

OBSCENE AND OFFENSIVE WORDS KEPT OUT OF EVIDENCE

Police Testify to Prisoner Threatening to Roast Doorkeeper and Matron at Nickel Theatre— Attorney General Claims First Jury Was Tampered With—Difficulty in Getting a Panel.

SIGNATURES OF MERCHANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. John Kerr, chief of the fire department, has received from the leading merchants and property owners a testimonial to his ability and efficiency, which should prove an effective answer to the reports which are circulated occasionally criticizing his management. The document which contains upwards of an autograph sheet is as follows:—

To John Kerr Esquire,
Chief of St. John Fire Department.
Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned merchants and property owners of St. John, notwithstanding any reports to the contrary, and which we have reason to believe have been circulated to your detriment, take this opportunity of expressing our confidence in your ability and efficiency as Chief of the Fire Department, having had ample opportunity for years of witnessing not only your management of fires but also the assistance and help you give to the office, and to say that so long as you continue in the position as Chief and pursue your present policy, you will always have our hearty support.

We desire to express our disapproval of recent attempts of irresponsible persons to interfere with your proper management and efficiency of the fire department.

You are at liberty to make such use of this document as to you may seem most desirable.

W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., per W. H. Thorne, Vice President.
W. G. Foster, per W. G. Foster, Treasurer.
Frank Skinner & Co., Ferguson & Page, Macaulay Bros., A. O. Skinner, F. E. Holman & Co., Waterbury & Rinsing, D. Mace & Sons, Holman & Co. Ltd., per W. M. Holman, manager, C. Baille, John M. Hay, George Nixon, Geo. A. Knodell, Dowling Bros., Charles K. Cameron & Co., Francis & Vaughan, Landry & Co., T. McAvity, president, Edgcombe & Chaisson, Thorne Bros., B. R. Macaulay, Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., per R. Emerson, Raymond & Doherty, C. and E. Evans, The Canadian Drug Co. Ltd., per Thomas Gibbard, manager, L. L. Sharpe & Sons, Harry H. deForest, Campbell Bros., Ace Manufacturers, N. A. Cornbrook, J. E. Amos, Holden & Co. Ltd., per F. E. Williams, R. Kettle Jones, The S. Hayward Co. Ltd., per H. N. Coates, Treasurer, W. Hayward & Co. Ltd., per W. Hayward, W. A. Mackenzie, J. J. Starr, per R. F. Starr, J. W. Starr Co. Ltd., per F. P. Starr, John E. Moore, The Linton & Sinclair Co. Ltd., per R. P. Sinclair, The Victoria Hotel Co. Ltd., per A. Cornbrook, president, D. D. Arthur, Dearborn & Co. Ltd., per F. R. Dearborn, Wakefield, I. Fenton, J. A. McMillan, Robertson, Foster & Smith, Ltd., per J. M. Robertson, president, A. S. Leask, M. & H. Simpson, Robert Strain & Co., Slater Shoe Store, per E. G. Mc.; Louis Green, A. B. Smalley & Co.; Joseph Bullock; The Crosby Molasses Co. Ltd., per L. G. Crosby, manager, George L. Barbour, G. A. Kimball, J. Kimball & Son; Schofield Paper Company, Ltd., per H. B. Schofield, president, E. A. Schofield, secretary, The Josiah Fowler Co. Ltd., per Blanchard Foster, manager; The Josiah Fowler Co. Ltd., per J. D. Barbour, treasurer; John B. Cudlip; G. West Jones, S. P. Gerow; The Christie, sec. treasurer; C. J. Elderkin, Maritime Crown Meal Mills, per C. W. Stewart, Stetson, Cutler & Co., per F. C. Beattie, manager; W. F. Hathaway & Co. per W. F. Hathaway; Co. B. Mooney & Sons; James Penner & Co. Ltd., H. J. Pender; J. H. Doody; George A. Moore; Doherty & Foster; W. Hecker & Sons; Foster & Co.; John Sealy; J. P. Walker, American Clothing Store; James Knox; Arthur W. Adams; Thomas Gorman; Gilbert Bert & Son; A. Cushing and Co.; F. E. Sayer, Murray, Grosvenor & Co.; F. G. Gregory; James Holly & Son; Tapley Bros.; D. F. Tapley; I. W. Tapley; James Brown; D. Nase; P. Nase & Son, Ltd., per L. T. Nase, manager; Annie Rowan; The Unity Fire Insurance Co., per R. Ewing, vice president; J. R. Thomson; Henderson & Hunt; F. W. Daniel & Co. Ltd.; J. J. Manson; J. Hunter White; C. H. Peters Sons, Ltd., per Edward Peters; B. J. and G. Peters; R. Duncan Smith; M. E. Agar; George S. deForest and Sons, Ltd., per C. W. deForest, president; Hotel Edward, Jas. Driscoll; Hotel Dufferin, Foster, Bond & Company, per John H. Bond, manager; Dominion Express Co., per V. G. N. Vickers, supt.; Hamilton & Gray; J. E. Wilson, Ltd., per J. E. Wilson, president.
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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DEPARTED BRETHREN-- IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AND DEDICATION CEREMONY IN FERNHILL-- Col. Moulson's Eloquent Address-- Many Beautiful Floral Tributes Received.

