

MCKINNON OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Charged With \$3,000 Embezzlement From the McLaughlin Carriage Co.

Goods Which He Is Said to Have Handled as Their Agent—Preliminary Examination in the St. John Police Court Yesterday Afternoon.

The preliminary examination of Malcolm McKinnon of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was begun in the St. John police court before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon. The defendant was charged with the embezzlement of \$3,000 worth of goods, and with the handling of goods as agent for the McLaughlin Carriage Co. in Charlottetown and vicinity. He received from the company something over \$4,000 worth of goods, and he is still due the company, who allege that they have been unable to obtain any money from the defendant McKinnon, and that they are unable to get the wagons, which, with the exception of two or three, have been disposed of by the defendant. A civil action for the amount due the company is pending against the defendant in the supreme court of Prince Edward Island, and proceedings were taken here against him for failing to account.

The afternoon was taken up with the examination of witnesses for the prosecution, after which an adjournment was made until 10 o'clock this morning. J. B. M. Baxter appeared for the McLaughlin Carriage Co., and J. B. McNeill of Charlottetown for the defendant.

The first witness examined was J. W. V. Lawlor, manager for the maritime provinces of the McLaughlin Carriage Co. He testified that the defendant was appointed an agent in Charlottetown by him for the company on Jan. 29, 1903. Since his appointment he (Mr. Lawlor) had forwarded him over \$4,000 worth of goods, which had been reshipped, leaving a net balance due the company of \$3,855.30. The defendant had failed to account when asked. Daniel Mott signed the receipt on behalf of the company in Charlottetown, under which the defendant was appointed an agent. As the company shipped goods, they forwarded drafts for the amounts, which were accepted by the defendant, payable at a bank in Charlottetown. He had failed to meet two of the drafts when they came due. A third draft for \$1,000 was due in April next. The proceedings had been taken against the defendant at Charlottetown.

Daniel Mott, a traveller for the McLaughlin Carriage Co., was the next witness examined. He said that he signed a contract for his company with the defendant in January, 1903. At that time he asked him about his previous qualifications and was informed that he owned 148 acres of land in the county of Queens, P. E. I., which was worth \$5,000, and had besides \$2,000 worth of personal property. McKinnon had since heard that the defendant was not worth \$7,000. He informed the defendant during his last visit to P. E. I. that the record did not show that he was worth what he said he was. Witness asked him for money on account for the company, but only received promises of a settlement.

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A large amount of time was taken up in the hearing of a charge of assault preferred by John Hamilton against James Jones, both employees of the I. C. R. The complainant says that Jones struck him near the roundhouse on Saturday without any provocation, and several witnesses for and against were called. Jones affirms that Hamilton called him a liar, but Hamilton denied this. Jones was fined \$10.

FREDERICK'S LABORS.

(By Sidney Hodges Cole.) Mr. Frederick Brigham leaned forward in his chair, his brows drawn in a frown of perplexed anxiety. "Surely, Ethel," he said, in his deliberate drawl, "my ears have deceived me."

"You don't mean what you have just said?" "I most certainly do mean it," she averred. "I never doubted for a moment you would marry me," said he. "I always supposed—"

"Suppositions are not sureties," she informed him. "Ethel," he said, coaxingly, "this has gone far enough as a joke. It's getting to the point where it hurts."

"I'm a pretty steady-going sort," he said, half to himself. "Don't drink too excess; allow myself but three cigars a day in the world for a 10-cent limit. It can't be money, either—"

"No, it's not money," she said. "Must be I'm stupid, then." "If you were stupid," she said, "I think, perhaps I might forgive you."

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"You are a man of the world," he said. "I like to take exceptions to your last statement," he said at length. "It seems to me I am doing the most useful thing in the world for a man in my position. I have plenty of money, and instead of crowding out some poor duffer who really needs that commodity, I keep out of it and give him a shove."

