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PRACTICAL PROGRESS IN AIRSHIP NAVIGATION

British Military Experts Float Around Over London in Dirigible Airship

London, Oct., 5.—That the British army has made practical progress in the solution of the problem of aerial navigation was shown to the satisfaction of Londoners when the dirigible war baloon, which has been given several trials at Aldershot camp, sailed from Farnborough, and after manoeuvring over the city started back to Aldershot.

The baloon crossed the Thames at Blackfriars bridge, and making a sharp turn proceeded over Fleet street and the Strand, making a complete circle over the latter thoroughfare, watched by thousands of people. The balloon then went around Trafalgar square over the war office and past Westminster Abbey, and the houses of parliament, traveling about 15 miles an hour, and being under complete control. The appearance of the balloon was a great surprise, as it had been announced that changes in its construction had been found necessary, after the last trial, and that they would occupy some days.

The balloon is sausage shaped, about 100 feet long by 30 feet in diameter, and has a lifting capacity of about one ton after taking in the weight of the engine, car, etc. It carries a crew of three men. The car of the balloon, which is shaped like a boat, is constructed of aluminum and canvas. The engines are so built that the exhaust vapor is turned into gas, and is carried up into the balloon above by means of a tube. The capacity of the balloon is 5,000 cubic feet. The petroleum for the motors is carried in two torpedo-like cylinders above the car. The envelope of the balloon is a parchment like material similar to gold-beaters skin, and is built up of thousands upon thousands of pieces of few inches square, joined together by a secret process.

There is a large sail at the stern of the car, stretched on a wooden frame fully 12 feet square, which is used as a rudder.

From the centre of the car, at the side, project a pair of wings at right angles to the balloon, which make it appear like an aeroplane, and other wing arrangements are attached to the rigging between the car and the balloon.

The airship made 20 miles an hour with a steady breeze, and could have remained in the air six hours longer, but it was not thought advisable to take risks at this experimental stage. It is said that todays trip of the balloon was in the nature of trials preparatory to making a visit to King Edward at Buckingham Palace.

Disgrace and Death.

Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 4.—The arrest and suicide of James H. Ferrand, superintendent of delivery of the Davenport post office, this morning created a sensation. He was charged with opening registered mail. The thefts from mail at the Davenport post office have puzzled the authorities for several years. Detectives have been working on the case for the past month, and claim to have caught Ferrand with decoy letters and to have a plain case against him. Ferrand was bound over to the federal grand jury, gave bail and later was found dead, having suffocated himself with chloroform.

RIOTS IN CALCUTTA.

Seditious Agitators Cause Outbreak Among Natives.

Calcutta, Oct. 4.—The rioting caused by seditious agitators during which about forty policemen were wounded on Tuesday night was renewed last night in the streets of Northern Calcutta. Students and hoodlums collected on the roofs of houses and in roadways and pelted passersby with bricks, Europeans being especially singled out for attack. The Bengal newspapers today threw the whole blame for the riots upon the police, and printed statements alleging police brutality, all of which is denied by authorities and the witnesses. There has been no loss of life, but many persons sustained severe wounds.

Prairie Wheat Crop

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Dr. Saunders, director of experimental farms, who is keeping close touch with crop conditions in western Canada, through a post correspondence scattered over the three provinces, is inclined to believe that the Winnipeg estimate of only forty-five million bushels fit for milling is below the actual yield. Dr. Saunders places the probable crop at between fifty and sixty million bushels, and a considerable quantity in addition fit for food.

DIFFERENCE AS TO STYLE

Belgian and Russian Wrestlers Fail to Agree on a Match

Dublin, Oct. 5.—Local sportsmen here have been trying to arrange a wrestling match between Constant Le Marin, the Belgian and George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion." The two great wrestlers for weeks shouted defiance at each other from the stages of the Empire and the Theatre Royal. At length, by judicious management, they were brought closer, and the men actually deposited $1,500 a side for a match during the horse show week.

But a fatal objection was interposed—Hackenschmidt would not consent to wrestle in the "catch as catch can" style, and Le Marin in the Graeco-Roman. So the match has fallen through and the checks are returned. As a result Le Marin may have hoped to pose as the Graeco-Roman champion and Hackenschmidt as the "catch as catch can," but there is a third Richmond in the field—Padoubny, the "Terrible Cossack"—to dispute the claims of both.

