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SWINDLED CAPT, J. E. PORTER

"GEORGE MCKENZIE" SOLD HIM A PRINCE WILLIAM STREET LOT WHICH HE DIDN'T OWN.

The Captain Recognizes "McKenzie" in Hurd Blair Henderson Whom the Police Have Arrested-Search of Prisoner's Room Brings to Light Green Goods Advertisements and Reference to Nova Scotia Graveyard Insurance -- Suspicious Similarity of Names.

ver a \$500 bill.

Was to Get the Deed Yesterday.

"McKenzie," Captain Porter says, quick

sold for \$850, belonged to the Daniel Pat-

Then Captain Porter felt assured tha

he had been swindled by a sharper. He did not wish to become any more closely

Yesterday afternoon the detective and

On suspicion of swindling Capt. John
E. Porter, of North End, out of \$500, a
man of 59 years, who says he is Hurd
Blair Henderson, of Haverhill (Mass.), is
locked up in central police station. Capt.
Porter identifies him as one McKenzie Porter identifies him as one McKenzie who "sold" him for \$850 the Patton estate lot opposite the customs house, which of course he didn't own, and colestate man offered it to the captain for \$850. Captain Porter thought this a reasonable offer and after some talk the men walked along Prince William street towards Market square. On nearing the latter locality Captain Ponter claims that "McKenzie" invited him into his office in the Imperial building. Here they talked about the transaction and to make matters binding Captain Porter handed over a \$500 hill.

Theororden

The prisoner denies the charge. Deputy, Jenkins, Detective Killen and Sergt. Caples handled the case quickly and believe it may not end with the Porter

On the strength of newspaper clippings and advertisements found in the prisoner's room, together with some facts they have gleaned, they say he may be connect.

fore they are through with the case. This belief is founded of papers found in his lodgings.

The prisoner was arrested yesterday afternoon, and last night about 8 o'clock was placed in a cell after being identified by Mr. Porter, who claims to have been

Capt. John E. Porter, a steamship owner, for years doing business on the St. John river, says that for some days past he has known the prisoner as George McKenzie. The latter wished to sell him some shares in a schooner, and Captain Porter was open to make a good investment, but did not wish to place any money in shipping, so business transactions between them on that line were off. Sold a Prince William Street Lot.

On Monday last the prisoner, Captain Porter claims, came to his residence and Porter claims, came to his residence and asked the captain to purchase a vacant lot of land on the corner of Duke and Prince William streets. He agreed to meet "Mo-Kenzie" near the post office Tuesday air ternson. True to his promise Captain denied that he had any such transaction

with Captain Porter. He was held in the deputy chief's office until Captain Porter called last evening and identified the man as the one who swindled him. The prisoner stated that he was wrong. He was then placed in a cell where he spent the night. He had very little to say other than he was 59 years of age and was a resident of Haverhill (Mass.).

An Assumed Name.

The prisoner gave his name to the police as Hurd Blair Henderson. The police say their man was registered at the American House under the name of McKenzie. Deputy Chief Jenkins lost no time in having the detective and sergeant make a search of the prisoner's room at 24 Pits street. Every nook and corner was gone through, but like in the search of the prisoner's clothing the \$500 bill could not be found. The search of the room, however, revealed to the police what has set them thinking of some things, including the graveyard insurance fraud in Bridgewater (N.S.), and the handling of counterfeit money.

What the Search Revealed.

There were found a number of letters books and newspaper clippings. Under a rug were about a dozen pieces of card board and pasted on each was an adver tisement from a newspaper. They wer all about to the same and here is a sam

are never the result of petty savings, but are gained by those who have the courage to make ventures. Would you invest \$300 to make \$1,500, or \$500 to make \$3,000? It can offer you just such an investment, and you handle your money.

There was also a black covered accoun There was also a black covered account book. In this were pasted numerous newspaper clippings, all giving accounts of counterfeit money having been placed in circulation throughout the country, or of the high art in bank notes which have deceived the banks. One was credited to the Sackville Post, and gave an account of a slick-talking man of about 54 who endeavored to sell a large quantity of bogus money to a couple of Sackville merchants, but on being told Dorchester penitentiary was not far from Sackville he made a quick departure from the town. "McKenzie," Captain Porter says, quickly took the money, and then became in a
hurry to leave the office. The two left
and as they parted it was understood that
Capt. Porter was to call at "McKenzie's"
office yesterday morning to get the deed
and other papers in connection with the
land transfer.

