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JURY FIVE TO TWO IN FAVOR OF GEORGE McARTHUR IN SLANDER CASE; APPEAL WILL BE TAKEN

Took About Three Hours to Reach Verdict---Counsel for Defence Claimed the Occurrence Was Nothing But Abusive Language Case---Dr. Currey Launches Out Strongly in Assailing Defendant in Address to Jury.

After having been out for nearly three hours Thursday afternoon the jury in the slander case of Edgecombe vs. McArthur returned to the court room with a verdict for the defendant. It was not unanimous, however, as two dissented, but under the law the verdict stands.

A. W. Baird immediately moved for a stay of proceedings with leave for the plaintiff to appeal and this was granted.

A. G. Edgecombe's action for $10,000 damages against George McArthur for slander and assault, was tried before Judge Landry in the circuit court Wednesday and developed much of interest, including references to other incidents in which Mr. McArthur figured. There was quite a dramatic moment in the afternoon during the hearing of the suit. The defendant was on the stand testifying in his own behalf when Mr. Mullin asked him if he had spat in Mr. Edgecombe's face. Instantly lifting up his right hand he exclaimed, "On my honor I did not." He went on to invoke the Deity to witness the truth of his assertion and continued, "Spit in a man's face? No! Before I would do that I'd cut off my finger. I'd do it right here."

He also denied using most of the abusive epithets alleged or striking the plaintiff. He had, he said, "jabbed" him in the ribs. This, he explained, is a custom of his when he wishes to be emphatic in his remarks and he had never heard anyone complain of it before. He repudiated an insinuation made by Mr. Currey that he had in April last threatened to spit in Herbert Crocket's face in an election campaign and that he had fought with P. Mooney at the corner of King and Charlotte streets.

The evidence was all in yesterday afternoon when the court adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning, when counsel will make their addresses and the case will be given to the jury.

A. W. Baird and L. A. Currey, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and D. Mullin, K. C., for the defendant.

The jury is composed of George E. Smith, G. Heber Arnold, Jas. L. Carmichael, Thomas Logan, John P. Williams, Charles H. Brannan and Francis Ritchie.

The Complainant's Story.

Mr. Baird opened the case and Mr. Edgecombe was called. He said he was at the Queen's roller rink on April 29 with Frank Kinnear. They were returning from Rev. Mr. Kuhring's Bible class. Inside he met George McArthur and W. G. Scovil. Mr. McArthur said he (Edgecombe) was one of six who had signed a paper to put Mr. McKinney and Mr. Campbell out of the company. He denied any such intention, and said the defendant used very vile language, called him a thief, spat in his face and made many threatening gestures, and hit him two very severe blows under the ribs. Mr. Edgecombe said he said: "All you have got you stole from other people," and added: "If you are worth $25,000, I am worth $125,000. You had a fire and got $1,000 out of the insurance companies."

Mr. Mullin objected to these statements, but the court allowed them.

Mr. Edgecombe said he was also struck in the back. He did not put up a fight, and offered no resistance, but went into the rink office.

Cross-examined by Mr. Mullin, he denied that there had been any negotiations between himself and Mr. McArthur for the purchase of the Campbell stock. He had not told J. V. Russell or Bert Fleming that he would buy that stock. He said he did not say in the office afterwards, "Well, he didn't spit in my face, but he might as well have."

W. G. Scovil Gives Evidence.

W. G. Scovil said he heard McArthur call Edgecombe a liar and a thief, with considerable profanity, also threaten to bite him and to spit in his face. He saw Edgecombe wipe off his face, and saw McArthur strike him two blows. Edgecombe did not offer to strike or fight, and did not use any insulting language, but said to the witness: "What will I do?" and the witness told him to take no notice.

He heard McArthur tell Edgecombe, "Most all you have you stole from other people," and he mentioned the insurance.

To Mr. Mullin, the witness said he and Edgecombe and McArthur were all stockholders in the rink and in a rink in Quebec. He could not swear positively that McArthur had his fist doubled when he struck Edgecombe. He saw and heard McArthur spit twice and saw Edgecombe wipe his face. He considered the language used was abusive. Mr. Scovil said there was some talk with Mr. Edgecombe about his buying the Campbell stock, and at one time it was understood he would do so.

To Mr. Currey, the witness said McArthur seemed very much excited.

To Mr. Mullin, witness said the defendant had told them he could save them 15 per cent on the contracts, and would do so if they would pay him that amount. They agreed, and McArthur claimed 15 per cent on the whole job. His claim was compromised for $500.

This closed the case for the plaintiff.

