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NINE ARE CHARGED IN COURT

King Square Corner Loafing Case is Taken Up

EVIDENCE OF INTEREST

Policeman McCollum is Prosecuting — Business Men on Stand and Defendants are Also Heard — Witness Would Not Take Oath on Bible

"Breeze's corner is getting to be one of the dirtiest corners in the city and a stop must be put to all this corner loafing here at once. Why, women have told me that they are almost afraid to walk along the north side of King Square simply because there are so many loafers hanging around there."

Thus spoke Magistrate Ritchie in dealing with the case of nine men charged with being habitual loafers on the north side of King Square. The men reported were James Riley, William Sylvester, James Alexander, Patrick McCollough, Samuel Jones, Charles Baird, James Fleming, Harry Carr, Stanley Addison, Benjamin Fish, William Morrison and Leo Blizard. The case of the latter four was taken up separately as they were reported later than the others.

In the first five all but Samuel Jones and Harry Carr appeared. Dr. D. B. Berryman reported that Jones was too sick to attend and asked that he be excused this morning. No excuse was given for Carr being absent. The other five pleaded not guilty. J. A. Barry appeared for the defendants.

Policeman McCollum was the first witness called. He swore that all were in the habit of loafing around the square. On Saturday and Monday last he saw most of them there. People passing along the street had complained to him about the loafers, and business men on the square had also brought the matter to his attention. The corner was a very busy one. James Ryan, who conducts a store on the corner of Charlotte street and King Square was one who had complained to him. At the present time he could not mention any other names.

In answer to Mr. Barry the witness said it was not because there were women going in and out of Mr. Ryan's store that the complaint had been made. On Saturday and Monday last he saw nearly all of the five men there. Men standing around the door had a tendency to hurt his business, and also interfered considerably with passers by. James Driscoll, proprietor of the Ho-Edward said he had seen men hanging around the square for the last fifteen years. He had frequently seen Ritchie and Alexander, but could not say definitely as to the other men. Yesterday was the only day the square was swayed by men hanging around there in the morning. The witness added that the north side of the square was a nice pleasant place for the men to congregate. He knew that Alexander and Fleming were drivers of vehicles. "What kind of vehicles would you call them?" said His Honor. "Well," said the witness, "the common everyday term used is 'flurry wagons' or 'burry wagons.'" "I thought so," said His Honor, and the incident ended.

Would Not Take Oath on Bible The next witness called was a man named Ford who created quite a little excitement by telling the court that he would not take the oath on the Bible. "Believe in God but not in the Bible," he said, "and the only way I will take the oath is by raising my right hand. His Honor refused to allow the man to be sworn in this way and he was set aside. Mr. Barry contended that the man should be allowed to be sworn, but the court ruled differently.

James Alexander, one of the men reported to stand. He said he had resided in St. John fifty-four years and had never been reported for loafing here. He had a license to drive a team from the King Square. He had not been requested to move away from the square by Policeman McCollum on Monday last. The witness asked the policeman whether he was on Wednesday morning last between nine and ten o'clock in the morning, but the court would not allow the question as it did not bear on the case.

James Fleming said that he was talking business to a man in the street on Monday last when Policeman McCollum came up and requested him to move along. He had done so. He had a license to drive a team, and was never reported for loafing before. Charles Baird said that he had walked along the square several times but did not loaf around there. "I am going on seventy-three years of age and have never been reported on any such charge before and I want to know why I am haled to court as a loafer?" He also said that he had not been ordered from the square on Monday last.

Patrick McCollough said he was often up around the square looking for work, but he did not consider himself a loafer. Mr. Barry for the defence asked that the case be adjourned for witnesses. The matter was therefore adjourned until Monday morning at ten o'clock. His Honor said that each of the men would have to put up a deposit of \$8 for their appearance in court then.

The Other Four The case against the other four was then taken up. One of them, Stephen Addison did not appear. Policeman McCollum and James Ryan gave evidence similar to that given in the first case. Blizard said that he was a teamster and that he did not loaf around there. In answer to a question from Fish, McCollough replied that he was a nuisance around the square and that numerous people had complained to him about him begging money. "Did you not make a remark on the streets yesterday," said Fish, "that I was a nuisance?" "I don't remember making the remark," said McCollough, "but if it did it was pretty near true."

"You can say that now," said Fish, "but if you did not have the buttons on your coat you would not. You cops are very officious when you want to. Why don't you move some of the constables away from in front of the court house?"

LOCAL NEWS

BANQUET TO MR. CARVELL. F. B. Carvell, M. P. will be tendered a banquet in Hartland on March 25.

BATTLE LINE. S.S. Pandosa, Captain Wright, for New York, is reported at Antilla today.

PRODUCE PRICES. Hartland Observer—Potatoes are this week bringing \$2.80; hay, \$7 to \$10; oats, forty-five cents; butter, twenty-seven cents; eggs, twenty-six cents.

BITTEN BY HORSE. James Johnston, a fireman on board the S.S. Empress of Britain, was bitten by a horse on the dock at Sand Point yesterday afternoon. He received treatment in the emergency hospital.

TEA AT AUCTION. Sixty packages containing 6,684 pounds of tea, ex S. S. Kanawha, were sold at public auction by Auctioneer T. T. Lantini at No. 5 warehouse, Carleton, yesterday. D. Smith was the purchaser.

A NOTED PLAYER. George Griffin, a noted pool player of Boston, passed through the city last evening on his way home after a visit to Sydney, where it is said he showed some of the pool artists a few points on the game.

