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HUGH F. LINDEN IS "NOT GUILTY"

It Took the Jury an Hour and a Half This Morning to Free Man Charged With Uttering Worthless Cheques---He Did Not Intend to Defraud.

Hugh F. Linden was discharged from custody this morning in the county court by Judge Forbes. The jury retired at 10.30 o'clock and returned at 11.05, the foreman, Henry Dolan, announcing their verdict as "not guilty."

Before Judge Forbes began his charge to the jury M. A. Price was privileged to refer to two points of law, which he omitted yesterday in his citations. Mr. Price also urged that Mr. Wilcox was not the owner of the goods, being bankrupt, and he had no right to act as prosecutor in the case.

The judge said that this was an important case. The prisoner was a graduate of the U. N. B., and came of a very respectable family. He had passed cheques under peculiar circumstances.

The indictment charged the prisoner with obtaining goods under false pretences with intent to defraud on the 20th day of March last, from Charles Wilcox.

'Prima facie the prosecution has to all appearances a strong case, for Linden had drawn cheques when he had on funds in the bank. If he had been accustomed to having money there it would have been different, but he must have known that he never had money there.

His honor reviewed the case of Linden going to Wilcox's store and obtaining goods. He wrote out a check in payment. Mr. Wilcox became suspicious. He went to the bank and found out that Linden had no account there. The conduct of the prisoner at that time was taken into account. The judge asked: "Do you think that the prisoner would have gone to the bank the way he did if he intended to defraud?" He found himself confronted by the police. "Would he have acted in that innocent and simple way he did if he designedly intended to defraud?" His honor also told them that Linden had told Wilcox that if his cheque was no good to go and get the goods at his house.

His honor then referred to the time when the prisoner reached the bank and found a light burning therein. His honor said that the jury would consider the prisoner's conduct there as an element. His honor said that the jury must not consider Linden's running away as previous intent to defraud. It was simply an element.

The judge said that he thought that in the Cody and Hamilton cases the crown had not made out good cases, and he would not charge on them.

His honor said that he did not intend to criticise the police in those two cases, as it was their duty to be prompt.

The judge then referred to the finding of the cheque book on Linden at the time of the arrest, but pointed out that the prisoner and Francis Kerr, the owner of the book, were very intimate. His honor, however, laid special stress on the fact that several cheques filled out and signed by Linden had been found on the prisoner, and his honor left it to the jury to say whether the prisoner intended to defraud people or they considered it mercantile negligence. It was the duty of the authorities to guard the business of the community.

The judge then referred to the good standing of Linden among his fellow citizens and ended by stating if the jury thought that Linden intended paying the cheques in question they should find him not guilty. If, however, they thought that he intended to defraud and intended leaving the city, as was intimated, then they should find him guilty.

At the conclusion of the case the solicitor general said that as Linden had not been found guilty he would therefore conclude that Linden had made a proper purchase from Charles Wilcox and that the latter would be paid. The judge, however, said that Mr. Wilcox had gotten into a fluster too easily and had thereby heaped unnecessary expense upon the city and county of St. John. His honor ordered that Wilcox give back the cheque and accept his goods.

Judge Forbes said that he noticed that a morning paper stated that he had "roasted" the police. His honor said that in this particular case Chief Clark acted too hastily but the police of St. John as a body were as fine a group of men as could be found in the Dominion. It was better for them to be too sharp than too slow and they invariably detected any criminal work.

The judge told Linden that he had acted foolishly and instructed him to be very careful about cheques in the future.

The evidence and the counsel charges were concluded yesterday afternoon in the case of Hugh H. Linden.

After Detective Killen, Martin Wilcox, Charles Wilcox and Freeman G. Kenny had been examined, James Hamilton took the stand. He stated that he took Linden's check for $5 to Central station, with no intention of commencing criminal proceedings.

Judge Forbes—"Do you mean to say that Chief Clark told you that you would have to do so?"

Ans.—"Yes, your honor."

Judge—"That was a high-handed act. It seems a strange thing to me that a prosecution like this should be foisted and fostered by the chief of police, and the county put to such a needless expense."

Frank Kerr, barrister, said he recognized the cheque book found on Linden as his property, but he could not say how Linden had gotten it. The witness said that the prisoner was a first class fellow.

Two witnesses only were called for the defense.

