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## CASES DEALT WITH IN POLICE COURT

**Man Charged With Stealing  
Tennis Ball—Another With  
Taking Forty Dollars from  
Friend—Three Suspected of  
Murder Remanded.**

James Walton, a longshoreman, appeared before the police magistrates yesterday morning charged by C.P.R. Policeman Antell with stealing a tennis ball. Walton admitted taking the article, but was allowed to go on a suspended sentence, as he is known in the past to have been a very honest and upright employee of the C. P. R. services.

At the afternoon session of the court Clifford Mayo appeared for further hearing on the charge of stealing the sum of \$40 from James Melniss, 9 Marsh Road.

Melniss gave evidence telling of his drawing \$50 from the Bank of British North America, the same day that he met Mayo. After meeting the defendant near Marsh Road, and becoming engaged in conversation with him, the defendant told him he was a boxer, the witness having been in the game himself a time previous, so he asked the defendant to come with him to his residence so as to teach him the "noble art." The next thing the witness remembered was awakening near 5 p.m. and finding forty dollars missing from his hip pocket. Previous to this time he admitted to the court that he had been drinking, having purchased a bottle of liquor from a soldier, who stated to witness that he was a resident of Newcastle, and had paid five dollars for the liquor at the time of the purchase. Retaliating to the cross questions of the defendant, the witness stated to the court that he had not been supplied with any liquor by Mayo, or had he given the defendant any while in his house. Asked if the doors were locked when he awoke from sleep on the day in question he replied that they were. He further admitted that the defendant had given him \$20 on the day in question, saying that he wished to live with him, and would chip in for the fuel. Detective Bidcombe related of his receiving a "phone message from the plaintiff a week ago last Thursday evening, about five o'clock, relative to the loss of forty dollars, of which he had suspected Mayo with stealing. Along with Detective Donohue, witness noticed the defendant in the early evening, near the Bank on Haymarket Square, and when approached decided that it was Mayo, giving his name as Verner. The two officers conducted him to Melniss' residence, where the plaintiff recognized him as being the one suspected. Defendant was at once placed under arrest, and when searched at headquarters had \$16.85 in his possession. Detective Donohue corroborated the testimony as given by his brother officer. The case was then postponed for final hearing in the near future.

Sultan Roussel, Ahmed Abrudman and John Sterling, the two former East Indians, the latter a colored man, all suspected of being implicated in the murder of Sahid Hassan on the 29th of December last, appeared and were given remand again, awaiting the arrival of the steamer Manchester, on which are several witnesses. Ahmed Abrudman appeared sickly in the court room, and the magistrate ordered that the doctor be called to see him. The doctor, a physician, visited him as nothing should happen to them while confined in prison walls here. Abrudman is a small individual, and appears sickly at all times, yet yesterday he appeared very pale, and informed an officer in the court that he had a pain in his head. Magistrate Ritchie ordered at once that the jail physician be called to see the defendant, and so provide immediate medical care.

**PROSPERITY FOR THE YEAR**—lay the foundation for it with the road work a REMINGTON TYPEWRITER will turn out for you. A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr., 37 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

**DIED.**

**MATTHEWS**—this city on the 11th inst., Samuel P. Matthews, 15th Street, Thursday, from his late residence, 275 Princess street, Service at 2:30 o'clock.

**INCHES**—On the tenth instant, at 10:30 p. m., P. Robertson Inches, M. D., aged 84 this month, leaving two daughters and four sons.

**POWERS**—At St. Martins, on February 11th, 1919, Mrs. Margaret Powers, widow of the late Samuel A. Powers.

Funeral on Friday, February 14th, at 2 p. m., from her late residence, St. Martins.

The officers and members of St. Andrew's Society are requested to meet at the office of Mr. John White, 95 Charlotte street, on Thursday, February 13th, at 2:15 p. m., sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late member, Dr. P. R. Inches.

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## COURT HOUSE IS GUTTED BY FIRE

**Only Four Walls of Historic  
Structure Left Standing—  
Suggested That Modern  
City Hall Replace the Burned  
Building.**

Fire yesterday claimed as a victim one of the historic structures of the city and when the all-out abounded all that was left of the Court House was a mass of burned timbers and the four stone walls.

The fire started, as near as could be ascertained, in the furnace room and worked its way up through the walls. The metal roof prevented it from getting out that way and forced it to spread all through the partitions. About 6:20 Michael Fitzmaurice, the caretaker, who sleeps in the boiler room, was awakened by the smoke of smoke, and ran around to the ladder house on King street and called the firemen. When he came back it was seen more than the chemical would be needed, and he rang in an alarm from box 2. On the arrival of the fire another alarm was rung in and the men were hard at work. It was a most difficult fire to fight, the smoke being in the walls and the intense smoke made it hard for the fire-fighters to stay long in the building. After the skylight had been opened and some of the windows broken out, giving the smoke a chance to escape, it was easier on the men who had to work inside the burning structure. After five and a half hours of hard work the fire was extinguished, and at twelve o'clock the all-out was sounded.