Le Marin seems to have had a very interesting experience with the "Terrible Cossack" in Manchester. Le Marin, having seen the "Terrible Cossack," altered, it is said, the nature of the challenge. The Belgian's manager announced that if Le Marin did not throw the Russian in fifteen minutes the latter would receive $50. Le Marin, he added, was prepared to arrange a match to a finish. When the time came, however, Le Marin made no effort whatever to throw his opponent. He simply lay down on the mat and let his opponent for fifteen minutes exhaust himself in a vain effort to bowl him over. The performance was sarcastically described as lying down to his opponent instead of standing up to him, and the spectators used some forcible language.

NO NORWEGIANS ON AUSTRALIAN COAST

Commonwealth Makes Local Wage Scales and Conditions Apply to Them

Norwegian steamers cannot coast in Australia waters under the favorable terms which they may do in British Columbia. The low wages and low provisioning which enables their owners to charter the steamers at 25 per cent lower than the rates paid for British steamers on this coast is not possible under the new Australian Navigation bill. This bill, read a first time in the Commonwealth Senate, September 12, has 670 clauses. It is on the lines of the last bill, but includes amendments suggested by the recent navigation conference in London. Its administration is placed in the hands of the Minister of Customs. Heavy penalties are imposed on any owner supplying bad or deficient provisions to the ship, and he is liable for the expenses of his distressed seamen. A ship will be deemed to be engaged in the coastal trade if she takes passengers or cargo from one Australian port to another. Until the railway is built from western Australia to Adelaide, British mail steamships are exempt from the foregoing conditions. No foreign ship is allowed to engage in the coastal trade without a three years' license under a penalty of £5,000. The licenses will provide that seamen on board these vessels are paid Australian wages, and shall be subject to ocher Australian conditions, including a stipulation that no bonus or subsidy is to be paid, other than by the Commonwealth or a State. The increased wages earned on the Australia coast will be payable before the vessel leaves Australia. The master, the owner, and the agents will be held jointly responsible for the payment.

PROSPECT BRIGHT

Hon. Dr. McInnis on Conservative Outlook in B. C.

Winnipeg, Oct. 3.—Hon. S. W. McInnis, provincial secretary, returned from British Columbia, where he had been attending the session of the Dominion Dental association, of which he is president.

"The people of Vancouver are firmly of the opinion that Vancouver will be the terminal point of all Canadian transcontinental lines, and I am inclined to agree with them," he said.

"The meetings of Mr. Borden in both Victoria and Vancouver were remarkable for their enthusiasm. It will not be surprising if British Columbia should send every one of its representatives at the next election to Ottawa in support of Mr. Borden.

"The Conservative party in British Columbia is entrenched, enthusiastic and united."

Combines Alleged

Jefferson, Mo., Oct. 5.—The attorney general today filed an information alleging that five fire insurance companies and 48 lumber companies of the state have entered into pools to control prices of insurance and lumber sold in the state.

MORE REDUCTIONS IN EXPENDITURES

South Saanich Council Makes Cut to Keep Within Its Allowance

(From Sunday's Daily)

The question of finances again occupied the attention of the council of South Saanich at its regular fortnightly meeting held last night. The necessity of cutting down the municipal expenditures to make them come within the means at the disposal of the municipality occupied the major part of a short session. The clerk submitted a statement showing that the expenditure as per the estimate exceeds the present income by about $900 and it was necessary for the council to cut down the appropriations accordingly.

At a recent meeting the sums asked for by the road superintendent were greatly reduced and a further reduction had to be made last night. The statement of the municipal clerk showed that $13,000 has been collected this year in taxes. The estimates made, when the five mills on the dollar rate was struck, indicated that the revenue of the municipality for the year would be, in round numbers, $15,000. While there is a comparatively small amount of taxes which will yet be paid in the shortage between the estimated amount of revenue and the amount collected is nearly $2,000.