When the court resumed after luncheon Mr. Mullin proceeded to elaborate his contention that no evidence had been produced to show that Mr. McArthur had meant to impute a crime when he used the terms "thief" and "liar." He went on to read from authorities to show that when such language was merely abusive it was not actionable per se. He asked his honor to instruct the jury to this effect.

Mr. Currey followed contra. He read extracts from the same book as that used by Mr. Mullin, showing that the question of meaning is one for the jury alone to decide. They must be put as far as possible in the position of spectators, and all the surrounding circumstances related to them, and the counsel for the defence had no right to ask that his honor instruct the jury on the point.

His honor agreed with Mr. Currey, and Dr. MacRae followed in a brief address to the jury in which he emphasized the fact that Mr. Scovil had said on the stand that he understood the terms used by Mr. McArthur to be merely abusive.

The defendant was then called to the witness stand. He first related the particulars of his connection with the Queen's roller skating rink here, and the one in Quebec. The lessees of the Queen's, he said, had made a verbal contract with him to build the one in Quebec, for which work he was to receive fifteen per cent. of the entire cost. When the job was finished he found he could not collect his bill, and had in contemplation putting a lien on the building. He refrained from doing this, as he received $500. This money, he was careful to explain, he did not consider payment in full. He said he could never get any more money, nor would the parties acknowledge the verbal contract.

On April 29, he said, he went to the Queen's rink. Mr. Scovil was there, and soon after Mr. Edgecombe came in with Mr. Kinnear. There was some talk about a carriage he had just bought, and the plaintiff asked him why he had not patronized him. He replied that he would not have bought the carriage from him because he considered he (plaintiff) had not used him right.

The witness continued that he complained to Mr. Edgecombe that he had not been paid for the building of the rink in Quebec, and also asked why the plaintiff had not taken some stock in the company after having bargained for it. The plaintiff said he had no money to buy stock and that the witness had received all the money he was going to get.

The witness admitted that he became excited then and called Mr. Edgecombe an opprobrious name and told him that he might as well rob a man as do what he had done. Soon after this, he said, he left the rink after bidding them good night. Both Mr. Kinnear and Mr. McKinney were within hearing distance. There was no scuffling nor did he at any time strike Mr. Edgecombe. The only thing he did was to put his hand out and push the plaintiff from him. He did threaten to bite Mr. Edgecombe's nose off if he did not keep off, but when asked if he had spat in his face he raised his right hand and protested on his honor that he had not. He invoked the Deity to witness the truth of his assertion, and said that sooner than do such a thing he would cut his finger off. He admitted having called the plaintiff a liar, but denied using the adjectives. He said he did not call him a thief nor did he say that all Mr. Edgecombe had he had robbed other people of.

To Mr. Currey the witness said that he was joking when he told Mr. Edgecombe he would spit in his face or bite his nose off. He was not very angry or excited at the time, but supposed that there was something between Mr. Scovil and the plaintiff, as he thought he saw signs pass between them. Mr. Edgecombe had called him a liar, but he was not excited nor would he have either spat in his face or bitten off his nose, even if he had not kept off.

Mr. Currey—"Well, haven't you a fashion of 'jabbing' a man sometimes?"

The defendant—"Yes, if I wish to be emphatic I sometimes jab a man in the ribs."

"Doesn't anyone ever object to that?"

"I never heard of anyone."

"Weren't you ever bound over to keep the peace?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you strike Mr. Mooney one day at the corner of King and Charlotte streets?"

"Not till Mr. Mooney struck me."

"How about Rudman Allan?"

"That was between eight and nine years ago."

"Well, didn't you jab him?"

"Not till he jabbed me first with his whip."

"Didn't you threaten near the Orange hall, North End, to spit in Mr. Crocket's face during the last mayoralty election?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you say to Mr. Edgecombe 'you made $1,000 out of your insurance'?"

"No, I did not."

"These jobs of yours, you have a good muscular development and have no means accurately to calculate their force, have you?"

"Yes, I have a good muscular development, but I do not use it for that purpose."

In answer to further questions, the defendant admitted he was excited in the rink on the night in question, but if the plaintiff had not spoken to him first he would not have said a word. He guarded his language and actions on that occasion, as he had reasons for doing so. It is true, he went on, his temperament is such that he is liable to get angry, but even after Mr. Edgecombe had called him a liar he did not feel he had a grievance against him.

George McKinney then took the stand. He was, he said, ticket taker at the Queen's rink. He was in his office the night of the trouble. He saw Mr. Edgecombe and Mr. Kinnear come in and walk over to the rail, and Mr. McArthur came in soon after. When he left to go into his office, Mr. McArthur and Mr. Edgecombe were engaged in conversation. There was no loud talking then. While making up his cash in the office the witness said he heard some loud talking and, looking out of the window, saw the two standing as before. He could not hear any part of the conversation clearly, but was positive no blows were struck.

