

WEST WILL STAND FOR ANY KIND OF SWINDLE

Farmers Credulous, According to Evidence of Dr. G. McKibbin in McCutcheon Case.

WAS REBUKED BY JUDGE

Counsel for Defence Charged the Crown With Manufacturing Evidence.

Dr. G. McKibbin of Honeywood, and a director of the Melfort Investors, Limited, which was formed in connection with the Windsor Park property at East Melfort, was again put on the stand when the trial of the McCutcheon Brothers was resumed in the criminal assizes yesterday morning, and his evidence was not concluded until late in the afternoon.

Early in the cross-examination by H. H. Dewar, K.C., for the defence, the witness was rebuked by Mr. Justice Middleton for making a statement that there was a holy fear of the McCutcheon brothers by the farmers in the area. "You are here to tell the truth and answer questions," he said. "You are not here to make speeches and talk like that. There is a way to stop it, but I don't want to apply it."

A long cross-examination followed, during which the doctor said he had no faith in the McCutcheon, and on being told that the lots were assessed for \$20,000 more than the syndicate paid for them, he said: "I am ready to take all it can out of the people of Ontario by assessments."

He was then questioned regarding the property, and he said he had not seen the lots which were supposed to be under water, but he took the McCutcheon's word that they were all right.

"Don't you know that lots under water cannot be included in a registered plan?" enquired Mr. Holmuth.

Can Do Anything.

The witness retorted: "What swindle cannot be perpetrated in the west?"

Dr. McKibbin was then cross-examined regarding a meeting of the syndicate held on Aug. 1, 1914, and he was asked how A. K. Goodman signed the minutes, if he was not present at the meeting. He explained that Mr. Williamson took the minutes, which must have been sent to Goodman to extend, and Mr. Dewar had previously maintained that there was something wrong with the way the minutes were recorded, and Mr. Helmut asked this up by declaring, "What I maintain is that these minutes are manufactured. We allege that there was a conspiracy on the part of the crown in the falsification of the minutes, to load witnesses and to manufacture evidence. I am not returning to Mr. Davidson or Mr. Shaver."

Mr. Helmut asked the witness if he knew that Samuel McCutcheon and other members of the family had also invested in the property, and he replied that he did not find that out until June, 1914.

"Did it not strike you that they had literally lived up to any representation they had made to go in with you?" he was asked.

"That was not for the purchase of the property," replied the doctor. A. K. Webster was then read from A. K. Goodman to the witness, dated June 10, 1914, which said that in the event of the proposition not being clean cut, the firm could not act as solicitors for the McCutcheon Bros. He was asked to find out from each subscriber just what representations were made to them by the accused, so that the solicitors would be in a position to know exactly what evidence would be given if they appeared against the brothers.

Extraordinary Action.

Another letter, marked confidential, and dated July 20, was produced, in which Mr. Goodman stated that he had made enquiries regarding the methods employed by the McCutcheon Brothers, and as a result of the investigation he had decided to give up acting as solicitor for them. The remainder of the letter was devoted to an explanation of the way Goodman thought their business was transacted.

At the conclusion of his cross-examination, Mr. Helmut exclaimed to Mr. Justice Middleton: "I don't know whether the case should be proceeded with by the attorney-general's department under the present indictment, in view of what has been disclosed of the McCutcheon family. It's a most extraordinary action."

The judge does not concern me at all," replied his lordship.

Dr. Allen Shaver then gave evidence regarding the Brockville Investors Co.

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FIREMAN SENT TO JAIL FOR ASSAULTING POLICE

William Macdonald Was Drunk and Annoyed Women.

William Macdonald, a member of the Toronto Fire Brigade, was sentenced by Col. Denison in the police court yesterday morning to twenty days in jail for interfering with and assaulting Policeman Donaldson while the latter was fulfilling his duties on Sherbourne street Tuesday evening.