After making every endeavor to come within the amount at its disposal the council found that it was still short $863. Reeve Brydon informed the meeting that he had gone over the roads appropriations again and had cut down the amounts to be expended in repair and maintenance another $650, still leaving a descrepency of $213. To cover this the meeting decided to further reduce the appropriation for work on Blinkensop, Cloverdale and East Saanich roads by $100, to cut the appropriation for elections from $200 to $100 and the appropriation for health purposes from $100 to $50. There are several minor accounts which have still to be paid, but with the pruning of the appropriations already done the municipality will about break even at the end of its financial year.

The report of the municipal constable for September called attention to the damage done by boys who were in the habit of using guns and firing the same within the limits of the municipality. It was decided to raise the age limit for boys allowed to handle firearms from 14 to 16 years. The constable's report also showed that during September the road tax collected amounted to $352.

J. Stuart Yates, solicitor for the municipality, whose opinion had been asked as to the status of the municipality in connection with the appointment of fence viewers, wrote stating that under the "Line Fence and Water Courses Act" the council, when requested, could appoint three persons to act as fence viewers within the boundaries of the municipality, but there the responsibility of the council ends. The charges incidental to the investigation are to be paid by the parties interested in it. The council does not have any power to enforce the award.

The road superintendent reported the following expenditures during September: Cloverdale avenue, blasting rock, $270.36; Glenford avenue, new culvert, $172.85; Cordova Bay road, $105.85; Cordova Bay road, work on culvert, $7; Burnside road, drilling rock, $22; Charlton road, $20; Tyndall road, for culvert, $3.75.

A letter from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities was read, in which it was stated that the annual convention called to meet at Nanaimo on October 9, has been cancelled. A sub-committee had been cancelled. A the last executive meeting to meet in Victoria in June to recast the Municipal Clauses Act and the Municipal Election Act, but on account of the absence of the Premier in England the committee held this meeting over. Since the Premier's return Hon. Mr. Bowser had been appointed attorney-general, and he, owing to the pressure of business, cannot meet the sub-committee until October 22, when the assizes close at Nanaimo. Accordingly the subcommittee has decided to meet in Victoria in November to undertake the work with the assistance of the attorney-general. The date of the next annual convention will then be decided. It is expected that it will be held some time in January or February.

At the suggestion of Reeve Brydon a committee consisting of Councillor Pointer, Grant and Moore, was appointed to consider what amendments to the above two acts are needed and to report to the Union of Municipalities.

J. F. Barrett wrote complaining of the condition of the road running alongside his property in the Mount Tolmie district and requested the council to improve same. Councillor Moore pointed out that the road was private property, and not under the jurisdiction of the council, while Reeve Brydon declared that it might as well be understood that there was no money for any such improvements even if the council had authority to improve the road. The letter was filed.

As a result of the complaints made by the municipality of the bad state of the road across the track of the B. C. Electric Company at Tolmie avenue, a letter was received from that company stating that the required filling in at the sides of the track had been done by the company.

Thornton Fell again wrote complaining that the workmen employed by the municipality were in the habit of depositing debris and tree tops on his property. Reeve Brydon informed the meeting that he had been informed by the road superintendent that Mr. Fell was mistaken, that no such debris was being placed upon the property. The latter will be so informed by the clerk.

Accounts to the amount of $267.91 were passed.

Baker City Murder

Baker City, Ore., Oct. 5.—The investigation into the assassination of Harvey H. Brown, the former sheriff, is progressing. The developments today were the arrest of a suspect and the unravelling of a second plot to murder C. A. Elger.

Lady Nakayama's Death

Tokio, Oct. 5.—The report of the death yesterday morning of the real mother of the Emperor of Japan, Lady Nakayama, was confirmed today.

FIFTY THOUSAND FOR TIMBER LAND

Manitobans Buy Forty-Five Claims on the West Coast

Forty-five timber limits on Nootka Sound have been sold by G. O. Buchanan ,late of Kaslo, to Robertson Bros., of Elgin, Man., who will shortly take up their residence in this city, for $50,000.

The deal was consummated on Friday last, but Robertson Bros. through their agents, Robertson & Griffith, of this city, have been considering it for some time. F. A. Robertson with J. R. Stewart, the well known timber cruiser from Edmonton, recently paid a visit to the property, and were well satisfied with it. The limits lie upon the shores of the Sound and Bligh island, and of excellent quality throughout.

