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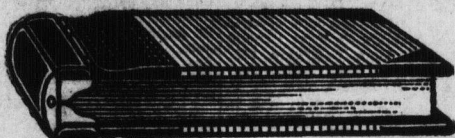
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SOME INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN THORNE ROBBERY

Webber and Weitzman are
Charged with having Stolen
Goods in their Possession—
Stolen Articles Found in
Nova Scotia.

The police court the last few days was the scene of much interest, the case of Max Webber and Carl Weitzman, charged with having goods belonging to W. H. Thorne & Co., in their possession, attracting the attention.

Yesterday morning some minor cases were dealt with first and then the Thorne case came up again. A soldier charged with being absent without leave was handed over to the military authorities on a suspended sentence. Two seamen, charged with desertion from a ship, were also warned and sent back to duty. Two drunks were fined \$5 or two months each and were sent below.

The Thorne case then came up. J. G. Harrison of the Thorne Co. took the stand and said he was one of a party which had visited the private house of Carl Weitzman. He identified certain goods then in court, which were at the time of his visit in the house of Weitzman. He here produced a silver cigarette case, valued at \$31.50 which he stated had been missing from the store since Christmas. He had inquired about this case in the store, and during the search in Weitzman's residence they found it. He recognized it by a special Thorne Co. mark on the wrapping.

After being cross-examined by B. L. Gerow the case was postponed until 2 p. m.

In the afternoon the first witness called was Detective G. Briggs. He stated he with Sergt. Dunlop and some others went to Weitzman's house on April 11. He started a search of the premises and found in a bureau drawer in a bedroom off the front room the silver case, and a small cabinet and asked the lady of the house for the key. She replied she had lost it for some time.

Witness tried a key of his in the lock, and Mr. Harrison came over, shook the case and a key dropped from off a shelf under a cup. He opened it and found a large number of jack knives in a paper bag. (The knives were here produced in court.) He saw 5 Yale locks and later only 2 of them. He recognized a lot of goods in the house, which were then in court.

The defendant (Weitzman) came to the door when witness went there, he was in his shirt sleeves, and without a collar on. About 20 minutes later witness understood that one of the men the defendant had gone out by a back door.

John F. Fulton, an official of the Thorne Co., took the stand and recognized certain goods. His evidence was mainly the giving of the value of each article: Jack knives valued at \$12.00 each; butcher knives at \$4.50 and \$5.00 doz.; razor blades at \$1.00 doz.; locks, cartridges, brushes, whisks, scissors, and other smaller items.

In these were \$90.00 worth of razor blades, \$40 worth of razors. He would value the goods in the box (in court) at \$300 roughly. It occurred to him that spaces on the shelves which should contain goods or boxes were vacant and caused a search to be made regarding certain articles. The firm can find no records of the sales of these goods in the stores.

Cross-examined by B. L. Gerow he stated "Goods bearing Thorne Co. private mark could be sold by other companies, with the exception of spark-plugs, this line was their exclusive agency alone."

George W. Noble, shareholder in the company, was next called. He went on March 5, 6 and 7th to Nova Scotia, and made a second trip April 12 and 13th. He made the trips in connection with goods missing in the store. He had seen Max Webber in the store and he had bought goods under the name of M. Webber. Saw M. Webber in Digby, and understood he was the father of the young man in court. Mr. Moore, private detective, of the "Employers' Agency," accompanied witness on the last trip. They went to Yarmouth from Digby on the same mission. He saw some silverware, cutlery, etc., in Yarmouth stores (under suspicion) which resembled their goods.

Asked by Mr. Gerow if he would swear that these goods belonged to W. H. Thorne, excepting the razors, he replied he could not swear. The goods had their private marks cut out by a knife. Every box has a retail price and a wholesale price marked on it. He had caused Mr. Moore to purchase several articles in some stores there.

Mr. Moore, recalled, said he went to Digby on the first trip alone. He visited the store of Morris Webber & Son there, saw some goods in a show-case. He purchased a watch, paying \$1.50 for same. He then left for Yarmouth, N. S. saw goods in Margolia's store there, such as cutlery and silverware. He visited other

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GOOD REASONS WHY DEPOT BATTALION SHOULD STAY HERE

Strong Opposition by Citizens
Against Removal of Unit to
Sussex—St. John is Receiving
Depot and Best Place for
Despatch of Drafts.

Sometimes ago it was reported that the Depot Battalion would summer at Sussex this year, but at the time the report was not officially confirmed or denied. Recently the report has cropped up again, but owing to the expense of transferring the men and equipment as well as the inconvenience that will arise in such a transfer for but a few months, it is likely that the authorities will give the matter deep consideration before such a change is effected. In addition to the work of transferring the men and equipment, it is understood that the removal is meeting with strenuous opposition from the business men of the city, who advance as one of the reasons, that the men in ready dispatch here for overseas and have at their disposal many facilities which are not obtainable at Sussex. You must remember that this is only a receiving depot and the men may be called upon to go overseas within a very few days after they report, so it hardly would seem necessary to send these men to Sussex for such a short period," remarked a citizen discussing the matter yesterday.

