

# THE MESSENGER

BY WARING MITCHELL

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On that certain Tuesday morning, when Col. Graves got ready to start for the city from his country place, he said to his daughter, Winnie:

"It is possible that I may want those Mexican bonds this afternoon, and here is the key of the safe. If I have to leave them I will send you a note by a special messenger."

The colonel was something of a lawyer, speculator and broker, and Miss Winnie was his 19-year-old daughter. She acted as his amanuensis at home and was pretty familiar with his business transactions. The bonds spoken of had a face value of \$20,000, but late had been reduced to \$10,000. The colonel had caused the bonds to be deposited in a safe at the bank, and at 1 o'clock that afternoon he wanted the bonds and telephoned his daughter to that effect, saying that he would send a messenger. Instead of sending a boy from the regular service he stepped into the office of Jones next door and said:

"Jones, I want a trusty fellow to run out to my house and bring me back some bonds. Have you noticed a young man around here?"

"Yes, he's a nephew of mine. He's out now, but write a line and I'll send him when he returns. He ought to go out to East Park and back in an hour."

The colonel wrote a line to Miss Winnie to deliver the bonds to her, and then went out on "the street" on business. Fifteen minutes later Jones' nephew was making for the Grand Central station, and as the express in the subway would carry him.

Jones hadn't given the young man's biography, but it may be stated that his name was Vincent Gray, his age 22, and he was in the office of his uncle to learn the devious ways of Wall street before setting out on his quest for himself on the comfortable fortune left him by a deceased aunt. For a young man who expected to meet for himself the streets and the other amusements, young Gray was very truthful of human nature. For instance, while his train was speeding along underneath the streets and thinking of things financial, a young man with ambitions learned against him, and picked his pocket without exciting the least suspicion.

The light fingered youth found there only a card case and the key to the safe, but they were sufficient to bring about several unlooked for results. He passed into another car and opened another opportunity he has been looking for. In the card case were two or three dollar bills. The thief had a right to infer that the young man had no more money about him. He likewise had a right to infer that young Gray could not produce the bonds. He bought a ticket for East Park. The fare was only 20 cents, but without it a man is as badly off as if the sun was \$5.

There was a train ready to leave. The thief bought his ticket and got aboard. Vincent Gray stood at the ticket window and asked for a ticket and was left. His card case and money were gone and when he found that the letter had also taken wings, he alleged that he was in trouble. He hadn't even a nickel to get back to the office. He hadn't the wherewithal to telephone to his uncle, and he was trying to figure out the problem he made haste to a pawn shop, where he put down his watch for \$5.

The next train to East Park was ten minutes late in starting, and the same in reaching the Park. The young man had not suspected that he was the victim of a pickpocket, but supposed he had lost his property in the train while boarding the car. He had been told that a telephone message would precede him, and he had remembered the address. Therefore, he did not worry so much over the loss of the letter. It was only when he came face to face with Winnie Gray and stated his grand and saw her look of surprise and distrust that he realized the situation.

"Why, sir," she replied, "those bonds were delivered to a messenger more than half an hour ago."

"But I was sent for them and they were not there."

"If you were sent for them, you must have had a line from my father. If I had a line, I would have sent you a note by a special messenger. My name is Vincent Gray, and I am the nephew of your father. I am afraid that some rascal found the lost letter and has taken advantage of it."

"And I am afraid that some rascal is trying to do the same thing," exclaimed Miss Winnie's Aunt Ruth, who was at the head of the bed, and who had entered the library just in time to hear the young man's words.

"But, madam, you surely can't think that I—"

"I can think what I please, sir. Can you imagine we were idiots enough to give up those bonds without a written order from Col. Graves?"

"But whoever presented that order was an impostor."

"Perhaps so, and perhaps it is the impostor who is here now. Winnie go to the telephone and ask your father the name of the messenger he sent. He wouldn't have sent Tom, Dick or Harry on such an important errand. Young man, sit down here until we find out the truth of this matter."