MRS. BETTLE TELLS THE STORY OF THE ASSAULT AT PASSEKEAG STATION

HAMPTON, May 29—(Special)—At 9 o'clock this morning the preliminary examination of George Hector, the colored youth, who has been held in jail here since May 21st, on a charge of criminal assault and attempted rape, was held at the office of Sheriff Freeze, court house, before Henry Piers, J. P. J. M. McIntyre appeared for the solicitor general on behalf of the crown. The prisoner was undefended.

The witnesses examined were Constable Isaac Campbell, who narrated the circumstances of the arrest, as already given in the press. Annie Bettle, the complainant, a small, delicate looking woman of twenty-five years, followed. She gave her evidence in a clear and sufficient manner, but broke into tears when called on to state minutely what the prisoner said and did at the time of making the assault.

From first to last he was in the station about 15 minutes. He first accosted her as she stood looking out of the door, with the enquiry: "Are you going to St. John?" to which she made no response, but turned back into the room and sat down. The prisoner followed her in shortly afterward, shut the door, sat down beside her and made an indecent proposition to her. She pushed him aside and said, "Go away and behave yourself." He took hold of her by the shoulders and threw her upon the floor. As she struggled to release herself he seized her by the throat, but she managed to roll away from him and as the engine whistle blew at the Iron Bridge she offered him a quarter to let her go. He took the money, and as the train came in, crossed the track in front of the engine and went off over the hill.

She was helped on board by the conductor and brakeman, in a very exhausted condition from the struggle she had gone through, which lasted about five minutes, as far as she could judge.

William Morgan, conductor, and James Gibson, brakeman, on I. C. R. train No. 133, on May 21st, testified as to the complainant's condition when taken on the train, and the evidence of a violent personal struggle she had endured. As she was helped on the train she said, referring to her assailant, "there he goes over the hill there now," pointing to the right hand. They looked out the man had passed out of sight. All the evidence was read over to the prisoner, at his request, and at its close he said he had nothing to say.

After the noon recess Mr. McIntyre informed the magistrate that after consultation by telephone with the solicitor-general, he had decided to ask that the prisoner be committed to jail on a kindred charge to that preferred, namely that of indecent assault. This was agreed to and Hector was sent back to prison to wait his trial.

H. B. WHITE'S TRIAL WAS OPENED TODAY

Solicitor General Jones Outlined the Crown Case in County Court this Morning---White Pleaded Not Guilty, and the Further Hearing was Adjourned Until this Afternoon.

Harry B. White was shortly before twelve o'clock this morning arraigned for trial in the county court.

The indictment was read by the clerk and the following is the jury which is asked to say whether or not they believe White guilty of forgery:- Robert A. Watson, Fred F. Bonnell, Wellington Green, William L. McElwaine, William McLaughlin, William C. Magee, William H. Bustin, Caleb Belyea, Fred H. Dunham, H. R. Coleman, Robert Bartlett and Henry Dolan.

Several of the jurors were fined $2 each for being absent and W. D. Hopkins, William Hudson and John T. McGowan were challenged by the crown. P. A. Smith, Herbert Tilley, J. Morris Robinson and Alexander Phillips were challenged by Hon. Mr. McKeown, on behalf of the defence.

The case was delayed from 9.30 a. m. until 11.30 a. m. owing to non-presence of jurymen.

In answer to the charge White pleaded not guilty.

The solicitor general in opening said that the indictment contained eleven counts, that the last count only charged the defendant with forgery of endorsement and that the other ten counts charged White with forgery of express money orders. The solicitor general then reviewed the work that the Dominion Express had exacted from Harry B. White while he was in their employ. The honorable gentleman went on to explain how White as a collector had to call once a week at the different branch offices throughout the city and after collecting the orders would hand in the amounts collected to the cashier. Up to January 8th, last the defendant discharged the duties of collector. The duty of the cashier was to make a daily report to the head office. The cashier having sent his statement and having showed that the company owes him, he can make a demand draft on the Bank of Nova Scotia and the draft goes on to the treasurer's office and it is all right. If the cashier is short he makes his report to the treasurer. That is a rule of the company.

The solicitor general said that on Oct. 20th last Harry B. White went to Patrick Donohue and after asking to see his book he cut out of Mr. Donohue's book three blank orders. The solicitor general said that the evidence would show that the three cheques were made out for $50 each and were all written by Harry B. White who endorsed the notes with the name G. T. Boylton and countersigned by P. J. Donohue and F. B. Perkins and the remitter. The evidence will show that the defendant wrote them all.

