

CONDEMNNS MARCHING OF PRISONERS THROUGH STREETS

Jury Finds That McArthur Died as Result of Exposure, and Makes Several Recommendations—Reference Made to Food and to the Duties of the Guards.

Friday, May 26. The jury to inquire into the death of William McArthur, a member of the chain gang, who died in the General Public Hospital last month, returned a verdict last night to the effect that the prisoner came to his death as a result of exposure and the lungs brought on by undue exposure while handcuffed to a post in an open shed. They added that in their opinion the guards had exceeded their duties in so chaining the man, and recommended that in the future these officials be given definite instructions as to their duties. They also found that while McArthur was in the jail he did not receive proper treatment or food. They recommended that the sanitary conditions of that institution should be improved, and condemned the practice of marching the prisoners, handcuffed, through the streets to work.

The County Secretary.

At the opening of the session last night County Secretary Kelley presented evidence a certificate from D. L. Hutchinson of the local observatory, relative to the weather condition on March 22. According to this the temperature ranged from 32 to 24 above. Snow fell from 2.30 till the following day, while the wind was of varying strength during the day. In addressing the jury he remarked that they had nothing to do with the conditions of the jail. He had no apology to offer for these nor for any of the officials. There seemed to be a sufficiency of bedclothes supplied, and as for the food, that was fixed by the municipal council. "If men violate the law," said Mr. Kelley, "they must not expect to be fed as well as in the Royal Hotel. It might be well to feed these weary Willems with roast lamb, with roast beef and an occasional chicken or turkey thrown in, but it is a question entirely for the municipality to decide."

The whole idea of the jail discipline was to make a man think of the jail as a place of punishment, he admitted, might have something to do with the condition in which McArthur was, but the man was not treated differently from the rest of the prisoners. It was no wonder to find these men who were spongers on the community, in that way.

The only point he submitted for the jury to consider, was whether death was caused by the exposure of March 22. That this alleged cruel treatment by the guards had nothing to do with McArthur's death, he contended, was proved by Dr. Warwick's testimony, who gave it as his opinion that oedema of the lungs was the cause.

Beckett, he said, was not vindictive and the guards were equal in authority, and what had happened was only for the maintenance of proper discipline. The jail was not intended for a place where life could be made easy for loafers, and he contended that if the jury condemned by their verdict the conduct of the jail they would not make things any easier for the officials in charge of that institution.

Mr. Mullin's Arguments.

Mr. Mullin at the outset characterized the law which permits of prisoners being

shackled through the streets as inhuman and degrading. Mr. Kelley—"I agree with you in that," Mr. Mullin—"But the same act which gave the municipality power to do this, also provided that the municipal council should frame rules and regulations for the guards. This has never been done, and so the prisoners are left to the tender mercies and unfeeling judgment of the guards." The uncontradicted evidence in the case, he went on, showed that the day on which McArthur was handcuffed to the post, there was a snow storm and it was cold, while the rest of the prisoners were allowed to go into the shanty to warm themselves, and while the guards did so themselves, they did not allow McArthur that privilege. Everything was done by direction of Guard Beckett, and he contended that the action was most callous. He would not criticize Dr. Christie, but would leave it to the jury to say if he had made a proper diagnosis of the case on March 22.

Both Bowes and Beckett, said the lawyer, admitted that McArthur had complained of sickness before March 22, and yet they were so far forgetful of their positions, being clothed with authority, as to let him to a post. Mr. Kelley had had a great deal to say about the jail, and the evidence showed a lamentable condition of affairs there. It was deplorable that men who were undergoing such treatment in this supposedly Christian community, who had to eat food which Dr. Christie had declared was unfit for human food.

In conclusion, he said that Beckett's evidence would almost lead one to believe there was something in the dying declaration of McArthur that he had been murdered out of spite, since the guard admitted that he had talked over the matter of punishment two weeks before its actual infliction. But, he said, since there were no by-laws governing the manner in which the guards could punish prisoners they had acted without authority in what they had done.

The Coroner's Advice.