Macdonald, who was under the influence of liquor at the time, is alleged to have been annoying women on the street. The policeman saw and warned him, at which he became abusive. Forcibly removed by the policeman, he began to use his fists on Donaldson's face, bruising it badly.

REPRISALS DEMANDED FOR ZEPPELIN ATTACKS

Londoners Take Visitation as Similar to Ordinary Disturbances of Nature.

PEOPLE WARNED IN TIME

German Policy of Terrorism Has No Effect on Attitude of Public.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Visitation of Zeppelin airships have ceased to be a novelty to the English people. The public appears to regard them as it would regard some disturbance of nature, from which a certain number of persons were destined to lose their lives, as from a flood or a fierce thunderstorm.

Almost all Londoners expected the Zeppelins to attack the metropolis on Monday night, yet the life of the city proceeded without any visible disturbance, much less anything resembling panic. The tickers in the hotels and clubs carried the announcement shortly after 8 o'clock that a group gathered about the Zeppelins was the comment heard wherever a group gathered about the tapes as this news made its appearance.

Definite Word Received.

About 7 o'clock, when the restaurants were beginning to fill and the theatre patrons were crowding around the pit and gallery entrances, the definite news spread from mouth to mouth. "A fleet of seven Zeppelins has arrived on the coast and should reach London within an hour." Londoners appear to make it a point of honor nowadays to bear themselves like soldiers. The customary declaration that while the men in the trenches are suffering under constant fire it would be unjustifiable weakness for non-combatants at home aimed at any military bases, but are intended to be indiscriminate attacks for the purpose of terrorizing England. Expectations that the Zeppelins could not attempt to find any definite targets at the height from which they now drop bombs, even if they were to. Newspapers which hitherto were against reprisals as unworthy of British methods declared today in favor of carrying the same kind of warfare into the enemy country if necessary, to protect the women and children.

Pitiful stories of mangled women, children and old men, which everyone hears, are kindling fierce anger, and are commented upon by the newspapers as the strongest deterrent to any peace talk which the entire war has produced.

The Daily Telegraph says: "As a fighting nation we are no weaker than we were before the Germans set out on their voyage across the North Sea, but we are more determined. We cannot forgive or forgive the suffering and sorrow which have been spread far and wide."

The Westminster Gazette says: "The next visitation may take any of us and leave us and our families mangled corpses under the ruins of our own houses. But in all the months these things have been going on the Zeppelins between them have not killed one-fourth the number who were drowned on the Lusitania or as many as would be carried off by comparatively mild epidemics in a moderately sized town."

A Timely Warning in the Famous Red Letter Bible Distributed

The wonderful campaign inaugurated by this paper a few weeks ago on the distribution of the Bible is soon to close. We believe that most of our readers have been supplied with copies, judging from the enormous number of coupons turned in thus far. But we urge those who have not yet secured a copy of the Big Print Red Letter edition of the Bible to lose time in cutting out their coupons and getting a book that will increase in value with time.

We had secured the exclusive distribution for this city and the supply allotted to us was necessarily limited. A very few days more will see the last copy gone. The coupon appears in this issue—but we cannot say how much longer. Look for it and be sure to cut it out today.

WHY NOT FLORIDA FOR YOUR WINTER TOUR?

The attractions are unsurpassed, beautiful palm trees, warm sea bathing, orange and banana groves, golf, tarpon fishing, luxurious hotels for all pockets. Two nights only from Toronto. Winter tourist tickets now on sale. Be sure that your tickets read via Canadian Pacific Railway. Excellent service is offered via Detroit and Cincinnati. Particulars from Canadian Pacific ticket agents or write M. G. Murphy, district passenger agent, Toronto, Ont.

CROP COMPETITIONS RAISE GRAIN STANDARD

Fair Association Discusses Advantages Which Farmers Are Receiving.

DEMAND FOR HORSES

Fairs Should Encourage Classes for Express and Wagon Use.