Hon. Mr. Jones said that the evidence would show that someone in the employ of the Dominion Express Company presented the cheques to the Bank of Nova Scotia on October 23rd, and the teller marked them "W. H. W." The bank teller could not state positively who presented the cheques. The solicitor said he would allude to nothing that he could not prove. At that time Stephen A. Payne was cashier, and he would give evidence.

The solicitor general then referred to the tenth count. He said that on Dec. 28th last, while employed as collector, White went to George E. Price's drug store and tore four orders out of the latter's book. On Dec. 28th, the orders were presented to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

On January 8th, Mr. Payne saw that the defendant was $500 short and Mr. Payne had nothing to show for it, except that he will go on the stand and swear that he gave White the cash.

The solicitor then said that there were no tickets or I. O. U.'s given by White to Mr. Payne and Mr. Abbott in the safe after White had been made cashier and then had gone away. Messrs. Payne and Abbott will, however, swear that the I. O. U.'s were there when White took command. When White went away he left $1,600 in the safe, but admitted when he was arrested that he had taken $75 from the safe.

The solicitor general said that the deficit now was $5,800.

He reviewed very briefly the other counts and the court was then adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

TODAY AT MOUNT ALLISON

SACKVILLE, N. B., May 29.—(Special)—At 10.30, the annual meeting of the Alumnae Society was held in the parlors of the Ladies' College. There was a good attendance, and the meeting was eminently a satisfactory one. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. J. Wood, Sackville, N. B.; vice-president, Miss Alhe Smith, St. John; second vice-president, Miss Hazel Palmer, Fredericton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Andrews, Sackville; auditor, Miss E. Trueman; council, Mrs. J. Wood, Mrs. F. Ryan, Mrs. C. Pickard, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Wm. Ogden, Mrs. H. A. Powell, Miss A. R. Trueman and Miss Emma Baker, Sackville, N. B.; representatives to Board of Regents, Mrs. J. Wood and Mrs. W. W. Andrews.

The annual lecture before the Theological Union was delivered in the college chapel this morning by Rev. F. A. Wightman, of Alberton, P. E. I. The following officers of the union were elected.

President—Rev. J. L. Dawson, St. John's, Nfld.; first vice president, Rev. D. W. Johnson, Windsor, N. S.; secretary-treasurer, Rev. T. A. Wilson, Port Greville, N. S.; lecturer, Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning, Halifax; preacher, Rev. G. M. Young, St. Stephen, N. B.

It was ordered that the lecture delivered several years ago by Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Sackville, should be bound and placed in the library.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Alumni Society this morning. President John T. Mellish, Charlottetown, P. E. I., was in the chair. The following officers were elected:—

President, Hon. A. S. White, Sussex, N. B.; 1st vice-president, Rev. J. T. Dawson, St. John's, Nfld.; 2nd vice-president, Miss Annie Sprague, St. John, N. B.; 3rd vice-president, Dr. Frank W. Woodbury, Halifax, N. S.; secretary-treasurer, Prof. W. M. Tweedie, Sackville, N. B.; auditor, Prof. S. W. Hunton, Sackville; council, R. Trites, Dr. Smith, Prof. Watson, Misses Webb and Paisley, Sackville.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, and Clarence E. Casey, Amherst, were elected members of the board of regents.

A resolution was received from the ladies of the senior class urging desirability of building a residence for the accommodation of lady students of the university. The resolution was endorsed by the society and will be sent to the board of regents. The following nominations were made for the board of regents for next year: Rev. J. W. Prestwood, Springhill, N. S.; Miss Grontlund, St. John; W. B. Tennant, St. John; Rev. G. F. Dawson, Summerside; Dr. W. F. Woodbury, Halifax.

The winner of the life membership in the Alumni Society was G. Roy Long, of Tyne Valley, P. E. I. The Misses Lathern have given a life membership in the society in memory of their father, the late Dr. Lathern.

U. P. System's Motor Car to be Tested on Eastern Road

New Union Pacific Motor Car
From the Railway Age

NEW YORK, May 28—Here to be tried in experimental tests on several of the suburban lines of the Erie railroad, a motor car belonging to the Union Pacific system arrived Thursday from the works of the latter company at Omaha, Neb. Of striking design, the car is now in the yards of the Erie at Jersey City. It arrived under its own power without a breakdown or a delay during the long run and will be put into use at once.

