

STIFF REPORT ON UNSAFE BUILDINGS; AGGRESSIVE ACTION NOW TO FOLLOW

The report of the committee after inspection of schools and other buildings was as follows: St. John, N. B., 27 March, 1906. To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the City of Saint John: Gentlemen—At the last meeting of the Common Council on motion of Alderman McGoldrick the committee were appointed a committee to examine the public schools and other public buildings in this city and report on the conditions of the same and particularly with reference to their safety, the means of escape in case of fire, and the fire escapes.

The report of the committee after inspection of the school buildings, the Public Hospital and the different theatres with the view of making recommendations as would be in their humble opinion, be likely to reduce to a minimum the fire risks in these buildings, especially in the schools, now submitted to you, their labors to you for your careful perusal and consideration, coupled with the request that this report may be published so that the public shall be fully informed of the condition of affairs as they now exist in the public schools.

The public schools in this city are in a state of affairs that is a disgrace to the city. The buildings are in a state of decay and the fire escapes are in a state of disrepair. The committee has found that the buildings are in a state of such a state of decay that it is necessary to recommend that the buildings be repaired and the fire escapes be replaced.

KINGS COUNTY COURT

Hampton, N. B., April 7.—(Special)—The April term of the Kings county court, Judge Wedderburn presiding, opened this morning at eleven o'clock. His Honor called the sheriff's attention to the absence of the flag which courtesy and custom call to be flown over the court house when any of the King's justices are present in the prosecution of public business. He was informed that the heralds are broken, and thereupon instructed the sheriff to request the building committee of the municipal council to have the necessary repairs made so that the present omission might not occur again.

His honor gave judgment in the Scott appeal case of Hugh J. McCormack, tried at the last court reducing the magistrate's conviction from a second to a first offence and dismissing the appeal. He also complained of the excessive costs in the case two thirds of which were unnecessary, and of the expense of an affidavit under the statute. The costs amounted to \$29.00 and there had been eight adjournments without apparent sufficient cause.

The only suit entered on the docket was that of the Sussex Mercantile Company vs. John Berne, an action to recover the cost of a thrasher which the defendant alleges was not up to the warranty. W. B. Jonah represented the plaintiff company and moved for trial but neither counsel nor attorney were present for defendant and at that moment a telegram was handed to the judge by Daniel Mullin, St. John, saying he had just been detained and asking that the case might stand until he could reach the court. This was conceded by his honor and a recess was taken until two o'clock.

The county court on reassembling after recess found Mr. Mullin, counsel for defendant in the case present, but in a somewhat embarrassed position from having had no time to confer with his client, who only engaged his services by telephone from Hampton on the morning of the trial. He also stated that the defendant was but imperfectly acquainted with English and it might be necessary to employ a French interpreter. Mr. J. J. Gallagher, of Grand Falls, had intended to be present, but for some cause had not put in an appearance. His client had communicated with the counsel with a view to have the matter come before his honor in chambers at St. John, but the judge had left the city on that morning, April 1st, and nothing further was done until he received the message that the defendant had been conferred with his client. His honor referred the difficulties of the case and the wrong done to the court, counsel and jury by the seemingly vacillating course of the defendant's attorney, and expressed his willingness to have the case stand over to the next court, but the defendant's attorney, who had been made of the costs of the day.

After fifteen minutes' conference with defendant, Mr. Mullin returned into court and said he was unable to pay the costs of the day. The following jury were then sworn: Mr. J. A. Uprichart, Chas. E. Ryan, David Floyd, James McCarth, Mr. Jonah opened his case to the jury, rehearsing the particulars of the sale of the thrasher, and the company's agent at Madawaska, in July, 1906, for \$225. The payment to be made in three annual instalments of \$75 each, without interest. The defendant, the agent named, was sworn and testified as to the sale to the defendant, the contract being signed by him in duplicate, which they have in their possession. The witness, who was sworn and testified as to the sale to the defendant, the contract being signed by him in duplicate, which they have in their possession. The witness, who was sworn and testified as to the sale to the defendant, the contract being signed by him in duplicate, which they have in their possession.

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Duchess of Marlborough Speaks on Public Playground Topic



(On left) DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, CH. PRINCEMENT, HAROLD VAN DER PLIGT (on right)

A gathering unique almost to the social annals of New York for its personnel of brains, beauty and wealth, stood up last week in the Waldorf-Astoria and drank champagne toast to the health of the new playgrounds of the city. The Duchess of Marlborough, the distinguished English noblewoman, was the guest of honor at the banquet given by the Playground Association of America, in honor of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the distinguished English novelist.

The duchess was introduced by Richard Watson Gilder, the toastmaster on whose left hand she was seated. Mrs. Ward was at her right, and smiled encouragement at the duchess as with the least trace of nervousness she rose to speak. She figured her typewritten manuscript for a moment and smiled over her shoulder at her hostess and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont were seated. As the duchess cleared away she leaned forward slightly with her finger tips touching the table and began to speak in a clear voice that reached every corner of the banquet room. She said: "I feel very much honored at having been asked to address so representative and large a company as is present here tonight. You will hear from those far more competent to discuss all about the association, this dinner purposes to advance, and will, therefore, not encroach upon your time and attention in this respect."

"But I understand that besides the direct advancement of the playground association this assembly has another and still wider purpose at heart; it desires to recognize the individual responsibility of each citizen in such a measure as to live and to work in others that sense of personal obligation we all owe the state.