The girl went to the telephone and the young man sat down with visions of policemen and prison bars passing before his eyes. The aunt took a seat in front of him and stared at him in a cold cruel way—a way that gave him to understand that she would let no guilty man escape. After three or four minutes Winnie returned to the room to say:

"That's always the way. Central tells me that the line into the city is crossed or something and it may be an hour or more before they find out the trouble and remedy it."

"Then I will go back and tell your father the situation," said Mr. Gray. "Some sharper has the bonds and the police should be notified at once."

"You will sit right here until that telephone wire is in working order!" announced Aunt Ruth. "There are men about the place, and we have dogs and guns, and if you try to run away it will be the worse for you. Winnie, notify the coachman that we have a suspicious character in the house."

"We needn't do anything of the sort. I will sit here until you have solved the mystery. I am to blame for losing

## Boys' Overcoats and Reefers--Reduced

The Sort of News that Ought to Bring the Mothers Scurrying to Oak Hall

Coats for the cold wave, as stout and comfortable and good-looking as can be. Good Oak Hall Clothing with the profit brushed off. If you don't know how much better our clothing is for the money than that you can buy anywhere else, just try to match any of the following items at any other store in town—you'll be surprised to find how much money you can save by coming here.

Boys' Russian and Fancy Overcoats	
Ages 3 to 8 years.	
Our entire stock of these nobby coats is reduced to effect a clearance. They are in Tweeds, Cheviot and Frieze, in Grey, Navy and Fancy mixtures, and all appropriately trimmed.	
Coats that were \$4.25...	REDUCED TO \$3.15
Coats that were \$5.50...	REDUCED TO 4.30
Coats that were \$6.00...	REDUCED TO 4.75
Coats that were \$6.50...	REDUCED TO 5.15
Coats that were \$7.00...	REDUCED TO 5.60

Boys' Overcoats and Reefers	
Ages 6 to 17 years.	
Overcoats that were \$3.75...	REDUCED TO \$2.95
Overcoats that were \$5.00...	REDUCED TO 3.95
Overcoats that were \$7.00...	REDUCED TO 6.50
Overcoats that were \$8.00...	REDUCED TO 7.35
Reefers that were \$1.50...	REDUCED TO 1.20
Reefers that were \$2.00...	REDUCED TO 1.90

## SPECIAL OFFERING ON BLANKET COATS

Our Boys' All Wool Blanket Coats at \$4.50 regular are the equal of any \$5.00 Blanket Coat in St. John. We have marked them at \$4.00 to clear, and will give free with every sale of one, a Wool Set—consisting of Toque, Sash and Mitts.

## GREATER OAK HALL,

KING STREET COR. GERMAIN SCOVIL BROS., Ltd., St. John, N. B.

## ASK EXTENSION OF WATER SYSTEM TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Petitioners Say Douglas Avenue Will Then Build Up Rapidly.

\$10,000 Asked for Sewerage Maintenance Will be Consolidated With Water Maintenance Fund.

At the meeting of the water and sewerage board yesterday afternoon a petition was received from a number of prominent citizens asking for the extension of the water and sewerage system along Douglas avenue to the Suspension bridge. The petitioners stated that a large number of new houses are to be erected on the avenue. The director asked for \$10,000 for the sewerage maintenance account, but this was refused by the board. A communication from Engineer Barbour said that he thought all new hydrants should be of improved design. He would be willing to give his own opinion on the best hydrants upon his arrival here.

Ald. Baxter thought that upon Engineer Barbour's arrival the water board should hear his recommendations, with the fire chief, the director and other representatives of the fire system, the petitioners agreeing to lend themselves to pay the city a sum equal to the interest on the expenditure. This was referred to the director.

The sewerage maintenance was given at \$10,000. This was sent to the treasury board to take it out of the water account.

In compliance with an order of the Committee on the West Side ferry reported that the West Side ferry should be charged the sum of \$250 for water supplied during the year 1906. The report was received.

A petition was received from Geo. W. Arthur, the trustee of the estate of P. B. Hase, to a point near the Suspension bridge. The petitioners asked for the extension of the water and sewerage system to the end of the street. The extension to the end of the street was approved.

