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HEALTH OFFICER URGES THE NEED OF FRESH AIR

November Report Shows Death Rate Little Higher, But Below Average

FIFTY-NINE LAST MONTH

Table with columns for Disease, No. of Cases, and Mortality. Includes entries for Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid, and Tuberculosis.

The Need of Fresh Air in the Home is Especially Marked During the Hours of the Night

"Fly Panes" in Outside Windows Best at Top

The following health bulletin by Doctor G. G. Melvin, health officer, is as follows: The following cases of contagious diseases were reported from the city during the month...

The usual monthly table of deaths from all causes follows. The rate for this month (16.82) is somewhat above that for last month (13.79) and for November year ago (14.63)...

From Notifiable Diseases: Diphtheria, 4; Scarlet Fever, 12; Typhoid, 3; Tuberculosis, 8; Total, 27.

Twelve days and nights on stone steps to claim a homestead

Calgary, Alta., December 4—After holding down the stone steps of the land office here for twelve days and nights, a homesteader named Base...

Distinctive dress for hunters in the woods to prevent accidents

Dauphin, Man., Dec. 4—Word which has just reached here tells of the accidental shooting of John Lavoie, who was killed in mistake for a deer by James Pavois...

C. P. R. Engineer Acquitted

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 4—Police Magistrate Weger yesterday acquitted Hecquet Sheppard, a locomotive engineer...

WORK ON THE PEACE TERMS NEXT WEEK

Plenipotentiaries to Meet in London on Next Friday

The Terms of the Armistice -- Turks at Scutari Attempt Sortie, Pitched Battle Results--Hint From Austria to Serbia

(Canadian Press) Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 4—The peace plenipotentiaries representing Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro will begin their work in London on Friday of next week...

Royal George to be ready again for service this week

Ship's Officers, at Inquiry, Say Pilot Was Right in What He Did

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4—The C. N. R. steamship Royal George, which ran on the rocks below Quebec...

Probably killed in drunken brawl

Montreal, Dec. 4—William Wallace, a mucker, employed at the C. N. R. tunnel was probably fatally injured in a drunken brawl in one of the bunk houses yesterday...

Believe Chinese is suicide

Body Found Near Amherst Farm, Bullet Wound in Head, Revolver at Side

(Special to Times) Amherst, N. S., Dec. 4—While Kay Bros., bay pressers and their men were driving into the farm of Milton Copeland...

Weather Bulletin

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

PETER PAN SOLD FOR \$100,000; GOES TO FRANCE

James R. Keene's Great Stallion Disposed of in Lexington

(Canadian Press) Lexington, Ky., Dec. 4—Peter Pan, James R. Keene's great stallion, was sold yesterday for \$100,000...

Late News of Sport

The Leafs Best Fielding Team in International League Last Year

Four Killed, More Hurt in Train Wreck

Zanesville, Dec. 4—Four persons were killed and eleven injured in a four-car passenger train wreck yesterday...

Bourassa Has Another Rogey

He Says the English Language Would Americanize the French-Canadian People

Toronto, Dec. 4—In a speech that set forth the claims of the people of Quebec, both in the matter of immigration and language...

To Develop Quebec Harbor

Quebec, Dec. 4—Mr. Coode, an expert harbor engineer, who arrived in Quebec from England two weeks ago to study conditions of the harbor...

Canadian Steer is the World's Champion

Chicago, Dec. 4—A Canadian steer yesterday won the world's championship at the International live stock exhibition here...

Mayor Nathan Again

MAGISTRATE INQUIRY OVER Recorder Baxter Was on Stand at Session Today; Court Room Crowded

Interesting Evidence is Given -- Magistrate and J. A. Barry Present Arguments and Commissioner Announces That He Will Report to Government

The inquiry into the charges against Police Magistrate Ritchie was concluded this morning before Commissioner J. R. Armstrong...

Recorder Baxter was on the stand at the session today and gave evidence in support of the charges against the magistrate...

Magistrate Ritchie testified that he had no recollection of the incident in question and that he had no conversation with any member of the jury...

Commissioner Armstrong announced that he would report to the government the results of his investigation into the charges against the magistrate...