Lent to the Erie by E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific, the car is the seventh turned out by the latter railroad, which is to use them on runs on several of its branch roads in the west.

In outward appearance the car is a great departure from the most advanced passenger cars now in use. It is the first of its type. It has a decided resemblance to a seagoing craft, with its portlike windows, its "bow," "stern" and turtleback roof.

It is said that the car is watertight, dustproof and cannot be telescoped because of its round end construction. Built entirely of steel, it is fifty-five feet long and has a seating capacity for fifty-seven persons. In the forward end, or "bow," is located a six cylinder gasolene motor, which drives the car at a speed of from forty to sixty miles an hour, and recent tests show that as a grade climber equals the performance of the best locomotive.

As a complete train a trailer of the same outside finish and thirty-one feet long is in use on the western roads, arranged as a combination baggage, mail and express car.

IS ALMOST A NEW VESSEL

Bark Low Wood Overhauled and Ready for River Plate Trip.

(Boston Post.)

The repairs to the bark Low Wood, now at Joseph McPhee's shipyard, off Border street, in East Boston, are about completed. This once famous vessel, which belonged to the Troop fleet out of St. John, N. B., has been relassed and received an extensive overhauling at the above yard.

The Low Wood has been in port for the past 14 months and was recently purchased by Captain Rodenheiser of Bridgewater, N. S., who for years sailed out of this port in command of the barkentine Angara. Captain Rodenheiser has expended thousands of dollars on the craft since he purchased her.

By the middle of the week she will haul up to her loading berth at Mystic wharf to load out a cargo of lumber for the River Plate.

Her new owner will go out in command.

FRED SPENCER HOME

He Passed Through to Charlottetown Today After His Concert Tour of the West With Albani.

Fred G. Spencer passed through the city today en route from the west to Charlottetown, P. E. I. Mrs. Spencer accompanied her husband from here to Charlottetown. Mr. Spencer reports having had a very successful tour and a pleasant time while in the west. He will arrange for the appearance of Madame Albani at the island capital, going from there to Windsor, N. S., from whence Madame Albani will go to Rimouski to take the steamer to London, England. She is at present in Kinora and Fort William.

Mr. Spencer was asked about the report that he had invested in land in the vicinity of Winnipeg, but replied evasively that he had not bought any land in Winnipeg.

THIS DRUMMER WAS GAY BLADE

Commercial Man Fined in Moncton for Being Drunk and Chasing a Woman.

MONCTON, N. B., May 29.—(Special).—A well known commercial traveller was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of being drunk and chasing a woman. The arrest was made about five o'clock by Officer Chappell. The prisoner was allowed his liberty last evening upon deposit of the usual fine for drunkenness. This morning a young lady appeared at the police station to lay information against the traveller, charging him with chasing her. It is alleged that he also chased a married woman who resides in the upper section of the town. The traveller who was arrested hails from St. John, and is well known in this city. He had fifty dollars in his possession at the time of the arrest. He escaped with a fine of three dollars.

Dr. Silas Alward called upon the mayor this morning in reference to the finding of what is thought to be an old French fortification at Harding's Point on the St. John river. Dr. Alward would like to have a party go up to make a thorough examination of the place. The mayor is much interested in the matter and intends visiting the spot in the near future.

THE WINDSOR MURDER TRIAL

George Stanley Arraigned Before Supreme Court This Morning.

WINDSOR, N. S. May 29—(Special)—The May term of the supreme court opened here at 10 o'clock this morning, Judge Townsend presiding, when the trial of George Stanley for the murder of Freeman Harvey was begun. The grand jury having found a true bill the prisoner was brought in and pleaded "not guilty." The petit jury being sworn the case commenced. The trial will, it is thought, occupy several days.

FIRE RATES UP 25 PER CENT.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 29—Local insurance managers have received notice that fire insurance rates on business blocks and on stocks of merchandise have been increased 25 per cent all over the coast by the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific. The new rate applies only to the business district. It is a part of a horizontal raise that has been made by the Pacific board pending new adjustment of schedules.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, May 29—(Special)—While John T. Clarke and L. A. Morrell were driving on York street last evening the horse ran away. Both men were thrown out but escaped serious injury. The carriage was smashed and the horse badly cut.

The weather continues wet and cold and there is no change in the condition of the river. St. Leonards reports that the river there fell six feet during the past week. The weather today is cloudy and many logs are running. Edmundston reports the weather fine and a good run of logs.

