

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following document, which was served on The World yesterday, gives McCutcheon Bros' version of an item which appeared in this paper recently. The suggestion that the article in question "practically" charges McCutcheon Bros, with a violation of the criminal code, is, of course, their, and not The World's.

To The World Newspaper Company of Toronto, Limited, Toronto:

NOTICE OF ACTION

In the issue of your newspaper published on March 2nd, 1915, the following article appears:

"ENGLISHWOMAN ASKS ABOUT INVESTMENT OF \$200,000 IN FIRM, BUT NOT PAID IN."

"Mrs. H. Sowler, London England, who made an investment of \$200,000 with McCutcheon Bros, asking that they give her information relative to the position of the McCutcheons. The full \$200,000 had not been paid in."

McCutcheon Brothers claim that the statement in the above article that Mrs. H. Sowler had invested \$200,000 with them, is not in accordance with the fact.

The fact is that Mrs. H. Sowler became associated with a syndicate formed in England for the purpose of purchasing from McCutcheon Brothers, Limited, a tract of land in the City of Moose Jaw. Towards this syndicate she subscribed \$5000, which was duly paid up as we are informed.

Subsequently this syndicate was incorporated into a joint stock company, known as "The Kingsbury Development Company, Limited," having its head office at Moose Jaw, which company took over the lands which were purchased by Mrs. Sowler from McCutcheon Brothers, and each of the members of the syndicate received shares in the company equivalent to the amount originally subscribed by them in the syndicate.

Mrs. Sowler also became associated with another syndicate formed in England for the purpose of purchasing from McCutcheon Bros, Limited, some Alberta lands, and she subscribed and paid in \$1000 to this syndicate.

Subsequently McCutcheon Brothers, Limited, conveyed certain lands situate in Calgary, in close proximity to the railway stations, to C. Kidd, pending the formation of an incorporated company to take over the lands. This company has since been incorporated and Mrs. Sowler and the other members of the syndicate now hold these lands or the equivalent thereof in stock in the company.

McCutcheon Brothers have no knowledge of any other monetary transactions whatever with Mrs. Sowler and the above statement, made in your paper, that she had made an investment with them of \$200,000, is absolutely untrue and a damage claim as it practically charges McCutcheon Brothers with a violation of the criminal code.

This notice is given in pursuance of section 8 of the Label and Slander Act, Chapter 71, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914.

Dated at Toronto this 4th day of March, 1915.

McCutcheon Bros.,  
By Betty Snow & Nesmith,  
their solicitors.

Barrett were allowed off on suspended sentence as restitution had been made, and as they were led astray by the real instigator.

Now your article above referred to gives the impression that the boys committed another offence last Sunday, when as a matter of fact all three were in custody on Sunday. Detective Croome had nothing to do with the case, notwithstanding your information. Detectives Mitchell and Croome handled the matter in January; I request you to print this letter in as prominent a place as your report of March 1. James F. Coughlin, Solicitor for John Smith and Frank Barrett.

In January last, Frank Kelley, P. Barrett and John Smith, arrested by Detectives Mitchell and Croome on charges of stealing chateaufort from worshippers in St. Michael's Cathedral. They were tried in the sessions on Feb. 26, and Kelly was sentenced to six months in jail. The other two were remanded pending the making of restitution, and a few days ago, when the money had been returned, they were allowed out on suspended sentence.

## AN ERROR CORRECTED

Editor World: In this morning's paper, in an article under the heading "Storm Calm Used in Latest Orders," you mention the Reliance Shoe Company. We wish you to correct this error, as the Reliance Shoe Company have not made any boots, and are in no way connected with the affair. We specialize exclusively in boys' boots, and our headquarters are departing from this, even for army contracts.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, remain,  
The Reliance Shoe Company, Limited.  
P. E. Rivett, manager.

## CANADIANS TOOK GERMAN TRENCH?

Dashing Attack Mentioned in Unofficial Despatch From Bethune.

## VICTIMS OF SNIPERS

Wounded Canadians Recount Experiences in Quest of Hidden Foe.

A dashing attack by Canadians on a German trench is reported to the Home Agency by the Bethune and northern France. The Canadians are said to have lost one killed and one wounded, and to have inflicted considerable loss on the enemy.

Winnipeggers Under Fire. A C.A.P. London cable states that the "Little Black Devils" (a Winnipeg unit) have been giving the Germans a good time in the trenches and compound fractures in the arm.

Shot by Sniper. The sniper was in a ruined house, and Private Welsh along with seven others was in the house and in the neighborhood, but they were forced to stop suddenly, as they came up against barbed wire entanglements. Placed there by the Germans, another soldier was dropped. Going back to the trenches the little party found one of their number missing, but they could not go out to look for him.

"We went into the trenches on February 28," says Corporal Smith. "We had a fatiguing party working all morning pumping water out of the trenches and generally strengthening them. When I was going to have a look for my rifle I heard a sharp report in my head. I took notice, but a minute later another one came, which I did not hear, but I felt it. It caught me in the back, and I missed my duty in France for a time."

Corporal Smith said one would imagine the snipers were shooting at marking targets, so careless were they of the bullets.

Canadians in Hospitals. The following Canadians are reported in hospitals: Nettley—Private Nugent, 3rd Battalion; Bugler Sanderson—Private Unknown hospital on outbreak—Private Stronach, 1st Battalion; Sergeant Hamilton, 2nd Battalion; Rosen—Private Salisbury, Princess Patricia; Boudry—Private Duchesnay, Princess Patricia.