Sheriff Wilson saved all the papers and records in his office, but a number of old records, ballot boxes, etc., stored on the third floor, were destroyed. The Salvage Corps saved the Hardy memorial tablet, and a great many of the paintings which hung on the walls of the building. The total insurance was \$14,000, \$10,000 carried by the county, and \$4,000 by the city. The insurance carried by the county was \$6,000 in the Norwich Union, \$2,000 in the Queen, \$1,000 in the Atlas and \$1,000 in the Home.

The suggestion has been made that now is the time for the building of a new civic building to replace the Court House, taking in No. 2 engine house and the registry office, making a building large enough to house all the civic officials and to provide a public auditorium. This building to be erected as a memorial to the fallen soldiers from St. John.

The Court House was begun in 1824 and finished in 1828, and in 1830 was opened by Judge Bosford. It was designed by Mr. Cunningham. Many famous trials—criminal and civil—have taken place in the old Court House. One of the most noted was the case of Slavin and Breen, condemned to death in 1858 for the murder of the McKenzie family on the old Bank Road. The "graveyard insurance" cases in their day excited great interest. Perhaps no civil suit heard in the past eighty-nine years attracted as much attention as the "Brothers' Prize" case, in which the leading lawyers in St. John were engaged.

In the memory of most St. John men the Court House was the scene of many great political battles. From the top of a short flight of steps which once "adorned" the front of the building, St. John's leading politicians for decades made nomination day speeches in local and federal contests to the electors. When speeches were made now they are delivered in the court room. Several generations of electors, however, listened and applauded and cheered or booed and hissed at the politicians who sought their votes. For many years nomination day was a great event, but oratory—political oratory at least—seems to be a lost art of the nowadays.

The sheriff who has been in charge of the Court House were seven in number, viz:

Appointed	Name	Died
1816	James White	1858
1847	Charles Johnston	1858
1863	Jas. A. Harding	1893
1893	H. L. Sturdee	1901
1901	R. R. Ritchie	1911
1911	S. S. deForest	1914
1914	A. A. Wilson	1914

This historic building was much admired by strangers. The auditorium was painted and beautified in 1860, on the occasion of the late King Edward VII's visit to St. John as Prince of Wales. In this room the public reception was held, the adornments on the four walls, namely the British coat of arms, the coat of arms of the city, the Scottish Lion Rampant and the Irish Harp, were retained to the present time. They were the work of F. X. Swift, at that time one of the decorative painters of St. John. His work was highly artistic and was highly commended at the time and highly spoken of since.

The last public function outside of the building was the installing of a tablet to the late Elias Hardy, second common clerk of the city and county of St. John.

Hangmen's ropes, black death-caps and other gruesome whatnots, were stored in the attic of the Court House, according to a workman who said he had been in the top story of the structure on several occasions and had examined the material stored there. An employee of the municipality stated that in the attic was housed a large collection of old mahogany and walnut furniture, some having been there since the great fire.

## WORKMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHORT HOURS AND HIGH PAY

**Sir Robert Hatfield Presents Constructive Suggestion for  
the Settlement of All Labor Troubles in England and  
Elsewhere.**

**BY SAMUEL CROWTHER.**  
(Special Cable to the Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard)  
(Copyright, 1919, N. Y. Tribune, Inc.)  
London, Feb. 12.—The most constructive suggestion I have yet heard of for the settlement of the labor troubles here and elsewhere was made today by Sir Robert Hatfield, owner of Hatfield's, Limited, the great steel works at Sheffield. He cannot see the workman has the right to short hours and high pay, but the employers think they cannot grant them because of competition. In that they are quite wrong, for I have had the eight-hour day for twenty years and it has proved more economical than the longer day. But it is hard to convince the employers that the short day is better than the long one. Therefore, I suggest that the League of Nations could do better than it includes the maximum working day and the minimum working wage in its platform. Then manufacturers the world over would overcome their difficulties and could start on an equal basis and the problem of working hours would be removed from discussion. The suggestion is radical to a degree, but not at all impossible of execution and would be the best answer known to Bolshevism. For one factor which is helping to spread class war is this talk about intensive production and intense trade competition. The worker sees that the program is only one of exploitation of himself. Perhaps he is right, for I am sure that some backward employers will take the ground that extensive production and intense trade competition. The worker sees that the program is only one of exploitation of himself.

This suggestion is particularly pertinent because the labor unrest is daily fed by the obscurity which surrounds the doings of the Peace Conference and the growing feeling among the British workers that the war has been fought in vain. They now see that the Peace Conference is not doing a large indemnity from Germany and the realization of their hopes in regard to the annexation of the German colonies as a reward for their own war effort. They now see that the Peace Conference is not doing a large indemnity from Germany and the realization of their hopes in regard to the annexation of the German colonies as a reward for their own war effort. They now see that the Peace Conference is not doing a large indemnity from Germany and the realization of their hopes in regard to the annexation of the German colonies as a reward for their own war effort.

