

Says He Was Robbed Of \$54; Watch and Chain

Police Court Tale of a Bottle of Liquor, a Few Friends and an Out of The Way Spot

James J. Hickey, an employe of the Christie Wood Working Company, told in the police court today a story of being robbed of \$54 and a gold watch and chain near the Marsh Bridge Tuesday afternoon.

Commission Hears of Provincial Resources

Impressed by Matthew Lodge's Description of Oil Shale and Gas Deposits—Experts Tell of Turn of Tide in Orchard and Agriculture

Evidence was given before the Dominion's Royal Commission this morning by Matthew Lodge on oil, oil shales and gas productions; by R. P. Gorham, assistant provincial horticulturist, on fruit raising; and by J. B. Daggett, secretary of the provincial department of agriculture.

Mr. Lodge was enthusiastic regarding the projects with which he is associated, and in this he was heartily supported by Commissioner Lorimer, who showed thorough familiarity with the subject.

The prospects of fruit raising were discussed in an optimistic manner by Mr. Gorham, who told of the progress being made.

Mr. Daggett's description of agricultural conditions in the past, and even the present, was not a glowing one, but he expressed the opinion that the tide had turned and the signs all pointed to a great and reasonably rapid improvement in the farming industry.

After careful questioning, Mr. Lorimer remarked: "In my estimation you have a very valuable proposition, the foundation of an industry which should be of great value to the province and the empire, just the sort of thing it is the desire of this commission to encourage. What I cannot understand is how the deposits have lain undeveloped for so long."

Mr. Lodge expressed his confidence that, as soon as the war is over, there will be no difficulty in securing \$2,000,000 capital required for a plant, employing 600 men.

To Sir Rider Haggard Mr. Lodge said that the gas is of a higher class than coal gas. It is used in gas engines in the C. C. R. works, for instance, to produce electricity and at the low cost of \$1.20 per horse power per year for power purposes, and at seven-eighths of a cent per kilowatt hour for lighting.

Regarding the marketing of the oil from the shales, Mr. Lodge said that this would be done by pipe line to St. John, where tank steamers would take the product.

R. P. Gorham, assistant horticulturist of the province, read a paper on the work of this department. He told of the encouragement given to fruit raising and the success, greater than had been anticipated, which has marked the development of orchards.

The activities described included the establishment of experimental and demonstration orchards, issuing bulletins, fighting insect pests, instruction by personal visits, etc.

Mr. Gorham gave his estimate of the cost of orchards in New Brunswick as \$30 an acre for cleared land, and \$40 more for preparing the soil, cost of trees and planting.

Re-assuring View of Business Situation

Canadian Banks Never in Better Position to Support Legitimate Trade and Industry — No Need for Alarm Over Prices of Staple Food Products

"If the people will abandon some unnecessary luxuries and be careful to guard against extravagance," said a wholesale merchant this morning, "I see no reason whatever for alarm about the situation, apart from sugar, which will rise in price, or about business conditions generally, if measures can be taken to prevent unemployment as a result of the shortage of raw materials."

The wholesaler pointed out in the first place that the banks of Canada were never in a stronger position to support the legitimate business of the country. So far as foodstuffs are concerned, apart from sugar, which will unquestionably go to a high price, and some imported food luxuries, which the people can very well do without, there is no present reason for a great advance in the price of staple articles.

With regard to tea, the countries which produce it are not seriously affected by the war, and it is only a question of transportation. Of course the latter will cost more, because vessels having greater risks in war time must increase their freight rate, but when that is distributed over the whole population, the advance in price of tea should not be great.

It is possible that an alibi will be proven in the case of William O'Brien, charged with plotting, according to an announcement made by his counsel, Francis Kerr at the preliminary examination in the police court this morning. Some evidence was taken in the case and it was adjourned until this afternoon.

William Dagle, special constable for the St. John City Co. on the night of the riot said O'Brien looked like one of the men who had thrown a stone at a car. Another man in the car said it was a son of O'Brien who kept a liquor store. The witness said he had since been threatened on account of the action he had taken in connection with these cases.

Frederick Lucas remarked that he had learned that Martin had stayed away from the riot on account of being terrified by somebody.

Objected to Street Car Splitting Their Ranks

Toronto Black Knights Held Up Car and Broke Windows

London, Ont., Aug. 12.—Parading along Richmond street on their way to the station to train for home, 800 Toronto Black Knights of Ireland, who came here for the relief of Derry celebration yesterday held up a street car which insisted on splitting their ranks, and broke several windows. Some of the passengers were cut with glass.

Charges Against Mark Carey

A case against Mark Carey, charged with selling liquor without a license was begun in the Fairville police court before Magistrate Allingham this morning. One witness said of having procured liquor from Carey on last Sunday and the Sunday before last. A third case against the defendant will be taken up this afternoon. After that, the city police have a matter to take up.

Local News

Bank Clearings

Heap Too Much Fire Water

Two Nurses Volunteer

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ST. JOHN MAN GAVE HIM A TROUNCING

Local Traveler's Encounter in a Room in a Moncton Hotel

The following from yesterday's Moncton Transcript relates to Arthur R. Brown, traveler for the S. Hayward Company of this city:—

A peculiar incident occurred at night when a man named James P. McVarrish, who was in the room of a traveler named A. R. Brown. Brown was awake, although lying on the bed in the location in the man who was wanted. It is alleged the reply was kept quiet, or "I'll shoot you." Brown jumped out of bed and tried to get to the door, but he was held back by the intruder and a brick mix-up ensued, from which McVarrish escaped with a bad beating. McVarrish fled from the American Hotel and took refuge in the yard nearby. He was later arrested and remained in the police station several hours.

It is believed that in addition to other accomplishments he sometimes beats by bagging as a side line. Among other things in his possession were numerous newspaper clippings concerning the operations of a gang of safe blowers in British Columbia, and a report of a famous murder beaten by McVarrish says he was drunk when he visited Brown's room and did not know what he was doing. "The police believe robbery was the motive."

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The result of the play in the N. B. Tennis Tournament on the Gilbert's Lane courts this morning was as follows:—

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. McKay and Miss Hazen defeated Miss Schofield and Miss McKenna 6-3, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles

Miss Robertson and R. Downer defeated Miss Schofield and J. Chipman, 6-4, 6-4.

Men's Singles

F. Campbell defeated H. M. Wood, 6-4, 6-3.

D. C. Skinner defeated F. R. Fairweather, 8-10, 6-2, 7-5.

J. Downer defeated R. Downer by default.

Miss Schofield defeated Miss Macaulay, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Miss Church defeated Miss Catherine McAvity, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

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Surprise Presentation

Associate members of Mrs. L. Paterson in Dominion Lodge, L. O. B. A. last night tendered her a pleasant surprise upon the completion of two years' of efficient service as recording secretary.

Quiet at City Hall

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