

STILES CASE IN ALBERT COURT

Defendant Admits Paying Wife And Stepmother \$1,000 Four Days Before Assignment—Dixon's Conduct.

Hopewell Cape, N. B., Feb. 21.—The examination of Job Stiles was commenced today in the Court House before A. W. Bray, clerk of the peace, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The witnesses examined were Sheriff Carter, who is also an assignee of Mr. Stiles and the defendant himself. The assignment was proved by the sheriff and, on cross examination, the facts were brought out by Mr. Fowler that Stiles had informed the sheriff at the time of the assignment that a day or two before the assignment was made he had delivered to Peter J. McLellan forty-nine head of cattle at the price of \$1.20.

The sheriff also gave in evidence the inventory of the estate which consisted of a valuable farm with marsh and timber land, six horses, a large amount of hay, forty tons of loose and about eighty tons pressed hay, about 730 bushels of turnips, 75 bushels of oats, a large amount of property in the way of farming implements, and machinery.

Mr. Stiles was cross examined very closely in regard to the matter of his assignment. He swore that about the time his assignment he had copied into a small book which he produced in court such accounts that he wished preserved from his books of original entry and then he burned his original books. He swore that he owed his wife money, which he got from her several years ago, and that he also owed his step mother, that he allowed them interest at seven per cent, and settled with them in full out of the money received for cattle about four days before he made the assignment. Mr. Stiles was on the stand at the close of the proceedings tonight, and the hearing will go on at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

One of the peculiar circumstances which shows the way things are going in Albert county came prominently before the public today. A large number of influential men of the county came long distances to attend the examination today, being creditors of the estate. The hearing was advertised by Mr. Bray to take place in the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Hopewell Cape, but the key of the office was found to be in the possession of Miles B. Dixon, who has been dismissed from that office, and Dixon refusing to give up the key, the office was not available. In consequence of this a great deal of time was lost before the large court house building could be heated and made ready for the meeting.

The matter was brought prominently to the notice of W. B. Dickson, M. P., who was present today, and he promised to take the matter up immediately with the Attorney General of the province, and have the matter straightened out so that business of this office shall not be held up, and the public put to inconvenience.

John L. Peck, of Hillsboro, was present today and tried to effect a settlement in the matter of the estate and made an offer of twenty-five cents to the dollar, which was refused by the creditors.

THE QUEEN'S

Toronto, the Queen City of Canada, is the important business and tourist centre of the Dominion, its many handsome churches, artistic public buildings, imposing hotels, public drives, parks and gardens are the admiration of many thousands of visitors throughout the year.

One of the best hotels in Canada is located here, the old established "Queens," a hostelry that is especially popular with all discriminating people, standing in its own beautiful and extensive grounds, it has an air of quiet and refinement that appeals strongly to the home lover; its fame is far reaching, and many remember with pleasure the hours spent within its hospitable walls.

The "Queens" is operated on the American and European Plan, the rates being: Rooms without Bath (American Plan) \$3.00 per day up, Rooms with Bath (American Plan) \$3.50 per day up, Rooms (European Plan) \$1.50 per day up.

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NO CHILDREN ALONE. Quebec, Feb. 21.—In the legislative assembly this afternoon Premier Gouin gave notice of a bill regulating the

S.P.C.R. REPORTS TELL OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED

781 Cases Come Under Observation of Secretary Wetmore—Seven Convictions Secured in Court.

The annual meeting of the S. P. C. A. was held yesterday morning when the reports submitted told of the good work done by the society during the year. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President:—Hon. John V. Ellis. Vice-presidents:—T. B. Robinson, W. L. Hamm, Rev. C. R. Flanders, Dr. L. Hamm, Rev. C. R. Flanders, Dr. James Walker, W. Frank Hatheway, Thomas Ready, James Manchester, P. B. Ellis, The Bishop of Fredericton, Geo. E. Fairweather, O. H. Warwick, R. W. W. Frink. Executive Committee:—T. O'Brien, W. S. Fisher, Geo. O. D. Otty, T. H. Estabrooks, R. T. Worden, Dr. H. S. Bridges, P. L. Jewett, A. Gordon Leavitt, Henry Gallagher, G. Ernest Fairweather. Secretary:—S. Merritt Wetmore. Treasurer:—L. W. Peters. Counsel:—J. King Kelley, B.C.L. Veterinary Surgeon:—Dr. James H. Frink.