After the affair was all over the witness asked the defendant what was the matter. He replied with a smile, "Oh, nothing. I was just telling him what I thought of him." After Mr. McArthur had left the rink he asked the plaintiff the same question. He replied that Mr. McArthur had threatened to spit in his face. He added that he had not done so, but might just as well. He and the plaintiff left the rink together, and at that time he was chuckling over the occurrence.

To Mr. Baird, the witness said he did not see any blows struck on either side, nor hear the words used. Afterwards, when discussing the affair with Mr. Edgecombe, he did not say that Mr. McArthur was a dangerous man. He said he was excitable, and had once accused his brother of stealing a diamond shirt stud. Mr. McKinney said that he is a brother-in-law of the defendant.

At this point Mr. Currie recalled Mr. Scovil. Mr. Mullin objected, but was overruled by his honor. The examination was confined to a question Mr. Mullin had put which Mr. Currie claimed was improper. The question was as to whether Mr. Scovil considered Mr. McArthur's language merely abusive.

The witness replied that he thought that a crime was implied.

The plaintiff's counsel also made an effort to call Mr. Kinnear to prove the assault further, and Herbert Crockett to prove that Mr. McArthur had threatened to spit in his face. His honor overruled them, however, and the court adjourned.

Addresses of Counsel.

D. Mullin, K. C., arguing for the defendant, claimed that the alleged reference that Mr. Edgecombe had profited by a fire should not weigh as it was not in the declaration. He claimed that the case might have been disposed of in the police court as one of abusive language, that the $10,000 claim gave the case a fictitious importance.

Mr. Mullin likened the case to Bardell vs. Pickwick. An apology had been offered Mr. Edgecombe soon after the dispute and was refused. The plaintiff's own evidence, he claimed, showed that the defendant had exercised great control over himself.

Mr. Mullin commented on the evidence of Messrs. Edgecombe and Scovil and thought there was a comparing of notes by them. Mr. Scovil was the man pulling the strings and egged Mr. Edgecombe on. He thought if Mr. McArthur was not considered to be well fixed financially that the damages claimed would have been much less and it looked like a case of graft.

Mr. Scovil had not sworn the defendant had spat in the plaintiff's face. Mr. McArthur denied doing so and Mr. McKinney corroborated him. Mr. McKinney stated that Mr. Edgecombe after the incident, said, "He didn't spit in my eye, but he might as well have done so." The fact that Mr. Scovil was not recalled to deny that statement, Mr. Mullin thought of vital importance. The weight of evidence was already with the defendant that he did not spit in the plaintiff's face. Mr. Scovil would not swear that the defendant struck Mr. Edgecombe, but would only state that "he struck at him." On the two vital points, the spitting and the striking of blows, Mr. Mullin claimed, he failed to corroborate the evidence of Mr. Edgecombe.

Mr. Mullin claimed that all the language used was only abuse, and could not be called slander.

Dr. Currey.

Dr. L. A. Currey, for the plaintiff, said Mr. McArthur should thank God he was not charged with murder or grevious bodily harm.

If the plaintiff had been other than a cool headed man, the matter might have been still more serious, for he might have struck the defendant, who was "a bully about town." Mr. Edgecombe, he thought, could not get legal advice too soon. Most men would have drawn a revolver or bludgeon and yet, withal, Mr. Mullin claimed it was only abusive language. Mr. Currey asked the jury how they would like to go to a public place, directly from Bible class, and be assaulted by a big, strong bully like Mr. McArthur. It was time that somebody proceeded against such a man as this, who has in all these years gone about the city like a roaring lion.

Mr. Currey said that larceny, robbery, perjury and arson had been heaped up and imputed to Mr. Edgecombe.

No explanation could give any avenue of escape from the words used, and the damages should rightly be large. Nature had kindly endowed the defendant with a strong physique, but he used it in coping with a smaller man. People had said "You dont' dare go to court and present the case he will assault you afterwards."

Mr. Edgecombe he regarded as a God-fearing man, who goes to his prayer meeting and his Bible class. Mr. Mullin had referred to the plaintiff as a recent importation from Fredericton. Mr. Currey did not consider Fredericton people other than respectable.

Half the people of St. John were afraid to open their mouths to Mr. McArthur, much less to provoke a fight. It was absurd to think of a quiet, mild-mannered man like Mr. Edgecombe provoking a quarrel with the defendant.

Mr. McArthur admitted having struck the plaintiff.