Advantages which farmers receive from field crop competitions was the chief matter discussed at the closing sessions of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions yesterday. As a consequence of these competitions, R. E. Mortimer of Honeywood, in an address to the association, said that there was a demand for standard seed which was issued by the agricultural college and the experimental farms. The increasing use of high standard seed throughout the province was due to this, he stated, and more seed of better quality was being used all the time.

Revise Prize Lists.

W. J. Bell of Toronto, in his address on horse exhibits, said that there was a need for a revision of the prize lists. The demands of the market should be taken into consideration, in his opinion instead of classes for general purpose and agricultural horses, he said that express and wagon horses should be substituted, as there was a greater demand for these types of horses. The draught horse should be a large upstanding animal. The fairs had a definite responsibility, he concluded, in encouraging the breeding of horses which were in demand.

Mrs. H. M. Parsons of Cochrane, in her paper on women's exhibits, said that a revision of the prize lists should be made. Amateurs should be encouraged in preference to professional exhibitors, to harmonize with the best interests of the fairs.

At the afternoon meeting, Prof. E. A. Archibald, director of animal husbandry at the Dominion experimental farms in Ottawa, gave an address on expert judges. He suggested that the judges decide on uniform types so that the exhibitors would have a clear understanding.

Indians Interested.

The Indians would appreciate education along agricultural lines such as is being received by Anglo-Saxon farmers, stated Mr. Nicholas, a Chippewa Indian from the Brantford Reserve. He stated that his people were loyal British subjects, and that they were anxious to do everything they could for the empire. They were seriously handicapped, he said, in being unable to get financial aid from the banks, and the white men could secure. Under these difficulties, he contended that the Indians could not work as effectively as the white men, and more favorable conditions. There were several other Indians at the convention. Over 400 farmers were in attendance at yesterday's session.

The officers were elected at the afternoon session, with the majority being returned by acclamation. The following: J. C. Stuart, president; William Scarfe, first vice-president; L. J. C. Hull, second vice-president; Alexander McFarlane, treasurer; J. Lockie Wilson, secretary. The auditors chosen were R. Agnew and Dr. H. B. Atkinson, and the directors were J. E. Montgomery, W. J. Connelly, T. H. Thompson, Edmund Hawthorne, George Downey, J. V. Williams, Geo. L. Telfer, John J. Johnston, J. B. Clarke, E. F. Stephenson and W. J. Hamilton.

ASKS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST WINDSOR

Judgment was reserved by the appellate divisional court at Osgoode Hall yesterday on the appeal of Mrs. Letta Wallace, from the decision of Justice Middleton, who dismissed her action against the City of Windsor. Mrs. Wallace fell on the sidewalk at Windsor in the month of February, 1915, injuring her leg. The Municipal Act requires that the defendants should have been notified of the accident seven days after the accident occurred. The City of Windsor claims that they were not informed of the accident until nearly four weeks after.

Weekly court lists for today are: Kirkland v. Tough; Lee Jim v. Melville; re Cumberland; Thorne v. Bede; re Solicitor; Skeena v. Keegan. Appellate court list for today is: Doyle v. Campbell; Ward v. Burt; Armstrong v. McIntyre; Johnston v. Foreberg; Payne v. C.P.R.; Flanagan v. Gilroy.

KAISER MAKES SEIZURE OF FINISHED TEXTILES

Government Evidently Preparing for Long War, Berlin Papers Comment.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—According to Berlin newspapers, as quoted by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent, a new order was put in force on Feb. 1, under which the greater part of all products of the textile industry was confiscated.

The Tageblatt says it is highly significant that on this occasion the government does not seize raw material but finished articles.

Included in the list are all materials for clothing suitable for army or navy officials, all goods for undergarments, blankets, inclusive of horse cloths, colored linen goods, linings and sail cloths.

Berlin newspapers point out that this measure discloses a scarcity of these materials, and also indicate that Germany is preparing for a war of long duration.