Coroner Berryman in giving the case to the jury read extracts from the evidence explaining the technical terms in the medical testimony. He commented on the fact that up to the time he had sent McArthur to the jail he had been suffering from pernicious anaemia, and at no time did he diagnose oedema of the lungs. Dr. Warwick, on the other hand, from actual examination of the body, was strongly of the opinion that McArthur's death was caused by oedema of the lungs. He cautioned the jury that they were not to make any mistake as to the condition of the man in the jail, or if the diet was or was not fit for the prisoners. There was no doubt that McArthur was subjected to exposure and both doctors had stated that the cause of the oedema of the lungs was the result of the exposure, however, if they wished, to add a rider to their verdict respecting conduct in the jail.

The jury were about an hour considering their verdict.

REV. W. R. ROBINSON SACKVILLE TO OBSERVE CORONATION DAY FULLY EXONERATED

Church Council Clears Him of All Charges Made Against Him and of All Rumors, and Recommends Him to the Denomination.

Friday, May 26. The council which has been meeting in the Ludlow street Baptist church considering the case of the pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, yesterday concluded its sittings and brought in a resolution completely exonerating him from all charges which had been made against him. Following is the text of the resolution:

"Whereas, Captain J. H. Crossley has failed to appear against Rev. W. R. Robinson to prosecute charges which were made against him; and

"Whereas, this council has made the fullest investigation into the formal charges, and also into the rumors it is possible to make under the circumstances, examining all available witnesses and documents and canvassing the situation from every side possible; and

"Whereas, by unanimous ballot the charges are declared unproven;

"Therefore resolved that the council unanimously feels that Rev. W. R. Robinson is completely exonerated from all charges and rumors and takes pleasure in commending him to the Ludlow street church, St. John West, of which he is pastor, and to the denomination.

Those present at the meeting of the council were: Rev. George Lawson, Howard E. Gross, Moncton; Rev. B. H. Thomas, Dorchester; Rev. J. B. Gaudin, Havelock; Rev. H. H. Saunders, Sussex; Rev. H. G. Kennedy, Woodstock; Rev. J. H. McDonald, Fredericton; Rev. F. E. Bishop, Fairville; Rev. E. C. Corey, Pettaquamscutt; Prof. Kierstead, St. W. Spurgeon, Fredericton; Amos O'Brien, Moncton; Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. W. Camp, Rev. B. H. Nobles, Rev. Dr. Heine, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Rev. E. S. Porter, E. M. Sippell, H. C. Everett, J. A. Vanover, George, D. D. Clark, H. C. Smith, Robert Freese, Ald. J. W. Kierstead, Wm. Colwell, J. H. Wasson, E. W. Rolley, A. H. Patterson, John P. Ring, Everett Ring, C. E. Belyea, E. E. Smith, James Gray, L. L. Sharpe, H. Anderson, of St. John.

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A COOK IN NEED.

Husband—Did the cook you hired show up?

Wife—No. Wasn't it fortunate? Another one rang our bell by mistake looking for Mrs. Gillet next door, and I've kept her instead—Harpers' Bazar.

ST. JOHN MARKETS

The most notable change in the local market during the last week was an advance of fifty cents in the price of lemons. This was owing to a shortage in the crop. In New York they are selling at auction for from \$4.50 to \$5.00, and in Montreal they have gone up to \$4.00 and \$4.50. In addition to the shortage of the crop the weather so early in the season is held to be responsible for the advance.

It ought to be good news for the householder that the price of butter and eggs has gone down in the produce market. Henney eggs are also cheaper, at from 18 to 20 cents a dozen. Tub butter is 18 to 20 cents a pound and roll butter from 19 to 21 cents a pound. Native rubber is down to two cents a pound wholesale. In the fish market gaspareaux are down to \$1.25 per hundred. Shad are coming in fairly plentiful and a few salmon are being taken, but as yet the prices are too high for the ordinary man, being 30 cents a pound by the whole fish. The following were the principal wholesale quotations yesterday:

COUNTRY MARKET.