Abused, beaten, spat upon, what else had Mr. Edgecombe to do but take the matter into the courts of justice.

When Mr. Mullin had referred to the case as graft he (counsel) could scarcely believe his ears. If he thought it a blackmailing case to filch money from the defendant, he placed on it an interpretation that is given by nobody else. He would not say because Mr. McArthur is rich that he should be salted, but it is an element, "You can't touch me! You might get a verdict but I have $125,000 at my back, and I'll appeal the case to Fredericton and even to Ottawa."

While Mr. Edgecombe did not ask $125,000 he did ask a good and substantial sum. He asked the jurors to take the matter to themselves. "Give an amount," said Mr. Currey, "as a warning to Mr. McArthur and all of his stamp." Had the plaintiff broken the contract Mr. McArthur should have gone to court with the matter and not have taken the law in his own hands.

It was the privilege of the newspapers to make fair reports. He agreed that a prejudice against the defendant had been created but by his own words and acts. Mr. Currey spoke at considerable length as to the reason why newspapers should handle such cases so fully. The newspaper notoriety is complimentary to the position of Mr. McArthur in the city. Mr. Mullin, he thought was aware that the higher a man's position the greater his duty to be a good law-abiding citizen, and should he go astray it is talked about more than if he belonged to the lower classes.

Judge Landry.

In addressing the jury Judge Landry said that the case presented but few difficulties except perhaps in forming a conclusion upon facts.

There were really but two counts for their consideration. First, whether or not the defendant has uttered the words he is alleged to have used. They were to decide whether or not Mr. McArthur had used the epithets attributed to him, which words, in themselves were actionable

If the plaintiff satisfied them that the words were used in the presence of others they were actionable. This was applicable to such words as "You are a thief, "You are a —— — — —— of a thief.' Such in themselves were actionable. Relative to the other statement—all they had they stated to other people, and which was not actionable in itself, but to which the plaintiff gives a meaning in the pleadings which make them actionable should they find it so.

So far as this case was concerned his honor said there was no proof of special damages and explained that there were different views of the case and different forms of damage.

He then submitted to them the following:

"We find the defendant guilty or not guilty on the first and second counts." If guilty, then, "We assess damages on the first and second counts at ——

"We find the defendant guilty or not guilty on the third and forth counts."

"We assess damages on the third and forth counts ——"

"Did the defendant assault the plaintiff?"

When court resumed at 2.15 his honor placed the case in the hands of the jury, who at once retired to their room. It was 2.25 when they filed out of the court room and at 4.40 they were sent for by Judge Landry. When they had taken their seats in the box they announced through their foreman, Francis Ritchie, that they could not agree as to a verdict. His honor, however, after some further instructions told them that five of their number could return a legal verdict and he suggested that they retire again.

They filed out once more and at 5.03 returned. The foreman handed a written verdict to the clerk, who passed it to his honor. He announced that the jury had found the defendant not guilty on any of the four counts in the complaint. At his honor's request the foreman announced to the court that they had arrived by a vote of five to two at a verdict for the defendant. The two who dissented are James F. Carmichael and R. Heber Arnold.

Mr. Baird then applied for and obtained a stay of proceedings to give leave to appeal to a higher court and his honor adjourned the court till Sept. 17.

The suit of William Mitchell and Signora K. Mitchell, his wife, vs. Hattie G. Melvin, administratrix, of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits which were of Sarah Clark, deceased, at the time of her death, who died intestate, was settled between the parties, and the case withdrawn yesterday; Bustin & French for the plaintiffs, and E. G. Kaye, K. C., for defendant.

MAN LITTLE IN EVIDENCE AT THIS MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Groomsman's Place Taken by Young Woman, Bride Given Away by Woman, Ushers Young Ladies.

Mere man is never looked upon as occupying an important place at a wedding, but at a marriage ceremony performed here Thursday he was placed farther than ever in the background. This wedding marked a decided departure from the conventional lines, so far as St. John is concerned. It was celebrated in St. Mary's church, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. W. C. Raymond, D. D.

The contracting parties were Miss Arrie Williams, of New York, daughter of Mrs. Ross, of Carleton, and Harry Allen Thayer, of Holyoke (Mass.) The ushers and all the attendants at the ceremony, with the exception of three little boys, who acted as ring bearers, were young ladies, even the groomsman's place being so filled. This is said to be quite customary in New York and in the present instance the arrangements were made to meet the wishes of the bridegroom.

