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JURY DECLARES AUTOS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO DIM

Calls For Amendment to Law With Headlights Standardized

KEEBLE BLAMELESS IN ROAD FATALITY

Verdict Puts Onus on Unknown Driver of Other Car

At the concluding session of Coroner Dr. William Warwick's inquest into the death of Charles T. Hayter, struck with an automobile, driven by George Keeble, on October 2, the jury blamed the unknown driver of another automobile, exonerated Mr. Keeble and expressed the opinion that the dimming law is "absolutely dangerous and confusing." It is recommended, that dimming be not required but that auto lights be standardized.

TEXT OF FINDING.

The wording of the verdict is as follows: "We, the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Charles T. Hayter, beg leave to report the following verdict: "That Mr. Charles T. Hayter came to his death on Tuesday, October 6, 1925, at his home in Pamidene, Parish of Westfield, County of Kings, Province of New Brunswick, from injuries received on October 2, 1925, in an accident while on the road known as the Westfield road.

"It is the opinion of the jury that these injuries were received by being struck by an automobile, the driver of which had taken all due precaution and had conformed with the requirements of the road law but was prevented from seeing Mr. Hayter because of being temporarily blinded by the glaring headlights of an unknown approaching car, the driver of which we hold responsible for the accident.

"From evidence received, and from practical experience, we consider that the law requiring the dimming of headlights is absolutely dangerous and confusing, and we strongly recommend that this law be amended, and that drivers be not required to dim but that headlights shall be of a standard candle power and focus."

ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

The witnesses examined last evening were a lad, Glendon Arthur, Colin McDonald, Leopold Kadman, Fred Brennan, Charles Stevens, Charles E. Stevens, Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Kirtley. Some of the evidence adduced by these witnesses was corroborative of statements made the Monday night session of the court, dealing with distances, the finding of the injured man, conversation that took place and a description of the conditions of auto lighting, the curvature of the road, etc.

DEFINITE EVIDENCE

A factor in fixing whatever blame there might have been for the accident upon the unknown driver, who dashed past the glaring lights, was given by the 15-year-old Arthur lad whose testimony had to do with the location of Keeble's car immediately after the accident. It was stated that Keeble was forced to move it a considerable distance to relieve road congestion which followed the mishap. The identical original position of the car after Mr. Hayter was struck by a familiar pathway and other landmarks. This point was stressed by the crown officer to ascertain if the Keeble car had been speeding when it struck the aged victim.

After some brief remarks by Coroner Warwick summarizing the salient points of evidence, the jury retired and in due course returned with their verdict.

GREAT INTEREST

During the inquiry residents and officials evinced the liveliest interest. Arguments brought forth concerning auto lighting. The Motor Vehicle Law, has been amended in some points dealing with speed and distance since its passage a few years ago, but there has been no move made to alter its lighting regulations. Therefore it was said the verdict brought in last night might call attention to the wide diversity of opinion said to exist on this question of glaring and dimming lights.

THE LIGHTING QUESTION

The Motor Vehicle Law demands the dimming of lights, while many motorists who are observing that law claim to be doing so at a decided risk to their safety. The argument is that two full lights illuminate the whole roadway whilst one glaring light and one dimmed light impairs the vision of one driver and leaves him with a darkened road to negotiate. A Westfield resident who has just returned after an auto tour of five American states says he was not required to dim his lights at any time during his journey until he crossed the New Brunswick border on the return trip.

The jury members were U. V. Caulfield, foreman; Edward Stevens, Philip Hamm, C. Morrow, S. Moore, A. S. Dinsmore and Walter Stevens.

Call Comes Here For 2 Moncton Boys

A telegram was received by the local detective department this morning from Moncton requesting them to be on the look-out for two boys, Leon Gould, aged 12 years, and Norman McMillan, aged 15 years, who left their homes in that city on Monday and whose whereabouts were unknown. The boys were both said to be wearing light suits. The detectives are requested to hold the boys for their parents if found.

AUTO CASE

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Abraham Garson for permitting his automobile to stand longer than allowed by law also for having no front or rear lights burning and his car parked on the wrong side of Summer street from 8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 12. Policeman Bettie made the report. Mr. Garson said that, owing to the illness of his child, he had rushed home and forgotten his car. The magistrate said that he would only impose a small fine in view of the circumstances.

ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, OCT. 13.

