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THE WEATHER.

Moderate westerly winds, fair and cold. Saturday, winds increasing to gales from wstward, snow or rain before night.

THOMAS COLLINS WENT TO HIS DEATH WITHOUT MAKING ANY STATEMENT

Hopewell Cape, A. Co., Nov. 15—Thomas F. Collins was hanged at 7.25 this morning.

He made no confession, and walked with a firm step to the gallows. Rev. B. H. Thomas accompanied him from his cell, administering spiritual consolation.

The prisoner's hands were handcuffed behind him.

The execution was caried out by Radcliffe with perfect precision, and death was instantaneous.

The sad procession proceeded through the main door of the prison. Thirteen short paces along an enclosed passage way which had been built for the purpose brought the prisoner to the foot of the scaffold steps, fifteen in number, which he mounted to expiate his crime.

Collins walked to the scaffold with a quick, firm step.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, the chaplain, held his left arm. They walked up the steps of the platform together. The only other persons on the platform were the executioner and Deputy Sheriff J. D. Babkirk. Sheriff Lynds remained in the jail until the executiou was over.

The only other persons who witnessed the execution in addition to those on the scaffold were: Willard Porter, the jailer; Joseph Irving, Elmer Smith and Herman Coonan, constables; Rev. Mr. Lawson of Hillsboro; Dr. B. A. Marven, the coroner, and Dr. J. T. Lewis, Hillsboro, and representatives of the St. John and Moncton press.

The Grim Proceedings

Radcliffe quickly adjusted the black cap and rope and when all was in readiness the chaplain commenced reciting the Lord's prayer. As he uttered the closing sentences Radcliffe pulled the lever and the drop fell.

There was no hitch of any kind, everything passing off as planned.

Collins weighed about 130 pounds and Radcliffe allowed a drop of 8 feet 6 inches.

Drs. Marven and Lewis who examined the body immediately afterwards pronounced death to have been instantaneous from dislocation of the spinal column. His heart stopped beating about seven minutes after the drop fell.

An inquest was held at 9 o'clock by Dr. B. A. Marven who had empanelled a jury last night. There was no post mortem examination. The burial tok place this forenoon in the grave prepared in the jail lot. Rev. Mr. Thomas and Rev. Mr. Lawson officiated.

Your correspondent asked Rev. Mr. Thomas if Collins had made any confession and he replied that he had made no statement of any kind. He added that Collins had died with a Christian's soul."

His Last Night on Earth

Mrs. I. B. Steeves who has been a frequent caller on the prisoner and whom he seemed to regard very highly, was with the condemned man until nearly one o'clock in the morning and their parting was very affecting.

Collins was quite broken down and appeared to feel very badly. It was 10 minutes past 3 before he went to sleep and he awoke at 5 minutes past 6. He partook of a light breakfast consisting of fried eggs and coffee and insisted that Rev. Mr. Thomas who had been with him throughout the night, should also take some refreshment. Collins, himself, ate very little.

Immediately afterwards he made a final farewell to the jailor, Sheriff Lynds, Deputy Sheriff Babkirk and Rev. Mr. Lawson of Hillsboro.

Radcliffe entered the cell at 7.17. He shook hands with Collins and asked him to turn round while he adjusted the handcuffs.

Rev. Mr. Thomas asked the prisoner if he had any statement to make and cautioned him that he must not say anything after he had left the cell. Collins replied that he had nothing further to say.

No time was lost then in proceeding to the scaffold and in a few minutes the condemned man had paid the penalty for his crime.

Description of Scaffold

The temporary wooden enclosure built on the north side of the jail, where the execution took place, while presenting an unfinished appearance, was sufficient in every respect for the carrying out of the law's demands. The platform on the scaffold was eleven feet from the ground and six feet six inches beneath the beam. Radcliffe, the executioner, used a double trap, the doors of which worked on hinges attached to the sides of the opening and met under the feet of the condemned man. The executioner, by touching a lever at the back released the doors, which swung downward and outward, leaving a clear opening of about four feet square through which the body fell. It was hidden from view by black felting placed round the sides of the scaffold.