There was a good sized congregation in the church when the bridal party entered about 7.30. The choir was in attendance and sang The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden. The bride was leaning on the arm of Fred Stewart, her brother-in-law, and was followed by the ring bearers. They carried a silken cushion by silken cords, and on top was the gold circlet. Three little girls came immediately behind, carrying a large basket of cut flowers and holding in their hands the ends of a floral chain. Four young ladies came next, all dressed alike, in white, with roses in their hair. The bride looked charming, dressed in white satin, with a bridal veil. She carried a large shower bouquet of sweet peas. Miss Laura Poole, of Westfield, acted as bridesmaid, the bride's mother gave her away, while Miss Leona Beatteay took the position usually assigned to a groomsman.

After the ceremony the three flower girls went before the newly wedded pair down the aisle, strewing flowers in their path. Carriages were taken at the door of the church for the residence of Mrs. Ross in Carleton, where a sumptuous luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer left on the Halifax express for a short trip through Prince Edward Island before taking up their residence in New York, their future home. A large number of friends were at the depot to see them off and they were followed by the warmest good wishes. The bride's going away dress was brown broadcloth, with hat to match. Besides Miss Beatteay and Miss Poole, Miss Katherine Bates and Miss Pauline Ring acted as ushers. The flower girls, who were all dressed alike, in white China silk, were Phyllis Williams, E. Williams and Jean Walsh, of Bridgeport, and Miss E. Leath, of New York, was maid of honor. The ring bearer was Cecil L. Ring, of New York, and Douglas Williams, of Bridgeport, and Reginald Stewart, of St. John, were assistants.

The groom's present to the four young ladies was a set of gold bar pins each, and to the ring bearers and flowers girls gold signet rings.

The groom is in business in Holyoke and the bride was formerly a member of St. Mary's church, and active in the young people's work there. They will reside in Holyoke.

SURPLICED CHOIR FOR FREDERICTON

Meeting of Cathedral Chapter Here—Synod Committees Conclude Their Sessions.

With the installation of the new organ to be secured for the cathedral in Fredericton a surpliced choir is to be formed. The cathedral chapter, which met here yesterday, considered plans for the addition of a choir room to the cathedral on the opposite side of the chancel to the vestry. The present organ was built by an English firm who sent their men out here and it was built in the cathedral at the time the building was erected.

The synod committees last night concluded their meetings here in preparation for the synod meeting next month. Those in session yesterday were the committee on canons, executive of the synod, education committee, board of church literature and the cathedral chapter.

Among the matters to come before the synod is that of taking over Rothesay College for Boys.

LOCAL NEWS.

"The Willows," Hugh J. McCormick's summer hotel on the Kennebeccasis, will close for the season on Sept. 9.

M. B. King, president of the King Lumbering Company, Cranbrook (B. C.), arrived in the city yesterday, with his son, Graeme, and his father, Senator King. The latter accompanied him from Montreal, where Mr. King left his wife and younger son and daughter because of the indisposition of the latter. Mrs. King and children will come to St. John in a day or two and proposes to spend some time in the east visiting relatives and friends. Senator King and his son will go to Chipman this morning.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Allie Titus.

The death of Mrs. Allie Titus, wife of C. D. Titus, occurred last Sunday at her home at Jemseg. Mrs. Titus had not been in good health for some months, but she passed away quite suddenly, a fatal termination to her illness not being looked for. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Gilbert Springer, of Jemseg, and besides her husband leaves three sons—Fred. and Ethelbert, residing at Jemseg, and Leonard, in the employ of the St. John Railway Company; also one daughter—Mrs. George White, of Mill Cove, Grand Lake. George S. Springer and N. F. Springer, of this city, are brothers, and there are several other relatives in St. John.

Mrs. Titus was in her forty-ninth year, and had resided in Jemseg all her life. She was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral took place yesterday to the family burial ground.

James Lenihan.

James Lenihan died at his home, 17 North street Tuesday after three weeks illness. He was a well known man, son of the late Jeremiah and Anna Lenihan and is survived by three brothers—John in Minneapolis, Jeremiah and William in this city.

Mrs. Williston.

Mrs. Charles Babbitt Tuesday received news of the death of Mrs. Williston, wife of the late Judge Williston, of Newcastle. She died in Chicago. Mrs. Williston spent some time with Mrs. Babbitt in this city, but left a couple of years ago for Chicago, and was with another daughter there. She was eighty-three years of age and is survived by six sons and four daughters. Two of the sons are in Newcastle, two in Halifax and two in San Francisco, The body will be interred in Newcastle, and Mrs. Babbitt left last evening for there. Many friends along the North Shore and in this city will hear with regret of Mrs. Williston's death.

Barton W. Ward.