A.M.	P.M.
High Tide.... 8:28	High Tide.... 8:54
Low Tide.... 2:21	Low Tide.... 2:49
Sun Rises.... 8:00	Sun Sets.... 5:44

Local News

MATTER ADJUSTED.

A case in which Lucien Ritchie was reported for operating a car without a chauffeur's license, was withdrawn yesterday afternoon, as he has taken out a license. W. M. Ryan appeared for him and J. Starr Tait for the prosecution.

OFFICE BROKEN INTO.

The offices of Charles A. Price, who conducts a coal and wood business at 193 City road, was broken into between Saturday night and Monday morning. Entry was gained by forcing a rear door. A few pencils and a box of pencils were taken.

NOT BURGLARS

The alarm signal on the Bank of Montreal building in King street sounded last evening about 10:30 o'clock and the police and an employee of the bank went through the building. The alarm suddenly stopped ringing of its own accord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On the occasion of the 20th wedding anniversary of Captain and Mrs. Sprague of Hampton, their home was invaded by a party of friends who presented to them a set of china to observe the time-honored custom of the china wedding anniversary. Games were enjoyed and supper served in formally.

IS ILL IN SOMERVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tippets, Manawagonish Road, received word on Saturday that their son, George Tippets, Jr., was quite ill at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Edward Larkin, Somerville, Mass. Mrs. Tippets left at once and since then a report has been received that Mr. Tippets is improving.

SHOWER GIVEN.

Mrs. Jas. MacGillivray of 18 White street was hostess at a shower given in honor of Miss Stella McPuff, and at which many useful and beautiful gifts were received. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music, and dainty refreshments were served. Miss McDuff is to be married in the near future.

DEANERY MEETS.

Rev. Father Turney, of Boston, who has been conducting a mission for Rev. C. F. Follett at Loch Lomond, led the devotions at early prayers in Trinity church this morning, the service opening the Saint John Deanery meeting for the month. The business session was wholly devoted to discussion and presided over by Rev. Rural Dean W. H. Sampson, of West Saint John, and was held in the Church of England Institute.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuller, 173 Main street, were pleasantly surprised last night when about 40 of their friends called to help them celebrate the 21st anniversary of their wedding. During the evening Joseph London, on behalf of the company, presented to Mrs. Fuller an electric iron and Mr. Fuller with a merchaum pipe. Dancing and games were enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. M. Reicker, Miss Margaret Reicker, Miss Mary Fuller and G. Garnett.

OCTOBER ROSE.

When Mrs. Pearl E. Whelpley of Holly street went to her summer home at Carter's Point this morning, she was surprised to find in full bloom, with fresh leaves and richness of color and fragrance, an American Beauty rose, on a bush which had yielded for her the bush is somewhat sheltered from the high winds and cold, as it is near the house.

ROBBERY IS CHARGED

John Henderson was before the police magistrate this morning on a charge of breaking and entering the house of Dr. James Manning, 188 German street, and stealing goods to the value of \$38 between June 4 and 7 of this year. At the request of the prosecution the case was postponed until tomorrow morning. Detective Bidsonne brought the defendant to the city last evening from Fredericton, where he was arrested on the expiration of a four month sentence in the York County jail for theft.

IN MARITIMES INTEREST.

A meeting of the Board of Trade committee which has been under consideration the question of the readjustment of the economic basis under which the Maritime Provinces entered Confederation was to be held this afternoon. W. F. Burditt is chairman, and he has done much research work in connection with the question. The committee will consider suggestions which may be put forward at the Maritime Board of Trade meeting in Charlottetown in November.

As Hiram Sees It

MONTREAL—Well, sir, when I come back to town last night the Red Caps an' the hotel porters was jist as glad to see me as they was last time. I guess my whisker takes their eye. I'm settin' here writin' now with the winter openin' confederate of me—an' not a sign o' sich weather as they been herin' out west. They had lots o' snow out there—an' folks up here is wonderin' wholl' git snowed under on the twenty-ninth. They're all het up over the 'lections here in Quebec—an' everybody's guessin' they got some conquerin' heroes here—if you b'lieve the papers. It seems the country never needed savin' quite so bad as it does this month—an' all the fellers that kin talk has jist found it out an' started in to do the savin'. Blessed is them that ain't hopin' fer much—fer the carkin' tooth o' disappointment will gnaw at their vitals after the hull thing is settled. —HIRAM.