Beef, western	3.00/4.00	0.10/4.00
Beef, butchers	0.08/0.10	0.10/4.00
Beef, country	0.07/0.08	0.10/4.00
Mutton, per lb.	0.10/0.12	0.10/4.00
Pork, per lb.	0.08/0.10	0.10/4.00
Cabbage, per crate	0.00/0.30	0.10/4.00
Spring lamb, per carcass	0.00/0.30	0.10/4.00
Veal, per lb.	0.00/0.30	0.10/4.00
Potatoes, per bbl.	2.40/0.00	0.10/4.00
Eggs, henney, per doz.	0.18/0.20	0.10/4.00
Eggs, case, per doz.	0.18/0.20	0.10/4.00
Tub butter, per lb.	0.18/0.20	0.10/4.00
Roll butter, per lb.	0.19/0.21	0.10/4.00
Creamery butter	0.24/0.26	0.10/4.00
Hide, per lb.	0.08/0.10	0.10/4.00
Calves, per lb.	0.00/0.03	0.10/4.00
Ducks, per lb.	1.30/1.50	0.10/4.00
Cowbirds, pair, fresh killed	1.50/1.75	0.10/4.00
Spring chickens, pair	1.25/1.75	0.10/4.00
Fresh killed	1.25/1.75	0.10/4.00
Turkeys, per doz.	0.60/0.90	0.10/4.00
Letting, per doz.	0.00/1.20	0.10/4.00
Celery, per doz.	0.00/1.20	0.10/4.00
Maple sugar, per gal.	1.00/1.25	0.10/4.00
Maple syrup, per lb.	0.14/0.16	0.10/4.00
Bacon, per lb.	0.00/0.10	0.10/4.00
Ham	0.00/0.10	0.10/4.00
Carrots, per bbl.	0.00/2.00	0.10/4.00
Beets, per bbl.	0.00/1.85	0.10/4.00
Mushrooms	0.00/0.50	0.10/4.00
Squash	0.00/0.40	0.10/4.00
Turnips	0.00/1.10	0.10/4.00
Spinach, per bbl.	2.75/0.00	0.10/4.00
Radishes, per doz.	0.50/0.00	0.10/4.00
Native rhubarb, per lb.	0.02/0.00	0.10/4.00

FRUITS, ETC.

New walnuts	0.12/0.13	0.10/4.00
Grenoble walnuts	0.14/0.15	0.10/4.00
Marbot walnuts	0.15/0.16	0.10/4.00
Almonds	0.15/0.16	0.10/4.00
Florida prunes	0.00/0.02	0.10/4.00
Blackberries	0.11/0.12	0.10/4.00
Brazils	0.14/0.15	0.10/4.00
Pecans	0.14/0.15	0.10/4.00
New dates, per lb.	0.05/0.08	0.10/4.00
Pears, roseau, case	1.30/1.50	0.10/4.00
Bag figs, per lb.	0.04/0.05	0.10/4.00
Lemons, Messina, box	4.00/4.50	0.10/4.00
Coconuts, per doz.	0.90/1.00	0.10/4.00
Coconuts, per sack	4.75/5.25	0.10/4.00
Bananas	4.25/4.75	0.10/4.00
California oranges, naval	3.75/4.25	0.10/4.00
Val. oranges	4.50/5.00	0.10/4.00
Egyptian onions, per lb.	0.03/0.04	0.10/4.00
Bermuda onions, case	0.00/0.09	0.10/4.00
Ontario onions, per pound	0.00/0.12	0.10/4.00
New figs, box	0.08/0.13	0.10/4.00

GROCERIES.

Choice seeded raisins	15.00/0.10	0.10/4.00
Fancy do.	0.00/0.02	0.10/4.00
Malaga clusters	2.35/3.00	0.10/4.00
Currents, cleaned	0.08/0.09	0.10/4.00
Cheese, per lb.	0.03/0.04	0.10/4.00
Rice, per lb.	0.03/0.04	0.10/4.00
Cream tartar, per box	0.24/0.28	0.10/4.00
Bicarb soda, per keg	2.10/2.20	0.10/4.00
Molasses, fancy Barbadoes	0.28/0.29	0.10/4.00
Beans, handpicked	1.25/1.30	0.10/4.00
Beans, yellow eye	2.40/2.50	0.10/4.00
Split peas	3.75/4.00	0.10/4.00
Pot barley	5.50/5.75	0.10/4.00
Barley, per bushel	3.10/3.40	0.10/4.00
Granulated cornmeal	4.65/4.75	0.10/4.00
Liverpool salt, per sack	0.70/0.75	0.10/4.00

SUGAR.