Burton W. Ward died recently in St. Joseph's hospital, Victoria (B.C.) He was seventy-three years of age and had been ill for several months. He was born in 1834 in St. John, a son of Lieut. Col. Ward. Fifty years ago he went to Vancouver and during that time he had been engaged in mining in various portions of the province.

Mr. Ward was the third son of Col. Ward and the only surviving brother of Clarence Ward, of this city.

Mrs. Eva Brand.

The death of Mrs. Eva Brand, daughter of the late Capt. Thomas McBeth, occurred on Aug. 11 in New Bedford (Mass.) She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McBeth, and two sisters—Mrs. Wm. Cunningham and Mrs. Edw. Lambert, of St. John west, and by her brother, Geo. McBeth, quartermaster on the steamer Calvin Austin.

A. Y. Patterson, Sr.

Friends of A. Y. Patterson, sr., will hear with regret of his death, which occurred at 6 o'clock Monday evening at the residence of his son, Wm. Patterson, 29 Barker street. For some time he had been suffering from paralysis and had been gradually losing strength. He is survived by four sons—A. Y. Patterson, of St. John; William, Robert and George, of Cambridge (Mass.)

Mrs. Ellen Beamish.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Beamish, wife of Richard Beamish, 27 Gilbert's Lane, occurred Wednesday morning. Mrs. Beamish was about 67 years of age. She is survived by her husband.

Rev. I. E. Bill.

Rev. I. E. Bill died suddenly in Toronto Sunday at the home of his daughter. He was to have occupied on that day the pulpit of Ossington avenue Baptist church, with his son, also Rev. I. E. Bill, of Chicago. Rev. Mr. Bill was the son of the late Rev. Ingram E. Bill, one of the fathers of the Baptist church in the maritime provinces, and for a long time editor of the Christian Visitor in this city, and the deceased was also well known in these provinces.

He was by birth a Nova Scotian, was educated in that province, and for a long time held a pastorate there. About fifty years ago he moved to Toronto and was connected with the Bloor street Baptist church. About five years ago he was appointed hospital visitor for the Baptist churches of Toronto. Rev. Mr. Bill leaves his wife, son and daughter. He was about seventy years of age.

Mrs. Sarah Augusta Mahoney.

The death of Mrs. Sarah Augusta Mahoney, wife of Peter Mahoney, took place Wednesday morning at her home in Brussels street. Deceased had been ill for about a year and leaves besides her husband, a son and daughter, who will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Robert Aiton.

The death of Mrs. Robert Aiton, of Salt Springs, took place Monday, Aug. 19th, at the home of her son, John W. Aiton, after a few weeks illness, aged 86 years, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

Frederick J. Hall.

The death of Frederick J. Hall, formerly of this city, occurred in Chicago on Sept. 2. Mr. Hall was the son of the late Daniel H. Hall and is survived by his mother, a brother, Capt. C. H. Hall, and a sister, Mrs. Robert McIntyre. Mr. Hall was taken suddenly ill with meningitis and soon succumbed to the disease. His death will cause sorrow to many friends in this city.

Son of John E. Brittain.

St. John friends of John W. Brittain, New England agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, will regret to hear of the death of his only son, a bright boy of fifteen years, which took place Thursday at his home in Melrose (Mass.) Mr. Brittain is a son of the late James E. Brittain, of Carleton.

Mrs. Adelaide Haley.

St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 5—(Special)—Mrs. Adelaide Haley, relict of William Haley, died this morning about 3 o'clock at Chipman Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Haley, who was suffering from cancer of the stomach, underwent an operation which was not wholly successful. Deceased was 70 years of age. She leaves four sons, Henry and Louis, of the firm of Haley Bros., of St. Stephen; Professor Haley, of Acadia, and R. L. Haley, of St. John.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her son, Louis, on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock; interment at the Rural cemetery.

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WEDDINGS

Ternan-Butler.

Halifax, Sept. 3—Archbishop McCarthy, assisted by Rev. Father Kinsella, officiated at the marriage at 7.15 o'clock this morning in St. Ignatius church, Bedford, of Mary Blanche, daughter of the late Hon. James Butler, and Gerald B., barrister-at-law, son of the late Dr. Ternan, R. N. Both the young people are great favorites socially, and much interest has been felt in their marriage.

Tapley-Stephenson.

An interesting event took place Wednesday at the residence of Jas. Stephenson, No. 30 Frederick street, when his daughter, Laura, was married to F. B. Tapley, civil engineer on the C. P. R. The numerous presents attest to the popularity of the couple. They left on the 6.40 train for a three weeks' trip to Montreal, Toronto and cities in the United States. On their return they will reside in Rockland road.