TWENTY ARE OUT FOR ELECTION

Nominations are Made for 11 Seats as County Councillors

Simonds Has Seven Candidates—Some Tickets and Some Independents in Field.

Yesterday was nomination day in the four parishes of the County of Saint John for those seeking election as councillors for the two years from January 1, 1926. There will be a contest in every parish. All of the former members of the council, with the exception of Murray W. Campbell, Lancaster, are seeking re-election, but in some cases on opposing tickets.

There are twenty men who are seeking the vote of the electors of the four parishes, eleven are to be elected. Lancaster, Simonds and St. Martins have three representatives each and Musquash has two representatives. The council is composed of sixteen members, but the five members of the City Council are ex-officio members of the County Council.

Simonds has the honor of having the largest number of candidates, there being seven in that parish. There two full tickets and one independent candidate are seeking the votes of the electors. In Lancaster five candidates are in the field while St. Martins and Musquash have four each.

THESE SEEK ELECTION

Following are the names of those nominated: LANCASTER—Councillor John T. O'Brien, nominated as an independent as also is William Fox; Councillor William Golding, E. Claude Seelye and William McAvour, nominated as a ticket.

MUSQUASH—Councillor James O'Donnell and ex-councillor George Anderson, nominated on one ticket and Councillor Alexander Corscadden and ex-councillor W. J. Dean, nominated on another ticket.

SIMONDS—Councillors George H. Simpson, Glen Falls; Edgar Smith, Black River, and Robert McAllister, East Saint John, nominated as one ticket; Councillor J. C. Diazel, Red Head, Keith A. Barber, Torryburn, and J. W. Cunningham, Black River, named on another ticket, and Rupert Taylor, nominated as an independent candidate.

ST. MARTINS—Councillors Robert Bowland and R. E. McLeod and S. J. Shanklin, named on one ticket, and Councillor George E. Mowbray nominated as an independent candidate.

LEADING MAN HAS SHOULDER BROKEN

Edward Cullen Goes Through Opera House Performance Under Difficulties.

Edward Cullen, leading man for the F. James Carroll Players, fractured one of the bones in his shoulder in an accident on the stage of the Opera House just before the performance commenced last evening. In spite of the fact that he was suffering considerably from this and from bruises sustained in the mishap, Mr. Cullen played throughout the performance which, being a farce, required a considerable amount of activity in its presentation. It was announced this morning at the Opera House that he would continue to perform throughout the week, although his shoulder would be kept in splints.

CHAINS GIVEN WAY

The accident occurred when Mr. Cullen fell from a large electric fixture in the center of the stage. The fixture was supported by four chains and in the latter part of the play the leading man is expected to climb up on it while, with him unnoted, a light takes place underneath. In testing the fixture before the performance last night two of the chains broke, and Mr. Cullen fell to the stage, some ten or twelve feet below.

After the performance last evening he was taken to the Saint John Infirmary where this morning an X-ray photograph disclosed the fractured bone. Mr. Cullen is now under the care of Doctors G. A. B. Adly and Dr. S. H. McDonald, the latter having given him first aid treatment immediately after the accident.

The audience last night was aware that the leading man was playing under difficulties, as his arm hung by his side during the whole show, and his grit in proceeding with the performance, which he carried out in excellent fashion, drew hearty applause from the spectators.

WORK ABOUT DONE

Restoration of W. C. T. U. Fountain at Head of Rodney Street, West End.

Commissioner Frink said this morning that work on the restoration of the W. C. T. U. fountain in West Saint John, at the head of Rodney street, has been about completed and it was his intention to place on the top of the fountain an ornamental lighting standard. The basin, he said, had been lowered about 14 inches to prevent the pole of a double team from coming in contact with the stone and breaking it. In the restoration there will be placed under the fountain a concrete chamber so that repairs to the water pipes might be made readily if needed. The Public Works Department is now paving the north side of King street, West Saint John, from Union street to Market Square and doing quite a lot of repair work to the sidewalks in various parts of the city.

MRS. AYSOUGH HERE.

Mrs. Francis Aysough arrived by automobile from St. Andrews at noon and lunched with Mr. Justice and Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer at their residence, German street. Mrs. Aysough will lecture at the Natural History rooms this afternoon. This evening she will go to Rothesay to give an address before the girls of Netherwood School.

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