

A SCOTT ACT DETECTIVE AT WORK

Finds Only Few Places Selling Liquor--Two Cases Brought Against Him, and One Against the Chief--Latter Thrown Out

Several Scott Act cases in the police court on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of last week, drew more than the usual number of spectators, as one Otto Charles Mowry, of St. John, a youthful detective employed by Chief Finley to make private investigations as to who was selling liquor in Newcastle, was the principal witness for the Crown.

The evidence showed that Mowry had not only carried out his investigations re the working of the Scott Act, finding that only a comparatively few places in town were selling liquor, but had branched out into morally crooked paths entirely foreign to the business for which he was engaged, and entirely unknown to the chief, for whom he was supposed to be working.

Mowry gave evidence against E. LeRoy Willis, Lawrence Murphy, Patrick Regan, and Alvin and Edward Delton.

A. A. Davidson was the prosecuting attorney and Robert Murray and Lawlor & Creighton conducted the defence.

The first case was that against E. LeRoy Willis.

The witnesses for the prosecution were O. C. Mowry, and officers Walsh and Finley. Officer Walsh's evidence disclosed no facts of importance.

O. C. Mowry

Mowry swore that he knew Mr. Willis. Willis was in Miramichi Hotel on July 25th last, was in the barroom; got something there that was made to drink; it was a bottle of Dewar's whiskey—a long neck. He paid \$2.00 for it. It was intoxicating. The whiskey was sold and delivered to him by the man in attendance at the bar who was Lawrence Murphy.

Witness said he was 19 years old, and married. Was a native and always a resident of St. John. Was a private investigator. He had come to Newcastle at the instance of the Chief of Police. He wrote the witness and asked him to St. John to come to Newcastle to find out the true state of affairs in the liquor traffic in Newcastle, to find out who was selling liquor and get evidence to convict them. Finley had said nothing about women. Witness was to come up for two weeks at \$30.00 a week. Witness had had about \$15.00 on wages. Finley advanced money for the fare. He had advanced \$20.00. He had got \$20 since he came here. The \$20.00 was expense money with the exception of \$15.00—the balance was expense money. His expenses consisted of fares, board, etc. He had other expenses—he had bought liquor. Finley gave him money for expenses. Witness was to use his own judgment. Witness saw fit to buy the liquor. The Chief did not inform him where to go.

Witness said he did not drink, because liquor was no good. No one

had suggested that witness should go to the Miramichi. Finley had not at any time. Witness had started work in Newcastle the 19th of July. Witness had paid about ten persons in Newcastle for information, he had been paid for two weeks only. When he had bought anything in quest of information, he had charged it to expense account.

Here the witness produced and explained his memorandum of expenses. His note book, costs of pool games, moving picture tickets, liquor, beer, meals, cigars, etc., and a snuff, whereby he got information from a certain barber, were all charged to expense account. He owed the expense account about \$15, which Finley would have to take out of his wages.

Witness had a shape of a revolver with him. He had got it Monday afternoon (the day before) from the Chief. The latter had told him it was good. Witness had carried it off times, since the Chief said it was no good. He had given it to witness because witness had not one of his own. Witness had taken it out of his pocket at the house. He had carried it the previous afternoon. It was in his pocket over night. He had stayed at home the past night. It was in his pocket that (Tuesday) morning, and he had carried it all that day (Tuesday). He had never been in a court of law before as a witness.

He was in a court of law giving information re violating the Liquor License Act twice. He had come to Newcastle to find out the true state of affairs. He had never got similar information in any other Scott Act town. Mr. Finley had told him pieces where he thought liquor was being sold, but Finley did not say where to go.

Being cross-examined as to whether he had talked about a certain girl of Newcastle, witness said he had.

W. H. Finley

Chief Finley first showed on what grounds he believed Mr. Willis to be the proprietor of the Miramichi Hotel, and then went on to give evidence as follows:

Mowry handed a bottle of liquor Sunday night or Monday—a long neck—to me for safekeeping. I furnished expense money, to defray his legitimate expense—any costs he would be put to in carrying on his investigations. I had no definite idea of what his expenses would be. I did not know what he would expend, I did not know what he would do with the money. If Mowry paid for the liquor and charged it I would deduct from his expense account. I do not know much about Mowry. Mowry got the bottle at his own expense and gave it to me for safekeeping. I have kept it safely so far. Some is at my house and some down stairs. It was all at my house. The one particular bottle is at my house. It had been opened when I got it. A small portion had been taken out. I did

Child Burned With Chatham House

Four-Year-Old Son of Mrs. Angelina Burke Found in Ruins, with Faithful Dog Dead Beside Him.