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## GAVE ASSENT TO SEVERAL ACTS.

Deputy Governor Girouard Attended at the Senate Yesterday—Senator McMullen's Resolution.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The deputy governor general, Mr. Justice Girouard, attended at the senate chamber today and gave assent to the following acts:

A certain treaty between Canada and Japan.

To amend the Naturalization Act.

To amend the acts respecting commercial treaties affecting Canada.

Respecting the revised statutes of 1906.

Senator McMullen moved the following resolution:

"In the evidence given by Mr. Eldridge in the Mutual Reserve Life investigation recently held in New York he stated that it had cost the company \$20,000 to get the investigation."

Several members expressed the opinion that the fees should be increased. The attorney general thought that if such should be done the younger members of the profession should not be called upon to pay more. Recorder Skinner moved that the fee of all practicing over a period of five years be ten dollars in future instead of five. Dr. MacRae moved as an amendment that the fee should be increased to twenty dollars. The amendment was defeated by one vote and the resolution carried. A resolution was also passed instructing the council to wait upon the government for the purpose of getting the annual grant in support of the libraries at St. John and Fredericton. Treasurer Allen said that it is a grant of \$250 was made to the society, that with the additional fees would swell the society's funds by about one thousand dollars. The attorney general said he would be much pleased in placing the resolution before the government.

Dr. MacRae gave a notice of motion to be considered at the next meeting to the effect that all graduates of law colleges in Canada and United States be admitted attorneys on passing a prescribed examination in procedure.

Mr. Powell called attention that while pleading before the privy council this summer, he was surprised to find that in that library there were no new Brunswick reports. He wished to call the attorney general's attention to such a state of affairs.

The attorney general said that he could not see that this province could be called upon to supply the reports. He himself was surprised at the meagreness of the privy council library and all this province could do would be to communicate with the Dominion and provincial governments in calling Imperial government's attention to the matter.

The attorney general referred to the death of the late Hon. Mr. Blair and spoke of his position as a lawyer and one who for years was leader of the bar. He thought that it were but fitting that the society should pass a resolution. On motion it was carried that Messrs. Skinner, Phinney and Powell constitute a committee to draw up an appropriate resolution.

Mr. Phinney stated that the council of the society a short time ago had received a requisition signed by a large number of barristers protesting against the judiciary act and asking the council to deal with the matter. Mr. Phinney said it had been decided to refer the matter to this meeting.

Mr. Lawlor said that he was one of those who had signed the requisition that the North Shore with one or two exceptions was against the act, and he hoped that the society would reconsider the decision reached some time ago and now use its influence to have the new practice dropped.

The attorney general gave a history leading up to the passing of the act, how the society had sent out circulars to the profession and the profession pronounced by a large majority in favor of the judiciary, and the legislature had met the society's wishes. He hoped now that the society would not attempt to go back on their decision reached. He for one would regret exceedingly if it did and declared that they did not know their own minds. The legislature would receive any amendments the society may recommend and probably the government itself would present some at the coming session. The act would not be proclaimed until after the session of the legislature. In the strongest language he would re-

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## WILL INCREASE MEMBERS' FEES

Decision of the Barristers' Society at Annual Meeting

All Who Have Practiced Five Years Must Pay \$10 Instead of \$5--

The Judiciary Act.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 30.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society was held this evening in the Supreme Court room. There was a large attendance. In the absence of the president, Dr. Earle, the vice-president presided. Those present included Hon. Wm. Fugle, C. N. Skinner, H. A. Powell, J. D. Phinney, T. C. Allen, W. W. Allen, J. H. Barry, L. A. Curry, A. B. Connell, Robert Murray, J. C. Hartley, R. J. Lawlor, A. W. MacRae, J. D. Hazen, A. J. Gregory, H. G. Fensley, J. T. Sharkey, W. A. Wadsworth, R. B. Hanson, P. J. Hughes, Chas. H. Allen, A. R. Slipp, F. H. Haveland, J. B. M. Baxter, C. H. Hamilton, L. M. Hayward, T. J. Carter, J. F. Winslow, H. A. McKewen.

