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CROCKETT DISCHARGED.

As was expected, Judge McLeod granted the request of Mr. Hazen for the discharge of the defendant at the January sitting of the Supreme Court. There was nothing else for him to do. It was the result of Mr. Emmerson's decision to withdraw from the case when met with the "public interest" decision, which meant that the defendant Crockett must have a verdict whether his charges were true or not. Fortunately Mr. Emmerson has been able to place his sworn testimony which places the libellous character of the charges before the public and he may contentedly abide by the verdict of an unprejudiced public opinion. So closes the chapter in this Hammanian attempt to ruin a man's reputation.

SOME THOUGHTS FOR ST. JOHN PEOPLE.

As a further contribution to the knowledge of those good citizens referred to in previous articles, "who do not know the C. P. R.," despite their opinion to the contrary—these men, of much faith and corresponding apathy, should ask themselves: Does the C. P. R. really own anything here, beyond the railway plant and equipment? Is their liking for St. John so pronounced that they have established in this city or immediate vicinity, machine shop or repair works? Do they own any real estate in this city, whether such real estate has been exempted from taxation or otherwise? The answers to such questions are obvious, and the complacent citizen must be more or less surprised—if not indeed alarmed—when he realizes the force of the facts in this connection.

Let, even then, he remain unconvinced of his error, it may be suggested to him—and to all others who, like him, have been indulging in delusions—that there is a place, somewhere in this province called "L'Etang." Of course our apathetic citizen knows all about it, where its real location is, how far from St. John; what kind of a place it is; what size; what line of business, if any, it is adapted for, and what, if any, kind of business is being carried on there at present.

This name "L'Etang" has appeared in the press at different times during the past summer, and, mirabile dictu! was generally connected with some mention of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Strange is it not, Oh sceptic? This mention does not take, in itself, quite direct form, it is true, but it has been more than hinted that the C. P. R. is becoming interested in that locality; it is rumored they are purchasing property about there, and that certain legal men from the upper provinces have been observed around there looking over the situation, presumably in the interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Now as the C. P. R. is not likely to purchase the L. C. R. from Moncton to Bathurst, it is a fair inference that "L'Etang" is not anywhere on the north shore of the province of New Brunswick—it must therefore be somewhere along the southern shore of the province. A railway along this same south shore is even now in actual operation, but the name "L'Etang" does not appear on the list of stations on that line. Rumor however, also has it that this southern railway has been secured by the C. P. R.

Why do not the business men of St. John generally, wake up and acquire some active, realizing sense, some grasp of the situation? Why do they not try to view matters and circumstances about them and try to understand how the welfare of the city and the material interest of every individual citizen is affected thereby?

The best authority on the subject sets forth the statement that "L'Etang" is the official name of a beautiful and safe harbor on the coast of Charlotte county. It is also asserted by some that vessels leaving L'Etang are practically out at sea. Presumably, remarks of that kind however are made by persons more or less partial. Being on the seaboard of Charlotte county, it is clear that L'Etang cannot be distant, more than a few miles from the existing shore or southern railway. To know just what the C. P. R. contemplates or what the C. P. R.

has decided upon with reference to that locality would be very interesting information for our public men and the people generally. Again may one properly and consistently ask: Why do they not wake up and get busy? Even our self-constituted guides or aspirants to the leadership and directorate of public opinion, might contribute to benefit the whole community if they would permit themselves to admit that the real peril of the situation had never before occurred to them; that it is clear the C. P. R. is by no means definitely established in St. John as a fixture.

Once fully comprehending the possibilities all citizens, the common council and the board of trade should spare no effort to so arrange matters as to make the city and port of St. John and their welfare, safe in every feature, and to procure such understanding that the C. P. R. will become and be directly identified with this "City by the Sea," and so arrange also that the city's interest and the company's interest will be made mutual and continued so, as a permanency.—Times.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

BY THE WAY

Look out for thin ice. Words of wisdom: "Never bet on anything that talks."

Is a lie well stuck to as good as the truth? It may not prove so.

Free your mind, gentlemen, regardless of consequences. You at least amuse the people.

It is growing more evident every day that the present local government will be excused.

1314 prosecutions for violations of the liquor law in Maine during 1907. Prohibition continues not to prohibit.

Two officers of the Salvation Army were in town last week. The town enjoys dubious distinction. The army cannot live here.

Greetings wishes to inform its masculine readers that this year of 1908 is a leap year—the feminine portion of our readers knew it all the time.

Somebody advises soaking the soles of shoes in kerosene to keep them from squeaking. Then step on a snap match to prevent cold feet.—Rx.

A gentleman observed, as he picked himself up after a fall on the icy sidewalk: "I do not want a big fire but I wish this town were laid in ashes."

English doctors are just now sizing up a new kind of gripple, a cross between German measles and scarlet fever. In its infinite variety it is truly feminine.

A certain amount of intelligence can be utilized in pushing a candidate for office. To make effective any movement it is necessary to have complete harmony in the ranks.

Progressive? Leaders may see through the effluence of their own halos far enough to detect the ruinous result of a "you must" policy. Look out for the rebound.