Day asked, "And quick came the response, 'Sure!'" "Would you rather be here than in heaven?" he then asked. "No," came the answer. "I don't believe," said the duchess, "that you would rather be here than in heaven. I'd like to go there when I can't be here. I don't think heaven is in any particular need of me. In fact, I think I'd have some trouble getting admitted there, but when you can't be here, I'd stick to heaven, if I were you. All belongs to God and when I'm somewhere else, I'll put me somewhere else."

"I think we're all going to be busy in a little while in this country. We've had a little scare, but this business of the country isn't going to stop. You'll all have jobs before I speak to you again."

At this there was some derisive laughter whereupon the duchess added, "Well, if you want me to be more definite, I'll say in three months that's what I believe. I think that there are not so many dishonest men in this land today as there were a month ago. But I believe that there are men who are making saints of us. They're not in the saint business."

ANTI-SALOON TALK ALL OVER ILLINOIS

Pastors Give Up Pulpits to Advocates Women Parade. Chicago, April 7.—Pastors of the churches throughout Illinois generally, united last Sunday in a public protest against the saloons. One thousand two hundred townships in 84 out of 102 counties will vote Tuesday on the question: "Shall this county be anti-saloon territory?" If the crusade is successful, 300 saloons must close. There are only eight large cities in the state which are not concerned—Chicago, East St. Louis, Peoria, Quincy, Stratford, Olney, La Salle and Geneseo. In many instances today pulpits were occupied by lawyers, business men and representatives of other professions, all favoring the anti-saloon cause. There were parades and demonstrations from one end of Illinois to the other, and the anti-saloon struggle of the campaign. At Springfield, the capital of the state, it is said that more than 50,000 people voted to the present movement against saloons in Springfield and Sangamon counties. More than any other county in the state, Sangamon has 236 licensed saloons. In Decatur, where 18,000 bushels of corn are made into grits for breweries every year, has been the story center of the state. The city has 85,000. The company was charged by the United States Circuit court and fined \$5,000. The company was charged by the government with giving rebates on sugar shipped from this city to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1902. Counsel for the company gave notice of an appeal.

QUEBEC BISHOP CHANGES HIS MIND

Apologizes to Judge for Refusing to Obey Order of Civil Court. A Montreal despatch says: The Bishop of Chicoutimi, who some time ago refused to obey the local judge of that town, has changed his mind. On Saturday he sent a letter to the judge apologizing for his conduct, and promising obedience in the future. The trouble arose over the Bishop claiming he belonged to a higher court than any civil one and refusing to obey orders issued from the civil courts. The matter is now settled by the bishop's apologizing.

HILL'S ROAD CONVICTED OF GRANTING REBATES

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NOVEL DEFENCE

More Dementia Defence in Case of Amateur Burglar. Chicago, April 7.—Ross Freeman whose attorney said he was a victim of somnambulism and epilepsy and who was by the attorneys charged with Julius Caesar, Napoleon and Lincoln, all of whom, it was contended, were subject to lapses of mental control through somnambulism or epilepsy, was today acquitted on a charge of burglary. Freeman was accused of breaking into the home of Fred Folger, at 4001 Armour avenue, a saloonkeeper, and attacking Folger when the latter surprised the intruder in the room. The defense placed alibiists on the stand who testified that it was their belief that Freeman was asleep when he entered Folger's home and that attack upon Folger was an indication of criminality. Dr. A. A. O'Connell, Chicago, one of the principal witnesses for the defense, described Freeman's act as not having been committed. Freeman was today acquitted on a charge of burglary. Freeman was accused of breaking into the home of Fred Folger, at 4001 Armour avenue, a saloonkeeper, and attacking Folger when the latter surprised the intruder in the room. The defense placed alibiists on the stand who testified that it was their belief that Freeman was asleep when he entered Folger's home and that attack upon Folger was an indication of criminality.

GIRLS ON SALE FOR ROYALTY, SAYS DAY

Syracuse Chancellor Refers to Foreign Suitors as "Rags and Tatters"

MARKET FOR WOMEN IN U. S. AS IN ORIENT

Sermon Dealt With the Wealthy, Their Sons and Daughters—Business and Heaven.

New York, April 6.—Chancellor Day of Syracuse University addressed a full house yesterday afternoon at the men's meeting held at the Harlem Y. M. C. A. Dr. Day was under control only. He talked for 30 minutes "Don't listen," he told his hearers "to the sublime nonsense about half a dozen men taken all the wealth of the country and put it into their pockets. The Lord takes care of those men. (Laughter.) He does. He sees that they don't live as long as Methuselah. They get rich, they get fat, they get foolish first and they die before they die give their wealth to their sons, nine-tenths of them are fools and go immediately to work to get rid of it. Then, too, their daughters distribute some of it. Rags and tatters of royalty that the world has tried to get rid of come here after them. And they sell themselves and give a portion. We've got a market here in this country for these women just as truly as they had a market for women and girls in the Orient.

"But the Lord is taking care of that, too. Giving us some fine exhibitions just now that all is not turning out as profitably as it might. Of course, we can't mention names." Dr. Day spoke of occasion and said he liked it and that he intended to be just as big as he could be. "That will be none too big," he said, and he urged the men present to take the same motto with the same idea. "Don't you like this land better than any other on the globe?" Mr.

Advertisement for 'New Century' Washing Machine, highlighting its features like easy running, power, and durability.

Advertisement for 'Dye to Any Color' soap, claiming to be the best for coloring laundry.