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GRAND TRUNK LIQUOR CASE OPENED THIS MORNING

G. T. R. and Distillery Officials Took Stand This Morning in Theft Charges.

Immediately after the grand jury this morning brought in true bills in the case of Prosper Frechette, on charges of theft, the accused was arraigned and pleaded not guilty on the two charges: that he in Thurlow Township on Sept. 18th, 1918 did steal a quantity of whiskey over the value of \$75, the property of the G. T. Railway of Canada contrary to Section 347 of the Criminal Code; and that he on Sept. 18th, 1918, did steal a quantity of whiskey over the value of \$75 from a vehicle, to wit, a box car on the G.T.R. contrary to section 334 of the Criminal Code. The jury was then empanelled. Crown Attorney Wm. Carney is presenting, while Mr. E. Guss, Porter, K.C. and Mr. E. J. Butler are defending the accused.

The whole panel of 20 jurors was used, the crown challenging two and the defence six. Crown Attorney Carney outlined the crown's case to the jury. The liquor in question was in Belleville yard of the G.T.R. in transit from the Montreal warehouse to the distillery at Corbyville. The car was a C.P.R. car, Frechette was an engineer of the G.T.R. and went on duty in the yard on the occasion. The contention of the crown is that Frechette and some others took liquor from the car, loaded it upon Frechette's engine and that two or three trips were made to carry the liquor. Eventually 12 gallon jars of whiskey were hidden in a field north of the G. T. R. yard. The crown contends that Frechette and a man named Nicholson met in town on the evening of Sept. 18th, and went up in a car to the north of the G. T. R. yard.

Conductor W. F. Price swore that he left Brockville at 3 p.m. on Sept. 12th. The car in question was on the train. The seals were the same as given by Mr. Carpenter. The train stopped at Kingston, Ernestown, Napanee, Marysville, arriving at Belleville at 11:30 p.m. The train was examined at Kingston and was then found O.K. by the witness.

To Mr. Porter—The train stopped for 30 minutes at the east end crossing.

Door Discovered Open
Archibald Munns, care inspector for the G.T.R. at Belleville, told the crown that he came across the car in question while inspecting another train.

"What condition did you find it in?"
"The door was open four inches with no seal on it." Witness went and reported the matter at the yard office.

To Mr. Porter—"I should think it was about 2:30 a.m. when I discovered it. Jack Logan was with me at the time."

Logan and witness were both care inspectors. They went over to the office to report, but witness alone reported, Logan staying outside.

Car Found Short at Distillery
George McArthur, Inland Revenue Officer at the distillery, Corbyville, was next called. William I. Cole reported the car short.

Each jar had a seal by the government.

To Mr. Porter—"Every shipment has its own number. They run consecutively."

"How many cases short was the car?"
"Ninety cases."

To the crown—"There were ten damaged cases we could not handle. This means that there were 80 cases not accounted for at all and ten were in a damaged condition."

Eight Gallon Jars Missing
Excise officer William E. Cole, swore that he checked the car out at Corbyville. There were 80 gallons altogether missing. The report on the shipment on arrival at Corbyville showed: Batch No. 775 should have contained 250 jars. Found 213 cases O.K., 1 jar leaking, 2 broken jars empty. Batch No. 782 should have contained 275 jars. Found 329 jars O.K., 1 broken, 2 cases without jars. Batch No. 782 should have contained 325 jars. There were found 312 jars O.K., 1 broken jar and 4 broken jars. Batch No. 783 should have contained 734. All found O.K.

Eugene Kember of the G.T.R. freight office testified that at Corbyville Wednesday following the alleged theft he and others checked the shipment as the car was unloaded.

To Mr. Porter—"On Monday the car had seals on both side doors. On Wednesday one of the seals was gone and a padlock was on it. An employee of the Corby Co. had the key of the lock."