Secretary's Report. Secretary S. M. Wetmore submitted a comprehensive report dealing with his work for the year. A summary of the cases investigated is as follows:—

- Horses removed from work for— Lameness . . . . . 28 Sores under harness . . . . . 10 Unfit for work . . . . . 41 Horses owners and others cautioned for— Overloading . . . . . 80 Overworking . . . . . 23 Overdriving . . . . . 70 Lameness . . . . . 16 Neglected . . . . . 12 Ill-treated . . . . . 107 Thin in flesh . . . . . 12 Neglect to blanket . . . . . 36 Destroyed . . . . . 11 Shipment of horses . . . . . 12 Cattle and other stock— Ill-treated . . . . . 39 Injured . . . . . 5 Over-crowding . . . . . 8 Tied down . . . . . 1 Neglected . . . . . 3 Injured by transportation . . . . . 1 Shipments . . . . . 89 Destroyed . . . . . 1 Other animals— Dogs and cats ill-treated . . . . . 7 Dogs and cats destroyed . . . . . 5 Dogs destroyed in lethal chamber . . . . . 45 Cats destroyed in lethal chamber . . . . . 89 Poultry and birds— Fowls, etc., neglected . . . . . 1 Fowls over-crowded . . . . . 3 Fowls injured . . . . . 3 Shipments . . . . . 1 Children and women— Children ill-treated . . . . . 3 Children neglected . . . . . 3 Women ill-treated . . . . . 8 Women neglected . . . . . 8

Cases taken to court, included in above:— Beating and ill-treating horses, 1; fined \$50 or 30 days. Beating and ill-treating horses, 2; fined \$10 each. Over-driving and ill-treating horses 1; fined \$5. Over-driving and ill-treating horses, 1; fined \$2. Puncturing live pigeons 1; fined \$5. Working lame horse 1; fined and ordered by court to give horse a rest.

DREADNAUGHT GRAZE SPREADS TO FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 21.—Admiral Boue de Lapeyere, minister of marine, asserted in the chamber of deputies today that the French navy ought to be strengthened by the addition of two armored cruisers.

He advocated the adoption of a naval programme for a term of years and laid stress upon the necessity of private shipbuilding yards knowing far ahead what they might expect.

ARMAND LAFERGNE MAKES SUGGESTION

Quebec, Feb. 21.—When the bill making a grant for the proposed monument to King Edward was before the legislature this afternoon, Armand Lafergne while not opposing it, declared that if King Edward were alive he would have been better pleased with larger pensions to school teachers and better roads in Quebec.

CONGRATULATIONS

London, Ont., Feb. 21.—The London collegiate institute for scouts today sent the following cable message to Baden Powell, London: "Bades Powell, London. Congratulations. Second London Troop." Tomorrow is the birthday of the founder of the Boy Scout movement.

attendance of children at moving picture shows. It provides that they may not be admitted when under 13 years of age unless accompanied by their parents or guardians.

LOCAL PLAYERS MAKE BIG HIT

"The Man From Albany" Presented With Much Success At Opera House—Characters And Specialties.

The Man From Albany as produced under the auspices of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, at the Opera House last evening proved an attraction that was greatly enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience. The play is a farce comedy in three acts and each act is funnier than the one preceding it. The comedy is that the fun increases as the play develops until in the last act the audience is convulsed with laughter.

Like most farce comedies The Man From Albany has little or no plot or connected story. Its success depends upon the skill with which the funny characters are drawn and the ludicrous situations in which the play abounds. A more laughable climax than that of the play, when The Man From Albany is thrown through a window by two of the other characters, would be hard to imagine. Briefly told the play revolves about two mysterious characters and the stage of an altogether charming young girl and the ownership and authorship of a mysterious note which, while written to the girl in the play, is claimed by the manager of the theatre as the property of the two principal characters. Around these flimsy facts a very funny farce is written and when it is presented as well as it was last evening it makes a most enjoyable entertainment.

