

sidering my claims to consideration on the score of personal appearance, but this was soon explained by the fact that his present shorthand writer was about leaving him for Minneapolis.

In a few moments I had succeeded in establishing my indentivity to a certain extent, and was forthwith received in a very friendly spirit. He informed me that the man at present in his office was leaving him in a few days, and that if I was capable of filling his position he would gladly give me a trial on the following day. Needless to say this proposition was duly and warmly accepted with thanks.

I put in an appearance the following day, when I was assigned some work in his office, and was that evening told I might consider myself engaged, if I so desired.

And now followed a period of three months, during which time I filled the *role* of a lawyer's clerk in a small town, and thus succeeded in adding another phase to an already somewhat varied experience since the day I left Toronto. Of these three months, however, there is but little of interest to relate. I located myself in a small hotel, owned and run by a French woman and her daughter, where I occupied a very small, cramped-up *little* room. My actual work was light, and the greater portion of my time was occupied in delving into miscellaneous books of law. My employer was the State attorney for the county, and one of the big and influential men of the town, and a gentleman in every sense of the word. His law practice