

MULHALL DEFENSE SCORES IN THE GRAFT INVESTIGATION

City Laborers Deny Working On a Private Job.

MULHALL PAID FOR THE GRAVEL

Receipts From Contractors Are Produced Before Judge Macbeth.

Witnesses for the defence in the investigation of the charges made by Ald. Tancock against Ward Foreman Patrick Mulhall at this morning's session apparently succeeded in battering down some of the testimony of the prosecution.

It had been stated that about 20 loads of gravel were delivered by different teamsters to Mulhall's yard, and that about the same time Mulhall constructed a new foundation beneath his house, employing city laborers, who were drawing corporation wages, although on private works.

It was also claimed that Mulhall built a sidewalk for Mr. Frank Lawson at his residence on Cheapside street, and that the ward 4 street gang was used on the job.

The Defence.

According to today's evidence, not more than eight or nine loads of gravel were utilized in the construction work on Mulhall's place, and this was all purchased from the Boss Bros. and paid for by Mulhall. The Boss Bros. do not work for the city, but have from 15 to 25 teams engaged on private contracts.

The two Simpson, corporation laborers, who, it was claimed, worked on the Lawson sidewalk, swore that they never saw the job, while others who did admit that they were employed there, stated that they were paid by J. J. Simpson, a contractor, during a slack time on the corporation.

The statement that Becroft himself was a city laborer, and that he completed a job on Richmond street, near Dundas, after leaving Lawson's, was also explained. Under oath, he stated that he took the contract as a private venture, and that he secured a number of city men, who like himself, were out of employment, owing to show and frost in the early part of April.

Not on Pay Sheets.

The names of these men do not appear on the city pay sheets for the time in question, they having been laid off. However, when he was finishing the work, Mulhall approached him and asked him to do the smooth finishing work on a sidewalk on Richmond street, in the business section, which should be finished by the day. He would not be through that day, but that on the following day he would have a couple of hours in which he could get away.

However, as his usual rate was \$3 a day for finishing, he said to require a large amount of skill, he agreed with Mulhall to be paid a full day at the laborer's scale, which was \$1.98 a day. It was also agreed that his mixing board should be brought down by city teamsters. This was done, as agreed to, and he finished between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. But one witness remains to be heard, although a denial may be called if the judge desires it, at the adjourned session on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Today's Evidence.

The evidence today was rather lengthy. Philip Edwards, a teamster for the city, swore that he had taken gravel from the city's storage in Mulhall's yard, and that he had delivered it to the city.

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APPEAL WILL COME UP ON JULY 28

Proprietors of Local Theatres Object to P. M. Judd's Ruling.

The hearing of the appeal against the decision of Magistrate Judd in the case of the Unique Theatre, whose door-keeper was fined \$20 for allowing a lad under 15 years of age to enter the theatre unattended, has been set for July 28, and will probably be heard before Judge Elliott.

Local theatre men are keenly interested in the outcome, as the defence will endeavor to show that the lad did not see the show at all, but had merely got as far as the door when the policeman stopped him.

Mr. John O. Drongole is representing the theatre.

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Oldest Man at the Picnic



MR. JOHN MOORE.

177 Wellington street, who is 92 years of age, and won the prize at the English Picnic on Saturday.

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POLICE BELIEVE THEY'VE CAUGHT A YOUTHFUL BICYCLE THIEF

Fred Fuller, Aged 17, Arraigned in Court On Two Charges, and Officers Declare Him To Be Guilty of Many More Cases of Theft.

The police believe that they have succeeded in running to earth the youth who is responsible for a number of the numerous bicycle thefts which have been occurring in the city in the last few weeks.

At today's session of the police court, Fred Fuller, alias Henry Doyle, whose place of abode the police have been unable to learn, was arraigned on charges of having stolen wheels from George P. Hardy and Russell Shaw.

Mr. Hardy's wheel was taken from him in front of a Richmond street residence. Mr. Shaw's from the C. P. R. depot. Fuller in court today gave his age as 17, and says he came out to this country from Hallymerry, Ireland, with his parents several years ago.

Since coming out, he says, both his father and mother died, and he told the court that he has not a friend or relative in the world.

He said the other had named Fred Fuller, whom he met while out fishing, stole both wheels.

But when Detective Dunn arrested the prisoner, he gave the name of Fred Fuller, and when asked today where the other Fuller was, said that he had left the city.

The lad said he didn't know where the other Fuller had gone. Closely examined by the detectives, young Fuller admitted a variety of stories and confessed that Fuller is his right name. W. A. nesses in the case told of his having brought bicycles to various stores and offered them for sale for \$5 each.

Magistrate Judd decided to remand him until Friday.

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LAMBETH HAD A CLOSE CALL IN BAD FIRE SUNDAY MORNING

Lightning Struck Barn Owned by Dr. G. A. Routledge on a Farm Rented by Lambert Tunks—Loss Is About \$2,500—Fire Protection Badly Needed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Lambeth, July 17.—Only the hardest kind of work on the part of a bucket brigade, formed of men, women and children, saved this village from being wiped out by fire about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when, during the heavy storm that passed over here, lightning struck the big barn, owned by Dr. G. A. Routledge, on the farm he rents to Lambert Tunks, and completely destroyed it, with the season's crops, and all Mr. Tunks' horses, implements, pigs and chickens.

A terrific wind was blowing, but fortunately it was away from the adjoining buildings. Had these caught, it is doubtful if anything could have prevented the flames from making a clean sweep of the whole village. As it was, the heat from the big barn was so intense that more than once the fire-fighters began to despair of stopping the fire.