J. A. Barry, who acted as counsel for the magistrate, presented arguments in his own defense and cross-examined the witnesses...

The court room was crowded with spectators and the proceedings were of great interest to the public...

Magistrate Ritchie's evidence was given in a straightforward manner and he maintained his innocence throughout the proceedings...

Commissioner Armstrong's report to the government will include a detailed account of the evidence presented and his own findings...

The case against the magistrate has attracted considerable public attention and the government's interest in the matter is evident...

Magistrate Ritchie's defense was supported by J. A. Barry, who argued that the charges against him were unfounded and that he was a victim of a conspiracy...

The government's interest in the case is not surprising, as it involves the integrity of the judicial system and the conduct of public officials...

The proceedings have shown that the magistrate's conduct was indeed questionable and that the government's investigation was warranted...

The case against the magistrate has been a landmark one and the government's report will be closely watched by the public...

The matter and this was refuted by Mr. Barry's evidence.

"Regarding paying money to counsel Mr. Barry's name appears."

"Mr. Barry—On an order from Judge Forbes."

The magistrate continued, saying to the commissioner: "If your son appeared before you—"

"The commissioner—I have always discouraged my son from appearing before me and he has never appeared in a court case."

The magistrate—"I would rather be a toad in a dungheap than be such a weak backed specimen that I could not do justice in a case in which my son appeared."

Some people are so straight that they lean back so far that they are crooked the other way."

"I want to say that I am glad that the inquiry was brought on because of the friendly words that have come to me by word of mouth, by post and by telegram."

This persecution has been going on for years but it will be news to the members of the government and others that the reason they are after my scalp is because I am going crazy, as the learned recorder intimates. I have been comforted by the friendly assurances from many people."

He then proceeded to read a letter which he had received from a clergyman in Fredericton.

Mr. Barry objected to introducing such letters or such references.

The Magistrate—"Will you allow me to get the name of a school-keeper?"

Mr. Barry—"I agree with Mr. Barry but I will not stop you."

The magistrate told of a school-keeper who had been a personal friend of his but whom he had convicted and who never spoke to him again, giving this as an instance of the penalties of honest public service.

As to Referring Plot

Referring to the commissioner's statement regarding a meeting of conspirators in his office the magistrate said he could prove that Mr. Baxter was there. One doubting Thomas asked if what he said was true, but he did not deny it. He said he was sure of it and that he would be glad to talk on the streets without their words being spread broadcast. A stage warning on the ferry boat might be carried by a wandering breeze to him on Elliott Row.

Neither the chief of police, Deputy Jenkins, or members of the police were interested in the plot, although the chief has kept memoranda of things he thought could be used against him.

With reference to these remarks it is only one experienced in the law who can understand the need for remarks. The information that came to me was that the article on remands was seen in the recorder's office and the remark made of what a crasher it would be for the police magistrate.

His remark did not deny that he made the remark quoted by Mr. Melnyro and his remark about the late Sheriff Ritchie was not changed much in his evidence.

"It was a matter of common knowledge that they were trying to undermine me to give Mr. Henderson the job. I was at half the salary, and a young Catholic lawyer was to be made clerk."

"For sheer dirt, meanness, malice and mendacity, I know nothing worse than these conspirators. The clever conspirator gathers his creature around him, as Becker had his gunmen. These creatures are the gunmen of another Becker."

The commissioner—"Guns are murderers."

The magistrate—"Well, are they not?"

As Shakespeare said, Who steals my purse steals trash; but who steals my good name—Is that as bad?"

"An effort has been made to show that I have caused friction with the police. I could produce members of the force to show that when improper arrests were made, instead of publicly scoring the police, I first dismissed the prisoner and then quietly warned the policeman who was in the wrong."

Referring again to what he had said was a proposal to dismiss him and put Mr. Henderson in his place, the magistrate asked if they no longer had responsible government, and if the "great I am" now dictates these matters.

"I have been on the bench for twenty-three years and I have it to my fellow citizens whether I have not dealt justly with all men and have dealt fairly with everyone irrespective of race, creed or color."

The magistrate again referred to what he believed to be the unfriendly attitude of the commissioner towards him, but saying that he had not taken objection because he wanted it over as soon as possible.

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