

# THOROLD FARMER KICKS AT PRICE OF EASEMENT

Hydro Electric Commission Offered \$3320, But Owner Won't Look at It.

WELLAND, May 26.—(Special.)—One of the most interesting arbitration cases in the history of the hydro-electric power commission opened in the county buildings this morning, before Judge Wells of Welland, acting for the claimant, Fraser Guenther, and Judge Morgan of Toronto, acting for the commission. W. M. German, M.P., appeared for Mr. Guenther, and A. F. Lobb, K.C., Toronto, acting for the commission.

Mr. Lobb made a tender of \$3320, which was not accepted.

Mr. Guenther was examined by Mr. German at some length. He is the owner of 205 acres in Thorold Township, lots Nos. 107, 108 and 109. The commission had erected ten towers of steel high and covered with 18 feet square. They had taken occupancy of land 132 feet wide, crossing an orchard and fields and cutting through a wood. The apple trees, numbered 25. These had an average yield of five to six barrels per year per tree, and would probably continue bearing for 30 years yet. The price per barrel would average \$2. In ten years, a tree would produce \$200 worth of apples at least.

Judge Wells asked as to the cost of removing. Mr. Guenther placed this at 80 to 90 cents per year per tree.

"Only 22 apple trees have been cut," corrected Mr. Lobb.

Mr. German replied that while only 22 had been cut, the remaining ten were on the land to be taken by the commission, and might be cut at any time.

"We have no such right whatever," corrected Mr. Lobb.

Mr. Lobb replied for Damage.

"If you cut any more you propose to pay for them," asked Judge Wells.

"Yes," replied Mr. Lobb.

"We are satisfied," assented Mr. German.

"We have not a right to cut a stick outside of those mentioned," added Mr. Lobb.

Mr. Guenther went on to tell of three pear trees that had been cut down. There was a butternut tree that produced 14 bushels, worth a dollar a bushel, an ash worth \$10, a maple worth \$10, and eight maples worth \$25 each in the roadway to the house. These were 27 years old.

"What is your house worth?" asked Mr. German.

"It cost \$7500, and the brick in it was bought at \$4 a thousand, while labor was a great deal cheaper than now," Mr. German added the information that the house was larger than any in Welland. Then he asked what his farm was worth.

"It is worth \$200 an acre. I would not take less than \$6000 for it," Mr. Guenther replied.

Attention was next directed to a 17-acre bush, through which a way had been cut. This was made up mostly of virgin hard maple. The area cut down was 2.5 acres.

**Alleged Damage to Timber.**

Mr. Lobb: We will pay the value of the timber, and the best value, too.

The remainder of the bush had been damaged to the extent of \$5000 or \$6000, said Guenther.

Judge Morgan said he had heard it stated that the body of the ground was accustomed to the new conditions and did not suffer. Again he had heard the reverse story. There was an astonishing diversity of opinion.

The next item in the claim was for damage to two hayfields and a pasture field. The contractors had cut their way through two wire fences, and had taken down some rail fences.

Mr. Lobb: The contractor will put them back in the shape in which he got them.

Mr. German: That is all right if my learned friend will give his undertaking, but I would not take the word of the hydro-electric commission. We have to get a list to make them keep their promise.

Mr. Lobb: I will give my personal undertaking. If Mr. German likes, I'll deposit the money.

**Didn't Like Patch Work.**

Mr. Guenther went on to say that he had spent \$70 this year in extra fencing because of the loss of the crop of a nine-acre pea field, which he did not sow because the field was cut up.

Judge Morgan: How many towers on the field?

Mr. Guenther: Two on the field and one on the edge.

Judge Wells: That would not prevent you putting in the crop on the area not being used by the commission.

Mr. Guenther: Well, I suppose I could, but I am not used to doing patch work.

"What is your farm worth less because of this transmission line?" Mr. German asked.

"It wouldn't have it there for \$10,000," Mr. Guenther replied.

The Green and the Urean.

Judge Wells raised the point as to what future rights the commission wanted. Mr. Lobb said that was set forth in the printed agreement. Mr. German complained that he had never seen the agreement spoken of, nor had Mr. Guenther seen it.