Women Should Be Kept Out

Radcliffe, in conversation with your correspondent, expressed strong disapproval of giving women permission to visit the prisoner lying under sentence of death. He maintained that only the spiritual adviser of a condemned man should have access to him. "Women," he added, "have no place in a jail. They should have nothing at all to do with the prisoner. I have made representations to Ottawa on this point before and shall likely do it again."

At a special meeting in the Union church, last evening, to hear the Rev. G. M. Campbell, of St. John, in the interests of the Canadian Bible Society, reference was made to Collins and the congregation were asked to pray for him.

Representatives of the press were permitted to have a short interview with Collins yesterday, but he had little to say. He expressed thanks for the kindnesses which had been shown him on all sides and his gratitude to those who had signed the petition in his behalf.

Collins Issues Statement

The following expression of thanks to his friends was dictated by him to Rev. Mr. Thomas last evening with a request that it be published:

"To My Dear Friends:

"I thank the editors and staff of the St. John Globe, St. John Sun, and Moncton Transcript for their kind treatment in reference to my case, also to the kind people of Albert and Westmorland counties for their kindnesses in signing the petition for clemency in my behalf; also to the kind people who wrote private letters in my behalf to the cabinet officials who had the disposition of my case; also my heartfelt thanks to those generous people who contributed to the fund for my counsel, Hon. H. A. McKeown, who with his learned colleague, Mr. James G. Sherren, did all that human aid could do for me, for which the Lord will reward them. I thank also Sheriff Lynds for his great kindness and consideration for me; also Mrs. I. B. Steeves who has been a mother to me and tried her best to save me; also to the jailor, Mr. Porter, his wife and daughter, Laura; Mr. James Coonan, constable, for their kindly favors not forgetting all the many friends who visited me in my cell, remembering also those who wrote me letters in my hours of trouble. I earnestly pray that the Lord will reward my spiritual adviser, Rev. B. H. Thomas, and the Rev. H. D. Worden.

With these words I will close my letter of thanks, declaring that I am trusting in Jesus Christ, who died for me and the world for the remission of all sins. Does not the Holy Word say 'He that believeth in Me hath everlasting life?' I am trusting in Him who died for me.

(Signed.)

"THOMAS FRANCIS COLLINS."

Hopewell, Albert Co., Nov. 14, 1907.

Tribute to Mrs. Steeves

When the chaplain and Mrs. Steeves had left the jail last evening, composed the following tribute to Mrs. Steeves, who he always affectionately termed "mother."

Mrs. I. B. Steeves "My dear mother."

A brighter vision from the light,
Oh! mother dear, and from thy fate,
Which lives in works of pure delight.
For love of God, for love of right,
Today we grieve and say farewell
With trembling lip and silent tear
We view the call we know so well
Throughout this long and dreary year.
May peace and rest be thine above,
For here thy steps are gently led
To raise and cheer the distressed with thy love
As faith without good works is dead.

During yesterday Collins received a picture post card and two letters, one of which was from Rev. Mr. Worden, Baptist minister in Hopewell Cape, who was his spiritual adviser until he left for Boston a few weeks ago.

The prisoner asked Rev. Mr. Thomas last evening at what hour the execution would take place and on the chaplain's informing him that he would leave his cell before 7 a. m., he expressed himself as much relieved. He had a horror of going out to his death in the darkness.

Men were engaged yesterday afternoon digging the grave which holds Collins's body. It is situated in the west corner of the jail lot close to a small clump of trees. The coffin was taken into the jail last evening.

The Story of the Crime

The murder of Mary Ann McAuley, housekeeper for the late Rev. J. E. McAuley at New Ireland, for which Collins was sentenced to be hanged this morning was committed on August, 19th, 1906. The murdered woman was discovered by the late Father McAuley and James Doyle, who had driven from Elgin station, returning to the priest's house. Father McAuley was just coming home from one of his missions. Collins was missing and suspicion at once pointed to him. An alarm was sent out but he was not captured till the 24th of the month near Bonny River.