GOES TO ENGLAND. Sussex Record—H. D. Bushman has been offered and has accepted a position as English representative of a well known New Brunswick real estate concern. He will leave for the old country in a few days and will devote himself to interesting Britishers in this province.

THE TRAINS TODAY. Heavy steamship travel caused a delay of almost an hour in the arrival of the Montreal train today, while the Boston was fifteen minutes behind and the Maritime on time. The Montreal had steam-tight passengers.

HORSE RACE AT HAMPTON. There will be an interesting horse race meeting at Hampton on Tuesday afternoon next on Ousekong Creek, Hampton Station. The races will be gentlemen drivers, farmers' single team and farmers' double team.

NEW MANAGER. E. E. Bishop, of Halifax, will be the new manager of the office of J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Ltd. Mr. Bishop is in the city at present making preparations to remove here in a couple of weeks. He has been connected with the firm of Austin Brothers in Halifax for several years.

SUSSEX JERSEYS. Sussex Record—Walter McMonagle of Sussex has just shipped a carload of cattle to the big Alexander firm at Shrobbrook. The Messrs. Alexander have been buyers of pure bred Jerseys in this district for many years and have always been open to purchase local stock, which is highly regarded by them.

PILOT DAMAGED. While coming into the city this morning about the Boston train a light engine, No. 721, collided with a freight car and damaged her tender quite badly. The car also sustained some damage. The engine proceeded to the city, and then went back to the C. P. R. roundhouse in Carleton for repairs.

SEED SOURCE. The stock of seeds with local whole sales are reported as being none too plentiful and it is predicted that toward the last of the season some persons may have to go without. With the season for seeding fast approaching the price of all seeds has advanced considerably and it is said that they will go higher.

CHIEF CLARK TO ENGLAND. Chief of Police W. W. Clark will sail this afternoon on the C. P. R. liner Empress of Britain to Liverpool to bring to St. John Atherton, formerly purser on the S.S. Empress of Ireland, who is now held on the charge of defrauding the C. P. R. and the Dominion Express Company. The chief expects to be away about three or four weeks. Deputy Chief Jenkins will act as chief during his absence.

PROBATE COURT. In the probate court today the matter of the estate of John Duffy, laborer, was up. He died intestate on February 5, 1899, leaving his wife Catherine, since deceased, and three sons—James, and William T. of St. John, and Joseph of Cambridge, Mass. On the petition of the two sons, resident here, William T. Duffy was appointed administrator. There is no real estate; personal estate \$400. H. F. Fox is a proctor.

MRS. WILLARD T. HUNTER. Mrs. Willard T. Hunter of River Bank Carleton County, died at her home on Wednesday last. She is survived by her husband and three children, the youngest four weeks old. She was a daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Young and was thirty-five years old. Rev. C. S. Young of Plaster Rock, is a brother, and Mrs. Charles Dow of Woodstock, Mrs. Rupert Long of River Bank, Mrs. Elmer Tomlinson and Mrs. Walter Kay of Connecticut are sisters.

WINTER PORT STEAMERS ON THE WAY TO ST. JOHN

- Anapa, London, Feb. 17. Montezuma, Antwerp, Feb. 23. Wainstet, Shet, Feb. 28. Montfort, Antwerp, Feb. 28. Lake Manitoba, Liverpool, Feb. 29. Rappahanock, London, Feb. 29. Sardinian, London, Feb. 29. Virginia, Liverpool, March 1. Monmouth, Liverpool, March 1. Saturna, Glasgow, March 2. Corsican, Liverpool, March 7.

of the city market where they usually congregate, or some of those people who loiter around City Hall and the Post Office."

"That will do," said His Honor, "you have got quite a reputation here already." "Yes," retorted Fish, "and his very little justice I do get whenever I come." William Morrison told the court that he had nothing to say except that he was not guilty of the charge. Fish was asked if he had any questions to ask Mr. Ryan, and replied "Not a thing." This brought forth the remark from the court "That is the wisest thing you could do." The defendant came back with the reply "Thanks, very kindly, Your Honor, for the information." This case was also adjourned until Monday. None of the men would put up the \$8 deposit, and they were all taken below. The court room was crowded with spectators and great interest was taken in the case. Judgment in the case of Meyer Whitzman, charged with having liquor for sale on his premises in Mill street without license was adjourned until Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

- New Hats New Shirts New Caps New Neck-wear New Suits New Trousers

It's a Good Time Right Now

to look at the new Spring Styles and get an idea as to what are going to be the style leaders and begin to make up your mind in regard to the new "togs" you will want to buy soon. You'll find us, at all times, glad to show the new goods. New and distinctive styles in everything a man or boy wears are now being shown.

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Boys' Boots, worth \$1.25 to \$2.50, now 98 cts., \$1.38, \$1.68, \$1.78, \$1.98.	Women's Rubber Boots,	1.98
Girls' Boots, worth \$1.25 to \$2.00, now 98 cts., \$1.18, \$1.38, \$1.48.	Girls' Rubber Boots,	1.78
Infants' Boots, worth 50c. to \$1.25, now 23 cts., 48 cts., 68 cts., 98 cts.	Child's Rubber Boots,	1.58
	Men's Rubbers, 58c. Women's 38c. Girls', 33c. Boys', 48c. and 38c. Child's, 25c.	
	Men's Overshoes, 88c. and \$1.18. Women's, \$1.38. Girls', \$1.18. Child's, 98c.	

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