Mr. Lobb: Mr. McCormick offered it to Mr. Guenther, but he would not listen. Mr. Guenther denied this, and when Mr. Lobb characterized it as false Mr. German's statement that he had never seen the agreement, Mr. German denied this also, and there was a hot exchange of words.

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**Saratoga.**

Husband: After all, civilization has its drawbacks. People in the savage state seldom get ill. Who (twenty)? I wonder if that's the reason you're so healthy.

# CENTRAL METHODISTS APPOINT DELEGATES

For the Coming General Conference—St. Paul's Church to Sell Parsonage Property.

At the annual meeting of the Central District Methodist conference in Elm Street Church, it was shown that an advance movement of the churches in the district had been made to the extent of \$160,000, while \$16,331 had been given for missions, an increase of \$1461. For general church purposes \$123,000 had been given, which is \$34,140 increase.

A lively discussion took place in regard to the question of the advisability of giving more prominence to Sunday school work.

The question of raising funds for a memorial to Major Neil of Port Rowan, the first Methodist preacher in Upper Canada, and who died at Port Rowan in 1840 at the age of 80, was brought up. At last year's meeting of the Toronto Conference it was decided that \$1000 should be given by the different churches in the district for this purpose, but very few of the churches have lived up to the agreement. Some of those present described the affair as sentimental nonsense, and contended that such an action would be establishing a dangerous precedent. However, it was decided to make another effort to get the fund.

Rev. C. O. Johnston was appointed representative of the central district to the stationing committee, alternating with Rev. P. C. King.

St. Paul's Church congregation was granted permission to sell the parsonage property, and the proceeds are to be used in the reduction of the church debt.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting in Queen Street Methodist Church, near the new committee is to be appointed to consider the advisability of some readjustment in the boundaries of the central district.

The delegates to the general conference were:

Elm-street—R. C. Hamilton, W. J. Watson, F. D. Dana, J. B. Siddall; Queen-street—A. Ogden, Mr. Paul, W. W. Ogden, Ald. Welch; Broadway Tabernacle—F. C. Winters, E. H. Jones, Denton, E. H. Kassevel, Geo. Wilson; Yonge-street—Mr. Morley, Mr. Martin, St. Paul's—W. K. Doherty, A. B. Powell, S. Eyer, Harry McFee, J. S. Clark, Eglington—R. G. Kirby, S. J. Douglas; Davisville—C. H. Shaver; Newtonbrook—Mr. Schmidt; Downsview—S. Dandy, A. Golding; Thornhill—David James, Richmond Hill—J. Crosby, Geo. Gen. Maple; John Coombs, Leeds Richardson, Thos. Oliver.

In case any of the above should be unable to act the following alternates were appointed: Broadway Tabernacle, Frank Stanley; St. Paul's, E. M. Peck; Thornhill, Thos. H. Connell; Yonge-street, J. S. Hall; Newtonbrook, R. F. Hicks; Davisville, E. R. Shorey.

# A FORMER TORONTONIAN MIXED UP IN SCANDAL

Leaves Wife in Toronto, While He Goes Off to States and Plays False to Trusting Woman.

Enquiries from Philadelphia as to the whereabouts of Rev. Daniel G. Protisch, formerly of Toronto, and whose wife is still living here, have revealed some unpleasant facts.

A Slavonian woman with a newly-born baby appeared last week to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, at Philadelphia, to locate Protisch, who had promised to marry her, and who, she said, is the father of the child.

Protisch, prior to about a year ago, was employed by the Upper Canada Bible and Tract Society. When he left Toronto, he declared he was in the last throes of consumption, and was going back to his mother in Germany to die. His wife has since been employed by the tract society and until recently ignored the fact that her husband was still in America. It finally came to her ears that he had gone to some university in the States to study for the ministry.

It appears from the circumstances reported to the Philadelphia Ministerium, that while he was studying, he lived with the young Slav woman there, promising to marry her when he was admitted to the ministry. After his ordination, it is alleged, he deserted her and went to Pittsburgh, where he was kindly received by ministers of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Then he disappeared.

Enquiries were made broadcast by the Ministerium and Protisch was given until Tuesday last to answer the charge. When the tribunal failed to locate him his ordination was withdrawn.