Fred Horner, G.T.R. conductor on the Lindsay-Belleville way freight. On 18th September, in the morning, the C.P.R. car was taken at 8 o'clock to Corbyville. He first said there was one seal off on the north side. The south side had seal A.D. 2567. He reported the matter. Later before he left for Corbyville he found a new seal N. 153669 had been put on. On arrival at Corbyville all three seals were on the car.

W. Edwards, employed at the G.T.R. yard office, testified that about 10 minutes to 8 o'clock on Saturday morning Sept. 13, he sealed the car on the north side with seal N. 153669 after a seal was reported missing.

Judge Deroche adjourned court at 12:30, to resume at 2 p.m.

Seal Numbers
Charles Appleton, checker of the G.T.R. at the terminal warehouse at Montreal gave evidence of the loading and checking. The car was taken out at 5:50 p.m., Sept. 10th. The seals placed on the doors were numbered A.D. 3566 and A.D. 2567. Each case of liquor has an excise number.

Two of the recovered cases, (each containing a one gallon jar) were produced in court and identified by the witness as part of the shipment.

The cases bore the following numbers: 250 jars excise No. 775; 275 No. 782; 328 No. 782 and 734 (four bottle cases) No. 892.

Movement of Train
Conductor W. F. Price of the G.T.R. testified that he, Lord showed that the car in question was in the yard on Sept. 12th.

Expected That Conference Will Reach Agreement

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10—The general committee of the United Mine Workers of America reconvened shortly before ten o'clock this morning for further consideration of President Wilson's proposal for ending the strike of bituminous coal miners. It was generally expected that the proposal providing for the immediate return to work of the miners at an increase of fourteen per cent in wages and the appointment of a commission of three men to adjust wages would be accepted before the conference adjourned for the day.

Halbert Wins in By-Election in North Ontario

UXBRIDGE, Dec. 9. R. Halbert, was elected to the House of Commons in the by-election held in North Ontario today, by a majority of 131, with one poll to hear from, over his opponent, Neil D. McKinnon.

Aviator Completes Trip to Australia

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)
PORT DARWIN, Australia, Dec. 9.—Captain Ross Smith, Australian aviator, arrived here today from England, thus winning the prize of ten thousand pounds offered for the first aviator to make the voyage.

Sterling Exchange Still on Toboggan

New York, Dec. 10.—Sterling exchange continued downward today, checks being quoted at \$3.80 1/2 for one and half cents lower than lowest quotation yesterday.

Smallpox Situation Worse in Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—The smallpox situation in this city became more serious today when 62 new cases were reported by the doctors, as having developed during the last 24 hours. There are now in the city 1160 cases with 1715 people quarantined as result of epidemic.

Illustrated Lecture

At Monday evening's gathering of Victoria Ave. Baptist Young People's Society, Mr. Merry, Supt. of the Marchmont Home here, entertained a large audience to a vivid description, along with lantern views, of London, Eng. The slides were very realistic and comprised such important scenes as the Thames' embankment, London Bridge and the lift and elevator structure houses of parliament, Buckingham Palace, King's stables, Mansion House, Bank of England, the tower, Crystal Palace and leading cathedrals.

The magnitude of this great metropolis of the world was a marvel to all who had not seen it for themselves and to those who were acquainted with the central city of the earth, the lecture was quite refreshing. The immense street traffic, underground railways with their tracks one above the other in an inner and outer circle around the city reveal the fact that London still leads the world in necessary development as well as in population.

Death of Rev. Alex. Martin

Alexander Martin was born in Richmond Township, August 21st, 1831, being a son of the late James Martin and Mary Peterson and was the last of a family of six sons and four daughters. April 26th, 1857 he was united in marriage to Sallie A. Spencer. He taught school for eight years, five of which were spent in Napanee Grammar School. He was ordained into the Methodist Episcopal church in 1867. With exception of five years in the Toronto Conference his ministry was spent in the Bay of Quinte Conference. His charges were as follows: Odessa, Stirling, Wolfe Island, Gananoque, Inverary, Milford, Tweed, Shannonville, Madoc, Frankford, Norham, Manilla, Woodville, Queensboro, Suffolk West and Toronto. Twenty-three years ago he was superannuated and during the past 23 years he had lived in Belleville. He was a member of Holloway St. Methodist church. Surviving are his widow and three daughters, Ida A. at home, Mrs. Hamby of Arizona and Mrs. Booth of Toronto.

