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LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

There does not seem to be any pressing need for the legislation, which the city council proposes to seek to transfer the control of the police force to the council. Indeed, many reasons may be urged against the proposition.

At present the policemen are appointed by the police magistrate, who is an appointee of the government, and they are, therefore, practically free from political influences. This would not be the case if they were subservient to the council which is not always a body holding the absolute confidence of the people.

At Moncton, police control is in the hands of the council and the system has given much dissatisfaction, and there is an agitation on foot to adopt a system something like we have in Fredericton.

It may not be considered necessary to retain the control of the police in the hands of the magistrate, although it is not apparent that the system has proved a failure, but if any change is made it should be in the direction of placing the appointment and control of officers in the hands of an independent commission, composed, say, of the police magistrate, the county court judge and the mayor.

The proposal to make the council supreme in the matter is a mistake, and we trust, will not advance beyond its present stage.

AN EXCELLENT PLAN.

The revised bye-law of the Victoria hospital providing for the retirement of the senior trustee annually and the introduction of new blood constantly into that body, is a bit of wisdom which might well be applied to other representative bodies.

This is said of course without any intention of reflecting on the gentleman who has been legislated out, because it is well known that Mr. Sharkey has given excellent service at the board ever since it was created, but is urged in support of the principle involved.

The plan might very well be applied to say the board of school trustees. It is true that the law provides for a trustee term of three years, but the practice with both the government and the city council has been to appoint the same gentleman to office term after term. Again lest the Herald should be accused of harboring personal feeling against any member of the present school board we hasten to observe that it is the principle of introducing fresh blood which is intended to be urged.

The retirement of one trustee both of the hospital and school board or any other body similarly constituted would be calculated to keep those organizations abreast of the times, if the right men or women are selected to fill the regularly recurring vacancies, while there would always be left a sufficient number of experienced trustees to assure the proper and intelligent conduct of their business.

BAD FOR SPORT.

The exceedingly mild character of the weather this winter so far has quite seriously interfered with the usual winter sports, such as curling, skating, hockey, etc. although Fredericton perhaps has had better opportunities than most maritime province towns or cities.

At St. John, Halifax, Moncton, St. Stephen, Truro and Amherst, there has been very little activity in curling circles due to the soft weather, and not very much has been doing in hockey, none of the league matches having really started.

Two events to occur in the curling world have been attracting attention from the knights of the "stone and besom," the projected bonspiel at Amherst and Moncton, but the curlers of this province do not seem to be much enthused over the former, and it is likely that only the Carleton, Moncton and Sackville clubs will be represented at that gathering.

While the Amherst people deserve every credit for organizing the bonspiel and for their generosity in offering valuable prizes, outside curlers feel that there is too great an attempt at commercial advertising in the programme.

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Curling is at least one sport that has been kept clean, free from professionalism and cheap advertising, and when devotees of the sport are offered suits of clothes and various other personal gifts if they win games, it is felt that the sport is not elevated.

There are some fine trophies offered in the Amherst bonspiel, but there is also a great variety of personal effects which are not necessary to keep up the interest in so excellent and manly a sport as curling, and the Amherst curlers would do well to cut this feature out of future bonspiels.

SUING FOR LIBEL.

An alleged Halifax scandal in which Mayor McIlreith, Mr. J. R. Henderson, the well known paint manufacturer and the Intercolonial railway management were said to be concerned, the two former as grafters and the railway as the victim, has been exploited in the columns of the Halifax Herald, Tory organ of that city and repeated in Mr. Fowler's newspaper organ in this city.

Mayor McIlreith is a leading Liberal who is likely to be a candidate for legislative or parliamentary honors at no distant day, and the object of the Halifax Herald was no doubt to discredit him and the government by alleging graft in the sale and purchase of a lot of land in Halifax, for the erection of an I. C. R. round house, the mayor having acted for the department in preparing the transfer of the property of the government.

Mayor McIlreith has taken prompt action against the Halifax Herald for libel, and later may pay some attention to the newspapers which have repeated the alleged scandal. He has not even given the offending newspaper a chance to retract and apologize, and the outcome of the suit will be watched with interest.

The mayor is a gentleman of high character, a popular and progressive chief magistrate and these considerations mark him as a shining mark for attack at the hands of the Tory organs.

CURRENT COMMENTS.

The sewerage incident of Mr. Hazen's Sunbury campaign is nearing an end.

Who wants to be mayor? Perhaps everyone is waiting to hear from Tenyson Smith.

