

## PARIS TELLS OF HIS DOINGS ON AUGUST SECOND

The cross-examination of John Paris was continued yesterday afternoon in the circuit court and was not concluded when the court adjourned last evening. At the request of the attorney-general all the witnesses for the defense were excluded from the court room while Paris was giving evidence.

Paris resumed his place in the witness stand and the attorney-general continued his cross-examination.

Paris said when he went to Truro on July 23 he traveled second-class. He said he remembered some parts of Sunday, July 31. He remembered Aug. 1. He said he remembered Saturday, July 30, Friday, July 29, and had a slight remembrance of Thursday, July 28. He could not say he remembered July 27 very well.

He said he remembered that on the night of July 27 he was at Truro station at different times. On July 26 he said he remembered where he was.

Asked if that was the day the gasoline was stolen, Paris said it was either July 26 or 27, but he did not know at what time of day the stealing took place.

He said he could leave Truro on Sunday night, July 31, and be in St. John on the morning of Aug. 1. He said he was in doubt whether he was at Truro station on Sunday, July 31, but he believed he was there.

**His Story of Aug. 2.**

Asked by the attorney-general to tell all he had done on Aug. 2, Paris said in the morning he went to town with Louis Bayard who went to get a basket of clothes from Mrs. Archibald. They went to Hill's store and got some groceries and drove home.

In the afternoon, Paris said, he went to town on a bicycle. He met Louis Bayard who was driving a team. There was a car in the wagon which Bayard said contained five gallons of gasoline. They went to several garages—Blakes and Spencers, to a man named McCarthy and a man named Stevens, Norman Groves and then to Nichol's, where they sold the gas. He received \$2 for it. He then went to Snook & Rennie's and from there to Mr. Hill's grocery and bought two dozen eggs and a half dozen butter. He then went to the Eastern Hat & Cap Company factory where he told the man that Mr. Ogilvie had sent him to collect some money. He received ninety-five cents.

He left the cap factory, he said, about 6.30 or 4 o'clock. On the way home he overtook Annie Clyke and Lou Collins, two colored girls, talking with Austin Clyke about 4 o'clock in Prince street. Annie Clyke borrowed Paris' bicycle, but she could not ride it.

Paris said he went back to town for her on the bicycle and gave a paper he got from her to Hill, the grocer, and got some groceries.

He then went to Snook & Rennie's about 4.45 to get some meat but he had none. He returned towards home and overtook the two girls and got back to "the island" about five or ten minutes after 5. He said he reached home at 6 or 7 o'clock.

He rode first, he said, to the home of William Bayard, father of Louis Bayard, and gave Louis back his bicycle. He then went to John Bayard's house, reaching there at about 6 o'clock.

Between noon and the time he met the girls, Paris said that he was in William Bayard's yard.

He recalled seeing officers looking for a can of cream which had been stolen. He said he went to James Talbot's house and gave him a pair of cloth trousers and helped him to take a load of wood off. He said he went over to Bible Hill, about a mile and one-half away, reaching there soon after 1 o'clock. That was all he remembered from noon till he met the girls.

In the evening he said he went to a store run by Leslie Jardine and got some sardines on credit, taking them to John Bayard's house, where they were eaten. He crossed the road with some other men and they made a bonfire. He said he went up town as far as the park, which he thought was Victoria Park, leaving William Bayard's house about 8 o'clock. He said he bought a package of cigarettes and reached home about 10 o'clock. He went back to the bonfire and fooled

around there until about 12 o'clock. Between the time he left John Bayard's house until he reached the park he had done nothing but ride the wheel.

**Memory Improved, Says Prisoner.**

The attorney-general asked Paris to recount again what he had done in the evening. Mr. Byrne called attention of the accused to the fact that at the previous trial he had sworn he was not in town on the evening of Aug. 2. Paris said he must have been mistaken and if he had said that he had sworn to what was not true. The accused's memory was improved by three months' rest and nobody to talk to, he said.

The attorney-general then asked Paris to tell again what he had done between noon and 4 o'clock on Aug. 2. Paris repeated practically all of what he had already said.

Asked to tell what he had done between 4 o'clock and 9 Paris repeated his doings of the evening as before. At first he mentioned unloading the wood and taking the chain traces to Talbot but started out again after an interruption from the attorney-general and told the same story of his movements as he had already done.

"Have you told us all?" asked Mr. Byrne.

"He has told it three times already," interjected Mr. Vernon. "How many times does he have to tell it?"

"As often as the attorney-general wants him to tell it," replied Judge Chandler.

At the request of the attorney-general, Paris recounted his doings from the time he met Louis Bayard at the Post Office in the afternoon until he returned to John Bayard's house about ten o'clock in the evening substantially as he had told it before. He referred to the visit to Talbot and his conversation with two policemen at William Bayard's. There officers were Chief Fraser and Mr. Boss, he said. That was all he could recall.

Asked what time he saw the officers, he said it was along in the afternoon. He could not say the time but when pressed said it must have been along about two o'clock or perhaps later. Asked if he had seen his grandmother that day, he said he saw her when he went home at night and previously when she had come to John Bayard's house looking for a milk pail which he, Paris, had taken to pick blueberries. He could not say what time that was but it must have been along about milking time.