Randolph and Baker's drive of seven millions, on the Grand and Sigass rivers, in charge of Josiah Hallett, will be in safe waters tomorrow. Their drive of four millions on the Little River got out last week. Wm. Stone who is on the Blue River, with a drive for this firm, is reported to be having some difficulty. All the Miramichi drives are in safe waters.

Dr. Scott, of the university, who is to leave next month for Calgary to accept an important position, was last evening presented with a fob chain and an address by the Y. M. C. A., of which he has been an active member.

TRUE BILLS FOUND ON TRAIN ROBBERS

VANCOUVER, May 29.—(Special). — At Kamloops yesterday the grand jury found true bills against Edwards, Dunn and Colquhoun, for robbing the mail train, and also a separate bill against Dunn for shooting with intent to murder.

A. D. McIntyre, who, assisted by Dennis Murphy, defended the accused, made a strong plea for postponement to the fall assizes, alleging that under present conditions a fair trial was impossible; also time was required to secure material witnesses to plove an abbi.

Deputy Attorney General McLeod objected to postponement. Justice Irving refused the application and the trial is proceeding.

Warden Kelly of San Quentin penitentiary arrived on Sunday and positively identified Edwards as Bill Miner.

MONTREAL, May 29—(Special)—Two hundred employes of the Dominion Transport Company, the local cartage agency of the C. P. R., went on strike today for higher wages. The men are now getting $1.60 per day, and ask an increase to $1.75 with 25 cents per hour for overtime. The employes claim they now receive no pay for overtime but the company dispute this contention.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL SHOWED STRENGTH

MONTREAL, May 29.—(Special). — A prominent feature of this morning's stock market was the strength of Nova Scotia Steel. The price advanced to 68 3-4 after opening a half lower. The Dominion Iron issues were steady at 31 3-8 for common and 82 1-2 to 83 for pfd. Other features were Detroit, 95 to 94 3-4; Toronto Railway, 115 and Canadian Colored Cotton, 60.

NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING CASE

OTTAWA, Ont., May 29 (Special)—When the public accounts committee met today the chairman, Mr. Belcourt, read a cable from Lord Strathcona stating that he forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier the three-page letter written by Mr. Jury in reference to the Ellis letters, as was requested by the committee. Another letter was written by G. T. Merwin, stating that while he was opposed to giving his private business to the committee, yet rather than have his name any longer connected with the matter, he was willing to come before the committee and state the price at which he puchased marine supplies. He had asked F. L. Brooks, of New York, to come to Ottawa, and give evidence in this direction. He also asked that the committee be not called for this purpose until Wednesday of next week, so that he would have time to do this. If Mr. Brooks could not come then he would give the information asked for himself.

BRITAIN DECREASING, GERMANY INCREASING

LONDON, May 29—According to a parliamentary paper issued tonight there was a decrease last year of 476,988 tons of British shipping passing through the Suez Canal as compared with 1904, while for the same period the tonnage of German vessels passing through the canal increased 143,923 tons.

The regular meeting of the board of works will be held this evening when among other matters to be considered will be the report of Harbor Master Ferris on the recent soundings made at Sand Point.

MICHAEL DAVITT LOSING GROUND

DUBLIN, May 29—The bulletin issued this morning by the physician in attendance upon Michael Davitt says that he continues to lose ground though he is resting quietly and is free from pain.

The Neptune Rowing Club boathouse has been moved from its winter quarters to the summer mooring place near the I. C. R. pier and is now ready for use. Any parties wishing to have rowing privileges in the club can do so on payment of $5.

There were no new cases of typhoid reported to the board of health today.

FROM ST. JOHN TO BOSTON BY A TURBINE STEAMSHIP

The summer timetable of the Eastern Steamship Company will be the same as last season. There will be five trips a week and the outlook is that the Boston-St. John service will be better than ever.

It is expected that the company's new turbine steamer, Governor Cobb, will be ready to go on the route about July 1st. The Cobb is a large steamer about the same size as the Calvin Austin and is fitted with turbine engines. It should prove a great acquisition to the Boston line.

Should the Gov. Cobb not be ready by July 1st, the Clyde steamer Huron, a steel boat, somewhat larger than the St. Croix, will be put on the route temporarily. The Huron is practically a new steamer, having been built in 1902.

Commencing Monday, July 2nd, there will be 5 trips a week to "the Hub." The Calvin Austin will make direct trips, and the Huron and St. Croix will go coastwise, the Governor Cobb taking the place of the Huron as soon as it is finished.