On inquiry, last night, The World learned that he is likely in Chicago. The local Polish Baptist Missionary, Mr. Kollenkoff of East King-street, has received a letter from Protisch from that city.

Protisch is about 45 years old, and when here looked very tall. He is a hard expert of the law, and underwent a killing ordeal in escaping from exile in Siberia.

# NEW RUSSIAN INVENTIONS.

Good Fortune of Illiterate Peasant of Tolstoy's District.

Russia abounds in belated inventions which, hardly recorded to-day, would have immortalized or enriched the history of the world a few years ago. Generally it is an uneducated peasant, leading a primitive life, out of touch with the latter-day world, who invents a new machine, or device, or wonderful apparatus, and then learns, to his intense chagrin, that it was invented several years ago. More lucky is a peasant named Sagnoff, from the Province of Tula, named Count Tolstoy resides. He had just received a Russian patent for an apparatus called the "automotor," the characteristics of which is that it needs no fuel whatever, and is self-propelled by the weight of its water. The force is transferred by a whole system of levers, and may develop any horse power desired. All the parts of the "automotor" are metallic.

Sagnoff had gone to Moscow, together with a companion, to build an "automotor," the cost of which will not, he says, exceed \$20.

Another invention was actually shown, explained, and discussed recently in the presence of specialists, professors and officers of the army and navy by an engineer named Chapieffsky. It is an aeroplane with the hinges all at the rear, and of every known system, with the author's own improvements. It rises into the air straight from the ground, and is propelled by the help of an explosion of benzine. From the water it rises with still greater ease than from land.

A pair of horizontal wings hinder the rocking movement, and against violent whiffs of side wind the apparatus is protected by a so-called safety rudder, which is automatically shifted by the pilot.

The descent of the aeroplane is considerably more difficult than the ascent, but is facilitated by rudders, which act as a buffer. Special importance is attached to the part played by the tubes of the frame, which are so adjusted as to warn the aviator of the danger of falling. M. Chapieffsky affirms that his apparatus will carry any weight, besides which guns for firing missiles can be sent aloft, and employed without difficulty. M. Chapieffsky will lose no time in building his new flying machine.

Twelve months ago a young naval engineer named Juravieff submitted to the technical department of the marine ministry designs for a submarine cruiser of 400 tons displacement, and consequently capable of carrying a numerous crew and many torpedo tubes for the latest 21-inch torpedoes, and restricted in its operations to water near the shore. At present only comparatively small boats can be employed as submarines. Experts of the navy department are of the opinion that the new invention would constitute a terrible danger not only to a line of battleships, but likewise to the submarines at present in use. Owing to various extraneous reasons the technical department of the marine ministry has not yet taken action in the matter, but it is informed that measures will shortly be adopted to verify the remarkable statements made by the inventor and confirmed by several experts.—St. Petersburg Correspondent to London Telegraph.

# WOMEN AND TROUSERS.

Thoughts Suggested by the Recent Decision Rendered in Kansas.

When a Kansas woman addressed a letter to the attorney-general of the state asking him if there was any law forbidding her wearing trousers, the matter caused considerable comment. The woman was a plain, sensible person who worked hard to support herself and children on a small farm, and in this employment she found skirts cumbersome and awkward. She decided that she could save a lot of time and trouble by wearing trousers with comfort and convenience provided the law would permit.

There is something fine about this Kansas woman's position. She does not smugly insist on the subject of triviality, but went straight to the point. There is no hint of immorality or "mannishness" about the proposition, and it certainly is not a joke with her. And it is gratifying to note that the attorney-general assured her that she could wear trousers if she cared to do so without offence either legal or ethical.

Civilization, among other things, has made us slaves of sartorial custom. We wear conventional clothing as a voluntary concession to what we deem the proprieties, but in reality we are hopelessly obsessed with the fear of criticism. To be sure, we vary the quality and the designs of articles of apparel, but fundamentally we cling to the same set rules of habiliments which our fathers and grandfathers inherited. The absurdity of custom is illustrated in many forms, but it is particularly conspicuous in matters of dress. A woman, for instance, will wear a dinner gown out alarmingly low fore and aft, with a train that

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