Horse racing on the river on week days is an interesting sport, but it is not included in the Sunday syllabus of well ordered communities.

No new Governor for New Brunswick till next summer. "Dreary is the long campaign" will be the feeling of the gentlemen who want to don the Windsor uniform.

The Chief Commissioner does not show any mental or physical collapse over the result of the Restigouche election. It suited him all right. It's the opposition fellows who are worrying.

The St. John board of trade will urge the Dominion government to purchase the New Brunswick Southern railway running from Carleton to St. Stephen.

Mr. Foster talked rather "sassy like" to the people of Buffalo—gave them to understand that Uncle Sam is not the whole thing on the North American continent. There is Canada for instance.

There are 27,000 barmaids in the British Isles and 7000 of them do business in London. They run from 17 to 25 in age and of course are all attractive. Not much wonder that the average Englishman often wets his whistle when at home.

Mrs. A. B. Sims of Des Moines, holder of the national championship whist belt, has been converted to a revival and denounces whist as a sin, but the bridge whisters, male and female, are still at it.

And now the report is wafted over from Restigouche that the opposition had lots of money in the recent local bye-election. Mr. Hazen declared that they had none, but then the opposition leader does not see everything. Perhaps the Organizer knows how the stuff was placed. Mr. Hazen and his friends were bound to win the election and are terribly disappointed at the result.

James Sherran of Moncton, counsel for Thomas Collins, who lies in jail at Hopewell Cape awaiting trial for the murder of Mary Ann McAulay, left Tuesday to hold conference with his client previous to the opening of the case on Tuesday next. "I am sure that Collins will be acquitted," was all that Mr. Sherran would say about the case. In the meantime reports from the Cape say that Collins is unconcerned in jail, spending his time reading, singing and eating. He has grown remarkably fleshy, and is enjoying the best of health.

BITS OF NEWS.

Marked improvement in the condition of Premier Scott of Saskatchewan, and his condition is now more hopeful than it has been at any stage of his illness.

I. Allan Sankey, son of the famous singing revivalist, is following his father's footsteps as a composer and some of his hymns are very popular in New England revival meetings.

Fire gutted a major portion of the large plant of the Michigan Stove Works on Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Tuesday evening, causing a loss estimated at \$750,000, while the entire plant was insured for, but \$380,000.

Yale's University catalogue, shows 3,247 students and 442 faculty members. New York has 639 students and Canada 23. Canada is sending an increasing number of students to Yale, and the scholarship of those she sends is, as a rule, high.

A message from Fort Reno, Texas, states that during the examination of Corporal Knowles, colored, charged with shooting Captain Macklin on the night of Dec. 21, it was developed that there was a plot to murder every white officer at the post.

Efforts made by reform societies in England to get a law abolishing barmaids have disclosed the fact that 27,000 girls are employed in bar-rooms in the United Kingdom and at least 7,500 in London. Most of them are under 25 years of age and above 16. Salaries vary from \$1.25 to \$3.50 a week.

This evening at half-past seven in St. Paul's church, St. John, His Lordship Coadjutor Bishop Richardson will institute the Rev. E. B. Hooper to the rectorate of St. Paul's parish, after which he will be inducted by the church wardens. At the conclusion of the service the members of the congregation will hold a reception for their new rector and Mrs. Hooper at the Sunday school house.

At Springfield, Ohio, Gladys Squire the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Squire, reached for a table while her mother's back was turned and secured a bottle of strychnine tablets, of which she swallowed six. In a few moments she was in convulsions. Three doctors worked over her desperately, but could not save her life. The quantity taken by the child was enough to kill a full-grown man.

Emulating Carrie Nation, women members of the Law and Order League, at Merom, Indiana, raided the saloon of Orl Hosanna. Doors were broken down, windows smashed and liquor spilled on the floor. Several men playing cards in a back room escaped by jumping through the windows. The saloon was a wreck when the women left. The raid was without warning. When the women broke into the place, shortly after midnight, they found it in operation, they say. Protests were of no avail. The raiders set themselves to breaking open barrels and bottles. The floor of the saloon was soon flooded with liquor.

Death came to Arthur Carrier, 35 years old, of Heart's Grove, Ohio, as he drove through the darkness, taking homeward a coffin in which was to be interred the body of a neighbor. His body was found in the coffin. Violence is suspected, and officers of the law are seeking a clue to aid them in solving the mystery. Neighbors awaiting the arrival of Carrier became anxious when he did not return. As they searched the question of delaying the completion of funeral arrangements until morning, Carrier's team turned into his driveway, pulled the wagon to the open barn doors and the man was found dead in the coffin.