The police believe that they have made
an important arrest, and may probably
lay other charges against their prisoner be
fore they are through with the case. This

Captain Porter then set out to make sure as to the ownership of the land, and it did not take long to find that the lot which "McKenzie" claimed as his, and Letters found in the prisoner's p sion bore the address of Hurd Blair, Great Village (N.S.). In one of these envelop were two clippings regarding a graveyar insurance steal. One of these clipping is from the Halifax Herald, as follows: Bridgewater, N. S., Dec. 2-Herald reader

Bridgewater, N. S., Dec. 2—Herald readers will remember some six weeks ago accounts which were published regarding the death of Olive Hurd, of Londonderry (N. S.) He was insured in the Home Life and Sovereign Life Insurance Company, and the policy was made payable to two men named Blair and Rushton, who, by the way, were the two to certify to Hurd's death. His demise appears to have been shrouded in mystery, as no one outside the two men knew anything about the affair, it is said his wife even being in ignorance of the sudden departure of her spouse. After the amount of the insurance policy was deposited in the bank, the insurance company became suspicious and at once proceeded to get busy on the investigating lines. The coffin supposed to contain Hurd's remains was disinterred and found to be filled with rubblish. A reward of \$2,000 was offered for the identity of Blair, Rushton and Hurd. About 7.30 o'clock Tuesday night the captain called on Deputy Chief Jenkins. The story was told and the deputy soon had his course planned out, and sent Detective Killen and Sergeant Caples on

The article then describes how an ama teur detective from Truro worked on the

case without success.

The similarity of the name Hurd Blair Henderson, as given by the prisoner, and the names Hurd and Blair given in con ection with the Bridgewater case, has bink, too, that the clippings regarding the handling of counterfeit money and als the advertisements along with the clip-ping regarding a 54-year-old man trying to "push the queer" in Sackville and who claimed to be an insurance agent may The police also found in the prisoner's

possession a new volume of the criminal code of 1903.

Came Here in March.

It was in March last that the prison secured an office room in the Imperio street and Market square, claiming that he was the representative of the Lima Oil Company, of Lima (Ohio), and since then he has been quite frequently seen about

Deputy Chief Jenkins, for various reasons, thinks the prisoner is not the per-son he claims to be. He found in his possion a watch which bears the san number as one purchased from Ferguson & Page on July 10, 1900, under the name of D. Blair Hurd. The police also found a document dated September 18, 1903, setting out that Oliver Hurd in his last will and testament bequeathes certain property to H. Blair Hurd, of Great Village (N.S.)

The risorer, Hurd Blair Henderson, is about five feet eleven inches in height, his grey hair, with moustache and side whis-kers also trey clean shaven chin, weighs about 175 bounds, is slightly stooped and when arrested wore a brown suit, black overcoat, light colored soft felt hat and

gold-rimmed glasses.

The prisoner will be brought before Judge Ritchie this morning, and in the meantime the police are searching for ore facts about the man.

There seems to be little doubt in the ninds of Deputy Chief Jenkins and his ssociates that the man who despite grey irs, is a clever swindler and some tnings they found yesterday have not allayed heir early suspicions. Thursday, Acting Chief Jenkins su intended a search of the office rented by the prisoner in the Imperial Building, Prince William street. The search was

A Remarkable Desk.

To the ordinary visitor who was not seeking to be a purchaser of bad money, or take part in any other slick game, fenderson's office looked as trim and tidy as an office for legitimate business. There were the usual number of chairs nd in one corner was a large sized secre ary or writing desk. It looked harmles to the police on their first glance, bu hose in the search were there to turn erything up side down and inside out to secure any clue to the real business of the grey haired prisoner who had so little to say about himself or his occupation.

The desk was almost the first thing to examined and on opening the doors of the upper section there were found a few by all druggists.

A Suspicious Package.

The officers then were not surprised to find a package, which resembled 100 new \$1 bills. On the top was a new Dominion of Canada \$1 bill and another formed the bottom of the package. The bundle was held together by three rubber bands and when the bands were removed there were found sandwiched between the good bills slips of blank paper about the weight and, on the edge, having the appearance of bank notes. The innocent desk was pulled away from the wall and the sur-prise of the officers can be imagined when it was found provided with an ex when it was found provided with an excellent place for a person to operate in the rear, unseen. Above the floor almost the level of the writing board was a small foot rest carpeted. Above this was a small seat. The back of the desk contains a door which closed by a wooden button which was also carpeted.

When the back of the desk is opened access is obtained to the shelves, or pigeonholes shown when the doors at the front are swing tack, but when the front doors are swung back, but when the front doo are open and the rear door closed the outfit looks as innocent as a Sunday school book case.