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By this morning the people believed that London has been relieved of the wicked inconveniences to which it has been subjected during the worst week of the winter but found itself disappointed. To understand the situation, it is necessary to explain that the railroad men have two unions, which maintain the army has strong feelings regarding the strikers, it must be remembered that the few hundred motormen who were the immediate cause of the precipitate and wilful stoppage of the transportation system consist mainly of those who were exempted from the army and were allowed to remain at their comfortable jobs for the purpose of carrying on their necessary public service.

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men, \$27,000 by Hamilton and \$21,000 by Quebec, is that Montreal, as compared more particularly with Toronto, has been discriminated against in the past.

Increases proposed by Mr. Hagenah in business telephone rates from \$10 in Toronto, down to \$2 in smaller cities, and in residential rates from \$8 in Toronto to \$2 in smaller places. Another feature of today's inquiry was the presentation of the report of Mr. Francis Daggar, telephone expert for the City of Toronto. Mr. Daggar disagrees with Mr. Hagenah's opinion that the surface telephone company should be given a temporary increase in rates. He maintains that the company can be run over its cost—by calling upon its depreciation and assets accounts to the extent of over \$1,000,000. He suggests that there should be no temporary increase in rates but that the whole question should be approached from the standpoint of permanent rate fixing.

## Ain't It The Truth

**THE HAND WRITTEN LETTER.**

Friend wife is away.  
You must write to her.  
Decide to pen the letter yourself.  
Penholder feels queer.  
Ink doesn't flow freely.  
Pen splatters.  
Fountain pen runs out.  
Get ink and pen from bookkeeper.  
Laboriously scratch ten minutes.  
How dya spell that word?  
Conferenced with stenographer.  
She sets you right.  
You put it down wrong.  
Drop big blot of ink.  
Tear up letter and try again.  
More blots.  
Let 'em go.  
Laboriously scratch twenty minutes.  
Utterly exhausted.  
Scratch ten minutes more.  
Nervously exhausted.  
But end is reached.  
"This sure is some long letter."  
Try to read what you have written.  
Can't make it out.  
Hand letter to stenographer.  
"Decipher it and typewrite it!"

**AS USUAL.**

**SENATOR**—What happened to that mountain of paper you sent me?  
**CONGRESSMAN**—Oh, it blew up, like all the rest of them.

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Beans	
Yellow-eyed	7.35 @ 7.50
White	6.90 @ 6.25
Cream of Tartar	0.72 @ 0.75
Molasses	0.95 @ 1.00
Peanut, split, bags	7.90 @ 7.25
Barley, pot, bags	5.00 @ 5.25
Cornmeal, gran.	6.50 @ 6.75
Raisins—	
Choice, seeded	0.00 @ 0.14
Pancy, seeded	0.00 @ 0.14 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	2.20 @ 2.35
Soda, bicarb.	0.25 @ 0.35
Meats, Etc.	
Beef—	
Western	0.18 @ 0.21 1/2
Country	0.10 @ 0.14
Butchers	0.15 @ 0.17
Veal	0.15 @ 0.18
Mutton	0.18 @ 0.20
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Tub	0.44 @ 0.50
Roll	0.45 @ 0.50
Chicken	0.00 @ 0.45
Fowl	0.00 @ 0.35
Potatoes, barrel	3.40 @ 3.25
Fruits, Etc.	
Bananas	9.00 @ 10.00
Lemons	7.00 @ 8.00
Oranges	1.45 @ 2.00
Peanuts, roasted	0.13 @ 0.25
Can. onions, 75 lb. bag	2.00 @ 2.25
N. S. Apples	2.50 @ 6.00
Fish.	
Cod, medium	13.00 @ 13.25
Finnan Haddies	0.00 @ 0.15
Haddock	0.00 @ 0.08 1/2
Halibut	0.00 @ 0.20
Herrings	0.00 @ 0.12
Canned Goods.	
Corn, per doz.	2.45 @ 2.50
Baked	2.40 @ 2.95
Beans—	
Corned 1lb.	4.00 @ 4.90
Corned 2 1/2	5.00 @ 9.25
Peas	1.45 @ 2.50
Peaches, 2 1/2	3.00 @ 4.50
Fams, Lombard	2.35 @ 2.40
Raspberries	4.40 @ 4.45
Salmon, per case	8.00 @ 15.00
Clams	8.00 @ 8.25
Oysters—(Per doz.)	
12	2.25 @ 2.30
24	2.20 @ 2.25
Tomatoes	2.20 @ 2.25
Strawberries	3.10 @ 3.20
Flour.	
Government standard	0.00 @ 12.65
Ontario	0.00 @ 12.65
Oatmeal, standard	0.00 @ 0.00
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No girl.  
4:35, no girl.  
4:45, no girl.  
Anger rises.  
Decide to leave her cold.  
Walk a block away.  
Turn around.  
Is that her?  
Hurry back.  
4:50, no girl.  
Fear.  
Restless tramping back and forth.  
More fear.  
Decision to make inquiries.  
At a phone.  
Central delays answering.  
Agitation.  
Central finally answers.  
Greater agitation.  
"Line's busy."  
Fear! Agitation! Excitement!  
You distractedly hurry back to corner.  
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