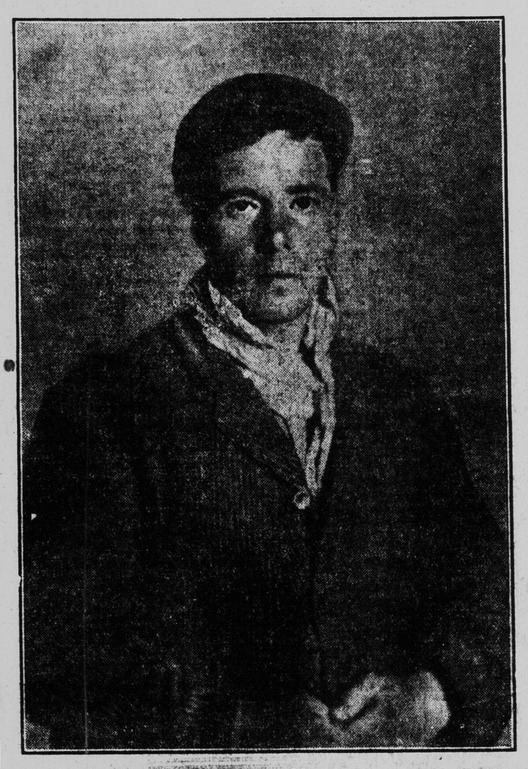
Lieut. Governor Tweedie, who was then acting attorney general, conducted the case for the crown at the preliminary examination at Hopewell Cape in September. The succeeding trials are, perhaps, unique in the history of Canadian jurisprudence as it has seldom, if ever, occurred that a man has been tried three times on the same charge of murder.

At the first trial Judge Gregory presided, Hon. C. N. Skinner and Solicitor General Jones appeared for the crown, while J. C. Sherren and Hon. H. A. McKeown defended the prisoner. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Hon. McKeown gave notice of appeal, on the ground that his honor committed a technical error in charging the jury by assuming certain evidence as proven which ought to have been left to their consideration. His honor pronounced sentence of death on the prisoner, but later the full bench at Fredericton sustained Mr. McKeown's appeal and a new trial was ordered.

The second trial was in June when his honor, Chief Justice Tuck, presided. The counsel for the prisoner were the same, while Solicitor General Jones conducted the crown's case alone. The jury disagreed and the third trial was ordered for September and Judge Hanington presided.

Again the jury brought in a verdict of guilty and efforts were then set on foot to secure a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment. A petition was drawn up and circulated in Albert county and many signatures were secured. This was carried to Ottawa and presented to the proper officials at the department of justice by Mr. Sherren, counsel for the condemned man. Doctors were also called in to examine Collins as to his sanity, and an expert alienist was sent from the department at Ottawa. The results of his examination were that Collins was sane. This closed the last avenue of hope for the doomed man.

Ever since his incarceration in the jail at Hopewell Cape more than fourteen months ago, deep interest has been taken in the fate of the wretched man. He had no means of employing counsel and a number of ladies subscribed a sum of money and secured the services of Hon. Mr. McKeown, of St. John. It should be added, however, that the fee subscribed was totally inadequate. At the conclusion of the last trial Judge Hanington referred to this and said that the conduct of Mr. McKeown and Mr. Sherren, of Moncton, was a credit not only to themselves but to the bar of New Brunswick.



THOMAS F. COLLINS.

TWO THOUSAND MILES IN A CANOE

Ernest Thompson-Seton Had Adventurous Journey

IN NORTHWEST CANADA

He is Enthusiastic Over the Possibilities of That Part of the Country, Which He Calls the "White Man's Last Opportunity."