\$2.25 Niagara Falls, Ont., and Return, \$2.70 Buffalo and Return From Buffalo, Ont., 22nd.

The Toronto Bowling Club is running an excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, Saturday, Feb. 5th, leaving Toronto 8.10 a.m. via Grand Trunk Railway. Return fare to Niagara Falls, Ont., \$2.25 and Buffalo \$2.70. Tickets are valid returning on all regular trains up to and including Monday Feb. 7th.

Secure your tickets at City Ticket Office, northwest corner King and Yonge Streets. Phone Main 4209. 2245

STOCK BREEDERS ASK FOR PROVINCIAL AID

They Want Shipments of Pure Bred Stock Sent to Western Canada.

Hon. G. Finlay Macdormid yesterday promised consideration of the request of a deputation of horse, cattle and sheep breeders that the Ontario Government give financial assistance for shipments of pure bred stock into western Canada. The deputation consisted of D. Bryan, Ridgeway; John Gardhouse, Weston, and A. Dryden.

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ATTACK UPON SALONIKI WITHIN TWO WEEKS?

ATHENS, Feb. 2.—Information received in military quarters here indicates that German and Bulgarian troops, supported by 15,000 Turks, are likely to begin an attack on the Franco-British forces at Saloniki about Feb. 15.

BRITISH AIRMAN KILLED.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Lieut. J. S. Reed of the Royal Flying Corps died today as a result of injuries received at Aldershot by the fall of a new aeroplane on which he was acting as observer. Lieut. Browning, the pilot, was injured badly.

GETS NINETY DAYS FOR NON-SUPPORT.

Charged with the non-support of his wife and three children and the theft of a gold watch and \$38.51 from Louis Swan, Robert Wilson appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to ninety days in jail.

(This advertisement is being repeated in this issue owing to a printer's error in setting up the words "Dry" and "Wet" over the wrong columns, although, of course, no one conversant with the subject would make the mistake of imagining for a moment that Buffalo, Brooklyn, Milwaukee, etc., are "Dry" towns).

KENTUCKY Turns Down PROHIBITION

A BILL submitting an amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky providing for state-wide Prohibition was defeated, 20 to 14, on January 25th, in the Upper House of the General Assembly of the State, where it originated. Which goes to show that old Kentucky has not failed to learn the lessons taught her by her sister states of the South, which lessons are certainly sufficiently plain, backed up, as they are, by a mass of incontrovertible facts and figures.

The following tables are also illuminating:

DRY		WET	
Number of Persons in Almshouses to Every 100,000 Inhabitants.			
Tennessee	71.8	Florida	27.5
North Carolina	63.	Louisiana	11.3
Homicides per 100,000.			
Memphis, Tenn.	68	New Orleans, La.	24.8
Savannah, Ga.	48.3	Louisville, Ky.	15.2
Nashville, Tenn.	39.4	Buffalo, N. Y.	4.9
Atlanta, Ga.	33.3	Brooklyn, N. Y.	4.8
Charleston, S. C.	30	Milwaukee, Wis.	3.4

The following illicit stills, by the way, were seized and destroyed by United States Revenue Officers in 1914:

Alabama	308
Georgia	802
North Carolina	535
Tennessee	249
South Carolina	253

Takes Warning From Sister States

For example, owing to the Yost Prohibitory Law, by which the State lost \$600,000 of revenue, West Virginia was literally "broken" financially. In Tennessee there was, owing to the introduction of Prohibition, an increase in the cost of criminal prosecution, that is, of crime, of 100%; while as to the financial situation, The State Manufacturers' Association said: "There is a tendency throughout the State to increase taxes on an already overburdened people, both by constant increase of the assessment as well as the rate." In North Carolina 57.5% of all the boys and 34.1% of all the girls were employed in gainful occupations and thus deprived of all educational opportunities.

And so on we might go through the whole gamut. Prohibition is a failure, not only economically, but morally and in every other way. And Kentucky knows it.

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