"There are quite a large number of St. John boys in the battalion, who being in their home city can drop in and see their relatives and it may be some time before we have a chance to see them again," was the remark of a St. John man when asked if the battalion was going to Sussex.

There are a number of officers in the Depot Battalion who have their homes in the city as well as several who have moved their families here, and it is pointed out that although these men are willing to go where their duty takes them yet since they have established their homes in the city, the authorities should take this matter into consideration.

RETURNED MEN ARRIVE HOME

Party of Soldiers Reached the
City from Halifax Last Evening—Other Heroes are
Expected this Evening.

C. A. Mackay of the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion, who was in the party of returned men to reach the city last evening from Halifax, having arrived there recently on a transatlantic liner from the United Kingdom. Private Mackay enlisted in the 1st Battalion but was transferred to the 15th Battalion. While with this unit the returned man saw some exceedingly heavy fighting. His career as a soldier was splendid and he hoped to enjoy a well earned rest.

It was expected that one of the original 26th Battalion men would reach the city last evening but he was not in the party. There were several other members of the party who came on the same steamer, who did not arrive last night, but are expected in the city this evening.

R. Dibble of 15 Chapel street arrived home. The other St. John men to reach the city were D. MacFarlane, 76 Cannon street; E. Hersey, 94 Cherry street; St. James street; W. Hannah, 10 Cannon street; D. Sprague of 88 Wall street.

The provincial men were:
C. Boyd, Fredericton, New Brunswick.
R. Cameron, Moncton.
D. McDonald, Chatham, N. B.
A. Mackay, Millford, N. B.
C. McKay, St. Stephen, N. B.
T. Phillips, New Dominion, P. E. I.
E. Rushton, Milltown, Charlotte Co.
E. Hersey, 94 Cherry street.
R. Jones, Rural Delivery No. 4, Hartland, N. B.
E. Eastman, St. Stephen, N. B.
A. Forbes, New Dominion, York Co.
G. Ford, Bellisle Creek.
B. Stockford, Carleton Place.
C. Sullivan, Lower Derby, N. B.
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S. Harding.
H. Jones.
M. Mageory.

stores. The place where Thorne's private mark was stated on the cases and boxes had been cut out by a knife or similar article. He then bought some safety razors, paying \$5 each for them. (The razors bore certain numbers carried by Thorne Co. who had not list as to their sales.) He then went to Mr. Spinnery's store and saw some similar goods as in other stores. He produced a Dominion Express invoice, which showed a shipment of silverware. The Eastern Clothing Co. had made the consignment to M. Webber at Digby. On the second trip witness accompanied Mr. Noble. They went to the house of Morris Webber with a warrant and cited a list of articles he found there as follows:

40 packages (dozen razor blades.)

29 packages (1/2 dozen Gillette blades.)

44 Jack knives.

22 silver razors (wrapped in paper).

6 forks, also wrapped in paper.

He told of visiting another small tobacco shop.

This concluded the session for the day.

The case is most interesting. Mr. Gerow for defendants, raising many objections regarding evidence produced in court. G. H. V. Belyea, appearing for prosecution, states much evidence is yet to be brought in, even some residents of Nova Scotia are to give evidence.

Detective Biddiscombe, now out of town, is also to give evidence. The case was postponed after much argument by Mr. Gerow for bail for his clients, but was refused since more evidence is to be procured.

The case comes up again on next Friday morning at 10.30.

It is anticipated the following session will be as interesting.

THE FOSTERITES HAVE MAJORITY OF FIVE WHEN HOUSE DIVIDES ON THE FALSE PRETENCES BILL

(Continued from page 1)
of the people a burden they should not be called upon to bear.

Mr. Potts Speaks.

Following the division the budget debate was continued, Mr. Potts of St. John being the first speaker. He made an effective speech, severely scoring the members of the government who opposed the Union government in the last election or who refrained from taking any part. In this connection he referred directly and by name to Hon. Dr. Roberts, who he pictured as wanting to vote for Union but not daring to for fear of causing discussion with his colleagues in the government ranks and with the plume of minister of health dangling before him. Dr. Roberts did not dare to take any ground in opposition to the men who had power to give or withhold the promised plan. Mr. Potts' speech was particularly effective, and as he scored point after point against the government of big pretension but small performance, he was loudly applauded.

It was noticeable that he had the complete support of the galleries, which were well filled on the occasion.

Sunbury Laurierite.

Mr. Potts was followed by Mr. Mercey of Sunbury, who was rather good in his references to the loyalty of his own family and in his resentment of any imputation of disloyalty, but who did not explain how he, with a son overseas, came to be supporting the only premier in Canada who lacked the manliness to openly declare himself on the question of conscription.

