

## BREACH OF PROMISE CLAIM IN ASSIZES

Miss Laura M. B. Lowry Sues  
F. B. Robins for Heavy  
Damages.

### EVIDENCE ALL HEARD

Defendant Denies Practically All  
Statements Made by the  
Plaintiff.

Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, sitting in the jury assizes yesterday, heard the opening of the suit in which Miss Laura Maria Beatrice Lowry sought \$20,000 damages from F. B. Robins for alleged breach of promise of marriage. The case was not concluded when the court rose last night, but the evidence for both sides was in. Counsel will make their addresses to the jury today.

T. H. Lennox, K.C., counsel for plaintiff, outlined the history of the events which led to the action. Defendant, he stated, was a widower, 60 years of age, whose first wife had died in 1914. The first met plaintiff on June 20, 1915, at the Christian Science Church, and he asked Prof. Hynds, who was present, to introduce him. Following the introduction he took her home, and the following Thursday called her up on the telephone and asked if he might call and see her. The acquaintance ripened rapidly, and in August, she says, he asked her to be his wife and she agreed. The understanding was that the marriage should take place the following January, but the engagement was to be kept secret on account of family matters. They kept company until December, when he told her that he could not get married the following month as his wife's estate had not been settled. As a result of the shock of the postponement, plaintiff became very ill and finally went to New York. In August, 1917, defendant married a widow from Bridgeport, without saying a word. In the defence, Mr. Lennox pointed out, it was claimed that from August, 1915, plaintiff became mentally unfit to marry and was at the present time in the same condition.

Plaintiff gives evidence in a fawn dress with a black hat and fur. Miss Lowry gave her evidence in a calm, collected manner. Once or twice she burst into tears, but quickly recovered herself. She said her age was 24 years and she met defendant at the Christian Science auditorium on St. George street in June, 1915, when introduced by Dr. Hynds. She said she would be pleased to take her out motoring, and a few nights afterward called at her sister's home in Davenport road, where she was living.

What did he do then? asked Mr. Lennox. He dismissed his chauffeur and said he would spend the evening on the verandah, replied witness.

Did he embrace you? Yes, he caressed me. I knew he was a man much older than myself, and I asked him if he was sincere, and he said, "Yes, Laura, I am; you would not get one minute of my time if I did not love you."

He first asked her to go to his home on Glen road in August to dinner. He said it would be all right as his mother would be there. What took place after dinner? We walked from Glen road to Davenport road.

What took place on the road home? Just as we were turning off Glen road I found myself embraced in his arms, and he said he was pleased I would be his dear wife, and I said I was glad, too.

Continuing, witness said he promised her a new home then being built at Ridley Park, known as Strathbrock, and he wanted to see her as happy in her new home as she was that evening.

What did he do? continued Mr. Lennox. He kissed me strenuously, said witness. Before he had kissed me affectionately.

Why did not the marriage take place? Making Trouble. He phoned me to ask if he could see me one night, and when I saw him he said his daughter objected to him keeping company with me, but that he was coming to see me regardless of what anyone said.

Later he said the lawyers were making trouble for him over his wife's will and he said he would have to go away for 5 or 6 months, when he would then show he was a man of his word.

What happened then? I became ill, said witness, bursting into tears. I burst over it. I don't know what happened.

He did not tell you he had given you up? asked Chief Justice Meredith. No, I brooded over the postponement. I was taken to the hospital. I kept bursting into tears. I was kept there two days, but it seemed like



A VEIL THAT IS DIFFERENT  
When one is seeking for the odd and novel in all things, a veil has been designed that comes up to Fashion's most strict requirements. It is pretty, too. Not very wide, in black and with a scroll, it is fastened to the side of the hat and ends in a tassel.

months afterwards. I went to New York. Witness admitted that after she was taken ill she fell three storeys out of the window at her home before she was taken to the reception hospital.

While in New York defendant took her to many places, and one in particular witness explained: "It was a hotel opposite the Madison Garden, and he said he was going to introduce me to some friends of his. He showed me into what appeared to be an unfurnished room which led to a bedroom. He suddenly smothered my face with kisses and gradually pushed me back into the next room and we both fell back on the bed. I said, 'Let me go, Fred,' which he did, and said, 'I didn't want to upset you, Laura. Don't get upset.'"

Did he say anything about putting you on the bed? He said he did not know he could trust me until then. Witness stated that once while dining at the King Edward Hotel with him he lent him \$20. He said he was going to give me about \$200 back for it, and afterwards he sent me a cheque for \$50.

Lessons in French. At his request, witness said, she had taken lessons in French, and paid \$25 a quarter for them. Cross-examined by G. S. Wilkie, K.C., counsel for defendant, witness admitted she had never received an engagement ring.

"Did you ever write any letters to Mr. Robins?" "No," said witness. Two or three postcards were produced and read, beginning, "My dear Miss Lowry."

"Did you ever take offense at that form of way of addressing an engaged girl?" "No," said witness, "when I saw him he told me he was lonely, and I thought he was lonely, and I treated me, he talked love to me inwardly."