The house of Mrs. Angelina Burke, Chatham, was gutted by fire Monday morning. About two hours after the fire, the body of Mrs. Burke's four-year-old child was found in the debris close to the back door facing downward, while close to it lay the body of a little dog which shared the same fate. Both bodies were badly charred but the child's face had been protected from the flames. Probably the child and dog had been overcome with smoke just before they could reach the door or else the dog voluntarily shared his playmate's fate.

It is thought that the little boy, playing with matches had set the fire, and as there was a quantity of hay in the rear, the fire may have spread with such rapidity that he was also engulfed.

The blaze had complete possession of the kitchen and shed when discovered and only some furniture could be saved.

The women with great difficulty kept the fire from spreading beyond scorching the next house, Clement Dhenolte's.

not sample it. The contents is whiskey. I smelled it. It is whiskey. I never thought a thing about bringing the bottle to court. I do not know who put the whiskey into the bottle. It had been opened and re-corked. I will not swear Mowry did or did not put the whiskey into that bottle. I hired Mowry. I will not swear his evidence could be hired. I am paying Mowry \$30.00 per week and expenses. I advanced some of my own money. I am not to bear the expenses of his services. The Police Committee is responsible to me. It was the Police Committee that authorized me. I was authorized by the Chairman.

To Mr. Davidson—I have been acting as Inspector of C. T. A. in this matter for the town of Newcastle.

In the second case, that against Lawrence Murphy, the evidence was similar to the above, with the addition that Mowry admitted, under oath, that he had while here, been guilty of immoral conduct.

In the third case, that against Patrick Regan, Mowry said that he had taken a man into Regan's to treat him to beer. In course of conversation, Regan told him he had no liquor, but he could get him some at Delton's. Witness handed him \$1.40. Regan said that would get two. Sometime afterwards Regan came back with the liquor. He let Regan keep one flask. This had happened on July 28th.

Nothing new developed in the other Scott Act cases. The taking of evidence closed on Thursday, and the magistrate reserved his decision.

Wednesday night, Mowry was arrested on a charge of using insulting language tending to incite a certain citizen to commit a breach of the peace. This, along with another charge—of unlawfully carrying concealed weapons—was tried on Thursday, and defendant was fined \$8 and \$4.50 costs in the first case, and \$20.00 and \$4.50 costs in the second—\$27.00 in all.

Ex-Policeman John J. Gallia's complaint against Chief Finley for giving arms to Mowry was dismissed by the Magistrate, without costs to either party.

No further charges were brought.

LOCAL NEWS

Rev. John Squires supplied the Presbyterian pulpit here, last Sunday.

A Belgian Steamer
A Belgian steamer came into Newcastle Sunday, and is loading at Sinclair's.

Cleaning Boilers
Ritchie's mill was closed down on Monday and Tuesday of this week while the boilers were being cleaned.

Five Recruits for 132nd
Q. M. Sgt. Earle Macdonald, down from Valcartier on a short vacation, has secured five new recruits for the 132nd.

Quilty-Macdonald
The marriage of John Quilty, station agent at Barnaby River, and Miss Alice Macdonald, of the same place, was solemnized this morning.

S. of T. Delegates
Bay du Vin Sons of Temperance have appointed Mrs. Ambrose Willis, Mrs. Miss Elizabeth Williston, and Miss Alice Macdonald, of the same place, as delegates to the County Temperance Convention here Friday next.

Hospital News
There are 13 patients now in the Miramichi Hospital. A new electric elevator is being installed at a cost of \$2500. It is one of the most modern and best equipped in use anywhere, and will prove of great convenience to the many patients of that progressive institution.

Building Operations
Mr. Isaac Mitchell has put a concrete basement under the building occupied by Mr. Grossman's store and generally repaired the building. Mr. Wm. Keating is erecting a new dwelling house on Radio Street.

Death of Percy Lindon
The death of Percy Lindon, who has been seriously ill for a year past, occurred at his home here this morning. Deceased leaves his wife, formerly Miss Ruby Wright; two small children—Wendell and Naomi; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lindon; and the following brothers and sisters: J. E. T. Lindon, Town Clerk; Stafford, Mrs. E. S. Benson, Miss Bertha, all of Newcastle; and Mrs. Wm. Moulding, Concord, N. H. Deceased was a young man universally respected and his untimely death was a great loss to all. He was a prominent member of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

Meeting of School Trustees
The Board of School Trustees met Monday night. The resignation of Miss Jennie M. Greenley, who is resigning because of ill health, was accepted. Extension of the heating system, authorized at the previous meeting, was reported. The secretary was authorized to advertise for two teachers, one to replace Miss Greenley and one to fill a vacancy in one of the lower grades. The trustees present were: Dr. R. Nicholson, chairman, and Messrs. F. C. McGrath, M. D.; J. R. Lawlor and E. A. McCurdy, and Messdames Chas. Sargeant and S. A. Demers.