Ethel, glidy with the strain of the last few minutes, entered the church. In the vestibule she saw Brigham and the sexton, who was handing him some bills. "Hello!" called the former, catching sight of her. "It was really useful. Vane snowed up, you know, and people in the vicinity couldn't tell which way the wind was blowing. Did you want to see the sexton?" he added, pointedly, whereat that functionary discreetly took his leave.

"Frederick Brigham," she began bravely, but suddenly, the tears came, and she began to sob. He watched her covertly for a moment, and finally decided to risk an arm about her. "Perhaps I'm an ass, after all," he suggested.

"You are! O, you are!" she said wildly. "To you?" he hinted. "Of course," she said, clinging to him.

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CLYDE, NEW YORK. Has Pipe Organ Given by Queen Anne.

IN FAVOR OF HALIFAX. The Sun, which is now giving so much advice to the electors as to how they should vote, has frequently been accused of being a partisan paper.

THE CLERGY LIKE IT. DR. AGNEW'S CATARRH POWDER CURES ALL CREDITS IT RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES.

PARIS, March 2.—The Liberte today published a despatch from St. Petersburg, saying that the British Ambassador, Sir Charles Scott, had transmitted to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff the answer of Great Britain to the Russian protest against Colonel Young's band's expedition to Tibet.

SAT ON THE DEACONESS. Woman's Lap Wanderer's Pew—Pastor Snote Him With Sermon.

DEBY, Conn., Feb. 28.—While the Rev. Geo. M. Brown was preaching in the First Methodist Church here today a wild-eyed man walked down the centre aisle to the pew of Mrs. James Bentley, deaconess, and calmly seated himself in her lap.

SIX PER CENT. DIVIDEND. MONTREAL, March 1.—It is stated on good authority that the directors of the Dominion Coal Company, at a meeting tomorrow will declare a dividend at the rate of six per cent., and that in future dividends will be payable half yearly instead of quarterly.

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BISHOP KEILEY DENOUNCES DIVORCE. "So-Called Leaders of Society Most Guilty, Their Spiritual Shepherds Subservient."

SAYANNAH, Feb. 28.—In a letter to the Edman Catholic diocese of Savannah read today Bishop B. J. Keiley denounces the spread of the divorce evil. The bishop says: "The multiplication of sects is known to all, and few countries have exhibited so fruitful a soil for these noxious growths as our own republic. The time when the Bible, and the Bible alone, was the war cry of the sects, but today numbers of preachers of the various Protestant sects openly deny the plenary inspiration of Scriptures and its divine authority."

WAS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION. System was Run Down. FELT DROWSY AND MISERABLE. Burdock Blood Bitters BUILT UP THE SYSTEM AND ADDED TEN POUNDS IN WEIGHT.

HOME FOR WAR HERO. Officers at Annapolis Naval Academy Build a House for an Old Sailor.

QUITS BUSINESS AT 112. Oldest Mexican on Pacific Slope Declines He Has Worked Long Enough.

B. T. A. BELL IS DEAD. OTTAWA, March 1.—B. T. A. Bell, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute and Yukon hydraulic claims commissioner, died this morning as a result of a fall down an elevator shaft a fortnight ago.

WHAT FERGUS DID. (Toronto Telegram.) Fergus, Ont., ran out of coal oil, but as it did not cost anything to go to bed the village crawled into the blankets and laughed itself to sleep thinking of the money it was saving at the expense of the kerosene trust.

MILLION DOLLAR PRESIDENT. Mr. Roosevelt's Official Luxuries Have Cost the Government Nearly That Sum. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—If the Democrats should care to live up to the fall campaign by charging Mr. Roosevelt with being a million-dollar president they could show the figures. Since he has been in the White House Mr. Roosevelt has cost the country close to a million dollars for things that no previous president seemed to want or care about. At the rate things have been going the million mark will be passed early in the summer.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, of Sept. 26, 1896, says: "It is well known that single medicine I should prefer to take abroad with me as likely to be most generally useful, to the exclusion of all others, is a small bottle of Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE. I never travel without it, and its general applicability to the relief of a large number of the ailments forms its best recommendation."

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