Christie-Bell

A very quiet but beautiful wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bell, 95 Coburg street, when their second daughter, Miss Abbie, was married to Dr. William Alexander Christie, alderman for Wellington ward. The ceremony was performed in the parlor, which had been artistically decorated with potted flowers and ferns. Rev. Gordon Dickie, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison, of Chicago, officiated. Only relatives of the contracting parties were present. Mrs. John D. Roberts, of New York, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and her little daughter was flower girl. D. Stuart Bell, brother of the bride, was groomsman.

The bride was married in her traveling costume, which was a tailor made gown of navy blue cloth with Alice blue hat. The matron of honor wore a cream lace dress with black picture hat. The wedding ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock and at 5 an elaborate luncheon was served in the dining room. Dr. and Mrs. Christie left on the Montreal train for a visit to Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Philadelphia and New York. They will be gone ten days or two weeks. The presents received, consisting largely of silverware and cut glass, were many and handsome.

Magee-Mercier

Dalhousie, N. B., Sept. 4—A very pretty wedding took place in the R. C. church here this morning when Miss Mary Louis Mercier, second daughter of George E. Mercier, of Dalhousie, was united in marriage to J. Hal Magee, barrister, of St. John. The church was decked out in all its grandeur for the occasion. Rev. John Gaudet, of St. Paul's, performed the ceremony. Many beautiful presents were received.

The bride, who was very popular, was charmingly attired in a princess gown of white radium silk over white taffeta trimmings of baby Irish lace. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and maidenhair ferns. The newly married couple left here by the Ocean Limited today for Moncton, where they will spend a few days with the groom's friends before taking up their residence in St. John.

Sheehan-MacNeil.

Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock in the cathedral Miss Agnes MacNeil, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John MacNeil, 28 Cliff street, was united in marriage to John T. Sheehan by Rev. A. W. Meahan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Josephine MacNeil, and the groom was supported by M. F. Kelly. The bride looked very attractive in a check silk suit, with white picture hat. She carried a bouquet of carnations and roses. The bridesmaid wore crepe de chine with white hat and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding repast was served at the residence of the bride's father, after which the happy young couple left on a two weeks' trip to the upper provinces. On their return they will reside in City Road. Among many presents was a magnificent oak sideboard from the A. O. H. Knights, of which order the groom is a member. The bride is also vice-president of the A. O. H. Auxiliary.

Sipprell-Churchill.

Halifax, Sept. 4—The marriage took place today at 1 o'clock of Miss Louise T. Churchill, daughter of Enos Churchill, accountant at the Nova Scotia Hospital, to J. Garfield Sipprell, consulting engineer of the Montreal & Castle Mining Company, Montreal (Wis.) The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D., a relative of the family. The wedding took place in the parlor of the bride's home, Dartmouth. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Nan Churchill. The groom was supported by his brother, R. L. Sipprell, of St. John (N. B.) After the ceremony luncheon was served, and the happy couple took the train for Montreal.

After visiting American cities and Niagara Falls, they will proceed to their new home at Montreal, Wisconsin. The groom is a native of New Brunswick, and a graduate of Acadia University. The bride is a talented Nova Scotian, who has had a successful musical career. For two years she taught music in the University of Kentucky and one year at similar work in the State University of Ohio.

Doran-Poirier.

Shediac, N. B., Sept. 4—(Special)—St. Joseph's church, Shediac, was the scene of a happy event at half past eight this morning when Andrew Doran, of Fredericton, was united in marriage to Miss Albertina Poirier, daughter of the late A. P. Poirier. Rev. Father Duke performed the ceremony. The bride was prettily gowned in a travelling costume of dark cloth with hat to match and was attended by Miss Fraser, of Fredericton, while the groom was supported by James Tighe, of Moncton. The bride was given away by her uncle, Hon. Senator Poirier. Mr. and Mrs. Doran left this afternoon on a trip through Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

Vail-Jones.

A quiet wedding took place at 6 o'clock Wednesday at the residence of John F. Vanwart, 192 Paradise Row, when the Rev. David Hutchinson, pastor of Main street Baptist church, united in marriage John G. Vail, of Boston (Mass.), to Sadie A., only daughter of Merritt Jones, of Kars, Kings county. After a short tour of Nova Scotia, the happy couple will take up their residence in Boston, where the groom has been a valued employe of Jordan, Marsh & Co. for many years.