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Ernest Thompson-Seton, the author, who has returned to the United States from his exploration of seven months through northwest Canada, into the great plains of the Arctic region, is enthusiastic over that part of Canada below the Arctic zone, calling it the "white man's last opportunity." Settlers by the thousands, he said, are pouring into the enormous area of high class agricultural land, which has been lying idle for many centuries, and the rapidity with which it is now being developed, he said is marvellous. Mr. Seton canoed in this and the Arctic region two thousand miles during his seven months' trip, having one narrow escape from losing not only his diary, and all his drawings and maps, but his own life when his canoe upset in the Athabasca river. He has brought back with him rare botanical specimens with original maps of the country he traversed. He also discovered a number of lakes and rivers in the Arctic region which he is now naming in conjunction with the geographical survey of Canada. Among the animals which he studied, especially during his trip and obtained pictures of, were the barren ground caribou, the lynx, the musk ox, wolverine, white wolf, Arctic fox, and wild buffalo.

SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK ON CANADIAN PACIFIC AND SEVEN ARE KILLED

NORTH BAY, Ont., Nov. 15—Special—Last night the Canadian Pacific Railway Soo passenger train No. 8 collided, head-on, with a light engine at Moore Lake, one hundred miles east of here. Eight persons were killed, including both engineers and their firemen ,the mail clerk, express messenger and two employes riding in the baggage car. Twenty others were injured.

OTTAWA, Ont Nov. 15—(Special)—Early this morning a railway collision took place at Moore Lake west of Chalk River on the C. P. R. and seven are killed and others slightly injured. The killed are J. Irvine, baggageman, Ottawa, (cremated) D. Clarke, express messenger; J. E. Young, engineer, North Bay; H. S. Prendergast, brakeman; T. Prendergast, father of H. S. Prendergast; J. Hendrie, engineer; J. O. Nadeau, fireman, North Bay.

The collision occurred between a light engine running west, and the Soo express coming east. The cause is attributed to the light engine not keeping clear of the express as the engineer should have done. Engineer Hendrie, and Fireman Nadeau of the light engine are both killed. Brakeman Prendergast was on his way to Montreal to the hospital, his father accompanying him. They were in the baggage car of the express. They belonged to Montreal. Baggageman Irvine, was an Ottawa man. He was cremated in the car.

All the mails are destroyed but the mail clerk is not injured. All the killed are railway employes with the exception of Prendergast father of the brakeman, who was going to Montreal with his son who had received serious injuries in a railway accident. This is one of the most pathetic incidents in connection with the disaster. Several passengers were injured but none seriously.

There does not appear to be any doubt but the wreck and loss of life are due to the light engine running on express time, but for their error they have answered with their lives. They had no orders beyond to avoid the regular train. The light engine was going to North Bay. The injured have also been taken to the hospital there.

The mail car and mails were destroyed by fire and among the injured were Alf. Roberts, 68 Nelson street, Ottawa; Mrs. Gelina, Ottawa; D. Lynch, Hintonburg, St. Highland, Hull; Thomas Ferrone, New York; C. Labelle, Montreal; T. MacGuire, Toily, Ont., and Fireman Ball, of the Soo Express.

CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

BURLINGTON, VT., Nov. 15—The long standing dispute as to the right of seining and net fishing in Missiqui Bay at the northern extremity of Lake Champlain, will soon become the occasion of a conference between a Vermont commission and Canadian officials, and if not then disposed of, may be referred to the federal government.

The commission recently appointed by Governor Proctor to meet Canadian officials in an endeavor to stop the fishing, is made up of N. W. Fiske, of Isle La Motte, F. L. Fish of Vergennes and H. G. Thomas of Stowe.

A similar commission from New York state, consisting of Fish and Game Commissioner James Whipple, Senator H. W. Knapp, and Assemblyman Mills, of New York, have been here this week to talk the matter over with the Vermont commissioners. It is supposed some mutual suggestions were drawn up to submit to the Canadian authorities.

W. F. Taylor, general storekeeper of the I. C. R. Moncton is at the Royal.

Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of agriculture is at the Royal.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL

Sub-committee Recommends That Elevator Be Installed and Estimate Secured for Other Changes---The Mayor Objects.