Mrs. T. B. Williston
The death occurred at six o'clock Monday, in Hotel Dieu, Chatham, of Mrs. Thos. B. Williston, of Bay du Vin, as a result of blood poisoning. Besides the husband there survive four small children, one parent, Mrs. John G. Williston, three brothers and five sisters. The remains were taken to Bay du Vin Monday afternoon on the government boat, Hudson, and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in St. John the Evangelist's church, Bay du Vin.

Mrs. W. D. Campbell
The death of Mrs. W. D. Campbell of Minot, N. D., before her marriage Miss Bertha Elliott of Newcastle, well and favorably known here, occurred suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Graham Jardine, Vancouver, B. C., on Sunday last. Deceased had been ailing some time and her husband took her to the Coast for a change of air. But she took cold and, to the surprise of all, passed away very shortly afterwards. She was about 37 years old. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her loss the following brothers and sisters: Charles Elliott, barrister; Feth, N. B.; Osborne Elliott and Mrs. James Smallwood, Minot, N. D.; Mrs. (Rev.) E. N. Atkinson, Turo, N. S.; Mrs. Charles Stewart, Umzumba, Natal, South Africa; Mrs. Fred V. Chessman, St. John's, Nfld.; Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. R. Waldo Crocker, Newcastle, and Mrs. Graham Jardine, Vancouver, B. C. The funeral takes place today in Vancouver.

Clarence Jones went to Boston yesterday.

Lt. Arthur Jardine, Q. M. Sgt. Earle Macdonald and many others of the 132nd are home from Valcartier.

Special Meeting of Town Council

Sewer Construction Let—R. A. Lawlor Unanimously Recommended for Supreme Court Judgeship

At the special meeting of Town Council last night all were present. Lut Aids, Hayward and Miller. There was only one tender for constructing the 1400 feet of new sewer through McCullam and parts of adjoining streets to the river at Masson's corner—that of John L. Ballmer, of Harcourt—which was accepted and contract ordered prepared. The price was \$85,000. The total cost of the sewer to the town will be a little over \$16000.

Without a dissenting voice the Council passed a resolution recommending R. A. Lawlor, of Chatham, for the Supreme Court Bench, vice Sir Pierre A. Landry, deceased.

No other business was transacted and Council adjourned.

Girl Killed by Auto At Boiestown

A very sad accident occurred at Boiestown on Sunday evening about 7 p. m. when Miss Edith, youngest daughter of Mrs. Chas. Nelson, aged 16 years, was instantly killed by an auto with Mr. Robt. Rice, as chauffeur.

she was standing on the road when she saw the car coming, and as she started toward her house, which was only a few yards away, the car which was going at a fast rate of speed, overtook her, and cutting a deep dash in her head, killed her instantly.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Nelson, who has lost her husband in the past year and who has two sons with the 14th Battalion.

North Shore Casualty List

INFANTRY
Killed in Action
Lewis A. Gagnon, New Mills, N. Z.

Wounded
Oliver Dewar, Campbellton, N. B.; Sapper Herbert Powy, Bathurst, N. B.

Chas. L. Walker, Chatham
Lance Corporal Arthur Roy, Elmfron, N. B.

Robert M. Keswick, Buctouche, N. B.

Orangemen Conclude Grand Lodge

Canadian Orangemen closed their annual Grand Lodge of British North America at Toronto, on the 29th ult., as they opened it, with a straight manifesto on bilingualism. The report of the committee on correspondence, presented by Rev. H. A. Fish, Grand Chaplain, expressed the determination of Orangemen to carry the language question to the polls both in Dominion and provincial elections.

Dr. D. D. Ellis, of Fleming, Saskatchewan was re-elected Grand Master.

Charlotte, P. E. I., was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A message was sent to King George assuring him of the loyalty and devotion of the Grand Lodge.

Another message was sent to Sir James H. Strange, Grand Master in Ireland, and read as follows:

"The most Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of British America, in annual session assembled, desire to assure you of our firm determination to support our Irish brethren in the policy that they deem best to adopt in the present crisis in the affairs of their beloved Ireland. Canadian Orangemen are with you to a man."

W. R. GOULD
The funeral of late W. R. Gould, of Chatham, who died yesterday of paralysis, aged 59, will be held this afternoon. He leaves his wife and four children—Edward, in the West Dennis with the 26th Battalion, C. E. P.; Mrs. (Dr.) W. S. Logge, and Mrs. H. F. Maher, of Chatham. Deceased was a prominent Mason, and his funeral will be under Masonic auspices.

Miss Addie Harriman is home from New York.

