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The Foreman of the Jury and his Remarks.



THE result of the civic elections is now too well known to need comment, but we take this opportunity to deliver a few words of timely counsel to the new mayor and aldermen. The financial condition of St. John is at present far from satisfactory and to all appearances will not improve for some time to come; therefore it is essential that the new mayor and council guard well the expenditure for the coming year,—make it as economical as possible. Public money is a public trust, and the members of the council should bear in mind that they are elected by the people to look well after the interests of the city and its people generally and not to play into the hands of a few contractors and manipulators who live only to plunder

the public chest. We sincerely hope that the new council will discharge the duties with which they are invested to the honor of themselves and the city.

THE Queens County seat in Parliament appears to have created

considerable feeling among the New Brunswick liberals. The hope of unseating Mr. Baird by a committee of the House will of course prove unsuccessful, as matters of that kind are decided in law courts. Mr. Baird will undoubtedly hold the seat for the remainder of the session at least, but whether he will retain possession of it for the remainder of the term time and the law courts will determine. No doubt Mr. King feels dissatisfied at the stand the affair has taken, but we presume that his supporters will fight hard to regain the seat.

IN our next issue we will exhibit a picture that will create a sensation in one circle at least in this city. This picture will, we hope, decide a question of vital importance to St. John. That our suggestion will be greeted with considerable opposition by the parties concerned we know, but we also know that it is a fair and honest suggestion, one that will prove very popular with the people. We would advise all readers of this issue to be sure and purchase a copy of the next issue of JURY in expectation of a treat.

'Tis a great pity that our police do not look up those roughs who uproot trees on our public squares. Two trees recently planted in Queens Square, one by Mr. Wm. Duffell in memory of his brother, and another by the members of Wellington No. 1 Hose Company, have been torn up by some roughs a few nights ago. If an example was made by a few of these rascals being sent to jail the thing would, no doubt, be stopped.

THE action of the *Daily Telegraph* last Saturday in publishing the article on street cleaning had the effect of placing Mr. Connell, the contractor, in a very unenviable position before the public of this city. The *Telegraph's* report was, in our estimation, very wrongfully given and rather premature as well, as the month had not expired at the time the *Telegraph* came out on Saturday. A great many of the streets were cleaned on Saturday, the last day before the expiration of the month, making the *Telegraph's* report poor authority for the truth of the matter. Then, again, the weather the last month was very much against street cleaning, even Saturday bringing a snow storm as heavy as in February, which, with the rain storm, made it impossible for the work to proceed. With the new watering carts and other facilities which are now in course of construction Mr. Connell will in future have the streets cleaned and watered as they never were before. Every sensible person will admit that the weather of April was seriously against street cleaning, and therefore, we think, considering everything, the work was well done.

A New Brunswick Industry.

Those persons who are ever deploring the sickness of business and who are deep seating in their minds the imaginary belief that the commercial depression extends into all branches of trade and manufactures should pay an hour's visit to the New Brunswick Cordage Works, owned and managed by T. Connor & Sons. A representative of JURY spent over an hour there inspecting the works and methods used in producing the ropes, etc., of which we every day see so much and of the construction of which we know so little. Machinery with all the latest modern improvements is used, and ropes and fishing twines of every size and description are spun with marvellous neatness and despatch. Ropes of twenty-two inches in circumference have there been manufactured. The New Brunswick Cordage Works, which is the largest in the Dominion, does an extensive business in Upper Canada and the United States. Business at present is booming, giving constant work to about one hundred and twenty persons. The main ropewalk is twelve hundred and fifty feet long.