Messrs. Robertson have been in the hardware business in Elgin for some time, but have sold out their interests there, and will remove to this city in the near future. G. H. Robertson, the senior member of the firm visited Victoria during the past week, and the favorable opinion of the city he had formerly formed, was confirmed.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Canoe Was Drawn to Paddlebox of Steamer Caledonia at Port Essington

Advices have been received from the north of a most peculiar accident which happened at Port Essington some days ago. Meredyth J. Lloyd, a civil engineer on the Prince Rupert division, was out canoeing on the Skeena wfth two friends.

The canoe, which was a very light one, drifted against the paddle box of the Caledonian, which was tied up at the wharf with a full head of steam on. At that moment the rope which binds the paddle when the boat is tied up parted, and the suction created by the paddles striking the water drew the canoe under the paddle box. One of the men in the canoe was nearly drowned as he was rendered unconscious by a blow on the head from one of the paddles. Mr. Lloyd was caught up by one of the paddles and carried up into the paddle box, the wheel revolving several times and carrying him into the water each time until it was stopped. His escape with a few bruises was nothing short of miraculous. All the parties concerned have fully recovered from their exciting adventure.

Ford Jury Disagrees

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—The jury in the Tirey L. Ford bribery case notified Judge Lawlor today that it could not agree upon verdict. Judge Lawlor thereupon ordered the jury to come into court, and it was finally discharged. The jury stood eight for conviction, and four for acquittal.

WESTMINSTER TEAM WINS

Defeated Tecumsehs in Stirring Game by Score of 12 to 6

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 5.—In the presence of the biggest crowd ever seen at Queen's park, the Tecumsehs were defeated by the New Westminster lacrosse team by a score of twelve to six. People went over from Vancouver in shoals. The B. C. Electric Co. utilized flat cars railed in, and then people were hanging on wherever they could grip. The feeling among the Vancouver contingent was strongly in favor of Westminster and odds were freely offered on them. It is estimated 16,000 people were present.

Before the game began, Premier McBride addressed both teams and expressed the hope that there would be a gentlemanly game. Mayor Bethune also greeted the teams on behalf of Vancouver. After three cheers for Premier McBride the game started. Five seconds after the game started Len Turnbull scored the first for Westminster amid tremendous cheering. After this there was less enthusiasm as the Tecumsehs for some time played a slow game. The splendid goalkeeping of Gray for Westminster saved many difficult shots. The Tecumsehs played good combination, but Westminster was too fast and strong. The first quarter ended five to one in favor of Westminster.

During the second quarter, play was fast but the Tecumsehs were outclassed in every department ,and at half time the score stood: Westminster 8, Tecumsehs 3.

In the third quarter the Tecumsehs played a little better, showing good combination and Westminster only scored one goal, leaving the score: Westminster 10, Tecumsehs 3.

In the fourth quarter the Tecumsehs woke up for a time and scored three goals to Westminster's two, leaving the final result 12 to 6. Captain Querrie, of the Tecumsehs, admitted they were beaten by the better team, but complained of the refereeing of Gray and Barr as rotten. He said also that the dampness of the ground favored Westminster.

Westminster played brilliant lacrosse throughout, every man doing splendid work. Strong condemnation was expressed at the tactics of the Tecumsehs, who after the first two or three goals were scored appeared to make no attempt to play, but seemed to be fooling with the game. They leave for home today, the proposed match with an all British Columbia eleven apparently being called off.

The following was the line-up:

Tecumsehs.		Westminster.
Clark	Goal	Gray
Griffiths	Point	Galbraith
Stuart	Cover point	T. Gifford
Pickaring	Defence field	J. Gifford
Forester	Defence field	G. Rennie
Davidson	Defence field	T. Rennie
Felker	Centre	Feeney
Durkin	Home field	A. Turnbull
Whitehead	Home field	Galbraith
Querrie	Home field	W. Turnbull
Murton	Outside home	L. Turnbull
Adamson	Inside home	Bryson

CONSERVATIVES ARE CONFIDENT

E. J. O'Sullivan, Conservative Candidate for Provencher, Sees Liberal Defeat

(From Sunday's Daily)

"There is a general feeling of confidence among the leaders of the Conservatives throughout the East that the party which laid the foundations of Canada's greatness will come into power once more at the next general election," said E. J. O'Sullivan at the Driard yesterday. Mr. O'Sullivan is the president and manager of the Western Mortgage Company of Winnipeg, and has come to Victoria with the object of opening an office of the company here. This is by no means his first visit to Victoria, which he considers a splendid field for investment. In Manitoba Mr. O'Sullivan is known as a prominent Conservative worker, and he is the candidate of that party for the Provencher constituency in southeastern Manitoba. In his campaign so far he has met with great success and he as well as his friends are confident of his success.

