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## REV. JAMES CRISP ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE

General Sessions Opened This Morning—Prayers Offered for Rev. Mr. Dobson—Other Officers Elected—Visitors Give Addresses

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., June 20.—The twenty-fourth annual conference opened in the Methodist church at 9 a. m. Rev. W. W. Lodge, in the chair, in the absence of the president Rev. Wm. Dobson, who lies ill of typhoid fever. The conference prayer meeting was conducted by the chairman and special prayers were offered on behalf of Mr. Dobson. On the roll being called seventy-four ministers and thirty laymen answered to their names. Rev. G. M. Young introduced Archdeacon Newnham of the Episcopal church, Rev. John Mullin, Methodist of Calumet, Me., Rev. W. C. Goucher, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Edgett, Methodist of Calumet. As visitors to the conference each one introduced a speaker. Rev. Mr. Dawson, transferred from the Newfoundland conference, also spoke. The election of president of the second ballot resulted in the choice of Rev. James Crisp, of Zion church, St. John. In his inaugural address, he said: "Thirty-one years ago, I was ordained in the St. Stephen church and since that time I have endeavored to do the Master's will and I throw myself in the hands of my brethren."

Rev. M. H. Knight was then elected secretary. Rev. Harry Harrison, chairman of the statistical committee, Rev. W. W. Lodge, chairman of the Charlotetown district, Rev. H. B. Thomas, journal secretary, Rev. F. A. Wightman, first assistant secretary, Rev. J. M. Rice, B. A., second assistant secretary.

The order of the day for the afternoon session will be the hearing of Rev. J. O. Shearer, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. Second order, hearing Rev. Dr. Huestis. Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

## LENGTHY LEGAL ARGUMENT TODAY IN THE CROCKET CRIMINAL LIBEL TRIAL

### OSCAR PETERSEN WAS TODAY FOUND NOT GUILTY

#### Evidence Showed That He Had Purchased Goods from Geldart Under the Impression That Everything Was Straight.

In the Circuit Court this morning, Oscar Petersen charged with having received stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, was on the stand. He held up under a stiff examination and rebutted out several new points in the stealing case.

In opening the case for the defense, Mr. Mullin stated that the defense to be presented was that Petersen had accepted the stolen goods thinking that they had been honestly obtained.

Oscar Petersen sworn, said that he has been in the I. C. R. employ for six years. He has never before been arrested. He knew the witness Geldart and had talked to him concerning the purchase of a stove. He asked Geldart that he would sell him a stove for \$30. The latter told him two days later that he would sell him a stove for \$30. Witness told Geldart that he would pay him \$5 a month for the stove and Geldart said it was satisfactory.

When Geldart arrived at witness's house with the stove, he said he would return after supper and take it to the house. He returned with Wm. Mahoney and the stove put up the stove. Witness' wife asked Geldart if everything was being done honestly and when Geldart said yes, she paid him \$5 as the first installment on the stove.

After he bought the stove witness again went to Geldart and asked him if he could get some enamel ware at wholesale price. Geldart told him he would find out, and a few days later he returned with some enamel ware for \$3 which was the wholesale price. After the enamel ware had been delivered to witness, he again spoke to Geldart concerning the purchase of a refrigerator at wholesale price. A suit was then filed against the I. C. R. had purchased goods from Geldart. He asked Mr. Irvin if he had received the five installments. Mr. Irvin said he had. He made the payment on the night of the five installments. Mrs. Amanda Petersen, wife of the accused was next sworn, and she stated that she had paid Geldart if the manager of the McClary Co. knew that the price of the stove was only \$20. He said he did, and that it was all right. She paid Geldart five dollars after he had put up the stove. The ice cream freezer and enamel ware were not taken to her house until some weeks after the stove arrived.

She remembered the time when the police visited house. Mr. Irvin was with them and he asked her where she got the stove. She told him that her husband had bought it from Hansford, meaning Geldart.

Across examined by Mr. McKewen, Mrs. Petersen said that her husband told her that he was to pay \$30 for the stove.

This closed the case for the defense. Judge McLeod stated that if the counsel so wished they could address the jury. He felt in his duty, however, to state that Geldart's evidence had not been corroborated and he could not find evidence enough to convict a man. Mr. McKewen stated that he did not desire to address the jury and Mr. Mullin also expressed himself as not being desirous of speaking.

Judge McLeod then briefly addressed the jury saying that he was obliged to state there was no evidence submitted to convict the accused. The jury then retired and returned at 12:35 o'clock.

Ferman J. P. Morrison announced that the jury was unable on account of Petersen was not guilty. Mr. McKewen then moved that the goods taken by the police from Petersen's house be returned to the McClary Manufacturing Co. Mr. Mullin moved that the goods be restored to Mr. Petersen. He claimed that the seizure of the goods by Sergt. Kilpatrick was unwarranted and unless the goods were returned he would enter a suit against the sergeant. Judge McLeod stated that he would not decide the question at this sitting of the court. He would refer to the matter at the afternoon session. Mr. Petersen was then acquitted.