The steamship management have recently inaugurated a new system of serving meals on the boats. Instead of the old plan of paying 75 cents a meal, the patrons can now call for what they want, and pay for it accordingly. The adoption of the European plan has found favor with some, while others contend that it is not so satisfactory as the former way. An Eastport correspondent contends that a meal similar to that which has been served heretofore, at a cost of 75 cents, would under the new system cost $2.10. On the other hand, however, there are people who contend that they can now get a simple meal, which is frequently what many want on a sea voyage, for a moderate sum, say 30 or 40 cents, though if one desires it, a meal costing about $5 could be ordered.

The opponents of the new system claim that if the management continue the present plan, it will increase the expenses of travelling by boat, to such an extent that it would be cheaper to travel by train. The local officials are of the opinion that if such should prove to be the case, the old system of a fixed rate would be reverted to, but so far as is known at present the new system will be continued.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Probabilities—Wet feet.

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The remnants of yesterday's weather which have been disposed of by the department today will clear the way for a new supply of spring rain, which is hourly expected.

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Dealers in straw hats have reverently covered them from the vulgar gaze until such time as the sun is pleased to unveil his charms.

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The bedraggled procession which toiled up town this morning from the depot was not made up of disconsolate immigrants, but of unhappy suburbanites, who burned their cottages last night to keep themselves warm.

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Mr. Hiram Hornbeam reports that out of a flock of 48 chickens in his barnyard 43 were killed and 4 injured by a shower of hail at an early hour this morning.

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The Halifax man who came over yesterday to give his raincoat an airing sent it to a dry house this morning.

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The members of the golf club are still playing whist.

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A telephone message this moring announces the discovery of a new hole in the sidewalk on Winter street. The victim was removed to his home and a doctor summoned. The public works department will be petitioned to provide pedestrians with diagrams of the street, showing the pitfalls and other sources of danger to life and limb.

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The chairman of the safety board and the chief of the fire department will compete in a contest with giant fire-crackers on the Barrack Square on July 1st. Bets are about even.

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The rumor that the board of health will send an expedition against the germs in the country market lacks official confirmation. Mr. Jamesey Jones says they believe in the efficacy of tobacco smoke and will have that method continued.

INTERCOLONIAL LOSING SOME OF ITS BEST CLERKS

MONCTON, May 28.—The matter of junior clerks leaving the I. C. R. and going with other railways, principally in the west, is a question that is assuming something of a serious aspect. If the present rate of resignations from the Intercolonial service continues much longer, the management may have to face the problem of bringing in experienced clerks to take the places of those deserting the government road for more lucrative positions on company roads. There is probably plenty of material to draw from for some little time to come, and there are sufficient applicants for clerkships in the I. C. R. offices to fill a good many places yet, but the difficulty is to get the help competent to do the work. Clerks after being trained in certain branches of work for a number of years find little difficulty in getting more wages from company roads than the government pays for the same class of work, and the consequence is the heads of departments find themselves conducting training schools for other roads the greater part of the time. It is said this question has been taken up with the minister of railways and his deputy with a view to remedying the matter. A larger number of junior clerks than usual left the Intercolonial this spring and it is said quite a number of others intend emigrating to western roads. As a result of the representations made to the deputy minister of railways in connection with the loss [illegible] it is rumored that after the close of the fiscal year a readjustment of salaries of the younger clerks, particularly, will be taken up by the department.

At the present time, it is said, there are a good many cars away on foreign roads. The number away sometimes reaches almost as high as four thousand and just now the absent cars number a little over three thousand.

The hand taken by the police magistrate of Shediac and provincial constable Belyea in the prosecution of the Scott Act in Moncton has opened up a new phase in Scott Act work in this city. Papers in two cases, Thaddy Richard and Wm. Armstrong, have been served by Constable Belyea and come up on Wednesday before Justice McQueen at Shediac. Today Belyea states he was given information in three other cases and he intends closing up a number of the Moncton saloons.

James Stenhouse, manager of the Acadia sugar refinery at Dartmouth, N. S. who has been here for two weeks looking after business in connection with the barrel factory, returned to Halifax today.

G. R. Joughins, mechanical superintendent of the I. C. R. returned this morning from Ottawa.

An invitation has been extended to Hon. H. R. Emmerson to be the guest of honor at the Christian Brotherhood banquet to be held in the curling rink here on the evening of June 5th.