

## WHO WILL HE BE?

Next Month the Dominion Government Will Have to Decide Who Will be Governor of the Province.

Though the term of our present government ends next month, the press and the public have discussed the question of the successorship very little. It is quite likely that no change will be made at the exact time of the expiration of the five years, still it is quite certain that the Dominion government will take action within a short time.

The Roman Catholics have been putting forward the name of Judge Landry as the gentleman to succeed Gov. McClellan. There are many outside of the Catholics who would not object to the appointment of Judge Landry. Judging from his past record he would no doubt fill the governorship with credit to himself and the province. What the judge's feelings on the subject are, have not been learned. Progress believes with the great majority that no selection should be made on any religious grounds. Though this is true there is no doubt that Judge Landry's claims are being put forward on the ground that he is a Roman Catholic.

There are many Catholics, however, who do not favor the appointment of the judge, on the ground that they would sooner see him remain in his present position. In conversation with a well known Catholic, the latter informed progress that he thought most of his denomination, though they would like to see one of their religion promoted to the highest position in the province yet they would not like to see it done at the sacrifice of an office already held. This gentleman further stated that he did not think that Judge Landry was very desirable for the position, but that no doubt if offered him, he would accept. He based this opinion on the fact that the judge is yet a comparatively young man and at the end of five years his employment would be gone and further he thought that the judge's chance for the governorship would be just as good five and ten years from now as at the present time and he would be quite willing to wait. Looking at it from a Catholic standpoint he believed that the judge's appointment at the present time would be satisfactory to all that body provided the vacant seat on the bench was filled by a Catholic, but this probably would be too much to expect.

Another Catholic with whom conversation was held on the subject thinks that the Hon. John Costigan should be our next Governor. 'From a political view Mr. Costigan,' he said had a far better claim of recognition from the liberal party than Judge Landry and that his appointment would be popular and pleasing to a large class of people. This would overcome a Catholic losing the judgeship and at the same time allow the selection of one of that body as the governor. This Catholic no doubt has many supporters among his co-religionists.

There are a number of other gentlemen whose friends would like to see occupying government house. Senator Ellis has a following that strongly urge the Senators appointment. They feel that Mr. Ellis never received his just rights from the liberal party and that his selection would please some disappointed politicians. Col. Tucker is also mentioned as one who would not refuse the office and his friends claim that as the chief duty of the governor is to entertain, no better man could be found than the Colonel. The Colonel certainly would have the time and the money, to devote to the job and those who delight in being entertained would probably be satisfied in this instance.

Then there is Judge Barker, a gentleman whose appointment would be popular with everybody. If his honor would make as good a governor as he has a judge there could be no fault found with such a choice. Senator King's name also comes up in connection with the office, and others are talked about. The government has a good field from which to choose and the selection of any of the above would be received with satisfaction.

### The Wrong Man.

To be aroused from bed and taken to the police station is not a pleasant experience even to a guilty man but when it comes to the act being played on an innocent party, the disagreeableness is rather

great to say the least. One Geo. Martin of Camden street had an experience on Thursday evening that he will probably remember for sometime to come. Officer Smith took him from his bed and landed him in the lock up on a warrant sworn out by James Brennan. It turned out however that Mr. Martin was the wrong man and he was allowed gracefully to depart. Truly the ways of the world are various.

### STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST RILL.

The Accused is Committed for Trial for Kaplan's Murder.

The charge of murder against young Rill at Clark's harbour N. S., excites more than usual interest here owing to the fact that a nephew of the murdered man, Kaplan, lives here and more than that he is a brother in law of the accused. The evidence against Rill was so strong that he was committed for trial. In addition to that given by Detective Power which showed that the bullet in Kaplan's brain corresponded with those in Rill's revolver and moreover furnished some motive for the crime. The following testimony was very damaging.

Max Schuir Sohn, proprietor of a fruit store, testified that he passed Kaplan's shop on the evening of the murder. He was started on finding the store door open, the light burning, and no one in the shop. Looking about the place he found Kaplan lying across a stairway on his back. His head was drooped, and a peculiar guttural sound could be heard. Thinking Kaplan was in a fit he ran for assistance. Meeting a young man named Smith he told him something was wrong with Kaplan. Together they hurried into the store, when Smith reached down and took hold of Kaplan's hand, calling his name, but there was no response. Raising the body slightly he said: 'He's bleeding, run for a doctor.' Schuir Sohn summoned Dr. Brown.

The fruit store is 200 yards from Kaplan's place, which Schuir Sohn reached about 8.32. Persons living nearby heard a loud report like a revolver shot. Sohn said:

'I was smoking in S. A. View Hotel. Julian Rill a Russian Jew, was in the room with others.' Continuing, he said:

'Rill said to me in Jewish, 'I wonder what they are doing over there.'

I said: 'I suppose they have got to examine.'

Rill said: 'I am afraid they will find something.'

I asked what are you afraid they will find?

He answered: 'Something to shoot with but it is useless.'

I asked him: "Why is it useless?"

and he replied, "Because the things to shoot with are not there."

