appeared throughout the almost deserted thoroughfares.

The meetings of the council and the citizens, the address that was read by the mayor and the resolutions that were passed have all been printed and it is not necessary to repeat them. But since then the accession of the new king Edward VII., the firing of salutes and the hoisting of flags, which were at half mast to the mast head for a brief period, have all given evidence to the people that a most important change has taken place in the ruling power of the

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