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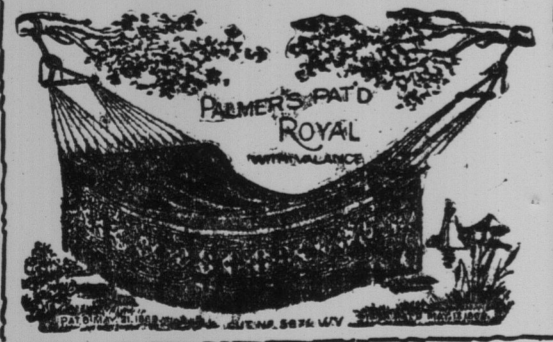
Of the drop from 87 to 81 in the price of potatoes in a week the Prediction Gleaser says—

"The slump in price is due to the fact that the farmers are all done seeding and find themselves with a large supply on hand, which they were holding for higher prices. Across the line the bottom has fallen out of the market altogether as the new crop is beginning to make appearance in Boston and selling for 83 and 84 a barrel. From all appearances the potato crop will be an excellent one and there will be no scarcity next winter."

The Mail says—"Potato buyers are now contracting for the new crop. The usual price in the field is 83 a barrel. This may change as the season progresses."

GENERAL McLEAN HOME

Brigadier-General H. H. McLean, M. P. for Queens and Sanbury counties, arrived home from Ottawa yesterday at noon. He is of opinion that before the end of three weeks the government will be in position to draft men. "Conscription is all the talk in Ottawa at present," said the general, "and the sentiment of the people in general is for conscription." He personally is much pleased over the bill having been passed.



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Judge Armstrong's Decision in Cases of Chinese

Critical Administration of Justice in Police Court in This Matter—Original Fine Was \$100—Text of County Court Judgment

In the matter of several Chinese who were convicted by Magistrate Ritchie on a charge of being inmates of a gambling house and fined \$100, the case having been heard and appealed to Judge Armstrong. His Honor gave judgment in the County Court Chambers this morning. He reduced the fine from \$100 to \$2 and allowed no costs to either side.

D. Mullin, K.C., appeared in behalf of the Chinese and Dr. J. B. H. Baxter, K.C., in the interest of the city. Following was the judgment. In the matter of Long Sing, We Fook, Hum Poy, Ho Low, Hum John, Jm Lee, Hum Poo, John Sing and Charles Lin.

In the matter of Tom Loy, Tom Kok, King Sing, Charlie Sam, Fred Ling and King Si.

This is an appeal from the decision of the police magistrate of the city of St. John, convicting the appellants of being found without lawful excuse in a certain disorderly house, that is to say, a common gaming house, kept by one Lin King, at 125 Mill street, St. John.

Including the appellants some twenty-two Chinese in all were arrested, including also the keeper of the premises, Lin King, who was subsequently discharged by order of the chief justice of the King's Bench Division. Six of the rest apparently forfeited their deposit in lieu of bail of \$50 each.

A common gaming house under the criminal code, section 226, is defined as: (a) A house, room, or place kept by any person for gaming, in which persons resort for the purpose of playing at any game of chance or at any mixed game of chance and skill, or

(b) A house, room or place kept or used for playing therein at any game of chance, or any mixed game of chance and skill, in which (1) A bank is kept by one or more of the players exclusively of the others, or

(2) Any game is played, the chances of which are not alike favorable to all the players, including among the players the banker or other person by whom the game is managed, or against whom the game is managed, or against whom the other players stake, play or bet.

By consent, in order to save time, the evidence given before the police magistrate was read and taken as though given in this court. According to such evidence there is only one witness, Tom Chen, who gave evidence which might bring the case within the section, and that under a of said section, that no profit or advantage to the proprietor of the premises wherein the gaming took place. The proprietor, Lin King, specifically denied that he made any profit. Had I been trying the case in the first instance, on the presumption that the accused should receive the benefit of a doubt, I would probably have found that the charge that was made against the accused was not proved, but the police magistrate who heard the evidence having decided that the case did come within the act, I will not disturb such finding except as to the amount of the fines.

At the hearing before me the players of fan-tan was fully described by three or four of the appellants. According to such description the game itself does not come within the statute. Some of the appellants apparently played this game and no other. The stake was not high, twenty-five cents being the limit, with the option to each player to stake as low as five cents only on a game. Apparently there was no advantage to the proprietor, dealer, or anyone else in this game. If by reason of some other game being carried on by a portion of those present, and it is difficult to determine what portion took part in the game, or profit of ten cents on the dollar, as sworn to by Tom Chen and denied by the proprietors, I am not prepared to find that the game was carried on for the use of his house, especially if the profit was on one only of the games or on one only of the players, and if the stakes were from five cents to twenty-five cents.

It was stated by the appellants that the magistrate endeavored to induce those charged to forfeit their bail of \$50 each, threatening that if they did not, they would be sent to jail for a period of \$100 each. This is something novel in a British court of justice. Bail is supposed to be taken for the purpose of assuring the appearance of the accused to answer the finding of the court, and in my opinion accused should not be encouraged to fail to so answer. Six did so forfeit their bail, amounting in all to \$300, and though presumably still in the city, got off with the payment of the \$50 each. The others are fined the full limit of \$100 each and in default two months' jail. If \$100 was the proper fine, why encourage those who should also be so fined to break their bond or bail, and get off for half the amount?

