

LITTLE EVIDENCE AT THE POLICE INVESTIGATION

Sergt. Caples on Stand Tells of Workings of Force — Believes it Would Compare Favorably with Any — Officer Sullivan Gives Another Version of Cronin affair.

The enquiry into the police force last evening broke little new ground except a hint that somebody had stolen city cash. Police Officer Sullivan's testimony in regard to the Cronin's affair differed materially from Wm. Pyne's version.

Ex-Patrolman McConnell gave testimony in regard to one of the \$5 bills. Sergt. Caples declared the St. John policemen worked longer hours than in any other city, and that he did not expect them to be on their feet all the time.

James H. Gosline, recalled, said he had been on the force 22 years. He was asked by the chief to arrest the two Weatherheads, discharged police officers. The chief said the men were drunk on Charlotte street, and talking about him. Witness went out and inspected the men, but concluded the men were not drunk.

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him and other officers. Campbell made a lot of the dog.

The chief suspended witness and Perry for three days to give Pyne a chance to bring in witnesses. Witness thought he heard Pyne's statement at the chief's investigation. He was exonerated.

After the chief exonerated him, witness met Pyne, and Pyne asked him to go into Cronin's shop with him and lay in wait between 12 and 1. That was the hour he was supposed to be at the station. Witness said, "You will have to see the chief about that."

Continuing, witness declared he had never said anything. Pyne about his brother; he did not know Pyne's brother.

Q.—Did you ever threaten to sue for defamation of character?

A.—I was talking about it. Perry was, too.

Q.—Did you take any action?

A.—I didn't have the money. I saw the recorder about it two or three times.

Witness had heard of the Martin affair, but had no new information to offer. In regard to the Brayley Company affair witness said he had come from the police station that morning with Kavanaugh, and at Kavanaugh's request waited in his doorway on Mill street for Totten to pass. Totten passed with a parcel.

Witness said he found glass broken in the door of Schofield's place on a Sunday morning about nine o'clock and telephoned for Detective Killen, who came down and telephoned for Mr. Schofield. Witness did not enter the store until Killen came.

George E. Barbour, merchant, said that in recent years a door in their maritime warehouse had been reported open once. Not in five years had the warehouse on the M'arquet wharf been found open to his knowledge. Only once did witness know of goods being taken; that was last September, when three tubs of butter had been missed. He notified the police department, and Detective Killen had been put on the case, but they never got the butter back.

William J. McConnell.

Wm. J. McConnell, ex-patrolman, remembered that Officer Campbell and himself arrested a man from Le-preux, took him to the station, and relieved him of his money. While he told the truth, the chief suspended him on one knee, counted out the money on the floor. As Campbell was peeling off the roll and counting it, he saw a \$5 bill on the floor by Campbell's knee—not under his hat—and called his attention to it.

Q.—Did Campbell make any remark when you called his attention to the \$5 bill?

A.—No; he picked it up and counted it in with the rest.

Q.—Do you remember being in the

hallway of the Jardine building with Campbell more than once?

A.—Yes, there was a heater there. We used to go in to get warm.

James McNamee, patrolman, had been told to read the criminal code, but did not do it. He had heard rumors that Campbell, Mr. Perry and McConnell had been suspected of theft, but had no personal knowledge of such thefts.

Q.—Did you hear about the city's cash being taken?

A.—No.

In reply to other questions witness said he had a dog which used to follow him round the Brussels beat. At the time of the Cronin affair he was on the York Point beat; the dog did not follow him on the York Point beat. Once the officers used to patrol the beats in pairs; now there was only one man to a beat.

Sergt. Thomas Caples.

Sergt. Thomas Caples, appointed 1890, remembered Chief Clark had a manual which he wanted along Perry and print, and had seen Clark reading from the criminal code to the men in line.

Q.—Do you think the officers obey the rules about gossiping, chewing tobacco and spitting all over the sidewalk?

A.—Not strictly.

Witness thought officers had a fair idea of their duties in the way of arresting people. Witness had no personal knowledge of wrongdoing on the part of Perry.

Q.—Did you ever hear Martin say he had let Perry down easy?

A.—I think I did.

Witness said previous to the Cronin affair he came out about 12.30 one night, and as he walked along Perry called to him that he had first found the door of a dairy open. He went into the dairy with Perry, and turned on the lights. Perry invited him to take a drink of buttermilk, but witness declined, saying it would be wrong. Perry open once before, and had gone in with another officer and taken lots of buttermilk.

Q.—Did you report him?

A.—No. I did not consider it serious enough.

Q.—Do you believe the members pay any respect to the rules and regulations governing the force?

A.—I think they do.

Q.—Where then did they get the knowledge?

A.—They have been repeatedly talked to and threatened. We're always driving something into them.

Q.—We have heard it said that the police force of St. John would compare favorably with that of any city. In what respect?

A.—The men on St. John force are longer hours than in any city in North America and it is almost impossible to expect them to be on their feet all the time. Outside of a little carelessness in talking, I think we have good men on the force.

Q.—How many officers observe the rule about not being intoxicated on or off duty?

A.—With the exception of maybe a few, all observe it.

Q.—Do you believe the men of the force are all of sound mind?

A.—Principally.

The enquiry was adjourned till Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

IN THE COURTS

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Robert Reed Duncan, late of Grand Pre, in the county of Kings, province of Nova Scotia, gentleman. The deceased by his last will left all

his estate to his widow, Agnesora Duncan. On her petition, with the assent of the court, the will, annexed, ancillary letters of administration with the will annexed of the estate of deceased within the province of New Brunswick are granted to her, such estate consisting of mortgages of the value of \$7,100. Messrs. Inches & Hazen, proctor.

Before Cyrus F. Inches, Esquire, Judge of Probate pro hac vice. Estate of Samuel D. Dunham, liquor dealer. Last will proved, whereby deceased gives all his estate to his wife, Margaret Jane, for life, and after her death to his three sons and two daughters in equal shares, and he nominates his said wife sole executrix thereof, who is accordingly sworn in as such. Real estate valued at \$6,000. Personalty, \$1,500. J. R. Armstrong, K. C., proctor.

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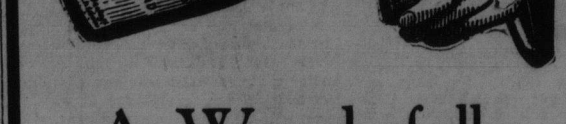
FUNERALS.

Mrs. John Devlin.

The funeral of Mrs. John Devlin, held yesterday morning from her late home, 152 St. John street, West End, was attended by many friends, and on the casket lay beautiful floral tributes of sympathy for the bereaved family. In the church of the Assumption Rev. J. J. O'Donovan celebrated requiem mass and the body then was escorted, relatives acting as pall-bearers, to the Fredericton train. Burial was in the capital city.

John Bradley.

Many friends attended the funeral of John Bradley, held yesterday afternoon from his mother's residence, Riverside. Interment was in the Catholic burying ground at Rothesay. Magnificent floral pieces marked the deep feeling of sorrow caused by his death.



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