COUNTY PROHIBITION CONVENTION FRIDAY

Delegates From Churches and Temperance Societies and all Friends of Prohibition to Gather in Newcastle Friday Afternoon

The call has been issued by Friends of Temperance for a Convention of all Church, Temperance and other organizations in the county, favorable to Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, and all individuals of the same opinion, the meeting to be held in Newcastle Town Hall on Friday afternoon, August 12th, at 3 o'clock, with public meeting in the same place at 8 p. m.

Among prominent workers who will be present are the following: Officers of the N. B. Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance; Donald Fraser, of Plaster Rock, President; Rev. Thos. Marshall, Fredericton, vice-president; W. G. Clarke,

Fredericton, Treasurer; and Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary.

Delegates have been appointed by several churches, and a large attendance of representative Temperance workers is expected.

The question for discussion is whether or not a move should be made to have the Scott Act repealed so that the country will come under the operation of the Provincial Prohibition Act. The Dominion Alliance, and the Sons of Temperance have declared in favor of the Prohibition Act, as have many Temperance workers outside of these two organizations.

None who have the welfare of the community at heart, and can possibly attend, should fail to do so.

The Empire Is Still Confident

As Determined as Ever to Continue the War until the Central Countries are Rendered Harmless

London, August 4—We look forward with confidence to success and triumph peace, was the conclusion of an inspiring telegram from General Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British armies in France, read at a packed meeting in Queensdale tonight to celebrate the second anniversary of the war.

The Earl of Derby, under Secretary for War, presided at the meeting, which was most enthusiastic and representative of all classes of society. Earl Derby read a telegram from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander-in-chief of the British Grand Fleet, which was similar in tenor to that sent by General Haig. In a brief speech Earl Derby said:

"Notwithstanding our losses and the misery and anxiety caused by the war the Empire is just as determined as ever to see German militarism crushed. Although the end of the war may not be in sight, never have we stood in so favorable position as tonight."

Premier Asquith received a tremendous ovation when he moved a resolution expressing the inflexible determination of the people of London to continue the war to a successful end. Referring to Germany's costly mistake and delusion in supposing that Great Britain would never join France and Russia in arms, the Premier said that never in the tangled and bungled web of German diplomacy had there been an error so crude in conception and so disastrously fatal to its authors.

Montreal, Aug. 5—With a roar of "eyes" from ten thousand throats, Montreal citizens, on McGill Campus last night, expressed their hearty approval of the resolution offered by Sir Robert Borden, and seconded by Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, expressing the determination of the Allies to carry the war to a successful conclusion.

Sir Robert Borden's speech was a memorable one. Its dominant note was confidence. At the same time it conveyed an understanding of the grave questions to be dealt with after peace has come, and the realization that preparation must begin now. His message to every man and woman present can be expressed in one of the brief phrases, which brought forth sounds of enthusiasm. "Put your shoulder to the wheel."

Hon. Mr. Lemieux's speech was received with a wave of enthusiasm.

unqualifiedly pledged the support of the race he represented. One gem of eloquence in particular caught his hearers. Speaking of Kitchener, he said: "Kitchener, silent in life, eloquent in death." The momentary silence was followed by a roar which rent the heavens and will be long remembered.

Ottawa, Aug. 5—This war is more than a war between nations; it is a death duel between two different and irreconcilable forms of government, declared Sir George H. Perley, acting High Commissioner for Canada in England, at a great war anniversary service held on Parliament Hill last night. Sir George has been in England since the outbreak of the war. "Our principles are the good of the greatest number in peace times, and now we must demonstrate the power of democracy to defend these privileges in war time," he declared.

Mayor Nelson D. Porter presided, and the other speaker was Major the Rev. T. J. Thompson, a veteran of the Gallipoli campaign.

Toronto, Aug. 5—Toronto celebrated the second anniversary of the declaration of war in every department of the public life. Besides services in most of the churches the two years of conflict were commemorated by demonstrations in various parts of the city. Band concerts were held in the parks and a public demonstration took place in front of the City Hall under the auspices of the 201st Battalion.

Quebec, Aug. 5—The City of Quebec fervently and enthusiastically took part in the Empire wide movement to commemorate the second anniversary of the war. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at the City Hall yesterday, the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Evariste LeBlanc, Sir Laumer Gouin, Premier of the Province of Quebec, His Worship Mayor Daviguer and many other distinguished citizens attending.

London, Aug. 6—New Zealand has decided in favor of compulsory military service. The bill is applicable to men of any age not less than 20 and more than forty-six. The only important amendment to the measure by the legislative council was by strict religious objectors for an exemption clause. The Governor has given his assent to the bill.



The two leading principals in the great Circus Serial, "Peg O' The Ring," starting at the Happy Hour Wednesday, August 16th. The greatest film show on earth.