Mrs. Lowry, mother of plaintiff, stated that she had a good girl and loved her home, and defendant had patted the girl on the arm and had said, "I will see that she always has a good home."

"When did Mr. Robins first come to your house?" "In June, 1915," said witness. "What did he come for?" "He came to see my daughter."

"Did you ever see them together?" "Yes, several times, and the last time he came to visit the house I saw him with his arms around her, and he kissed her until her face was scarlet," said witness.

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## SOCIETY

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In connection with the silver wedding celebration His Majesty the King and Queen Mary will pay an official visit to the City of London to receive an address on Saturday, July 6. The corporation has appointed a special committee to make the arrangements. Their majesties will also attend a thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Col. Casey-Wood, Washington, D.C., is at the King Edward.

Hon. Frederic Nicholson is giving a residence today at his country house, Shadowbrook, York County.

Lady Cameron, who lately arrived from England, is at the King Edward, en route to Winnipeg.

Mr. Gordon Williams, R.N.C.V.R., headquarters staff, Ottawa, and Mrs. Williams, who returned from their wedding trip to New York and Atlantic City, took a motor trip to the Clifton Inn, Niagara Falls, Ont., before leaving for their future home in Ottawa, where Mr. Williams had taken a charming flat for his wife. While in Niagara Falls, Mr. Williams was with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williams, Wellesley street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ames are giving a garden party in their beautiful grounds at Glen Stewart on June 15. The Big Sisters' Tea 400, High Society will play and there will be a band and a lawn.

Major H. A. Stewart, D. S. O., is at the King Edward from Ottawa. Mr. Boucher Crompton, R. F. C., has returned from the front on six months' leave and is with his parents in Oriole road.

Mrs. J. B. Carruthers returned to the Kingston the day of the week, Miss Kingston going back with her.

Mrs. Aitken, mother of Lord Beaverbrook, and the Misses Aitken are at the Halifax Hotel, N. B., after spending the winter in the West Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell, at the week-end in Kingston, the guests of the Residency, and also to see their son who is at the R. M. C.

Mrs. Charles Henshaw, Vancouver, has left London for Paris on a mission from the Canadian Red Cross Society to inquire as to the most effective manner to help the refugees from the devastated regions of France recently returned by the enemy.

The Dean of Ontario entertained the delegates to the Diocesan Synod on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at luncheon at the Frontenac Club, Kingston.

Col. James Wood, Ottawa, is in town and at the King Edward.

Miss Hilary, who has been the guest of Miss Creighton, Warden's House, Portmouth, has left for Montreal, to visit friends there before returning home.

Major Gordon Storms, M.C., is leaving Toronto for Petawawa Camp, Ontario.

Witness. "Because she rushed after me in such a manner."

"When were you engaged?" "June 15."

"And when was the last time you went to Miss Lowry's home?" "About the end of June."

"So that you made one visit when you were engaged to another woman?" "Yes, once."

Recalled by Mr. Lennox, plaintiff stated that she had never been with any other man during the time she was keeping company with defendant, and had never told him that she had.

Former Manager of Dominion Permanent Loan is Seriously Ill

F. M. Holland, former manager of the Dominion Permanent Loan Company, who, on the advice of his physician, Dr. J. E. Elliott, has been resting in Muskoka for the past two weeks, arrived in the city yesterday morning and was immediately taken to Wellesley Hospital in a precarious condition. It was stated last night by the hospital authorities that his condition was serious and there had been no change since the time of his admittance.

KEPT IN CANADA. Dental students who come within the draft act's regulations, but who have completed two or more years of their course, will not be sent overseas until further orders. This announcement was received from Ottawa yesterday by Toronto military headquarters.

HELD ON TWO CHARGES. Raymond Morton, was arrested yesterday evening by Detective Thompson on two charges, one of having a quantity of morphine in his possession, and another of the theft of a quantity of jewellery from J. E. Brown, 39 Lombard street. Morton will answer to both charges this morning.

HIT BY MOTOR CAR. When he was knocked down and run over by a motor car of the Royal Air Force, at the corner of Queen and Yonge streets yesterday evening, Harry Bonze, 168 John street, sustained a broken leg. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital.

where he will be stationed for the summer. Mrs. Storms will join him later on.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Armour have returned from England.

The engagement has been announced in England of Miss Irene Hyland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hyland, Toronto, to Major T. L. C. Curtis, Coldstream Guards, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Longford Hall, Newark, Notts, Eng. The marriage will take place in London in the near future.

Mrs. Moore, who was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. Vashon Rogers, in Kingston, has returned home.

Lady Falconer has left town for her country house, Ketchikan, in Alaska, where last year she had a very successful garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper Dobie have returned to their apartment at the St. George, after a five months' visit to New York.

Mr. Bridgman, the well known American artist, and Mrs. Bridgman have been spending a few days in town from New York, with their son, Lieut. Bridgman, R.A.F.