The Police View of It.

The desk is so arranged that a person The desk is so arranged that a person can sit on the rear seat, with feet on the carpet-covered rest and when the front doors are closed can open the false apartment, remove or place into the pigeon holes or on the shelves anything he wishes. The carpet covering of the footrest, which is hidden by the top of the desk, and the covering of the button prevents any noise. vents any noise.

A person in front might not have the slightest idea of any one being behind the desk.

desk.

The police figure that, by the arrangement, a person could open the front doors, show an empty pigeon hole, place a package in it, close the door and open it in a few moments to find that the package had disappeared into the keeping of whoever would be seated in the rear of the desk. They figure that if the desk were used for bunco business the green-goods man for bunco business the green-goods man might show a package of real bills for a dupe and offer them for sale for about quarter their value claiming that they were counterfeit, but were so good as to deceive even the banks. If the victim hesitated about a purchase the good money could be placed in the desk by the confidence man, and the door closed. Then the person to whom he is doing business the person to whom he is doing business might be talked into a purchase, and while the talk is going on the swindler's assistant on the hidden seat could take out the package of good money and in its place put the package of blank paper with a good bill on top and bottom. The man is anxious to obtain the "queer."

After quite a lengthy illness Miss Ellen Burke died yesterday morning. She was the daughter of the late James Burke and had been living with her brother, Thomas Burke, Chesley street. which he saw a few seconds before, decides to make a deal, hands over the swindler so much good money, the front door of the cabinet is again opened and dor of the Reformed Presbyterian church ber of the Reformed Presbyterian church the package which looks like the real and had many friends. She was twice money is taken out and handed to the married, her first husband being James money is taken out and named to the victim with a caution to not to open it until he's in a safe place for "we may be watched." Then the swindler and his accomplice have quickly made a good many dollars and are away looking for hew, easy game.

Marneyille; John, of Pennsylvania, and William, on the homestead; two daughters—Mrs. James P. Cleveland, of Seattle, and Mrs. W. M. Weatherhead, of St. John.

YOUNGSTERS ELOPE:

Girl Was 14 and an Heiress, and the Boy Husbard is Only 18-Bride's Grandfather Broke Up the Honeymoon.

Windsor, Ont., May 12—Fred Lucier, aged 18 years, and Eva Major, aged 14 years, eloped from McGregor, a small village a short distance from this city, cross ed the river at this point, procured a marriage license from the Wayne county clerk in Detroit and were married in his office by a justice of the peace, returned to the groom's home, and the groom was arrest-ed on a charge of abduction, all within

Eva Major-Lucier is a little orphan, who has been keeping house in McGregor for her aged and wealthy grandfather, widower. Many young men who sought Eva's hand in marriage were driven away by the aged grandfather with threats of shooting, for fear some successful suitor yould eventually take his granddaughter. Fred Lucier was more ardent and devoted and was not to be beaten by threats. Yesterday afternoon he drove to the vicinity of the girl's home, got her into a carriage and drove post haste to this city, where he failed to get a marriage license on account of the youth of the intended oride. Crossing the river, he procured a

icense and was married. When old Abraham Major discovered his grand-daughter's absence he at one suspected an elopement and drove madly to Windsor hoping to interrupt the pair before the marriage took place. He arrived an hour too late and his horse collapsed as a result of his hard drive. When he found he had been outwitted he immediately sought a warrant for Lucier's arrest, and the young fellow was taken into cus tody at his home five hours after the elopement and placed in jail. He cried bitterly at the prospect of being separated from his girl wife and said he would come back at the expiration of his time in prise and take her to himself again. Eva says she will be true to Fred and

wait until he gets out of jail in case a sentence is imposed. The little wife is sole eiress to a very comfortable fortune.

Mamma—"You should control yourself, Johnny. Had you stopped to count ten you would not have struck Willie."

Johnny—"Praps; but you know mamma, I never was good at arithmetic, and I'd been sure to make a blunder in my count."

Fuddy—"I have been at Merwin's house today. He interested me greatly in what he had to say about some lovely interiors." Duddy—"Merwin, Merwin? Don't think

Have You Warts? Want to Cure Them?

OBITUARY,

Calvin Chambers. Sussex, May 10-Calvin Chambers died this morning after a week's illness with

pneumonia, aged forty years. The deceased moved here from Corn Hill a month ago. A wife and three small children, who survive him, have the sympathy of all in their sad affliction. The funeral will take place Thursday morning. The body will be conveyed to Petitcodiac by the morning train. Inter ment will be at Corn Hill.

Miss Ella Gunter.