The secretary-treasurer presented his annual report. It showed the receipts of the society for the past year were \$2,224.24 and the expenditures \$2,248.07, leaving a balance to the secretary's credit of \$174.17. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Allen O. Earle; vice-president, M. G. Teed; council, A. B. Connell, H. A. Powell, J. D. Phinney, J. D. Hazen, J. B. M. Baxter, G. W. Allen; secretary-treasurer and librarian, T. C. Allen.

Mr. Baxter's resolution regarding changes in the by-laws of the society and of which previous notice had been given was taken up and passed second by section. The amendments included changing the date of the society's meeting for the appointment of an examiner from the first Wednesday in Trinity term to the second Tuesday in June, fixing the time of course of studies for students at law, changes in a number of text books required for study, the filing of petitions by those intending to pass examination on or before the first Tuesday in October. The other changes regarded calling of meetings and publications of notices. The changes are to come into effect on the proclamation of the judiciary act. The question of additional shelf room for the library was left for the council to deal with the government.

Mr. Allen stated that the receipts of the society were not sufficient to keep the library up to the standard. Several members expressed the opinion that the fees should be increased. The attorney general thought that if such should be done the younger members of the profession should not be called upon to pay more. Recorder Skinner moved that the fee of all practicing over a period of five years be ten dollars in future instead of five. Dr. MacRae moved as an amendment that the fee should be increased to twenty dollars. The amendment was defeated by one vote and the resolution carried. A resolution was also passed instructing the council to wait upon the government for the purpose of getting the annual grant in support of the libraries at St. John and Fredericton. Treasurer Allen said that it is a grant of \$250 was made to the society, that with the additional fees would swell the society's funds by about one thousand dollars. The attorney general said he would be much pleased in placing the resolution before the government.

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Tourist Sleepers Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Montreal to Calgary.

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These trains reach all points in Canadian North and British Columbia. W. B. HOWARD, D.P.A., C.P.R., St. John, N. B.

## INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

ON AND AFTER TUESDAY, JAN. 15th, 1907, trains will run daily (Sunday excepted) as follows:

TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN.

No. 6.—Mixed train to Moncton. 6:30

No. 2.—Express for Halifax, Camp- bellton, Point du Chene. 7:00

No. 26.—Express for Pt. du Chene, Halifax and Pictou. 7:15

No. 1.—Express from Moncton. 7:40

No. 13.—Express from Moncton. 8:15

No. 134.—Express for Quebec and Montreal, also Pt. du Chene. 13:00

No. 10.—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Halifax. 13:25

TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.

No. 9.—From Halifax and Pictou. 6:30

No. 7.—Express from Sussex. 6:00

No. 133.—Express from Montreal, Quebec and Pt. du Chene. 13:45

No. 5.—Mixed from Moncton. 14:30

No. 25.—Express from Halifax, Pictou, Pt. du Chene and Campbellton. 17:40

No. 1.—Express from Moncton. 21:20

No. 13.—Express from Moncton. (daily) 21:40

All trains run by Atlantic Standard Time, 2:00 o'clock midnight.

NOTE.—A special train (with buffet sleeping car attached) will leave Truro every Saturday night for Sydney and Sidney Mines, after arrival of No. 24 (Maritime Express) from Montreal.

CITY TICKET OFFICE: 8 King street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 271. GEORGE CARVILLE, C. T. A.

## EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

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Effective to May 1, 1907.

St. John to Portland \$3.00

St. John to Boston \$3.50

Commencing Tuesday, Nov. 12, steamers leave St. John, Tuesday and Fridays at 6:30 p. m. for Lubec, Esport, Portland and Boston.

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From Boston at 9 a. m. Mondays and Thursdays, via Portland, Esport and Lubec.

All cargo, except live stock, via the steamers of this company, is insured against fire and marine risk. W. G. LEE, Agent, St. John, N. B.

## NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS

Designs for New Departmental and Justice Buildings, Ottawa.