Julian Rill was the last to see Kaplan alive, according to his own testimony. He passed through the store of the latter about 8.15 Monday evening, the store being wide open and the light burning inside. He noticed Kaplan standing at the counter writing a letter. Rill came up to the door but he did not enter. He told Kaplan he was going to get \$2 that he borrowed from him. Kaplan neither looked up or replied.

Rill then went to a house on the back street some distance away and remained there until he heard of the murder some 30 minutes later.

Miss May Nickerson, daughter of the proprietor of the Sea View Hotel, testified that on Tuesday afternoon following the murder, she went into the room occupied by Rill, and in which he had been the previous evening, although he did not sleep there that night. She saw on the floor while in the room a small object lying near the bed. Picking it up she found it was a revolver cartridge.

During the inquest a box of cartridges was found in a trunk belonging to Rill which was in Kaplan's store. These cartridges were of the same calibre as was found on the floor by Miss Nickerson and the same as that taken from the head of

the dead man.

Abbie Smith, at the Sea View Hotel, swore that on Monday evening at 6 o'clock she went with the chambermaid to Rill's room when they discovered a black mask on the sofa near the bed. They picked the mask up and handled it for some time and put it down where they found it.

The mask has not been seen since that time at the house, but, during the inquest by the coroner's jury, a mask of the same color which has been apparently torn and crumpled up in hands, was found behind a trunk in Kaplan's store when the inquest was being held. Rill had stayed all night in the store with the watchman the night Kaplan was murdered and part of the time had been lying down on the boxes behind which the mask was discovered.

### GOOD TIMES FOR ST. ANDREWS.

How They Catch Sardines by the Hogshead in the Harbor.

The Beacon has a very interesting account, showing the prosperity of fishermen in St. Andrews. The Sardine industry is at the bottom of it all but quite naturally the abundance of herring had something to do with the great catch this season.

"Spudging" finds no place in the Standard Dictionary, but it does find a very important place in the lives of the sardine fishermen of St. Andrews, scores of whom have been dipping honest dollars out of the water every night by this process of fishing.

The term "spudging" is applied to the catching of fish by dip nets from the open water. The outfit of a spudger is not very elaborate. A boat, a large dip net to take the fish from the water, a smaller one to bale them into the buyer's craft, a pair of oars, and a pair of stout arms to pull them, embrace the tout ensemble of a spudger's outfit. Some of these dip nets are capable of entrapping a couple of hogshead of fish.

Spudging is done after the sun goes down. Then, the spudger rows out with his mate to the fishing ground. If the fish are schooling in any particular spot—as they have been in St. Andrews inner harbor for several weeks—the spudger has little trouble in making a good catch. Grasping the long handle of his dip net, he sinks it deep in the water over the stern of the boat. Under the same conditions, the fish can be drawn into the net without much difficulty; at other times, the fishermen have to resort to pounding the gunwales of their boats in order to wake the fish to a state of activity. This pounding may be heard all over the harbor at night and even to daybreak.

There is quite a knack in hitting one of these large dip nets out of the water, when it encloses two or more hogshead of fish, but the fishermen have become adepts at it and can do it with a commendable ease at their boats.

Since the fish entered St. Andrews harbor a month ago, there must have been over two thousand hogsheads of sardines taken out of the water by "spudgers." The price has ruled at about \$4 per hogshead, so that the fishermen have earned large sums of money. It is not unusual for a boat to earn from \$10 to \$15 per night, and some of them have gone even higher than this. Many, whose calling is not that of fishing, have been induced to take up "spudging" and they have realized good returns therefrom. A large fleet of buyers is constantly in the harbour, giving it an unusually animated appearance.

The fishermen say that fifteen years have elapsed since there was a similar run of herring in St. Andrews harbour. At that time, the fish schooled inside the lower bar. This time, their haunt is from the blockhouse to the centre of the harbor.

### The New Theatre.

Robert Armstrong generally knows a good thing when he sees it and his acquisition of the Mechanics institute which he named the York theatre, while a venture some piece of enterprise will no doubt turn out well under the energetic management of the new comer. The first performance was on Wednesday evening and the excellence of the musical company, The Fadettes, that occupied the boards speaks well for the intentions of Mr. Armstrong in this respect. The house was not large but the satisfaction of the audience was thorough and is the best advertisement the York theatre could have. Robinson's opera company appears all of next week and the Fadettes give a matinee this afternoon.

## WHAT WILL BE DONE

With the King Street Arch—The Grumblings of Others—Some Newsy Stories.

The citizens committee that had charge of the reception to the Duke and Duchesses are getting in the bills and there is some surprise at the several amounts as well as the sum total. There is not much doubt but that the amount voted, \$5000, will be exceeded. What the council will do then remains to be seen. Probably the aldermen will decide to pay as usual, and there will be another precedent for over expenditure. The King street arch will have a chance to go to the Park if the gentlemen in charge there want it. It seems a shame that \$1000 should be spent to erect a structure that has to be torn down again at once. But it is said that it will cost some hundreds of dollars to move the arch, then something will be required to keep it in repair and there will have to be a solid foundation. A leading builder says, 'tear it down, the arch has done its work' and his opinion will no doubt be agreed to by many.