And it was an easy piece to play in spite of the fact that it contained no strong lines. The speed of the action, the constant demands upon all of the characters and the quick succession of tricky situations rendered it a rather difficult undertaking. Mr. Bird and his associates deserve all credit for the production which ranked well with previous offerings by the same company, and this is saying much.

The Characters. Miss Pauline E. Baird, who appeared in the role of Mrs. Bowser, the colonel's wife, can always be relied on to give a finished performance in any part she undertakes. When Mrs. Bowser had once entered upon the path of deception, her troubles began to accumulate and in seeking to hide the parentage of the "Cherub" Miss Baird was equal to every occasion. As Rose Waters, the daughter of Mrs. Bowser, whose unwelcome arrival led to all the complications, Miss Carrie Baillie was delightful. Reduced by force of circumstances to the mature age of seven, she thoroughly entered in the spirit of the part and was saucy, mischievous, and rebellious by turns. Her scenes with the professor were among the brightest and most laughable in the play. Miss Baillie made a decided hit.

Miss Ethel Creighton, the character of the strong minded Mrs. Meekman, was particularly good. The occasion was her first appearance in a leading role, and she is a decided acquisition to the ranks of St. John's amateur talent. Theodore H. Bird, in a clever make-up as Professor Malby, showed his ability as a character actor and has never appeared to better advantage. A. E. McClellan, who is one of his opportunities as the Colonel, who evinces a strong dislike for every thing connected with Albany. The entanglements which followed his adoption of the character, and the resulting laughter. In all his scenes he well maintained his reputation as an accomplished actor of character, and was never at a loss in a long and exciting part.

H. E. C. Sturdivant appeared for the first time in the ranks of those who have played with Mr. Bird and proved a decided acquisition. As Travis Dale he gave an excellent performance. The "Quaker" who is the character which his friends presented to him, and which he will doubtless be long cherished in memory of the occasion. Frank J. Carr, as the Irish servant, Tim Mulligan, instilled just the right touch of broad comedy into the part, and scored heavily in a minor role.

The Specialties. The specialties, as in all Mr. Bird's productions, were not the least attractive features of the entertainment. Between Acts 1 and 2, the scene was laid in a cafe on the sea shore and opened with a bright chorus, "Call Me Up Some Rainy Afternoon." Lunch scenes from "The Echo," and "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?" from "Bright Eyes," were introduced with Mr. Lanyon as soloist, assisted by Misses Jennie Roden, Hazel Kinsman, Marion Campbell, Ermeline Climo, Harry DeMille, Harold Turner, Leslie Day, Harry Cromwell. At the beginning of Act 2—"Good-bye, Betty Brown," was given by Mr. Lanyon, assisted by 10 young ladies and 5 young men, and was particularly effective, calling forth rounds of applause.

Between the second and third acts two scenes, representing Winter and Springtime, were given, the pretty stage picture in the latter with the floral decorations, the girls swinging, and the general effect marked it as the most elaborate Mr. Bird has yet presented. Those taking part were: Harold Turner, assisted by Misses Jennie Roden, Hazel Kinsman, Marion Campbell, Ermeline Climo, Harry DeMille, Harold Turner, Leslie Day, Harry Cromwell, Pearl Swain, Marion Frost and Miss McArthur, and Harry Dixon, D. D. McArthur, Harold Finley, Russell Cortright, Arthur Kerr, Jack Wilson, Chas. Warren, Harold Turner, Leslie Day, Harry Cromwell, Osnan Perley and Harry DeMille.

There was a fashionable audience last evening and the bright uniforms of the officers and men of the regiment in attendance, with the large number of beautiful evening gowns seen, made a brilliant picture. The theatre was tastefully decorated with Union Jacks.

The music for the occasion was supplied by an orchestra of twenty-five pieces, under the capable direction of Bandmaster Perkins of the 62nd band, and a better orchestra has rarely been heard in the house. The stage settings and effects were in excellent taste, as in the case with all the productions of the local players, and the

color schemes in the specialties were well worked out and very pretty. In fact the whole entertainment was an unqualified success.

The Man from Albany will be repeated this evening and on Thursday and Friday evenings and at a matinee on Saturday.