Broad-Charters.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 4—A pretty church wedding took place in St. George's this afternoon at 2.30, when Conductor Willard Lyman Broad, the popular I. C. R. conductor of St. John, was married to Miss Ethyl Bolton Charters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Charters, of Chartersville. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated in honor of the event.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. B. Sisam, rector of St. George's, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was attired in a travelling gown of cinnamon brown with hat to match and carried a bouquet of cream roses and maiden hair fern. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Broad left on a wedding trip to New York, Boston and other American cities. The bride received many beautiful gifts, the groom's being a locket with a diamond setting. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Broad will reside in St. John.

Dallin-Daley.

The residence of James K. Daley, Gardiner's Creek, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening, when his daughter, Harriet, was united in marriage to James Dallin, of Fairfield.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a very pretty gown of white organdie and lace. Immediately after the ceremony a supper was served and the happy couple left for their future home in Fairfield. Many handsome presents testified to the esteem in which the young couple were held.

Northrup-Gilliland.

A very quiet and pretty wedding took place at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the home of J. A. Gilliland, Westfield Centre, when his eldest daughter, Jennie M., was united in marriage to Otis O. Northrup, of Belleisle, by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, of Welsford.

Only the immediate relatives were in attendance. The bride, who was unattended, was becomingly gowned in grey silk with lace trimmings. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served. The young people were appropriately remembered by their friends with suitable gifts. A beautiful pearl crescent brooch was the gift of the groom. The happy couple left on the afternoon suburban train on a visit to relatives at Belleisle, the bride wearing a traveling suit of blue chiffon broadcloth with hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Northrup will leave in a few days for their future home at McLeod, in Southern Alberta. They will leave behind them many friends, who, while regretting their departure from New Brunswick, wish them every prosperity and happiness in the home of their choice.

Evans-Macfarland,

On Wednesday, September 4, at 11 a.m., St. Paul's Chapel of Ease, Whitehead, Kings county, was filled with friends and relatives to witness the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Gertrude, youngest daughter of Joseph R. Macfarland, of Glenfarlan, to Albert Cunningham Evans, of West Somerville, St. John county.

As the bride entered the church leaning on her father's arm, the wedding march was played by Miss Wainwright, of Kingston. The bride was dressed in white silk with flowing veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Eleanor Emily Macfarland, looked very pretty in cream cashmere and black picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Wilson Evans, brother of the groom, filled the part of best man with becoming modesty.

The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of cut flowers, intertwined among graceful vines.

The marriage service was read by Rev. Hastings S. Wainwright, rector of Kingston, and after the ceremony the bride and groom, followed by the guests, drove to the residence of the bride's father, where they received the congratulations of the assembled company. A sumptuous luncheon was served on tables gaily bedecked with carnations and white asters.

The bridal presents, which were numerous and handsome, showed the good taste of the donors and the popularity of the young couple. After the luncheon was disposed of, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, amid much handshaking and many good wishes for future happiness, and with showers of rice, left for their future home in St. John, west.

Officials at New Haven of a Connecticut railroad are considering the advisability of adopting speedometers for use on locomotives, so that they may have accurate records as a basis for regulating train runs.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

ON AND AFTER SUNDAY, June 16th, 1907, trains will run daily (Sunday excepted), as follows:

TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN.

No. 2—Express for Pt. du Chene, Moncton, Campbellton and Truro.... .. .... 7.15
No. 6—Mixed train for Moncton.. .. .. .. 7.45
No. 4—Express for Moncton, Pt. du Chene, connecting with Ocean Limited at Moncton for Halifax, Quebec and Montreal.. .. .. 11.00
No. 26—Express for Point du Chene, Halifax and Pictou.. .. .. 12.00
No. 136—Suburban for Hampton.. .. .. 13.15
No. 8—Express for Sussex.. .. .. 17.15
No. 138—Suburban for Hampton.. .. .. 18.15
No. 134—Express for Quebec and Montreal.. .. .. 19.00
No. 156—Suburban for Hampton.. .. .. 22.40
No. 10—Express for Moncton, Sydney and Halifax and Pictou.. .. .. 23.25

TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.

No. 9—From Halifax, Sydney and Pictou. 6.35
No. 135—Suburban from Hampton 7.45
No. 7—Express from Sussex.. .. .. 9.00
No. 133—Express from Montreal and Quebec.. .. .. 12.50
No. 5—Mixed from Moncton.. .. .. 16.10
No. 3—Express from Moncton and Point du Chene.. .. .. 17.30
No. 26—Express from Halifax, Pictou, Point du Chene and Campbellton 18.15
No. 155—Suburban from Hampton 20.15
No. 1—Express from Moncton and Truro. 21.30
No. 31—Express from Sydney, Halifax Pictou and Moncton (Sunday only) 1.44

A through sleeper is now running on the Ocean Limited from St. John to Montreal. The through sleeper on the Marit