John Bentley charged with having assaulted Dr. Bishop on May 24th last, was brought into court. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and the case will be tried this afternoon. Hon. H. A. McKewen will represent the crown and E. S. Ritchie the prisoner.

## TO HELP THE CLAM FISHERMEN AT SHEDIAC

MONCTON, N. B., June 20.—Premier Robison is in receipt of a telegram from Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of agriculture, saying that he has landed at North Sydney, Ontario, in England he purchased five Clydesdale mares and went to France and bought a number of Percherons. The visit of an automobile party which went through from St. John yesterday morning in a new automobile was reported by Rev. J. O. Shearer, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. The party left St. John at nine o'clock and arrived at Shediac at 11 o'clock. The party was composed of Mr. Shearer, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Hutchinson were in the party.

## THREATENED TO SHOOT THE LUNCH CART MAN

A Drunk Arrested for the 46th Time—Another Man Up Three Times In Nine Days

Eleven prisoners faced the magistrate this morning. Mary Deegan and Mary Toner were sent to jail for two months in default of paying \$8 each for drunkenness.

Edward Mulcahey, charged with lying and lurking in the hallway of St. Vincent's convent was remanded. The prisoner is mentally unbalanced.

Wm. Cameron had an altercation with Wm. Coleman, the proprietor of the night lunch wagon last evening and was arrested on the charge of threatening to shoot the lunch cart man. Just what the trouble arose over was not stated in the police court this morning when Cameron pleaded not guilty to the charge and was remanded to jail.

Coleman was represented in the case by Dr. A. W. MacRae. Policeman Hughes who made the arrest, got a revolver from the prisoner.

Dennis Sullivan for the 46th time pleaded guilty to being drunk and was remanded. The magistrate said he would consider about sending him to jail for six months without a fine.

Michael Kelly, for the third time in nine days, was sent to jail for being drunk. He is also liable to get six months without a fine. Five other drunks were remanded to pay \$4 each or go to jail for 10 days.

## A CANADIAN PRINCIPAL FOR BISHOPS COLLEGE

Dr. Parrock, One of the Professors, Will Succeed Principal Gibbons, Who Yesterday Resigned

SHERBROOKE, Que., June 20.—Principal H. Deb Gibbons of Bishops College, Lennoxville, who came from Bristol, England, a year ago, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the corporation of the university yesterday afternoon. The resignation is in ill health. The resignation will be accepted. His successor will in all probability be Dr. Parrock. The name of Rev. Albert Smith is also mentioned.

The corporation has come to the conclusion that a Canadian ought to be appointed to such an important position. It has long been felt by the friends of the university that the only way to keep the institution in the forefront was to have a Canadian at the head of affairs, or at least one who was acquainted with the country.

The new principal will be appointed this afternoon. Dr. Parrock has for many years been connected with the university and his appointment would be received with favor not only by the staff but by the public generally.

## ISAC B. STEWART, OF AMHERST, DEAD

AMHERST, N. S., June 20.—Death occurred at Amherst Point this morning of Isaac B. Stewart, aged 85 years, one of the oldest and most respected farmers in this vicinity, and son of one of the oldest settlers in this section, a Presbyterian in religion and formerly a Conservative in politics, an old friend and supporter of Sir Charles Tupper.

E. J. Lawson, of the firm of Dunlap Bros., correspondent for the Chronicle and Telegraph, is ill with a serious attack of diphtheria.

The Supreme Court is in session this week. Judge Drysdale presiding, being his first visit to Amherst since his appointment to the bench.

C. S. Moore, Manager of the Royal Bank, is ill and ordered to quit work for some weeks. Mr. Moore is well known throughout the province, being formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

## AN EFFORT TO HAVE MR. CUSHING RE-APPOINTED

The Star learns that movement is on foot for the purpose of having ex-Director Cushing put back in his old job at the increased salary. Some persons, both in and out of St. John, who believe that they have influence with the aldermen or a number of them, are commenting on an agitation and it is stated that Mr. Cushing himself has been sounding several members of the council in a view to securing an application for his re-appointment. There is no mention of him going back at the \$1,500 figure, but Mr. Cushing and his friends are talking of the increased salary of \$2,400 which was under dispute at the time of his dismissal. But from what can be learned by conversation around city hall, it does not appear very probable that any great success will attend this movement, for there are now more aldermen opposed to Mr. Cushing as director than had that view a few weeks ago.

## BACK FROM ATTENDING THE HIGH COURT C. O. F.

J. N. Harvey and L. P. D. Tilley have returned from St. Thomas, Ont., where they attended the 28th annual session of the High Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters. Mr. Harvey stated that the session was grand success, over 400 delegates being present. The reports of the High Court showed that the increase in the membership of the order was over 7,000. There are now over 1,000 Courts in the Dominion, which total the membership at 66,000. Out of the 7,000 new members, 145 are Maritime Province members. The death claims for the past year amounted to \$35,000. After paying this the Order was able to add \$24,000 to the mortgage fund. The surplus shown for the year was \$2,253,208.58.