He had reached the great age of 88 years.

Successful member of the Christian ministry. He was deeply beloved in every charge which he filled.

MARTIN—In Belleville on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, Rev. Alexander Martin, aged 88 years, 3 months and 10 days, died at his home.

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RITCHIE'S

Gifts For Everyone At This Christmas Store

Three large floors of The Ritchie Store are devoted right now to the showing and selling of Christmas Gifts that are practical and sensible—yet always acceptable and sure to give lasting satisfaction to the recipients. I would suggest that you make a tour of inspection among the goods in this Christmas Store—you'll quickly see how you can get your Gifts a little better than usual—at prices less than you had anticipated by filling your Gift wants here.

Miss Early Shopper

Christmas Blouses

All that's new in Blousedom for Christmas is embraced somewhere in our extensive showing. The new styles that are to be worn for months to come are displayed in the favorite Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chines and Colored Silks. Many new gift models have just been placed on show, and the assemblage is brimful of pleasing novelty features. A profuse use of heavy embroidery is evident on the newer styles. Many have the new round neck, others with convertible collars. Every new coloring is shown—

Georgette Crepe Blouses \$4.75 to \$30.00
Jap Silk Blouses \$2.50 to \$ 7.00
Crepe de Chine Blouses \$6.75 to \$12.50
Voile Blouses \$3.50 to \$ 6.00

Beautiful MADEIRA LINENS

Lovely hand-worked Madeira Linens in an extensive array for your Christmas choosing. Tray Cloths and Runners 25c to 90c. 16" Round Tea Cloths \$4.50 to \$5.00, 14" Round Tea Cloths \$3.75 to \$4.50. Madeira Serviettes, 12" 200 dozen. Embroidered Tray Cloths and Runners, right from Ireland 75c to \$1.50. Embroidered Tea Cloths, 30c. to \$1.50. Tea Towel Covers in natural or white \$1.50 to \$2.50.

For Him May We Suggest

Men's Handkerchiefs	45c to 75c each
Men's Neckties	Shirts \$2 to \$6
Men's Neckties	75c to \$2.50
Men's Knit Mufflers	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Umbrellas	\$2.00 to \$7.50
Men's Club Bags	\$15 to \$25
Leather Collar	Bags \$1 to \$2.50
Men's Silk Hose	\$1.00 to \$1.50
Men's Gloves	\$2.50 to \$3.75 pr.

and dozens of other suggestions in Ritchie's Men's Store

Half Price Sale of Millinery

What could be more timely for you than a half price sale of smart new Winter Millinery? Yes, that is exactly what we offer commencing tomorrow. There will be no exceptions—every trimmed Hat and untrimmed shape in our showrooms to go at a 50 per cent reduction. They are all charming modes developed of Dovey, Velour, Velvet, Plush, Felts, etc., and at this Half Price reduction, every model is a remarkable reduction. Come in and see them on the Second Floor.

Store open to 6 p.m. Every Evening to Christmas—Last Parcel Delivery leaves Store at 4:30 p.m. Goods Bought after that time will be delivered the following morning.

The Ritchie Co., Ltd.

THE GOOD JUDGE'S verdict is that the Judge- Jones Milling Company's plant must be in working order within two weeks, also Grain Elevator and Feed Chopping Plant, and he advises that you anticipate your wants and place your order for Flour, etc., to be delivered about that time.

Obituary

ERNEST JOSEPH KEEGAN

Ernest Joseph Keegan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keegan, 48 South Church street died this morning. The child was one of twins.

Lots of men would rather have half a loaf than no chances to loaf.

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