Standard granulated	4.75/4.85	0.10/4.00
United Empire granulated	4.65/4.75	0.10/4.00
Bright yellow	4.75/4.85	0.10/4.00
No. 1 yellow	4.25/4.35	0.10/4.00
Paris lump	5.75/5.85	0.10/4.00

PROVISIONS.

Pork, domestic mess	21.00/22.00	0.10/4.00
Pork, American clear	19.25/21.00	0.10/4.00
American plate beef	17.50/17.75	0.10/4.00
Lard, white, tub	11.50/11.75	0.10/4.00
Lard, compound tub	10.00/10.25	0.10/4.00

FLOUR, ETC.

Outmeal	5.25/5.30	0.10/4.00
Standard outmeal	5.75/5.80	0.10/4.00
Manitoba high grade	6.15/6.25	0.10/4.00
Ontario medium patent	5.65/5.75	0.10/4.00
Ontario full patent	5.35/5.40	0.10/4.00

CANNED GOODS.

The following are the wholesale quotations per case		
Salmon, cohoes	6.50/7.50	0.10/4.00
Salmon, red spring	7.00/7.50	0.10/4.00
Finnan haddies	4.40/4.50	0.10/4.00
Kipper herring	4.00/4.25	0.10/4.00
Clams	4.00/4.25	0.10/4.00
Oysters, 18	1.35/1.45	0.10/4.00
Oysters, 28	2.25/2.35	0.10/4.00
Crabbed beef, 28	3.35/3.45	0.10/4.00
Peaches, 28	1.95/2.00	0.10/4.00
Peaches, 36	3.00/3.05	0.10/4.00
Pineapple, sliced	1.85/1.90	0.10/4.00
Pineapple, graded	1.65/1.75	0.10/4.00
Singapore pineapples	1.65/1.80	0.10/4.00
Lombard plums	1.20/1.25	0.10/4.00
Raspberries	1.85/1.90	0.10/4.00
Corn, per bushel	1.90/1.95	0.10/4.00
Peas	1.20/1.30	0.10/4.00
Strawberries	1.85/1.90	0.10/4.00
Tomatoes	1.45/1.50	0.10/4.00
Pumpkins	1.20/1.25	0.10/4.00
Squash	1.20/1.25	0.10/4.00
String beans	1.05/1.10	0.10/4.00
Baked Beans	1.15/1.20	0.10/4.00

GRAINS.

Middling, car lots	26.00/27.00	0.10/4.00
Mid. small lots	26.00/27.00	0.10/4.00
Brn. ton lots	26.00/27.00	0.10/4.00
Corneal, in bags	0.00/1.45	0.10/4.00
Provincial oats	0.00/1.45	0.10/4.00
Pressed hay, car lots	15.50/16.00	0.10/4.00
Pressed hay, ton lots	12.00/12.50	0.10/4.00
Oats, Canadian	0.49/0.50	0.10/4.00
Seed oats	0.57/0.60	0.10/4.00

OILS.

Pratt's Astral	0.00/0.15	0.10/4.00
White Rose & White	0.00/0.15	0.10/4.00
High grade Sarnia	0.00/0.15	0.10/4.00
Arclight	0.00/0.15	0.10/4.00
Silver Star	0.00/0.15	0.10/4.00
Unsked oil	1.12/1.15	0.10/4.00
Lined oil, raw	1.12/1.15	0.10/4.00
Turpentine	1.15/1.20	0.10/4.00
Extra lard oil	1.02/1.05	0.10/4.00
Extra No. 1 lard	0.81/0.85	0.10/4.00

FISH.

Small dry cod	3.75/4.00	0.10/4.00
Medium dry cod	3.75/4.00	0.10/4.00
Pollock	3.75/4.00	0.10/4.00

SMALLPOX SCARE AT DOAKTOWN

Twenty-five Houses Quarantined in the Vicinity—Report That A. R. Gould Hasn't Agreed to Build Valley Railway Yet.

Fredericton, May 25.—There are eleven quarantined houses today at Doaktown and between that place and Millerton there are altogether about 25 houses quarantined. This is done owing to a big smallpox scare which is worrying the people along the Miramichi.