Speaking of the political situation he said:

"I have just completed a tour through Canada, during which I have made enquiries everywhere from competent authorities as to the prospects of the Conservative party at the next general election. Everywhere there is the same report. The people are tired of an administration of which the leader is the sole asset, and they want a change. Mr. Borden has strengthened his hold on the people wonderfully of late. Everywhere he is recognised, even by Liberals, as a safe and honest man, while he is developing a capacity for great and successful leadership that is astonishing even his friends. He is over a hundred per cent. stronger in Manitoba than he was a couple of months ago, and the same story comes from the other places he has visited during his present successful tour.

"There is a general feeling abroad that the Liberal administration must go. In the East especially the people feel that they can no longer stand for many of its members. We shall have, I believe, a four-fifths majority west of Winnipeg. We ought to sweep Manitoba, get a majority in Saskatchewan, about half the members from Alberta, while in British Columbia should send, if half what I hear is true, a solid delegation, or very nearly so, to swell the Conservative majority in the next Dominion parliament.

"In Quebec there appears to be no doubt that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will lose twenty-five seats anyhow out of the sixty-five, and possibly more. Nova Scotia is going to give us five or six members this time, and so the tale runs. All over the country the people are making up their minds to have a change. They are tired of the present regime, and they remember now that it is to the Conservative party that Canada owes that sound position, fiscally and financially, which has enabled her to take the fullest advantage of the general wave of prosperity that has been sweeping over the world during the past few years. When the election will take place I don't know. But when it does come a Conservative victory will come with it, and the longer it is delayed the more sweeping that victory will be."

Long Time Between Pennants

Detroit has not had a pennant baseball team for many years and it is no wonder the town is baseball mad with the Tigers in front in the American league and the finish of the season just one day away. The Tigers wind up the season today, playing the St. Louis team. It is just twenty years since Detroit won the pennant in the National League beating out Chicago in the last week of the season. In that old Detroit team were the famous Big Four, Brouthers White, Thompson and Rowe, and Ned Hanlon, who was afterward to achieve fame as manager of the Baltimore team, was centerfielder and the only base runner on the team. After winning the pennant in the National League the Detroit sluggers met the St. Louis Browns, the four-time pennant winners in the American Association and kicked the lining out of them. Comiskey, who is now the owner of the Chicago White Sox, champions of the world, was then first baseman, captain and manager of the Browns.

Assassinations in Baku

Baku, Oct. 5.—M. Pakedoroff, one of the heads of the engineering department of the Nobel Oil works, was murdered here today. A commissary of police was also assassinated, being shot on the street by an unknown enemy.

The Plague

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Today's health board reports show the following total of the bubonic plague: Verified cases to date, 57; deaths, 32; cases recovered, 2; remaining under treatment, 23; cases inspected but not yet verified, 23.

Foot Reform in China

The Viceroy Tuan Fang of Nanking, China, having heard that a young woman of Chi-Yangh-Sien had been put to death for unbinding her feet, at once instructed the sub-prefect of Hai-Chou to investigate the matter. "If, as it has veen averred," said the Viceroy, "the young lady in question, Mrs. Hsu Hu-Shih, had been forced to commit suicide by her husband's parents for unbinding her feet, according to Tientsu Hui requirements, then these two must be punished—made to wear the cangue and forced to parade the streets of Chi-Yangh-Sien as a warning to others. If the father-in-law has any official or literary rank he is to be cashiered. For, if these two persons be not punished, other parents in Chi-Yangh-Sien will be doing the same to prevent their daughters and daughters-in-law from unbinding their feet, and so prevent the spread of enlightenment in that section of the empire. This must be stopped by every means in our power."—Boston Transcript.