EXTENSION OF TIME

THE time for receiving competitive designs for the proposed new Departmental and Justice Buildings at Ottawa, is hereby extended from April 15 to July 1, 1907.

By order, FRED GELINAS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, January 24, 1907.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

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pent that he would regret exceedingly if the society went back on its former position.

Dr. Curry said he had signed the requisition, as had always been against the act. The matter was then dropped.

A resolution moved by Dr. MacRae was passed that the council be requested to have an amendment added to the act of legislature regarding fees of the profession. That a table be laid down for fixing fees between attorney and client and solicitor and client. The meeting then adjourned.

## I. O. F. Installation

The officers of Court Ogunquondy, No. 1572, I. O. F., were installed last evening in their rooms on Simonds street. The function was a very pleasing one. After the installation a musical programme was carried out, after which the parties present adjourned to the supper room. The officers installed were: T. A. Armour, C.R.I.; Geo. Clark, V.C.R.; W. P. Cronk, Treas.; J. A. Brooks, Fin. Sec.; L.W. Mowry, Rec. Sec.; H. W. Bromfield, Chap.; W. G. Esterbrook, S.W.W.; G. M. Akersley, J.W.W.; D. Bradley, S.R.; S. French, J.R.; Dr. W. F. Roberts, C.P.; D. Bradley, Jr., C.D.I.; W. H. Myles and D. Bradley, financial and audit committee; J.A. Brooks, W. P. Cronk, delegates to High Court; F. E. Morrissey and W. G. Esterbrook, trustees.

Addresses were given by T. A. Armour, C.R.I.; H. W. Woods, H.C.R.I.; D. G. Lingley, P.M.C.B.; F. W. Emerson, H.S., and Brother Ingraham of Ottawa. Miss Beville and Messrs. Beville gave an exhibition of club swinging. Readings were given by Miss Lingley and Roy Harding; solos were sung by Miss E. Huey and Miss Dunn; a duet was rendered by Messrs. Blizard, and a piano solo by Miss Rubins. The committee in charge of the entertainment was composed of Messrs. J. A. Brooks, T. A. Armour, H. W. Bromfield, F. E. Morrissey, Geo. Clark and W. H. Myles.

## A COUNTRY MINISTER'S DIFFICULTIES IN THE DISCHARGE OF DUTIES

Some of the difficulties of a country minister's life are well illustrated in a story told of Rev. Mr. Shewen, rector of Greenwich, Queens county, by one of his parishioners.

Some time back the reverend gentleman was in Sackville, and intending to remain over the Sabbath made arrangements with Rev. D. L. Pickett, the retired Episcopal clergyman in his parish, to conduct the Sunday services. A sudden attack of illness prevented Mr. Pickett from appearing, and Rev. Mr. Shewen was informed by wire of the fact. He managed to reach Sackville by a late train Saturday night and followed the highway the next morning, with Rector Daniel's skates on, making his way to Moss Glen across the Kennebecasis ice. This was none too good, but the passage was made, and a five mile walk brought him to the noble St. John, which was, however, wide open at the point he wished to cross, for his parish and his church were on the opposite shore. He saw ice further down the river and followed the highway until he thought he could see that the river was bridged entirely. With a long pole in his hands he struck out for the western bank, and not until he was a considerable distance from land did he realize his danger. Air holes were plentiful, the ice weak and his passage was as perilous as it was necessarily slow. But just as the hour for morning services arrived he reached land again, but not without a distance from his church and duty. Not until later did his congregation learn what a risk their pastor had taken to hold the usual service.

## BROKE WORLD'S RECORD HELD BY THEMSELVES

SYDNEY, Jan. 30.—The rail mill has been closed down every afternoon of late for lack of steel. This will continue until the end of the month. The company have been attempting to break the world's record now held by themselves for the greatest monthly production. They have succeeded in as much as the month's production to yesterday exceeded the present world's record by a good margin and they have two days to increase the lead. The billet mill is also running for a record output. Consequently the manufacturing of hard steel has suffered and the rail mill is the loser.

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