A meeting of the sub-committee of the safety board which was appointed to consider what changes should be made in the City Hall, was held this morning. It was decided to recommend that an elevator should be installed and that an architect be employed to submit an estimate of cost and plans for the proposed changes. The architect will likewise be asked to submit a plan for improving the lighting and sanitary conditions of the building.

Those present at the meeting were Ald. Vanwart (chairman), Bullock, Frink, Sproul, Mayor Sears and the director.

There was some discussion as to what architect should be employed. Several of the members thought that as F. Neil Brodie had previously submitted plans he should be employed, but Ald. Frink favored having Geo. E. Fairweather as Mr. Brodie's estimates had all been beyond what they wanted to expend.

It was generally understood that Mr. Brodie would be asked to figure on the job. If the work can be done without too large an outlay it will be carried through at once, otherwise it will be dropped for the present.

The mayor was the only one present who opposed the recommendations. Speaking afterwards, his worship said he was of the opinion that the work should not be undertaken now, but that after the water extension contract had been completed and west side works finished up, a movement should be made to erect a new and modern city building in some central place where all the civic departments could be in the one building. His worship added that if the proposed changes interfered with his office he would move his office elsewhere outside the building. As is quite frequent now-a-days the meeting is reported to have been not of the most harmonious nature.

It is understood that the changes would provide for an elevator to run from the vestibule on the northern side of the entrance, up through the mayor's clerk's office, and also through Director Wisely's office and on up to the fourth floor where the janitor's apartments now are. The janitor would be required to live outside the building, and the space now occupied by him would be utilized for committee rooms, and the entire lower floor given over to the chamberlain's department. These alterations would result in making the offices of the mayor's clerk and the director of public safety, smaller, but it is thought they would still be large enough for their purposes.

POLICE COURT

Frank Roberts, who has been in remand for stealing a pair of marine glasses from Capt. Gillespie of schooner Susie N. Pearl ,was again in court today, when he was charged with stealing a silver watch-chain, valued at eleven shillings and six-pence ($2.76) from Harry Ford an I. C. R. employe, on Friday last, while at William Hopkinson's boarding house, in St. John street, west end. Ford and Hopkinson gave evidence, and the prisoner, after declaring his innocence and intimating that Hopkinson had violated the liquor license act, was remanded till this afternoon.

Two drunks were fined $4 or ten days each, and one paid his fine.

Frank Roberts, who has been in on remand on the charge of stealing a watch-chain from an Englishman named Ford in Hopkinson's boarding house in west end, was this afternoon brought into court. After several witnesses had been examined the prisoner waxed wrathy, leaped from his chair, pulled a pocket-book from the inside pocket of his coat, and in a heated and almost frantic manner declared that he would send for a lawyer by the name of Lint, of New York. He declared that Mr. Hopkinson was bringing false witnesses and that he (Hopkinson) sold beer illegally and asked him to help him. The prisoned was remanded.

Sam Jones, one of the witnesses, stated that the prisoner told him that if he would join him in robbing and breaking into jewellery stores he would supply him with a pair of rubber boots, give him ten dollars a day to start with ,and half the proceeds after he got used to the trade. He told Jones that he (Roberts) was a desperate fellow and stopped at nothing. The witness said that Roberts produced a razor and told him that he (Roberts) had slashed a girl in the King Edward Hotel about four years ago.

GETS AN I. C. R. JOB

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 15 (Special)—A. T. Weldon today received notification of his appointment to the position of divisional freight agent of the I. C. R. here, in succession to D. A. Story, now acting for J. J. Wallace, general freight agent at Moncton.

MILK MAY BE VERY SCARCE THIS WINTER

While the milk situation has about cleared up and the supply is again normal, one man interested in the business in the city told a Times man today that he believed one result of the trouble would be that there will not be an over-abundant supply of milk this winter with prospects that it might be rather an under supply. He felt that at the present price of feed and price paid producers the farmers would not force production. He further stated that had the producers stood together today the milk supply of the city would be in a pinched state. Some farmers who had given in made it necessary for all to do so.