Clerk of the Court:—"Owen Doherty! Are you Owen Doherty?" "Prisoner—with a merry twinkle, "Yes, oh yes, I'm owin' everybody."

The appearance of some buildings is hardly consistent with such surroundings as the new Baptist church and the beautiful new edifice of the Church of England which will soon be under construction.

Charges and criticisms should not be lightly made against men in the public service, especially when men are giving their time and attention to the public without charge. It is hard to get men to fill the positions and it will be harder if unfair criticism continues.

The Robinson government at Fredericton hasn't the ghost of a chance in the coming election. With the exception of Westmorland and probably, thirties other counties, the province will go overwhelmingly opposition. Cut this out and pin it on your calendar.—Union Cors. Calais Advertiser.

Pres. Eliot, of Harvard, declared that the Canadian anti-strike act is the best in the world for the prevention of strikes

and lockouts, despite the fact that there is no arbitration in it, and there is no compulsion. The appointment of a board of three members to investigate the quarrel is its keynote. No strike or lockout is legal until the report of the tribunal is rendered. In a great many cases one of the sides finds it has not got a case and a settlement follows, before the report of the tribunal is given.

According to the accepted authorities leap year is so called because it contains 366 days, and leaps over a day more than a common year, giving to the month of February twenty-nine instead of the usual twenty-eight days. This is exact and precise enough for all practical purposes. The trouble with it is that it fails to explain why a leap year possesses the significance attached to it, particularly by bachelors and maids. Why is it that it will be the privilege of a woman to usurp the masculine function of popping the question during the year. We pause for reasonable and adequate replies to the fascinating conundrum.

PERSONAL

Mr. Alfred Spinney is quite ill. James Hickey is very ill at his home here.

Alex. Dewar is recovering slowly from his illness.

Matthew McLanagan is very ill at his home here.

Mrs. Henry Hinds is visiting relatives in St. John.

Thos. R. Kent returned from St. John on Saturday.

Herbert Milliken of Lawrence, Mass., arrived here on Thursday.

Frances, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillmor is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mercereau have gone to St. John for a few days.

Miss Branscombe, of Fredericton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kent.

Mr. Charlie Starr of the L'Etete Copper Mine, was in town last week.

J. B. Spear who has been ill for some days is able to attend to business again.

Roy McKay leaves today to join the Bank of Nova Scotia staff in Yarmouth.

Miss Edith Gillmor and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Murray visited Bonny River on Saturday.

Mrs. Kay of Indian Island, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Magowan.

Miss Florence McGee, who is in Boston, writes her friends that she is having a delightful time.

Mrs. Edward Leak and Mrs. George Hayden of Eastport, were visitors last week at Mrs. McMasters.

W. L. Harding, the hustling traveler of Harding & Hatheway, St. John, paid us a business visit last week.

Dr. E. M. Wilson arrived here Monday and will be at his office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mayor Lawrence has purchased a Fairbanks gasoline engine, to be used in a boat which he will build this winter.

Mr. E. M. Nesbitt, contractor of St. Stephen, is in town on business connected with the new English Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Drinon left for Calais on Friday. They spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. Riordan parents of Mrs. Drinon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riordan and daughter Louise, returned on Saturday after a two weeks visit at Mrs. Riordans in Fenfield.

Miss Mary A. Scullin left on Thursday for her home, after a very pleasant visit in town, while here she was the guest of Mrs. Fred McLeod.

Jos. Murray met with an accident Saturday by which his shoulder was dislocated. Dr. Taylor attended him and he is recovering.

Harry Frailey's many friends will be pleased to learn that he is very pleasantly located at Palm Beach, Florida, and enjoying excellent health.

Miss Helen Lynott, of Red Beach, under the skillful treatment of Drs. Ransel, Webber and Miner, is recovering from her severe illness.

Miss Mand Dick, principal of the superior school at Seal Cove, who spent her holidays at her home in St. George, has returned to her school.

Mr. L. C. Laidley of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co., gasoline engines, is here in the interests of his firm. He is accompanied by Mr. Dean of St. John.

The Bachelor's Club is the latest addition to the town's social organizations. Messrs. Chas. H. Lynott, Hector McKenzie, Fred Smith, A. H. Haye, Edw. McGrattan, and Drs. Taylor and Alexander are the charter members. The club are to have a supper at Paul's hotel, Beaver Harbor, at an early date. It might be well to remind the young gentlemen that this is leap year, and they are running much risk in being brought so prominently before the public.

PLEASED CUSTOMERS

We have given great thought to SERVICE, and in the planning of how to give REAL service to our customers.

The saying, "A pleased customer is the best advertisement," may be old, and you may have heard it before, but it is just as true now as it ever was.

So thoughtful attention and courteous, square treatment make the KEYNOTE of this store.

We have been here eight years now, and the fact that our business has increased from season to season is encouraging proof that our customers like our clothes, and Recommend them to their friends.

We want to please YOU, for YOU mean MORE THAN ONE pleased customer.

If you need anything in the clothing or furnishings line at this time, it's a good time to save, for we have marked off all our Custom fabrics, and the stocks of our Ready-Made-Department 10 per cent for cash selling.

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We have also two Men's Fur Coats left which will have to go at cost price or less, so don't forget that if you need one.

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