



OUR MONTREAL LETTER.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

One of the morals that may be drawn from the Pilon's connection with the Lasar diamond smuggling case is, "Beware of too much intimacy with the chance acquaintance." Mr. and Mrs. Pilon, just married, started on their honeymoon on Monday morning, June 11, and, as the story books say, "all seemed bright and fair," and they looked forward to a holiday of two delightful weeks in "fresh woods and pastures new." Alas! as the poet says, they were to spend thirteen days of their wedding trip in the custody of the sheriff of Lockport, N.Y., the innocent victims of a wily stranger, who used them as carriers of his contraband. The couple was released on June 25, and on the morning of June 27 returned to Montreal, after having had to put up \$3,000 each bail. Mr. Pilon tells the story of this strange and disagreeable honeymoon as follows: "Dr. Vandaigne is a cousin of my wife, who was a Miss Dufort. He came over on the same boat as did Lasar, and as the latter was quite sick the doctor gave him a good deal of attention. He professed great thankfulness and declared that he would do much to show his gratitude. On arriving in Montreal, he invited the doctor to take a trip with him at his expense as far as Niagara Falls, and the invitation was accepted. The doctor incidentally remarked to him that his cousin and her husband were also going that way on that same Monday morning, but we did not meet until we reached Toronto. At Toronto, Lasar pretended to purchase a present, and he gave it to the doctor as a wedding gift for his cousins. It was in an envelope, and my wife opened it. She found another envelope and opening that found another. At this time the doctor came into the room and explaining that he had given us the wrong parcel he took it away. On leaving Toronto, he gave us a parcel wrapped in a piece of newspaper. This we threw on the seat and left it lying there at Hamilton while we walked on the platform. When we returned, some people were in our seat, and we fished out the parcel and put it near us on another seat, so little did we think of it. I imagined that it was a spoon or some such thing. At Niagara, we had a drive, and crossing over the bridge we were arrested. Protest as we might, we were taken to jail, and afterwards to Lockport, where we were in charge of the sheriff. We were not separated, and this privilege cost me from \$10 to \$15 a day. I can only add that we shall be completely vindicated and I shall commence a suit for heavy damages at once." The sequel, so far, is that Max Lasar was held for trial on the charge of smuggling diamonds into the United States by the grand jury at Jamestown, N.Y., July 11, while Dr. Vandaigne was kept in jail until the trial, and Mr. and Mrs. Pilon were discharged, being obliged to give bonds as witnesses only.

Mr. R. A. Dickson, jeweler, Montreal, Mrs. Dickson and family have taken a cottage at Hudson Heights for the summer.

Mr. A. J. Whimby was in Montreal recently to close up the retail store of Messrs. Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., on Notre Dame Street, and succeeded in disposing of all the large and varied stock of silverware. Mr. Whimby received a hearty welcome from many friends both in Montreal and St. Lambert.

Mr. Alex. F. Barre has registered as proprietor of the firm of Barre Bros., Jewelers, St. Catherine Street, Montreal.

The many friends of Mrs. Harrison, of the firm of Hearn & Harrison, opticians, Montreal, will regret to learn of her decease.

The firm of G. Seifert & Sons, jewelers, Quebec, has obtained a charter.

Mr. H. Logan has opened a new jewelry store at 204 Bleury Street, Montreal. His window is tastefully dressed and his stock is up-to-date and fashionable. His specialty is excellent practical work.

Frank Ford, fireman, who attempted to break into the store of Mr. R. Hemsley, jeweler, Notre Dame Street, on May 28 last, has been sent to jail for six months.

Mr. Dean Robinson, of the American Waltham Watch Co., Waltham, Mass., has been spending his holidays at Cowansville, Quebec.

Mr. Harold Chillas is spending the summer at Valois, the pretty lakeside resort near Montreal.

Madame Rose Boivin, proprietress of the firm of G. A. Boiduc & Co., jewelers, Quebec, has passed away, to the sorrow of many loving friends.

Jewelers may be advised to keep a sharp lookout for one Charles T. McPherson, alias Rogers, alias Cameron, if all that the Dominion Express Co. says about him is true. Mr. H. Hogue, jeweler, St. Lambert Hill, Montreal, is suing the company for \$14.75, the value of a silver watch, an alarm clock and a chain, sent by him C.O.D. to an address at Grenville, Ont. Although the shipment was made a considerable time ago, he has received neither the money nor the goods back, and the company claims that it is not responsible. The company, in fact, claims that the goods were probably stolen by the man with the several aliases, who, it is stated, has been in the habit of ordering goods sent C.O.D. to various places in Ontario, after which he stole them from the express's offices to which he had addressed them. Mr. Hogue, however, is not inclined to believe that the man wanted to swindle him, as otherwise, he contends, he would probably have purchased more expensive goods. "I tried to sell him an expensive chain, and he said that he only wanted a fifty-cent chain. Now, if he wanted to do me up, he would have bought an expensive chain, in my opinion," said Mr. Hogue. When shown the two descriptions sent out by the Dominion Express Company in regard to the man, who the company thinks has defrauded it, he said that the man who ordered the stuff sent C.O.D. from him resembles the description of Charles T. McPherson, although he did not have a moustache. He is not prepared, however, to say that this man is responsible for the loss of the goods. According to the general manager of the Dominion Express Company, there was, on April, 16, 1900, a person giving his name as Charles T. McPherson, and pretending to be in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who bought at Perth, Ont., and had shipped to his own address at Kemptville, Ont., C.O.D., one black-serge suit of clothes, shirt, drawers, one top shirt of black sateen, socks, braces, handkerchief, necktie; also one alarm clock (nickel), and one gold-filled Waltham watch, fortune case, No. 78,768, movement No. 7,388,598. These articles were stolen from the