4000 Safely Landed. Full confirmation of the safe landing of 4000 Canadian troops in British ports on Thursday was received in a cable yesterday. The contingent sailed from Halifax on Feb. 22 aboard the Megantic, Southland and Mississauga. The troops are made up of the 8th Canadian Field Artillery, composed of Quebec, eastern Ontario and Maritime Provinces units, 23rd (Westmount) Battalion, 32nd (Winnipeg) Battalion, and the 3th (Victoria) Battalion.

COAL HEAVERS' STRIKE DELAYS TWO SAILINGS. Steamers Philadelphia and St. Louis Held Up and Must Pay Heavy FORTS.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 5.—Although the coal heavers strike at Liverpool is now settled, the American Line announced today that the Philadelphia and St. Louis, which were scheduled to sail tomorrow, will sail next Wednesday.

As the United States Government, amount for each day American liners are behind-hand, the Liverpool strike will result in a next week being paid the government.

# York County and Suburbs of Toronto

## OPEN NEW SCHOOL AT RICHMOND HILL

Fine Modern Building With Improved Ventilation System.

## INTERESTING SPEECHES

Veteran Recalls His School Days in the Old Log Cabin.

The 10th anniversary of the Richmond Hill public school was celebrated yesterday afternoon by the opening of the third school, which has been built in the village since the early part of the nineteenth century.

An interesting program was given, consisting of addresses by the members of the Richmond Hill board of education and the clergy of the district. Several choruses, including "Tipperary" were rendered by the scholars.

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## FEAR FARE INCREASE MAY BE REVIVED

St. Clair District Association to Keep Up the Opposition.

## HILLCREST MEETING

Ald. Warren Advocates Appointment of Fire Commission.

"That the Hillcrest Ratepayers' Association is absolutely opposed to the raising of fares on the civic car lines." This resolution moved by W. J. Heavey from the Hillcrest and District Ratepayers' and St. Clair and Dufferin in Hillcrest school last night.

## FUNERAL AT ISLINGTON OF LATE A. ANDERSON

Members of Mimico Lodge, A.F. and A.M., Paid Last Tribute of Respect.

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## COLLEGIATE PUPILS ORATE AND RECITE

Humberston Annual Contest Largely Attended Last Night.

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## UNRULY MEETING OVER SCHOOL SITE

Mount Dennis Ratepayers Turned Down Trustees' Proposal.

## GRAFT CHARGES DENIED

Majority Favor Rowntree Property Fronting on Keele Street.

Disorder firmly quelled by AMI Smith, who occupied the chair, presided over the meeting of ratepayers of school section No. 28, Toronto, in Mount Dennis, when a motion to adopt the trustees' recommendation of the purchase of a school site on Yarmouth road, Keele street property, was defeated by a substantial majority, Inspector A. Campbell accompanied the trustees and further school accommodation may be provided with no unnecessary delay, and he said, "I risk making a prophecy that the rate will not be above 10 mills."

The legality of submitting sites to the meeting was questioned and in Mr. Campbell's opinion, without notice they had no right to bring up other sites. It was ruled that on Yarmouth road should be voted upon.

"That site was put before the ratepayers on a petition to which 100 signatures," said Mr. Marshall. "I spoke at the meeting against the site, but gave way to the desire of those who signed."

"Last December we went over the site and all were unanimous in regarding it a good site," said Inspector Campbell. "Mr. Marshall didn't say a word against it."

Only One Available. It was the only site available at the time, explained Mr. Marshall. "I then other sites had offered at that time," he said.

"I gave my vote at the meeting on the understanding that I would speak in its favor, but that was not true, sir," interrupted Mr. Barton.

"At this point Inspector Campbell was loudly called upon to signify his approval or disapproval of the site. He said he had no objection to the site, but was not in a position to declare on any particular site."

"Is it legal to bring up the Rowntree site?" asked Mr. Pawley. "No," said Inspector Campbell. "The former meeting condemning it was rescinded," ruled the chairman.

"It was explained that Yarmouth road was one block west of Keele street, and that the school site proposed was half a block south of Eglinton avenue. The site received 7 votes, while the Rowntree site received 13 votes.

Northwest corner Rowntree estate with 300 feet frontage on Keele street and any depth, price \$5000 per acre. This site was level, and lay about halfway between Eglinton avenue and Weston road. It received 13 votes.

Between Rowntree and Donald avenues, with side on suburban road, 1200 feet wide, price \$15,000, six houses included. Received 23 votes.

On Lacey avenue, \$5000 per acre. The highest point of the site was 100 feet too far away for the purpose. Received 3 votes.

G. T. R. said to be a sand pit. Received 1 vote.

One and four-fifths acres fronting on Lacey avenue and Langley avenues, lying high, price \$20,000. Received 5 votes.

South of last, about one and two-fifths acres, fronting on Lacey avenue, price \$16,000. Was not considered.

Site No. 2, therefore, will be submitted to the trustees at a future meeting of the ratepayers.

Strong exception was taken by Dr. F. Sprone, secretary of the board, to suggestions of graft, which have been made. "Every member of the trustees board is perfectly conscientious," he said, "in all its dealings. We want to do the square thing with you, and we want the school in the best place."

In this he was supported by Mr. Marshall, who also supported his recommendation of a site on the Rowntree property on the ground that it was more suitable property at so cheap a price had been placed before the board.

"HONEY BOY" EVANS DEAD. Canadian Press Despatch. BALTIMORE, March 5.—George ("Honey Boy") Evans, the minstrel who died at a hospital here today, died of pneumonia after a long illness, which was caused by stomach trouble several days ago.

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BEST SAMPLE ROOMS IN CANADA. \$2.00 and up—American Plan.

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## SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

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