Asked if he had seen the officers more than once on August 2, Paris replied that he had seen them twice.

That was something new, the attorney-general remarked; at the last trial he had said he saw them only once.

Paris said that he did not say he had seen them twice at the island. He had seen them twice at the island and together that day. He saw him once at the island and in town when he looked in the window of the police office where the chief was at his desk, while he was passing on a bicycle.

He was positive that he saw Chief Fraser and Mr. Boss at the island at two o'clock.

**Different Man This Time.**

Asked if his memory had improved with reference to these officers Paris said he thought it had improved concerning Mr. Boss.

"You told the court and jury at the last trial that it was Chief Fraser and Mr. McLellan, the manager of the Brookfield creamery, who went to the island on August 2," said the attorney-general.

Asked whether it was Boss or McLellan, Paris said he thought it was Fraser and Boss who came to the island.

"When you swore it was Fraser and McLellan you were mistaken," said the attorney-general.

"I wouldn't be positive whether I was mistaken or not," said Paris. Then he said he thought it was McLellan. To tell the truth, he said, he hardly knew who it was. He said he only knew McLellan by Fraser explaining he was the man who stole the cream.

That was the only time he saw officers there on August 2. He rather thought he saw them on August 3 but on August 4 he was not there. He did not know that he saw officers there on August 3.

"But you do know that you did see two officers there some time after August 2?" said the attorney-general.

"I did not swear that. I kinda think I did," said Paris. He was not sure whether it was August 1 and August 2 or August 2 and August 3. He knew it was not July 30.

Paris said he sold the gasoline between 3 and 4 o'clock and saw the man enter something in a book. He saw the book twice, he thought, in Truro, once

when the entry was made and again at a hearing. He was not in the Nichol's garage on August 3 or 4. He fixed date by the Chataqua parade and by going to collect money owed him.

He fixed the hour by the time he left home. At the time he sold the gas he knew it was Aug. 2. He forgot it later, probably the same day he said, but asked when he forgot it he said later he did not think he ever forgot it.

He said he thought he told Chief Fraser where he was on Aug. 2 while on the train with Fraser going back to Truro about Aug. 22. About the first or second week in September Fraser again asked him in the Truro jail where he was on Aug. 2. The chief asked him two or three times in Truro where he was on Aug. 2. The first time was the morning after they arrived. He asked him again about three weeks later. On the last occasion he told Fraser where he was on Aug. 2. He told the chief again the following day.

**The Chief's Word.**

"Then the chief of police was not telling the truth when in answer to a telegram from the St. John police he notified them he did not know where you were on Aug. 2?" said Mr. Byrne.

"Not if he said I did not tell him, no sir," said Paris.

Asked to recount his doings on Aug. 2, he said he left his grandmother's home about 8.30 in the morning. He went to John Bayard's, stayed fifteen or twenty minutes and then went down to get a can of mushrooms back of the pasture. He returned to the island about 9.30 and about 11 or 11.30 that morning sold the mushrooms to Mrs. Archibald, who lived in town.

After coming back from picking the mushrooms he said he went to Will Bayard's, then to Talbot's, arriving there about 10 o'clock. From there he went to town and Will Lawrence's arriving at Mrs. Archibald's about 11 o'clock. He arrived back home about 12 o'clock.

He had met the Bayard boy at Talbot's. He was not correct in saying the last trial that he had met Bayard at the hotel. He met Bayard about 9.30 or a little later and the two of them went to town together, Bayard in a wagon and Paris on a bicycle, arriving in town about 10 or 10.30 in the morning of Aug. 2. The two went to Inglis street, then to Lawrence's store and then to Mrs. Archibald's, arriving there about 11 or 11.30. They went to Hill's store and then home. Asked if they had been anywhere else he said they were at the Learmont Hotel between 10 and 11.

From the hotel they went to Mrs. Moxon's to sell mushrooms. They did not see Mrs. Moxon but saw the servant girl. From Moxon's they went to Chief Fraser's store and then to Mrs. Archibald's. Bayard collected clothes at Mrs. Archibald's. They got back to the island about 12 o'clock.

He ate his dinner at his grandmother's, got a wheel and went to Bible Hill, arriving there about 1 o'clock. Then he went to town, to Lawrence's store, rode around town and about 2 o'clock met the Bayard boy at the post office and after that they tried to sell the gas. He did not know the gasoline was stolen.

**His Movements on Aug. 3.**

He denied he left St. John for Truro on the night of Aug. 3. He fixed the date of Aug. 3 from the date he sold the gasoline. About 5.30 or 6 o'clock in the morning of Aug. 3 he went picking mushrooms on the flats and got back about 7 o'clock. He stemmed the mushrooms, had his breakfast and went to town about 9 or 10 o'clock and sold the mushrooms to Mrs. Moxon about 10.10 or 10.15. He could not remember whether he was at the station more than once on Aug. 3. He went to W. B. Dimock's before he went to Moxon's. He also went to Lawrence's and a Chinaman's.

