

DISPUTE AT JAIL WEDNESDAY AIRED IN POLICE COURT

Turnkey Clifford, Arrested
By Deskman Thomas,
Says He Was
Assaulted

The differences between Policeman E. Thomas, a deskman at police headquarters, and Samuel Clifford, turnkey at the jail which resulted in the arrest of the turnkey by Deskman Thomas last Wednesday morning about 7:30 o'clock, just after an early session of the police court, were the subject of a lively hearing before Judge Ritchie late yesterday afternoon. The officer charged Clifford with using profanity. On the other hand the turnkey claims that Thomas used profanity and that he struck him with a baton. Deskman Thomas testified, denying the charges, and Clifford and James Moore, a laborer, who was at the jail at the time, swore that the officer profane language. Douglas McArthur, a witness, who was arrested at the jail. At a hearing at 4 o'clock this afternoon, expected witnesses for Officer Thomas will give evidence. The hearing before the close of yesterday's session Judge Ritchie said that both he and Chief Smith deplored the clash and hoped apologies would be tendered. The case continued in court to a finish. Turnkey Clifford, it developed, was arrested while in charge of the jail. He was released by order of the sheriff shortly after his imprisonment. The affair first came to the public notice last Friday when Commissioner Jones brought it to the attention of the city council. The commissioner thought Deskman Thomas exceeded his duty while Commissioner Thornton said the incident grew out of the custom of holding early sessions of the police court just before 8 o'clock. Commissioner Jones was in court as Chief Smith and Detective Sergeant Power.

Deskman Thomas, a returned man, told the court that he went to the jail with part of a box of cigars for the jailers there and requested Clifford to distribute them. The turnkey ordered him to place the cigars on the window ledge and refused to take them. The officer testified that the turnkey accused him of breaking a window and then ordered him from the jail. J. Starr Tait, attorney for Clifford, was proceeding to further question Thomas concerning the charges. The chief of police, he said, asked: "What have the cigars got to do with it—except that I had a soft heart that morning?" The deskman said he did not ask for receipt for Judge Ritchie's cigars. He asked that he be sworn. He would swear positively that he did not ask Clifford to come out into the jail yard. After

leaving the jail, he went to the guard room and rang up the clerk, G. A. Henderson, and explained the matter to him and asked him for a warrant for the turnkey for calling him a liar and obstructing him in his duty. Mr. Henderson said he would take up the matter later. Judge Ritchie: "They would not issue a warrant for that here." Thomas further testified that, just after he left the station for the morning at 7:30, he met Clifford coming along the sidewalk by the courthouse fence. Clifford said to him: "You broke the window." "He called me a liar," said Thomas, "and I placed him under arrest. I did not hit him with my baton. I had the baton on my wrist. The chief constable let me in with the prisoner." Judge Ritchie strenuously objected to all irrelevant matter. Mr. Tait asked the attorney he must drop all irrelevant matter. Mr. Tait asked that he was wasting a lot of time and said he had his own files.

Turnkey Clifford. Turnkey Clifford testified that when he responded to Thomas' knock at the door on Wednesday morning he found the turnkey broken and asked the officer how he broke the window. Thomas said, declared he would get a warrant for witness' arrest. The turnkey said he accused Thomas or someone with him of breaking the window. After more words, he ordered Thomas out and the latter then dared him out, calling him a liar and using profanity. Witness said he delivered the cigars. Thomas left on the window ledge to the soldiers later. Clifford said that, after breakfast, he went out to get a newspaper and was returning when Thomas shouted to him that he wanted him. The officer went up to the platform, he testified, grabbed him by the waistcoat, tore his collar and shirt and hauled him down the steps. Clifford said that he was struck on the shoulder by the officer's baton after he had ducked his head. Thomas took witness to the station where another officer was told to look him up. The turnkey said that after his arrest a second officer unlocked the door and let them in.

James Moore, who was at the jail, corroborated the testimony of the turnkey. He said that he saw Deskman Thomas told the court that Moore had assaulted him. The next witness, Douglas McArthur, who was walking along the street at the time of the arrest, said that Clifford was hit on the shoulder or upper part of the arm with a baton. He said he called out to Thomas to "stop that" or words to that effect. He thought he warned Thomas to be careful and witness told Clifford he would telephone the sheriff concerning the arrest. William Burrell said he heard the scuffle on the platform and saw Clifford dragged down the steps after the turnkey had been struck on the shoulder with a baton. Judge Ritchie, in adjourning the case until this afternoon, said that he greatly regretted the episode and hoped that the case could be satisfactorily adjusted by apologies. The chief of police, he said, shared the same sentiments. Clifford declared that he would see the case finished in court, so it is probable that Judge Ritchie will give a decision on the merits of the dispute.

To Hang on the Organ—Motto for the average choral society: Lord, have mercy on us miserable singers!—Judge

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"Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots"
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How a pair of pretty slippers can cause more trouble than any jealous husband can handle is humorously told in Constance Talmadge's latest Secret Picture, "Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots," in which she is presented to the Imperial Theatre this change.