"Say, pa, what's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?"

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CANADIANS IN LONDON

Dominion Securities on London Market Hold Firm But Quiet

The Canadian Gazette of September 19 says: The interest taken in Canadian securities has not broadened out to any appreciable extent. The crop news has been as conflicting as ever, which leaves the layman in much about the same position as he was some weeks ago. The demand for Grand Trunk stocks has been very quiet, and the prices of the open stocks have declined 1-8 and 1-4 respectively to 25 1-8 and 70 1-8, but the second preference stock has improved 3-4 to 112 3-4, and the first preference has advanced 3-4 to 121 1-2. The company announces a gross "take" for the second week of September of £193,376, which is an increase over last year of £15,697. Wellington, Grey and Bruce 7 per cent bonds are 1 up at 115 1-2. A drop of 2 1-2 to 91 1-2 has occurred in Dominion Atlantic first debenture stock, and Canadian Northern 4 per cent debenture stock is 1-2 lower at 98, but Quebec Central income bonds have recovered 1 to 111, and White Pass & Yukon shares have risen 1-4 to 4 3-4.

Hudson's Bay shares have been up to 84 on purchases made as a result of the better crop news, but this figure has not been maintained, and now the quotation is 83, which is, however, 3 higher than a week ago. Western Canada Land and Canadian Northern Prairie Land shares have exhibited slight weakness. In bank shares Canadian Bank of Commerce are 1-2 down at 17, but Bank of British North America shares are 1 up at 74. In the miscellaneous section British Columbia Electric Railway preferred ordinary and Vancouver Power debentures have both further improved 1 to 113 and 103, respectively, but Canadian Central Electric shares are 1 easier at 119. A further issue of stock by the last named is said to be pending. Bell's Asbestos shares are 1-8 firmer at 2. In mines, Cobalt Town Site Silver are 1-8 better, but Dominion Copper, Slough Creek and Vancouver Copper are all weaker. The emissions that are now and again made from the Cobalt mineral field still attract criticism from time to time.

Mr. Bryan on Tour

Lincoln, Oct. 5.—W. J. Bryan left today on a speaking tour south and east.

A Year's Workmen's Compensation Law Cases

The official report of proceedings in 1906 under the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, and the Workmen's Compensation Acts, 1897 and 1900, shows, says Engineering, that the great majority of claims were settled by agreement, only a small proportion being the subject of formal arbitration. Only about 29 per cent. of the claims came in any way before the courts. The costs of litigation were thus saved both to plaintiffs and defendants. The cases under the Workmen's Compensation Acts and the Employers' Liability Act are divided and set forth separately, thus:—The total number of deaths in the four great groups of industry was 2193; of these, 625, under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, came into court in connection with railways, factories, mines, and quarries, and 11 under the Employers' Liability Act; total, 636. In 1905 the proportion was only 27 per cent. Many of the cases were finally settled out of court, while in others the question was one of apportionment rather than of the actual amount claimed. It appears from unofficial figures in connection with certain groups of industries, that in claims for disablement, only about 1 per cent. is taken into court. This, continues Engineering, illustrates the admirable methods of the mutual adjustment of claims by a joint committee, as in the cases of cotton operatives, miners, and other bodies. The essential charge in connection with railways is, taking the average number employed and their earnings, about 10s. 7d. per 1001. paid in wages. But the aggregate amount paid in 1906 was 188,000l.; in 1905, 173,148l. Only about 8 per cent. of those claims were the subject of proceedings in the courts. In all, 2532 cases were carried into court under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, but of these a large proportion were settled without a hearing. The average paid in cases of death amounted to £190, 13s. 11d.; in 1905, £189, 11s. 3d.; and for total incapacity to work an average of 11s. 8d. per week; in 1905 it was 11s. 10d. There is no statement as to the length of time that the payments are continued. Under the Employers' Liability Act there were 476 such cases; of these, 114 were decided in favor of the plaintiff worker, 83 for the defendant employer, and 279 were disposed of by compromise or otherwise. The arbitration cases, adds Engineering, seem to have frequently ended in a farce, for in fourteen cases only a penny per week compensation was awarded, but even that carried costs against the defendant.