It appears that two Frenchmen and another man who have been working on the Williams Richards Co. drive on the Little Southwest Miramichi, were taken ill with smallpox and are at the head waters of the Miramichi in very serious condition. Another man named Welsh, who lives at Millerton, is down with the disease.

All the men who were on that part of the Richards drive made their homes and the health officers have had a lively time following them and placing them under quarantine.

Reports in circulation here seem to indicate that negotiations being carried on by Hon. Mr. Fleming and Hon. H. F. McLeod with A. R. Gould and others for construction of the Valley railway are off for the present. Mr. Fleming was here on Tuesday and it is understood was in conference with the lieutenant-governor on the question.

John McKee and Hanford Sloat are candidates for the vacancy in the municipal council for the parish of Bright. Election on the thirtieth.

There was a heavy downpour of rain this morning, having several inches. It will be of the greatest benefit to the crops and has done a lot towards drowning out the forest fires.

Reports today are very encouraging. The fire on the Miramichi stream has done a lot of damage but is believed to be now under control. At Macquarie Lake, fire which destroyed the lands of the St. John's Pulp & Paper Company has burned itself out.

Ray A. Morrison who has been in charge of John A. Morrison's steam driving operations on the upper St. John returned here last night. He says the drive was abandoned about Sever Islands and Kiburn's is hung up five miles farther down.

The damage to the New Brunswick foundry and machinery plant by the recent fire has been appraised at \$41,000. Insurance is about \$15,000.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lake will sympathize with them in the death of their infant son, Ralph, who passed away Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munro, of Paradise Row, wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

While at work Monday afternoon in Stetson & Cutler's mill, Indianston, James Duffy was struck with a piece of edging which broke his head and left him unconscious. He is now in the hospital below the knee. The injury is not serious.

Mrs. S. A. Carpenter and son wish to make the friends of their late son, George, who died at the funeral of their late beloved husband and father.

Aspects Soap Ltd. are asking for tenders for an additional story on their factory in Union street. The building is 100x100 feet, and the added story will therefore give them a much larger space.

The enumerating in connection with the public schools will probably be started about the last of May. Those who will make the census have not yet been chosen, but will be in the course of a few days.

The contract for \$100,000 addition to the Mercantile head office at Moncton has been awarded to the Riverside Curry Company, of Amherst. This addition will practically double the office accommodation.

About half the number of milk licenses which are to be issued this year have now been granted. This is considerably more than for the same period last year. The inspection of cattle has not yet been completed.

The petition which was circulated about the city with the object of endorsing to free John Sperdake from his confinement, has been forwarded to the department of justice, Ottawa. It contained fully 400 names.

The property of the estate of the late Edward Nelson, corner of Brussels and Brunswick streets, has been purchased by the Sterling Realty Co. Ltd. They have also purchased the Weldon property in St. Andrews street.

WEDDINGS

Leonard-Garlock.

Harry F. Leonard, formerly in newspaper work in this city, became a bridegroom last week in Knox church, Lehigh bridge (Alta.), when he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Garlock, of Scotland, by Rev. A. M. Gordon, the pastor.

Mr. Leonard is a son of the late Edward Leonard, superintendent of the fire alarms, here.

Mistress (to Mary about to be married)—"And where did you meet your young man, Mary?"—"Oh, at uncle's funeral, mum. He was the life and soul of the party."

OBITUARY

Mrs. George McDonald.
The death of Mrs. Linnie (Thompson) McDonald, occurred at her home at Kendall's Head (Me.), on Monday morning, May 15. Less than two weeks ago Mrs. McDonald, while descending a flight of stairs in her home, slipped and fell and received a fatal shock, which later developed into spinal meningitis of which she never recovered.

Previous to this accident she had enjoyed the best of health, a woman of fine physique and robust health. She was especially noted for her home, a loving mother, a devoted wife, and a friend to the sick and needy and no one who ever needed aid was turned from her door unaided.

Mrs. McDonald was twice married, her first husband being the late Wilson Thompson by whom she leaves one son, John A., in the employ of Oscar Brown in Eastport (Me.), and by her