The Leffingwells are a young couple who have opposite views on life. Mrs. Leffingwell is a spendthrift and her husband spends most of his time urging her to be careful of his income. Mrs. Leffingwell attends a polo match where she meets several dashing young men. At a dance in the evening she wears a pair of embroidered slippers that are the replica of a pair which Walter Huntley has given his maid, after Mabel Brown, for whom they were originally purchased, broke off her engagement with him. Mrs. Leffingwell knows that Huntley has been very attentive to his wife, and on the night of the dance she goes to his room. Looking up, he sees the slippers on the feet of a person he believes to be his wife, but in reality it is the maid who is trying on the ones Huntley gave her. However, Leffingwell thinks that his wife is in Huntley's room, and it is not until several weeks later that he is finally convinced that there were two pairs of slippers. By the time the explanation is made, Mabel forgives Huntley for what she thought was a breach of good behavior, and Mr. Leffingwell gathers his pretty little wife in his arms. Yesterday's performance was simply tickled to pieces over this deliciously humorous play of Augustus Thomas. No wonder it had such a successful run as a picture. In addition, including the British-Canadian Gazette, the picture was with truly wonderful views of the fire effects on Mill street and Paradise Row, also other Maritime Province scenes. The Topics of the Day were as funny as usual and so was Mutt and Jeff. Tomorrow the redoubtable Charlie Ray will be seen in his first 1920 production, "The Egg Crate Wallop."

ROTARY CLUB ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF JUVENILE COURT

The Rotary Club last night went on record by resolution in favor of the establishment of a juvenile court for the city and county of St. John and authorized the president to sign a petition in the club's behalf to the city and municipal councils. This being the last meeting of the club this year, luncheon was held at 6:15 instead of at noon, and the attendance was probably the largest of all the year. The president, R. D. Patterson, was in the chair. Before the resolution favoring a juvenile court was adopted, Rev. David Lange, who was a guest, spoke briefly of Judge Ben Lindsey's juvenile court at Denver. He said that certainly such a court was something every city ought to have. Dr. Spangler and Thomas Guy led the Rotarians in songs and choruses throughout the evening. The speaker of the evening was Rev. H. G. Girling, who spoke of his missionary experiences within the Arctic circle. He told of the enormous wealth in fish, reindeer, copper and other minerals there, and said that, when Canada provides the necessary transportation service, the country would have enormous wealth from its resources. Rev. Mr. Girling told of life among the Eskimoes, or their religion and of the immense improvement in their condition since the advent of the missionaries. He answered several questions and gave much valuable information. As the meeting was the last of the old year, the president paid a very warm tribute to Donaldson Hunt, the secretary of the club, saying he had been informed from Rotarian headquarters that, among the clubs whose information and reports were sent in on time, St. John's was one of the best. A committee, of which Harold Rising was chairman, presented to Mr. Hunt a beautifully upholstered easy chair and three hearty cheers and a tiger were given. Mr. Hunt modestly accepted the gift in a brief address, in which he expressed his best wishes for the club's prosperity.

CAR LOAD OF ALCOHOL.
One of the largest seizures of liquor ever made at Van Buren (Me.), on the St. John River, has been effected by the United States customs staff there. They found twenty-eight cases of pure alcohol which was shipped from New Brunswick in a car load of mill waste consigned to a man in South Brewer (Me.), near Bangor. The conductor of a freight train became suspicious of the car when he realized that plenty of mill waste is at South Brewer. He inspected the car, but could find no liquor. The car was ordered unloaded, and then the spirits were found. It is believed that the alcohol was intended for the Bangor illicit liquor traffic.

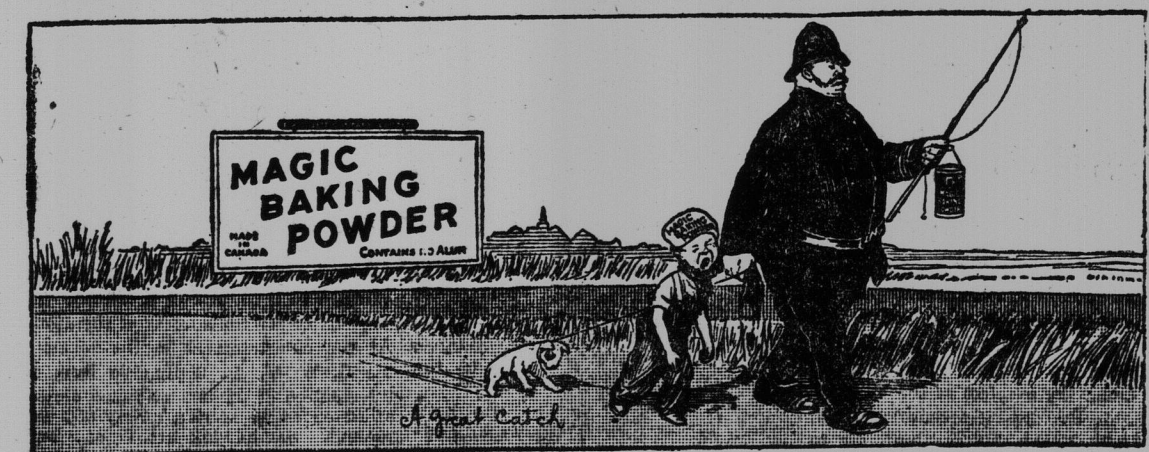
ASKS ASSESSMENT FOR MORE PAY TO SCHOOL TEACHERS