A LIBEL SUIT.

Mayor McIlreith of Halifax Enters One Against the Tory Organ of that City.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 9.—The Halifax Herald, which has printed two violently sensational and grossly misleading first page poster type articles, on the purchase of a site for the I. C. R. round house here, in which all sorts of wild charges against graft were made, has been sued for libel by Mayor R. T. MacIlreith.

Mr. MacIlreith is agent of the department of justice, and The Herald charged him with being a party to graft in connection with the transfer of the properties in question. Mr. MacIlreith did not give The Herald a chance to retract, but through the firm of Harris, Henry & Cahane, the latter of whom was formerly editor of The Herald, issued a writ in the supreme court yesterday claiming damages for libel. Mr. MacIlreith will press the suit against The Herald until he obtains full vindication in the courts. The object of the attack on Mr. MacIlreith was an attempt to discredit him in order to further the prospects of a Conservative alderman who is anxious to run for mayor.

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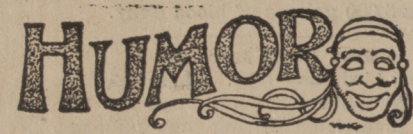
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SOME PROVERBS.

Back Action Observations as a Cure For the Blues.

Fine feathers ne'er can make fine birds, 'tis true; but what would become of the peacock if he was dressed like a frog?

A stitch in time to save nine is a patch just the same. Money saved is money made, but you always have to make it first.

Talk may be cheap, but the telephone companies have got mighty rich handling it.

The early bird may catch the worm, but it's not exactly a square deal for the worm.

All things come to him who waits, but it takes a lot of hustling to find the right place to wait.

If it is true that riches have wings it's hardly right to howl because rich people are high fliers.

If you could convince people that the good die young nine-tenths of the human race would be imitating the devil in an hour.

A soft answer may turn away wrath sometimes, but generally it is poor protection to your face if the other fellow is a good hitter.—A. E. Neal in Judge.

An Understudy.

"Have you got a job, Sam?"

"Yes, sah."

"What are you doing?"

"I'm an understudy, sah."

"An understudy, Sam?"

"Yes, sah. My wife does understudy."

"But have you ever been called upon to take her place?"

"No, sah. I hain't got dat far yet, sah."—Yonkers Statesman.

Tests of Strength.

"That butter is all right," said a boarding house keeper. "It is firkin butter and tastes of the wood a little. That's all."

"If that is the case," replied a boarder who is a contractor, "I should like to get some of that wood to make railroad bridges out of."—London Globe.

Slightly Tangled.

The Cow Moose (petulantly)—Why were you so long coming, dear? Didn't you hear my call?

The Bull Moose—My darling, I'd know your sweet voice among a thousand, but—er—you know those pesky hunters put up some mighty close imitations nowadays.—Puck.

Acquired Talent.

"Ma," said the small son of a pugilist, "pa isn't a natural born fighter, is he?" "Of course he is," replied the mother. "Why do you think he isn't?" "Oh," replied the young hopeful, "I heard Mr. Neighbors say he acquired the knack since he married you!"—Boston Transcript.

Sorrow of It.

Miggles—I see by the papers that your new book has made you famous. Scribbles—Yes, but it's a questionable brand of fame, after all.

Miggles—How's that? Scribbles—My creditors are constantly soliciting my autograph on a check.—Detroit Tribune.

He Must Have Told Her.

"No," said Miss Goodley, "I've never been introduced to Mr. D'Auber. I've been told, though, that he is an exceedingly clever artist."

"My, I'm shocked!" exclaimed Knox. "If you were never introduced, why did you let him speak to you?"—Philadelphia Press.

A Point in His Favor.

"Nuritch is the most stupid ignoramus I ever met."

"Think so?"

"Of course. Why, what he doesn't know would fill any number of books."

"Well, it seems to have filled one bankbook."—Houston Post.

Flattering.

"How much postage will this require?" asked the young author. "It is one of my manuscripts."

"Two cents an ounce," answered the postoffice clerk. "That's first class matter."

"Oh, thank you!"—Judge.

Right She Was.

"They tell me your husband draws a salary for sleepin'."

"Sure, that's right, Mrs. Clancy. He's a night watchman."—New York World.



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