### OUT OF TASTE.

Remarks made by papers that grumble at the reception.

Some of the outside places are finding fault with the way several of the arrangements were carried out in St. John during the late reception. Many of the comments are made simply for the purpose of fault finding. Several journals speak about matters of which they are entirely ignorant. Others again blame this City concerning certain undertakings in connection with the visit, when as a matter of fact St. John had nothing whatever to do with these arrangements, but they devolved upon others. The Fredericton and St. Stephen papers have been particularly bitter in their remarks.

Most reasonable people cannot but consider the articles in very bad taste. That mistakes were made no one for a moment denies. It would have been impossible to have carried out such a vast undertaking without some flaws. Neither the city, nor the government nor the militia pertain to be perfect. They made mistakes but taken as a whole these bodies are to be congratulated for the manner in which they carried out the arrangements. In no place do we believe that everything passed off more successfully and though there were some who complain the great majority feel satisfied.

The praise of the American visitors show a much more kindly disposition than the grumblings of those near our own doors. Fredericton had recently a visit from Lord and Lady Minto and if there is any truth in some of the stories told in connection with that visit, the capital should not have too much to say about other places.

### BELIEVES IN IT.

An Editor who thinks that the Sabbath should be well kept.

Editor McCready is a Lord day Alliance man judging from his writing in the Guardian. He speaks of the working on the arch in St. John on Sunday and from this and other examples, he has become quite eloquent as an upholder of the Sabbath. In closing a lengthy article on the subject Mr. McCready says—

'It often suits the convenience of the rich the owners of railways, of mines, of factories, that while they rest themselves their employees and servants shall go on working. Some of them would gladly set aside if they could, the proviso "that thy servant may have rest as well as thou." They have little or no regard for the Divine command as such, but they may be compelled to obey the law of the land.

Hence the importance to the workingman of the human law that protects him in his right to a day of rest. If our land had no such law on its statute books the time would speedily come when a heartless employer would discharge the man who might refuse to work seven days in the week and labor would become an intolerable bondage. Many lives are now worn out with labor on only six days out of seven. Tens of thousands feel the want of more, rather than fewer days of rest. What

would be the condition of these were the Sabbath abolished?

### A Strange Circumstance.

For some months the newspapers have had long accounts of the arrest and conviction and trial of one George McLaughlin, who was charged with the murder of Harris McLaughlin, a relative of his. All the parties lived in Charlotte county, the accused being an inmate of the house of the victim. There was a suspicion that his relatives with the wife of the murdered man were very friendly and this with the fact that Harris McLaughlin had been away from home for some time (in the Lunatic Asylum) and had met his death soon after his return caused a good deal of talk. At any rate the accused was acquitted when he was tried and he left the county promising to do better wherever he located. He changed his mind, however, after meeting Harris's widow. Instead of leaving the country, he determined upon staying in it and marrying the widow of the man he was alleged to have killed. The marriage of the couple was celebrated by City Clerk Morrell, of Calais, on Tuesday.

### Irvine Was Not Happy.

The suicide of Joseph Irvine in Woodstock, has created a good deal of interest in this city, where he was well known and has near relatives living.

The report that his death was due to melancholy, was probably true in one respect, but the cause of his despondent condition is not stated.

Irvine was a moulder by trade and a good workman. He lived in Woodstock for many years and married there. A small family are growing up now, but for some years his domestic relations have not been happy.

Irvine told the story himself when in this city, and used to regret the day when he permitted any one else but his wife and himself to live at his home.

He went to Boston he said to escape the torment of life at home, owing to this introduction into the family circle. He returned and worked in St. John and then went to Woodstock. It seems that his wife and children had moved. A Woodstock man who talked with PROGRESS was not surprised at the news of his suicide and said he took his troubles too much to heart.

### He Trapped Himself.

A good story comes from Woodstock which shows how a man may trap himself. He was working for the deputy sheriff and amused himself examining a pair of hand cuffs.

He placed them on his wrists and closed them, and wondered how he would feel if he were really under arrest. When he attempted to remove them he found that they would not open, he had locked them on his wrists. He appealed to Mrs. Foster for the key and she had to tell him that Mr. Foster was miles away, up the Tobique, with the key in his pocket. She got another man to drive the self made prisoner to Woodstock where the High Sheriff, who had a duplicate key, released him. He is now willing to leave the use of hand cuffs to a man who understands them.

### Let It Be Stopped.

The throwing of stones by small boys in the streets of St. John has become a nuisance, and several people have complained of having their windows broken. The sooner an example is made of some of these miscreants the better. Many boys going and coming to school think it great sport and they should be taught better. The practice is not only injurious to property but is dangerous to pedestrians.

### He May Be Mistaken.

The Charlotte County visitor who did the city during the visit of the Duke and Duchesses tells the story at home that he left his pocket book in his room in a King street hotel and when he returned found the purse without the cash so he \$15. There is a different story about town but that does not matter, the visitor should know the fact though his mistakes have been made even in such cases as this before now.