School Board at Special Meeting
Favors Extra Amount
of \$50,000

The school board, at a special meeting last evening, took up the matter of the estimates for the coming year. It passed resolutions asking the legislature of the province to authorize the city council to accede to the request of the board and make extra assessment to cover increased salaries to teachers, janitors and staff and to reduce the overdraft. It was agreed that the vocational committee should be granted the use of the board room for holding meetings, and of the needed rooms in the school buildings for holding classes. The use of the school buildings was made subject to the agreement of the superintendent, Dr. H. S. Bridges, and the visitors to the schools. The chairman, Dr. A. F. Emery, presided and those present were: Trustees, J. E. Day, T. Nagle, G. H. Green, J. D. P. Lewis, Mrs. Richard O'Brien and H. C. Smith, Dr. H. S. Bridges and the secretary, A. Gordon Leavitt. Mr. Nagle put the motion that the secretary should be authorized to present to the common council asking for all allowances under the act, which amount to \$275,000, and also for an additional \$50,000 to be devoted to interest on coupons, the sinking fund and repairs. This was seconded by Mr. Green and carried.

Coal Expensive Item.
Mr. Lewin suggested that, since the board had been going behind in its finances each year, it should ask that the allowance be increased to \$800,000, and that it be given authority to fund the overdraft. Mr. Nagle said that the board's most logical method of proceeding would be to send a delegation to the common council, ask the advice of the council and abide by it. Mr. Green said that the board's increasing debt was due largely to higher cost of coal in war time.

A motion was put by Mr. Lewin to the effect that the board request the common council to consent to the board's asking for authority to have an extra assessment of \$50,000 per year made for



three years, the proceeds of which should be applied annually to the reduction of the overdraft. This motion carried. Mr. Nagle made the motion that the board should ask for authority of the legislature with the consent of the common council for power to assess for \$85,000 bond issue, the proceeds of which issue should be applied to the reduction of the overdraft. This also carried.

Question of Salaries.

Taking up the matter of the increase of salaries asked for by the teachers and janitors, and suggested for the staff, Mr. Green made the motion that a supplementary estimate of \$50,000 to cover these additional expenses be added to the yearly estimate and sent to the city council at the same time. Mr. Green's motion carried. Reference was made to the fact that proportional increases to those asked for by the city teachers had been granted the teachers in Halifax and Charlottetown.

Mr. Smith moved that the local legislature be asked to increase the amount for which the board is authorized to assess by the two amounts referred to in the previous motions, and his motion was carried. On Mr. Smith's motion, also, the board granted to the vocational committee the use of the board room for the purpose of holding meetings provided such use did not interfere with the meetings of the board. Mr. Nagle then moved that the school board should give to the vocational committee authority to use any portion of the school buildings that might be required for the purpose of vocational instruction provided arrangements for such use were made with the superintendent and the visitors to the building in question.

Mr. Green said he considered it inadvisable for the school board to be a property owner, and he brought up the matter of the lease which he board

SOME VOLUNTEER INSPECTORS ARE AT WORK IN CITY

CAUSES PANIC IN
HEALTH OFFICE

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Something of a panic was caused in the local department of public health today when a strange man walked in with smallpox written all over his face. One of the clerks gingerly pointed him towards the office of Robert Shutt, chief of the quarantine division of the health department and all the others in the room kept a respectful distance until the smallpox patient leisurely took himself to the place to which he had been directed. Within half an hour he had been conveyed to the Swiss cottage hospital for smallpox patients and was at his dinner there.

NEW ZEALAND PROHIBITION LEAD OVERCOME

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—A cable to the Vancouver World from Sydney, N. S., says the latest New Zealand licensing poll figures wipe out the prohibition lead and give continuance a majority of 12,077. Nearly 20,000 "absent" votes were counted.

LIQUOR SEIZED.

A successful liquor raid was made yesterday afternoon when Inspectors McAlush, Kerr and Merryfield visited the dwelling of John Garrick in Sheffield street. The dwelling liquor was seized and Garrick placed under arrest. The inspectors traced a man carrying a suspicious looking suit case, and on entering the Sheffield street house found a suitcase containing seventeen bottles of liquor, including whiskey, gin and sherry wine. The inspectors arrested Garrick and took him before Judge Ritchie. A hearing will be held at noon on Friday.

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