P. E. ISLAND MAN SHOOTS HIS WIFE

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. Nov. 15—(Special)—A Los Angeles despatch says "Asserting that he had shot his wife on a Los Angeles street car in August 1906 Frederick D. Cook gave himself up at the South Western Detective agency. Cook said he was separated from his wife and children after the San Francisco earthquake and later learned she was in Los Angeles. Going there, he discovered her, threatening her with instant death if she refused to give up her children. In order to gain time, she consented to take him to the place. His suspicions becoming aroused, at a long trip on the car, he charged her with playing him false. On declaring that she would disclose their hiding place next day he drew a revolver and shot her to death. The two were on a car of the Los Angeles and Pauper Railway and Cook pressed the muzzle of the revolver against the body of his wife and began shooting. She fell dead and the passengers fled to the platform. Cook covered the train crew with his gun and escaped in the darkness. Mrs. Cook was a Miss Jennie Harvey, daughter of Henry Harvey of Linkletter, P. E. I. Cook formerly lived in Summerside.

SAUSAGES COST $5,66 PER POUND

HAMPTON, N. B. Nov. 15—(Special)—In the court of summary convictions held at the court house here this morning, before James W. Smith, J. P., on the complaint of Samuel H. Flewwelling, John W. Roberts was convicted of wilfully damaging and destroying personal property belonging to the G. & G. Flewwelling Manufacturing Company, Ltd. The accused did not appear but it was shown by the evidence of the clerks in the store that on Saturday the 9th. instant, Roberts entered the store, seized from the counter a glass jar containing five pounds of sausages and smashed it on the floor. He then walked out and raised a disturbance on the platform, shouting, swearing, and expressing a desire to fight. Roberts has since kept in hiding but that did not prevent his being punished as the magistrate imposed a penalty on him of $20 and the costs of the suit, $6.35, in addition to damages of $1.95 and in the event of nonpayment to be incarcerated in the county gaol for forty-five days with hard labor. Roberts is known to be still in the neighborhood and a warrant for his arrest was placed in the hands of Constable Ernest Bovaird.

LOCH LOMOND WATER AGAIN ON TUESDAY

Engineer Hunter said this morning that the water supply from Loch Lomond would probably be turned on again on Tuesday. Repairs to the concrete pipe are being rushed along as quickly as possible.

There are many expressions of dissatisfaction about the present service from the Little River reservoir. The water is of a brownish tinge and contains a great deal of sediment. After having had the supply from Loch Lomond the citizens are loth to have to put up with the old service even for a little while.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Editor Times:

Sir,—Will you permit me through your paper to thank the members of the Every Day Club for timely help recently when two members of our family were in the hospital, and the money raised for us was greatly needed. We are very grateful to the Club.

Yours,

A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Nov. 15 (Special)—Declines were once more in evidence today. Selling was not heavy, but buying was light, and the result was that prices had to suffer. Dominion Steel Preferred sold off to 36, while common was inactive, but bonds sold down to 38. Montreal Power was one of the weakest spots, touching 80 7-8, while Lake of Woods Milling was off to 69; Toronto Railway 85, Nova Scotia Steel 53; Detroit 52, and Soo Common 73.

THREE YEARS AND 40 LASHES

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Nov. 15—(Special)—Joseph Rice was found guilty yesterday of assaulting a little girl at Fort William, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary with 40 lashes.

THIRTEEN-YEAR OLD BOY IS CHARGED WITH THEFT

"His Own Flesh and Blood Have Neglected Him; Now the State Must Look After Him"---Judge Ritchie's Comment On John Griffin's Case.

"His own flesh and blood have neglected him, and now the state must look after him."

These serious words were spoken by Judge Ritchie this morning, during proceedings in the case against thirteen-year-old John Griffin, who was arrested about one o'clock this morning on suspicion of stealing a satchel and $25 from Mrs. Philip McIntyre, 28 Erin street, yesterday.