L. P. D. Tilley was elected to the executive committee, an honor enjoyed by only five members of the Order in Canada.

## DAHLHOUSE MILLS WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., June 20.—The people of Dalhousie waken this morning with heavy hearts over local loss of the magnificent mill owned by the Dalhousie Lumber Co. Ltd. The town has suffered a blow almost as severe as that which fell in the spring, when the Restigouche woodworking establishment was destroyed. The fire started on the roof by a spark from the burner. A heavy easterly gale was blowing and rendered the feeble attempts of the bucket brigade most futile. There is no fire apparatus in the town of Dalhousie. One hundred men are thrown out of employment. The loss is now believed to be forty thousand dollars. The most of the insurance is held in the Phoenix. In addition to the mill and machinery which are a total loss the long slab wharf, which protects the lumber in the boom is completely destroyed. Very little lumber has been destroyed. The owners have not yet decided as to rebuilding, but it is generally believed that it is only a question of time when the mill will be rebuilt. A large number of families will be compelled to leave the town as a result of the fire, as outside of a single mill it is the only industry upon which the people depended for their summer work.

## ON THE DEMURRER FILED BY THE PROSECUTION--SHOULD THE PRIVATE LIFE OF A PUBLIC MAN BE SUBJECTED TO COMMENT AND CRITICISM--MR. PUGSLEY REPLIES TO MR. HAZEN

FREDERICTON, June 20.—Court opened at ten o'clock this morning when the libel suit was again taken up. Hon. Wm. Pugsley presented his demurrer to the plea advanced yesterday by the defense.

Mr. Hazen complained that he had been given no copy of the demurrer. He thought that two ex-attorney generals and assistants might have prepared the demurrer in time for him to have received a copy.

After this little clash a copy of the demurrer was furnished the defense.

Hon. A. S. White proceeded to argue. One point on which Mr. White spoke most particularly was the attempt made by the defense to distinguish between a cabinet minister and an ordinary person, as far as the right of publication of information concerning him was concerned.

The Frederician Gleaner, said Mr. White, "published certain statements concerning Hon. Mr. Emmerson, and he perhaps with over sensitiveness, resigned. If every cabinet minister under similar circumstances did the same the government of the country could not be carried on. Defamatory libel is justified only in being published for the public good. The destruction of the government is certainly not for the public good."

Mr. White was followed by J. H. Berry, counsel for the complainant. At the request of Mr. Hazen, his Honor made no limit to the number of counsel to be heard on either side.

Mr. Berry argued that the plea of the defense was unfair on account of its vagueness.

The names of the women were not returned, nor was it said in what way they were women of ill repute. There were many ways in which women might be of ill repute, as gamblers, as swindlers as many other things.

"Again," said Mr. Berry, "the existence of mere rumors cannot be taken as justification for libel." He also said that the counsel for the crown had come to the conclusion that it would be best if the case were decided by the proof of the truth of the libel than by any other way.

This concluded the arguments of the prosecution.

J. D. Hazen began the argument on behalf of the defense. If the plea of justification were not allowed, he said, the proof of the truth of the libel could not be attempted before the court. Taking up the indictment, Mr. Hazen stated that there was only one hotel mentioned as being the one from which Hon. Mr. Emmerson was elected. This caused a little tilt between Dr. Pugsley and the senior counsel for the defense as to whether or not other hotels were referred to in the indictment. His Honor announced that he was of the impression that the libel complained of was that Hon. H. R. Emmerson was elected from St. Lawrence Hall. However, he did not then rule that effect. The learned counsel next took up the argument that the libel was published for the public good and the public interest. This was a matter of public knowledge that the private conduct of members of parliament had been discussed in the House of Commons by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and by Mr. Bourassa. Such being the case it was certainly a fact that the matter should be discussed for the public interest and the public good. Mr. Hazen then took up the points of the demurrer. It was not necessary for the defense to state by whom the minister was elected. That would come out in evidence of which it was a part. Regarding the claim that it should be stated in what respect the women were of ill repute, Mr. Hazen said it was absolutely unreasonable to declare the respect. It was sufficient to say they were women of ill repute. Again the exact circumstances of the election should have been stated, according to the prosecution. That also was unnecessary. The assertion that an election took place was enough. In the past, Charles Stewart Farnell, the great leader of the Irish Nationalists, on account of his relations with a married woman, came to his political end. Another similar case in British history was that of Sir Charles Eliot, who on account of his immoral relations with certain women becoming known, lost his position and has never since been a member of the British government. These two instances of cases similar to the one being tried, were matters of public interest. It had been argued that such a matter should have been dealt with by parliament if it were a matter of public interest and public good, Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not think so. On the floors of the House of Commons he had expressed an opinion which was directly opposed to that contention. Finally should the press of the country be placed under a censorship like that existing in Russia? Should it be prevented from criticizing and commenting on the private life of public men?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley replied to Mr. Hazen's arguments. He opened his remarks by saying that the private lives of men should not be open to the criticism and comment of the press. The sacred privacy of the house should not