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Three tired citizens—a lawyer, a doctor, and a newspaper man—sat in a back room recently in the cold gray light of the early dawn. On the table were many empty bottles and a couple of packs of cards. As they sat in silence a rat scurried across the hearth into the darkness beyond. The three men shifted their feet and looked at each other uneasily. After a long pause the lawyer spoke.

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The Druce Case Regarded as Lost.

London, Jan. 6.—The perjury charge brought against Herbert Druce, by his nephew, George Hollamby Druce, has collapsed, but civil action for the recovery of the estate of the Duke of Portland will be continued. This became known this afternoon when Mr. Atherly Jones, counsel for Geo. Hollamby Druce, announced that in view of the discoveries made when the coffin of Charles Druce was opened and examined on Dec. 30, it will be impossible to proceed with the prosecution. The statement was made after the presentation of evidence by Prof. Augustus Pepper of the University of London, and others who were present at the examination.

Herbert Druce was charged with committing perjury by swearing that his father, Thos. C. Druce, was charged with committing perjury by swearing that his father, Thos. Charles Druce of the Baker Street Resident, died December 28, 1864, and that he saw the dead body placed in a coffin and buried in Highgate cemetery. George Hollamby Druce declared that this must be untrue, because

W. C. Druce was in fact the fifth Duke of Portland who lived until 1879. This being so George Hollamby Druce claimed that he himself, being the senior descendant in the male line, was the rightful heir of the Portland dukedom and to certain rich estates, the income from which he placed at \$1,500,000 per year, held by Lord Howard DeWalden.

The grave of T. C. Druce upon being opened was found to contain human remains which were declared to be those of T. C. Druce. Robert C. Caldwell of New York, attorney for the Duke of Portland, during the hearing of this case by swearing that the Duke of Portland who had lived as T. C. Druce and the Duke of Portland, third of this dual existence put his own self to death and arranged a mock funeral on which a quantity of lead was buried in Highgate Cemetery in place of a body.

The resumption of the case to-day before a crowded court house testified to the revival of interest brought about by the recent examination and the hints given out by the attorneys for George Hollamby Druce that the body found in the coffin was not that of T. C. Druce.

The first witnesses called testified to the condition of the vault and the coffin, they said there was absolutely no lead in the vault and declared that they were satisfied that neither the vault nor the coffin had been tampered with since the latter had been deposited. Then Prof. Pepper took the stand and gave a detailed description of the coffin and its opening. Within the coffin, he said, was the body of a male, aged between 65 and 75 years. It was extremely well preserved, the skin being broken in only one place. The face was covered with a handkerchief bearing the initials T. C. D. The removal of this handkerchief revealed the features of a bearded man quite easily recognized by any one who had known him in life. He had reddish brown moustache and whiskers and a beard of reddish brown and white.

On this evidence Mr. Atherly Jones announced the withdrawal of the perjury case, saying that it would be contrary to the best traditions of the legal profession if he persisted therein.

Magistrate Snowden, in discharging Herbert Druce, whose truthfulness he remarked had been absolutely and conclusively vindicated, thanked him for having consented to the opening of the grave in the interests of justice.

George Hollamby Druce declared to-day that the civil action would be continued, the public interest in the affair vanishing with the collapse of the case against Herbert Druce.

A Word to Boys.

Show us a boy who obeys his parents, who has respect for age, who always has a friendly disposition, and who applies himself diligently to get wisdom and to do good toward others, and if he is not respected and beloved, then there is no such thing as truth in the world. Remember this, boys, and you will be respected by others, and you will become useful men.

OBITUARY

MRS. FANNY GUTHRO.

Word was received on Monday of the death at Milltown of Mrs. Fanny Guthro sister of Mr. Hugh Murray. Mrs. Guthro has been a patient sufferer for years.

GEORGE V. McINERNEY.

A silvery voice was silenced forever when George V. McInerney died on Sunday morning, at his home in St. John. Mr. McInerney was an eloquent speaker, a prominent lawyer and politician and his death at the early age of fifty removes a man the province can ill afford to spare.

JOHN LEE.

John Lee died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eben Leavitt, Back Bay, on Monday. Mr. Lee was eighty eight years of age and well known in the parish of St. George.

MRS. ELIZABETH BEST.

The death of a very old and respected resident of Beaver Harbor took place on Monday, when Mrs. Elizabeth Best, aged ninety-two, passed away. Mrs. Best was a descendant of the first Loyalist to come to this country.

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Canada to Supply Timber to the World.

The general increase in the price of wood for the past few years has had the effect of turning public attention to the timber supply in general. To many, the increase in price is sufficiently explained by saying that there is a combine among lumber producers and manufacturers. But, independent of the possible existence of any combine, a deeper cause underlies the increase in price, and the cause lies in this, that timber is becoming harder and harder for the manufacturer to get. Greater and greater distances are of material consequence in the case of lumber, and the cause lies in this, that timber is becoming harder and harder for the manufacturer to get. Greater and greater distances are of material consequence in the case of lumber, and the cause lies in this, that timber is becoming harder and harder for the manufacturer to get.

Not in America alone is the scarcity of timber being felt; it has become a world wide question. Only seven countries in the world are now in a position to export timber. In Europe there are five, namely, Austro-Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia; in America there are two, namely, Canada and the United States. But Russia, Austro-Hungary, and the United States are increasing their population and developing their industries so fast that they cannot long continue to be exporting countries. The timber of Norway is threatened with excessive cutting.

Germany, where the practice of forestry has been brought to the greatest perfection, has never been able to supply home demands, and is a heavy importer.

Canada, Sweden and Finland are left, and their supply is hopelessly deficient for the world. If Canada were to supply the United States alone, its entire timber area would be cut off and denuded in the course of a very few years—probably less than a decade.

Various estimates of Canada's forest land have been given. Eight hundred million acres was a few years ago accepted as pretty near the truth; but, considering the damage caused by fire and other destructive agencies, it is doubtful if the existing forests cover half that area. To keep this area in its most productive state, thus enabling it to meet the demand as far as possible and to produce the largest revenue, is the problem set those in control of these areas, and the protection of the forests against fire and other dangers and their proper management under forestry methods is the only way in which this can be effected.

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