Boiestown, May 11-Miss Ella Gunter died at her father's home today at noon Deceased was ninteen years old and a favorite in the community. She leaves a sorrowing father and mother, three brothers and three sisters at home, and one sister, Mrs. Camp, at Jemseg. The funeral will take place on Friday after-

Mrs. Blakslee Titus.

Yarmouth, May 11.—Mrs. Titus, widow of Blackslee Titus, died very suddenly last evening of heart failure.

Clarence B. McDougall.

Halifax, N. S., May 11.—Eight days ago
Mrs. Clarence B. McDougall died suddenly.
This morning her husband died of heart
failure. The deceased was the only member of the firm of A. McDougall & Son,
wine merchants, who at one time did on wine merchants, who at one time did at extensive business. He leaves two chi dren, a son and daughter. The forme is at present in Arizona for the benefit of his health.

Mrs. James Nowlin.

Apohaqui, K. C., May 11.-Mrs. Jame Nowlin, who has been a great suffered with rheumatism for several years, diequite suddenly this morning. She was the only surviving sister of Samuel Hayward only surviving sister of Samuel Hayward only surviving sister of Samuel Hayward on the state of the same significant states of the same significant state St John. She was beloved and respecte by all who knew her and the surviving relations have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of freinds. She will be buried at Smith's Creek on Friday.

After quite a lengthy illness Miss Elle

Captain John L. Pye.

Capt. John L. Pye, customs officer at Hopewell Cape, died Monday, aged 70 years. He had been a master mariner for orty years and retired to take the customs position about five years ago. Captain Thomas Pye, of the S. S. Mantinea is a brother.

Henry Dupuis.

At Memramcook, Saturday, Henry Dupuis died, aged about fifty years. He had been a resident of Memramcook for many years. The cause of his death is not known, but an inquest will probably be held. He leaves a wife and four children.

Mrs. J. Flagler, stepmother of J. S. Flagler, died in Chicago (Ill.), on May 9th. Two sons and three daughters are left to mourn the loss of their motuer.

Mrs. Flagler was a daughter of Israel
Steeves of Petitcodiac (N. B.), and relict
of Elias Flagler, who died in this city in

Mrs. James Corbitt.

Annapolis, N. S., May 11.—The death of Mrs. Corbitt, relict of James Corbitt ccurred at her residence on Saturday at ernoon after only a few days illness the advanced age of 78 years. Three sons Arthur, Albert and Charles, and tw laughters, Mrs. Reddin and Maggie, su vive her. The funeral, which took plac on Monday, was very largely attended Rev. H. Howe of St. Luke's, officiated.

Captain John L. Pys.

Hopewell Hill, May 11.-Capt. John I Pye, customs officer of Hopewell Cap died at his home there this week, deat esulting from gangerene, which develope from frost bite, the captain having fro ne of his feet badly last winter. Cap Pye was over seventy years of age and wa one of the old time mariners, havin ommanded vessels for many years. H was appointed sub-collector at the Car a few years ago. The captain was highly respected. He leaves no family. Two brothers, Capt. Thomas Pye, and James

John Virtue.

Sussex, N. B., May 12.—John Virtue, of Campbell Settlement, died Wednesday evening after a lingering illness of cancer aged 43 years. He leaves a wife and si small children. The funeral will take place Friday, 13th inst., at Ward's Creek:

Pye, of Hopewell Cape, and several sis

Wm. J. Sleeth.

William J. Sleeth died at his home in Hartford (Conn.), recently. Mr. Sleeth was a native of St. John and was an iron was a harve-of St. John and was an hom moulder. He had resided in Hartford more than twenty years. Last summer he visited clatives in St. John and also paid a yet to a sister in Nova Scotia. He a member of Siloam Lodge, I. O. C. St. John, and also of the Mason aternity in Hartford. He was about 5 years of age. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Broderick, of New Brunswick

George A. DeForest-

George A. DeForest, a native of Kingvent about thirty-five years ago to Ne about ten years ago and for the past eight Forest

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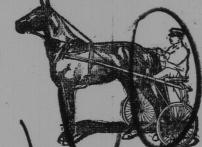
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years had been an invalid. About twelve M. P. Carrick, Prominent Painters' U years ago he paid a visit to St. John. Mr. DeForest married in this city a daughter of the late John Roop. His wife and a son and daughter in the States, surretar-treasurer of the Internation York where he engaged in a wholesale vive. Mrs. Frank E. Craibe, of this city, business, but later on moved to New is a sister-in-law. Many St. John men of Jersey. He retired from active business the older generation will remeber Mr. De-

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