Mr. Smith of Albert is always practical and his address today was no exception to the rule. He indulged in a general criticism of the government's course and paid particular attention to his own county, where he claimed work that had been charged as permanent road work was by no stretch of the imagination to be considered permanent as it was of the class which the former government had paid for out of ordinary revenue. Mr. Smith, who is one of the most useful members of the house, made a strong impression in his address, which though brief, was decidedly to the point and which gave more than a little uneasiness to the gentlemen on the treasury benches.

Mr. "Twaddle," the "slow note" minister of agriculture, attempted to heckle the member for Albert but did not get far. Mr. Smith was proceeding to discuss the seed sasco when Mr. "Twaddle" interrupted in defence of it. Quietly but quickly Mr. Smith turned to the auditor-general's report and producing a charge of \$25 for stamps upon the notes of agriculturalists who failed to pay for their seed as agreed upon, asked why the people of the province should be called upon to pay that charge. The point could not be answered by the minister from Athurette, who subsided.

Mr. Melanson.

After the supper recess Mr. Melanson of Kent took up the task of defending the government and while, like all the Acadia members, he showed himself to be possessed of some eloquence, he was severely handicapped by the absence of facts to back up his contentions.

In the matter of his support of the government Mr. Melanson was apparently not quite sure of his ground. He said he, like the majority of the people of New Brunswick, would support any government which would give honest, competent administration of public affairs. If this is the sole condition on which Mr. Melanson's support can be gained by the Fosterites he can be already counted as a member of the opposition party, for if ever there was a government absolutely inept and incompetent it is the administration which now holds the treasury benches.

Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Melanson was followed by Mr. Hunter of York, who took up some of the pre-Halifax election pledges of the present government party and showed how they had all been broken since that party came to power. The administration of the roads in the province had deteriorated into a political machine and Mr. Hunter gave damaging instances from his own county to show that the term of permanency as applied to any of the road construction

of the present government was absolutely a misnomer. Mr. Dyrant of Kent followed Mr. Hunter and the greater part of his address was occupied with a criticism of the government for not granting more money to the school teachers of the province and not paying more attention to the matter of pensions for teachers.

Mr. Sutton.

He was followed by Mr. W. S. Sutton of Carleton, the gentleman who with Hon. B. Frank Smith won out in the famous Carleton county by-election. A man of large business knowledge and of much experience in public life, Mr. Sutton having been mayor of Woodstock, the junior member for Carleton has developed since last session into one of the effective speakers of the house and his address of this evening illustrates the truth of this statement. He commenced with a criticism of the government for its inaction in filling the vacancy existing in the County of Carleton. It was unfair, he contended, for any government to keep a constituency out of its full representation for the time the County of Carleton has been kept. Some reference had been made to Union government. In this he desired to say that the part played by the County of Carleton had been noticed and favorably commented upon all over the province and he was not sure but what Carleton county's action had had an important effect in shaping the result in the province. In that county men opposed to Mr. Carvell for years, men who had every political and personal reason to be his enemies, had united in his support. Among these men were Hon. B. Frank Smith and Hon. J. K. Flemming. Conservatives generally stood for Mr. Carvell in that campaign, and although he had been declared politically dead as the result of the by-election in 1916, the Conservatives helped to resurrect him and put him in the position he occupied today.

The King Street Accident.

The accidental premier of the province had referred to a cartoon published in the St. John Standard after the Carleton county by-election, which pictured Mr. Carvell as politically dead and was labeled "would you like to see Frankie?" That cartoon was justified at the time, but he would say that when the call came for Union no paper in the province gave Mr. Carvell as good or as effective support as the Standard. That newspaper not only gave him every support in its own columns, but its editor supplied the reports of Mr. Carvell's meetings in Carleton and Victoria county to the Telegraph as well as his own newspaper. Having decided for Union, the Standard played the game squarely and that newspaper assisted materially in the election of Mr. Carvell, was the opinion of Mr. Sutton, who was the junior member for Carleton. Mr. Sutton also referred to the Hall report and sanitary survey of the province. He showed beyond contradiction that Mr. Hall's conclusions in regard to the hospital in Woodstock were absolutely incorrect and said if he was no more correct in the rest of the province his report offered a poor foundation upon which to base a public health bill. Mr. Sutton proceeded to criticize other points in the government's presentation of its financial condition and did it most effectively. He was loudly applauded at the close of his brief but striking address.

Mr. Michael of Madawaska followed and was followed in turn by H. V. Dickson of Kings, who made a complete arraignment of the government's broken pledges. Mr. Dickson particularly criticized the government's road work and its prodigious expenditure on the roads.

Mr. Borsage of Kent followed and was followed in turn by Dr. Crockett of York, who delivered a carefully thought out, beautifully phrased and most effective criticism of the government's general policy and its poor administration.

At midnight Dr. Hetherington of Queens moved the adjournment and will continue tomorrow.

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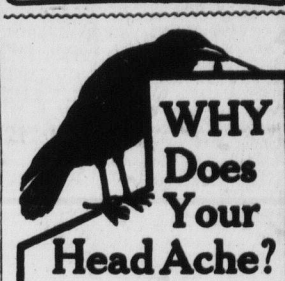
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