Next week the usual teas and dinners will be going on at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, much progress having been made in the clearing up of the debris.

Mr. Gordon Hunter has arrived in town from Washington, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Lowndes, who are at the Mississauga Golf Club for the summer.

Madame Galt-Curtis was at the King Edward during her stay in town for the concert at Massey Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall of Orangeville, who have been spending a fortnight in Toronto with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. M. Alley, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. E. K. Woodruff and Miss Woodruff, St. Catharines, are at the Queen's for a few days.

The engagement is announced in Ottawa of Winnipeg, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson D. Porter, to Lieut. Terence Maunsell, son of Brigadier-General and Mrs. Maunsell. The marriage will take place on June 7.

The president, principal and directors of Haverhill College have issued invitations to the annual distribution of prizes on Monday, June 17, at 4.30 o'clock.

Miss Howard was the guest of Mrs. J. Q. Thompson, Brampton, over the holiday.

Lady Whittemore and the Misses Whittemore, England, are in Quebec at the Chateau Frontenac.

Lieut. George Leishman, R.A.F., is leaving this week for the flying camp at Hamilton.

Lady Taylor, Winnipeg, is in town. The groom of her son, Rev. E. Wardlaw Taylor.

TO BAR LUXURIES FROM DOMINION Order-in-Council as Result of War Trade Board's Investigation.

HIGH-PRICED AUTOS Fruits Which Can Be Grown in Canada, and Certain Line of Jewelry Included.

Ottawa, June 3.—It is stated on good authority that a list of imports whose value has been heretofore about twelve million dollars a year, has been prohibited by an order-in-council passed by the government.

The order has been sent up to Niagara to be signed by the governor-general, and the detailed list will not be made public till the papers come back.

The matter has been under consideration for several months as a result of careful investigation made by the war trade board. It is their recommendations which are being carried out.

The list is known to embrace high priced automobiles, expensive lines of jewelry, fruits which can be grown in Canada, and those whose use is essentially a luxury. Bananas and oranges, it is learned, are not included.

The prohibition is designed to have an effect in reducing the adverse balance of trade with the United States, and also to better the exchange situation.

It is understood that the automobiles to be barred are those costing over \$1200.

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## TORONTO SYNOD OPENS ANNUAL SESSION TODAY

The 46th annual session of the synod of the diocese of Toronto will begin this morning with service and celebration in St. James' Cathedral at 10.30, at which the bishop of the diocese will be the celebrant. The Ven. Archdeacon Ingles will deliver the devotional address. At 2.30, in the parish house, the bishop will deliver his annual charge. Seats are reserved for the general public in the gallery of the parish house, through the proceedings of the synod, and all are invited to attend. This evening at 8 o'clock the annual synod service will take place at St. Alban's Cathedral, and the sermon will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Williams, Lord Bishop of Huron. A general invitation is extended to all to attend the annual missionary meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in St. James' Parish Hall, when the Rev. W. A. Earp, of Kangra, India, and the Hon. Capt. Wilkinson will be the speakers.

CANNERS WANT HELP. Women's Department, Ontario Employment Bureau, Reports Scarcity.

Reports from the women's department of the Ontario Employment Bureau tell of a shortage of women's help in the canning centres. Miss Martin tells of a lack of helpers for indoor work. There were 21 applications in this connection during the past week, only 6 were placed; outdoor work, 9 wanted, 10 placed; fruit work, 21; canning, 27.

The factory department, in charge of Miss M. Findlay, reported for the week as follows: Registrations 47, applications for work 35, help wanted 30, referred to positions 55, positions secured 29. For the month of May employment orders were 99, re-registrations 401, applications for work 285, help wanted 240, referred to positions 274, positions secured 189.

Miss Duff reported on the domestic situation for the week as follows: Permanent orders 53 plus 12 for out-of-town work, casual 138, permanent re-registrations 60, new applications 30, help wanted 88, referred to positions 87, positions secured 30, eight of which were for out-of-town work, two with children.

CORONER OPENS INQUEST. An inquest into the death of Cadet Hector S. Miller, who was killed in an airplane collision while flying at Leas camp on Sunday morning, was opened at 2.30 yesterday afternoon by Coroner Clendinning at the city morgue. After the usual viewing of the remains the inquest was adjourned until Wednesday evening, when the evidence of eye-witnesses will be taken.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. Charged with aggravated assault, Alex. Edinuk, 124 John street, was arrested by Detective Thompson yesterday. Edinuk is alleged to have struck William Colest, 4 Kent road, a fellow workman. Both men were employed by the British Forgings Company and the assault is said to have followed an argument between the men.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT. Charged with shoplifting, Marie Robinson, Myrtle Lee and Agnes Brown were arrested yesterday by Detective John McConnell. The complainants are the T. Eaton Company and the Robert Simpson Company. Quite a quantity of small stuff was taken by the trio, it is alleged.



## Polly and Her Pals

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MAGGIE HAS ART IDEAS OF HER OWN.

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By Sterrett