He did not know whether he went to Moxon's drug store before or after he went to the house. About eleven o'clock he met Bernard Paris and drove in his automobile to the station. He got out, but stayed no time there. He went to Inglis street and met Bernard Paris again and got into his automobile about 11.30 or 11.45, and went down to the island, arriving there about 11.50 or 11.55.

The attorney-general asked Paris if he knew the man who sold the gasoline to Stanley Humphrey, Ernest Campbell, John Best and Mr. Sweet all swore they saw him in St. John on August 3. He replied that he did not know.

Asked what he did in the afternoon of August 3 he said he hung around different people's houses in the island. Pressed to say what time he left the island, he said it must have been about

7.30 or 8.30 in the evening, with the Bayard boy. He went to Moxon's store for the mushroom money, but Mr. Moxon was not in. Both went to the park and came back again. He left Bayard by the store. He went into see Mr. Moxon, but failing, went down to the station. That was the second time he was at the station that day, he said, in reply to a question from the attorney-general.

This was about nine o'clock, or perhaps after. There were an unusually large number of people there. Louis Bayard came along and got talking about going west. They talked with some white and some colored men. He went back to Moxon's and this time was paid for the mushrooms. This must have been about ten o'clock, he said. He returned to the station and asked Louis Bayard if he would tell his (Paris') mother that Paris was going to St. John. He left about eleven o'clock. He thought the train was a little late.

**The Return to a Little Late.**

He had met Archie Paris at the station. He lay in the seat in the train with Archie Paris, getting into that seat maybe three or four hours after the train left Truro. It was after the train left Amherst that he got in the seat. He was asleep when the train got to Moncton. He paid the conductor \$3 to come to St. John, telling him he needed \$5 in the worst way and that he would get him up later. There was a third colored man named Maxwell in the seat.

Paris denied that, instead of leaving Truro for St. John that night, he had left St. John for Truro on the night of August 3.

He had known Archie Paris for seventeen or eighteen years. He was not a witness at the last trial. He did not know whether he would be at this trial. It was about 6.10 o'clock when this stage of the cross-examination was reached, so the judge adjourned the court.

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**NO REDUCTION YET IN TOBACCO**  
(Montreal Herald.)

Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes will not be cheap, according to information gathered from the big tobacco people in Montreal.

In order to induce in the sale of the weed, nearly twice pre-war prices must be paid. With a reduction going on in the commodities market, and a general tendency to lower prices wherever possible, smokers began to ponder on the possibilities of paying less. But all such pipe dreams must end in smoke for the time being at least.

One big manufacturing concern pointed out that in the south, from whence the tobacco comes, prices were inclined to be firmer, and certainly showed no sign of weakening. As in other things, the war brought a tremendous demand for tobacco, which, with the men away fighting, taxed the fields to the utmost. Now there is a demand slightly in excess of the supply, and this helps to keep prices up.

It must not be lost sight of that a large part of the price for a packet of ten cigarettes goes to the government in the form of taxation. For some time one of the most famous brands of cigarettes included in the packet a slip, which showed the buyer that 7½ cents of the price paid had been paid in turn to the government.

The man in the street pays eighteen cents for a packet of ten cigarettes as against ten cents paid in pre-war days, a difference of eight cents, but the tobacco manufacturer points out that the difference is caused by the taxation and not by the manufacturer or retailer. Without the tax, cigarettes are the same as before the war, despite the fact that manufacturing costs have increased in price.

**A CLEVER DOG**  
Gets Back Purse and Catches Alleged Thief Quickly.

(Montreal Herald.)


When Mrs. MacFarlan of No. 728 Fourth avenue, Visville had her purse containing over one hundred dollars snatched from her hand while a few yards from her home yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, she little thought that it would be recovered as quickly as it was. She had just stepped off an Ontario street car, when a man accosted her. She screamed, and J. Cote, who was passing in his car with his pet Belgian police dog, came to the rescue. Seeing the fleeing man, he shouted to his dog to follow him. The dog sprang after the thief, who was now out of sight. Mr. Cote and Mrs. MacFarlan waited at the corner, and in a moment the dog was back with the stolen purse in his mouth. He dropped it at his master's feet, and immediately returned to attend to the man.

When Mr. Cote, who followed him, came upon them the animal had the man by the coat, and was holding on for grim death. The captured one was brought to No. 34 station, and appeared before Judge Leet this morning on a charge of highway robbery. The dog was the hero of the hour, but appeared to accept it as all in the day's work.

**WILL SCRAP FIVE WOODEN SHIPS TO FIND THEIR VALUE AS JUNK**

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Shipping Board is planning an experiment to determine the "scrap value" of its fleet of wooden ships, which has become practically a "white elephant."

A contract will be let for scrapping five of the wooden vessels. The contract will specify that an accurate account be kept of the salvage cost and the return in money from machinery, equipment and lumber, in order to determine whether it would be advantageous to scrap the whole fleet. It is not expected that the work will be started for several weeks.



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