The little lad, who is already well known in police circles declared he was not guilty and after taking of evidence was remanded for the present.

Mrs. McIntyre, when called to the witness stand, swore that young Griffin was in her store yesterday and purchased some candy after which he went out and she went into an adjoining room. She had left the desk, containing the money, open, and, on hearing a noise returned to the shop, found that both satchel and money were gone. Some measures she had been using, were upset and the shop door wide open. She called to her husband, who was in the next room and drew his attention to what had happened. Witness described the boy who came in for the candy, as having red hair and very dirty hands, and was pretty sure it was Griffin. Mr. McSherry, a neighbor, told her that he had seen two boys going up the street.

James McSherry told of seeing two boys, one of them Griffin, pass up the street and heard Griffin ask his companion if he was going to take his cart with him, to which the other lad replied that he did not want it.

Later he went down to Mrs. McIntyre's and found a four-wheeled cart in the alley adjoining her house. Here, he learned of the robbery.

Young Griffin stated that he went into Mrs. McIntyre's store and bought a cent's worth of candy, but declared his companion young Moore, had taken the money and given him $11 after which he threw the satchel away. Griffin added that he lost $6 last night and some of the money he had spent.

In reply to a query he said he was not at school yesterday and worked for the McLean Holt Co. receiving $1.50 per week. He admitted having promised his honor to go to Sunday school.

The boys mother, wh was also in court said she thought he had been at school, but knew he had played truant and got into mischief. She stated also that she could not make him attend school. On learning he was at work, she thought it would keep him out of trouble.

"Do you see the dirt and filth of him now?" queried his honor.

"Yes," she replied "I see it to my sorrow."

His honor added that Griffin had been in court no less than three times before—one for using some very dirty language to a respectable man and woman on the Shamrock grounds.

Mrs. Griffin in answer to a question said she was in bed when her boy came in shortly before one o'clock this morning. She seemed to think the boy was "not right in his head."

"His head's all right but he's got a bad tongue," remarked the judge.

"It's only another one of those sad cases," added his honor, "Mothers are responsible. Parents bring people into the world and let them take care of themselves."

He reminded Mrs. Griffin that she remained in bed knowing her boy was out and pointed out to her that even the animals looked after their young. People had asked him why he did not punish Griffin who they said was the worst boy in town. Everybody knew "this little tough" he concluded, "his own flesh and blood have neglected him and now the state must look after him."

Arthur Sewell, of Fredericton, was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

EVERYBODY HAPPY.

Mr. Peter Binks declares that the people of New Brunswick all have reason to be in a genuine Christmas mood of joyous expectancy, despite the present stringency in the money market. It is always the privilege of the children to grow more and more joyously expectant at this season of the year, but with provincial and federal elections in the near prospect the whole community may also see visions of Santa Claus. He may call himself Premier Robinson, or Mr. Graham, or Dr. Pugsley, or Mr. Scott, but he is here with the promise of the goods. Whether he came down in the steamer Arctic, which Mr. Bergeron told about, or whether he has an aeroplane, he is Johnny-on-the-spot.

Mr. Binks says we will have to keep our eyes and ears busy to take note of all the good things coming this way. The great industrial awakening is causing rumblings in many counties. The farmer dreams of waking up to find a lusty immigrant on his doorstep clamoring for work. The citizen of St. John sees wharves emerging from the waters, ready for the steamers. The man who feared the Central Railway would be a burden sees his taxes reduced by the wealth it will bring when sold to the G. T.P. The golden shower is falling, and the people have only to chase the rainbow and get their hats under the end of it. The wish of the small-boy, that it might always be the day before Christmas, is echoed, Mr. Binks says, by the boy's elders, with the difference that they wish it might always be the time before the elections.

At the same time, Mr. Binks is going on with his business as usual, and is not chasing any rainbows. Not that Mr. Binks lacks faith, but that he loves work