Yesterday afternoon the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias held their annual Memorial Day services at Cedar Hill and Fernhill. The Knights left their hall, Germania street, shortly after 2 o'clock. There were between three and four hundred in the procession which was composed of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, Union Lodge, No. 2, St. John Lodge, No. 30, Uniform Ranks, Victoria Co. No. 1, and Cygnet Co. No. 5, L. Col. Alfred Dodge was in command of the Knights, assisted by Captain F. L. Potts and Captain H. Kincaid.

TELL OF PECULIAR HABITS OF DECEASED

An inquest was held last night by Dr. D. E. Berryman, coroner, into the death of Mr. Hugh McLaughlin, which occurred to Lawlor's Lake on Wednesday last. The witnesses were examined at the home of Mr. John McLaughlin, a brother of the deceased. After hearing the evidence the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased took his own life by jumping into Lawlor's Lake during a fit of temporary insanity, brought about by the excessive use of intoxicating liquor.

RETURN THANKS

The service in connection with the dedication of the graves opened with the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and with band accompaniment, and a reading of Scriptures by Past Chancellor E. E. Thomas. Col. Moulson, Past Supreme Prelate then delivered the following address to the Knights assembled:—

"You have once more shown that you have a true comprehension of those with whom you were associated in fraternal life. The fulfillment of the promise made at your own graves, and because we have a kindly remembrance of them, in the name of Pythian friendship, we bestow these tributes."

TEACHINGS OF PYTHIANISM

"For another year you have listened to the teachings of Pythianism. Are there any among you who have only listened and have not tried to understand what they were taught? Any who placed their light under a bushel, and hid it under a measure, will lose both, and it will be hidden from them." The speaker then read the following address of dedication:—

"In the name of friendship, like that which bound Damon and Pythias together, and a kindly remembrance of those of our members who have passed the river that marks the unknown shore, and the golden gates that open the palace of eternity."

WILBUR SMITH, OF MILLSTREAM, A VICTIM--C. C. MACRAE, BROTHER OF DR. MACRAE, PROMINENT AMONG RESCUERS.

In the appalling catastrophe of the burning of the Okanagan Hotel at Vernon, B. C., on August 10, which has frequently been referred to in the press, one New Brunswick man lost his life, and another distinguished himself as a volunteer lifesaver. One of the victims of the fire was Mr. Wilbur Smith, formerly of Millstream, Kings county, who had been in the West for a number of years, and was actively engaged in his calling as a carpenter. In the account of the fire the Vernon, B. C., News says: "Every member of the fire brigade exerted himself to the utmost, and Mr. C. C. MacRae of the Royal Bank was prominent among the citizens who lent their assistance to the work of rescue."

THRILLING ACCOUNT HOW ONE HERO LOST HIS LIFE

It seems that many daring attempts at rescue were made and the News tells in thrilling terms of the experience of one of the victims who gave his life to save others. He says: "The hero of the night was Archie Hickling, one of the boarders, who gave his life in the service of humanity. He had all through the first terrible scenes of the fire been among the most active in the work of rescue, and with Mr. Sigale had made two trips into the burning building, each time bringing out a child. "When he came out on the second occasion his shirt was blazing on his back and he was evidently suffering from severe burns; just then one of the waiter girls appeared screaming at an upper window. "I, get her or I'll die," he exclaimed. Darting into the hellish cauldron of flame, smoke and noxious gases, he reached the girl and got her out through the window, but while she was being rescued, but heroic Hickling sank back into the pit of death and was seen no more alive. "I have had a vision of him, screaming at a window, and I measure the greatness of his character, or estimate the glory of the reward to which he has passed."

REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIM

The news of the tragic death of Mr. Wilbur Smith was received with much sorrow and grief, and was spread by a Standard reporter, Mr. E. R. Folkens, a trader in the market and an uncle of the victim, said that Smith was a very popular and universally respected man. He was about twenty six years of age, and had worked at his trade since he was very young. His family history had been very sad. His father, Mr. George A. Smith, died, and a year after his mother passed away, followed within three weeks by his only sister, Lotie. Since then the young man had supported himself and two younger brothers.

MIGHTY MOTH

What do they say today, to the moth? What do they think of the moth? Oh turn where you story tell. 'Tis the pride of the moth, 'Tis the love that the moth holds dear. Her legs for the earth! Sons—Sons of Earth! These are the words of the dear old houlder. That we have spruce; What's the good of heroes. Or to talk of all that For 'tis we who have to fight To keep the glory that we won!

Tenders for Piling

The City of St. John Inves Sealed Tenders

For the placing of piles along the front of Berth No. 1, on West Side of harbor, the City Engineer has received from the City Engineer, City Hall, the following sealed tenders endorsed "Tenders for Piling":—

The tender of Messrs. Messrs. Wm. W. & Co. is for \$10,000. The tender of Messrs. Messrs. J. & Co. is for \$10,000. The tender of Messrs. Messrs. J. & Co. is for \$10,000. The tender of Messrs. Messrs. J. & Co. is for \$10,000.