These facts do not appear on the return, and I do not take them into account in coming to my conclusion, but I think I should comment upon them in the interests of the proper administration of justice. I think that the fines imposed are entirely too great. This is the second time that a similar raid has been made on the Chinese here, who, as a rule, though away from their families and in a strange country, are peaceable, industrious citizens. It seems somewhat remarkable that raids in this city on account of suspected gambling have been particularly directed to places resorted to by Chinese. It may be that there are no other violators of this law, but such is probably not the opinion generally entertained. All of those who did not forfeit their bail of \$50 each have already been in jail for varying periods, six of them for a month. Besides this, apparently there were hearings or adjournments at the police court on six different days, at which all those not forfeiting their bail had of necessity to be present, besides their attending on the appeal. Had the cases been disposed of promptly, the sums to which I will reduce the fines would, if fines should have been imposed, be entirely inadequate, but under all the circumstances above related, I reduce the fine to the sum of \$2 each, no costs to be allowed either side, and if such sums are not respectively paid forthwith, I adjudge that each of the appellants not having such fine be imprisoned in the common jail of the city and county of Saint John, there to be kept for the term of ten days from the

INCREASE WARRANT FOR FAIRVILLE SCHOOLS

Annual Meeting of Trustee Board This Morning—The Financial Statement

The annual school meeting was held at ten o'clock this morning in Fairville school. W. J. Linton was elected chairman. The office of auditor was vacated by J. Stout after years of faithful service. H. Marshall Stout was elected auditor for the coming year.

A resolution of confidence in the board of trustees, and expressing hearty approval of a plan suggested to place anti-freezing coils and bubbling fountains in school building No. 2 was moved by Glendon Allan, seconded by A. W. Carter and carried.

Mention was made and some discussion followed regarding the large number of delinquent tax payers and an effort will be made this year to get more taxes in.

The fact that some children were not attending school regularly was also brought to the attention of the meeting. A letter from Mr. Carter, principal of the Union Point school, was read asking for desks in two rooms in the lower school. This was left with the trustees to deal with.

The taxation warrant next year for school purposes was fixed at \$7,500, which is an increase of \$1,000 over last year. Of this increase \$650 will be devoted to raising salaries of the teaching staff.

During the meeting Secretary James E. Bryant read his report as follows: Fairville, N.B., July 9, 1917. To the trustees and ratepayers School District No. 2, Parish of Lancaster.

Your secretary begs leave to submit the following report: Balance in bank, June 30, 1917 \$2,926.47 Received from permits 59.00 County drafts 623.28 From collection of taxes 1,113.03 From collection of taxes 861.09 From collection of taxes 1,753.77 From collection of taxes 1,464.00 From collection of taxes 856.01 From collection of taxes 78.88

Expenditures Coal 846.64 Wood 143.00 Bank of Nova Scotia coupons 660.00 Teachers' salaries 4,850.00 Janitor, salary 420.00 Water tax 50.00 Repairs and improvements (Perry Kelly, contractor) 1,011.60 St. John Desk Co. 193.00 W. J. Linton (repairs) 221.57 Insurance 10.50 Printing 80.48 Plumbing 87.00 Cleaning lavatories 37.00 Cleaning school 84.00 Dustbane 14.00 Stamps 5.00 Union Point School 100.00 Secretary 50.00 Credit bal. in bank at date 404.29 \$8,681.58 JAMES E. BRYANT, Secretary.

LOCAL NEWS HOME ON DUTY Lieut. E. B. Smith, who has returned from England accompanied by Mrs. Waters, who spent the last two years on the other side, is here on duty.

SISTERS' RETREAT ENDED The retreat for the sisters of charity, which was conducted at Silver Falls by Rev. J. O'Regan, C.S.S.R., of St. John's church, Toronto, was brought to a close this morning.

INSURED FOR \$3,000 The Davidson dwelling on the Black River road near Little River, which was destroyed by fire last night, was insured with R. W. Frink in the Western Assurance Company for \$3,000. The loss was total.

MISS ELVA C. WASSON Many will learn with regret of the death of Miss Elva C. Wasson, daughter of C. H. Wasson of West St. John, representative of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company, which occurred at Hampstead this morning, after an illness of more than two years. Miss Wasson was eighteen years old. Besides her father, she is survived by three brothers, Alford, the front, a member of the 4th Siege Battery, Corporal Walter in England, a member of the 8th Reserve Battalion, and Albert, in munition works, St. John; also two sisters, Elsie and Ida, both at home.

WATTERS BOYS SAFE Reported to Have Been Sent to Bottom of Sea—Letter From Mother Mrs. George F. Watters, of Watertown, Mass., writes to the Times that she received on July 6 letters from her two sons, Harry V. and G. Watters, formerly of St. John, now of Watertown. They are both safe, she says, one of them being in England and the other boy in Scotland. She adds that it was stated in St. John papers that they both had gone to the bottom, but that is not so. They have enlived.

W. H. GREEN OF CUSTOMS HERE DIES IN MONCTON; SHORT TIME ILL W. H. Green, of the customs staff of this city, died at six o'clock this morning in the Moncton General Hospital. Mr. Green left St. John three weeks ago on vacation to visit his daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Storey, in Moncton, and took ill a few days after arrival. Besides his wife, one daughter and two brothers, G. Herbert and Frederick Green of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Myers and Mrs. Walter M. Fleming of Riverside, Mr. Green was the eldest son of the late R. H. Green, well known engraver.

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Its fun to take care Nice Things. Dear Mary:— Do you know I faithfully believe that very few men think about the personal comfort of their wives. It is only careless, ness in most of them. A man wants his wife to appear pretty and cheerful in the evening, but seldom thinks of what she must go through with in keeping house during the day. I wish I could get every husband in this town in an opera house and tell him that he owes it to his wife to give her new furniture and rugs, and make her housekeeping easy. Affectionately—HELEN P. S. Say, wouldn't this make lots of business for 173 Charlotte Street. A. Ernest Everett THE HOUSE FURNISHER

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