Continued from page 1. "That is keep the facts secret," said Mr. Hale. Mr. Garrison applied with a shrug of his shoulders. He added that because of the discovery that Canada had given preferential treatment to France, under the maximum and minimum provisions of the tariff law, the president would be compelled to apply the maximum rates to Canada, but he knew that the people of this country would not stand it. As a result the president sent commissioners to Canada who demanded a reciprocal trade agreement and the inevitable happened.

The Great-West Life Assurance Company TWELVE POINTS SUGGESTED BY ITS REPORT FOR 1910.

- POINT No. 1. A large new business means that a great many people have decided that The Great-West Life is the best Company. The Great-West Life issued Insurances of over \$14,000,000 in Canada in 1910, a new Canadian record. POINT No. 2. This was not the result of a spasmodic effort. The Great-West Life has been a leader in Canadian business in four successive years: 1907 . . . . . \$ 4,911,472 1908 . . . . . 9,698,706 1909 . . . . . 9,861,922 1910 . . . . . 14,369,955 POINT No. 3. A large increase in business in force means that the policyholders are pleased with the policies they have purchased and are glad to renew them. The Canadian business in force of the Great West Life increased during 1910 by nearly \$11,000,000 — another record. POINT No. 4. The most important factor in producing profits is the interest rate. An increase of two points in this respect will enable any Company to double its profits. The Great-West Life's interest rate is higher than that of any other Company in the world. It is 7 per cent. net. POINT No. 5. The investments of the Great West Life are the safest obtainable. They are practically confined to mortgages on real estate yielding 7 per cent. to 8 per cent., and are secured by property worth more than double the amounts advanced. POINT No. 6. Next in importance is economy of management. No other Canadian Company has lower expense rates than The Great-West Life. POINT No. 7. It requires less effort and consequently less cost to sell Great West Life policies, because the premium rates are the lowest and the profits are the highest. Nothing succeeds like success. POINT No. 8. The following is an illustration of the quinquennial profits being paid in 1911 on the 20 Payment Life Plan, age at entry 35: Bonus, Cash, Five Year Reduction in 1906 . . . \$ 67 \$28.25 \$ 6.15 Policy issued in 1901 . . . 65 29.85 8.75 Policy issued in 1896 . . . 100 62.00 11.50 POINT No. 9. The policies of The Great-West Life are clear, business-like documents, containing all possible privileges—A liberal Disability Clause insuring against disability from accident or disease is contained in all 1911 with profit contracts. POINT No. 10. The following table illustrates some features of the Company's business: 1910. Increase. Business issued and revived . . . \$14,916,548 \$4,329,540 Gain in Bus. . . . . 10,934,441 4,899,541 New Bus. paid for . . . . . 13,177,621 3,240,853 Assets . . . . . 8,449,811 1,584,069 Surplus for protection of policyholders \$1,801,777. POINT No. 11. The Directors of The Great-West Life are all experienced business men particularly well qualified to manage a Company investing in the West. A. Macdonald J. H. Brock Geo. F. Gall P. C. McIntyre R. T. Riley Geo. R. Crowe A. M. Nanton A. Kelly Geo. W. Allan A. C. Flumerfelt F. Nation Sir Daniel H. McMillan POINT No. 12. Detailed figures establishing the above statements are contained in the Government Blue Book on Insurance, and in the Company's reports. Write to the Company for 1910 Annual Report, and if you state date of birth, complete information showing cost and benefits will be sent.

JAPANESE TEA IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH Unique Entertainment Arranged by Ladies—School Room Presents Oriental Appearance—Music Enjoyed.

The school room of St. Stephen's church resembled a scene from the Flower Kingdom yesterday afternoon and evening, an appropriate setting for the Japanese tea given by the ladies of the church. The platform was festooned with garlands of green and hung with Japanese lanterns. In the centre of the room over the round table from which tea was served, garlands and flowers were arranged in the form of a great Japanese sunshade, making a very pretty effect. The candy booth also made a very pretty picture, being constructed of lattice work decorated with Japanese flowers.

From 4 to 9 a group of girls in Japanese costumes furnished Japanese music. Mrs. Frank Goodson sang The Moon Song from the Mikado; Mrs. Macneil, the Jewel of Asia, from The Geisha, also The Rolly-Polly San. The Japanese chorus which consisted of the ladies of the choir assisted by Miss Ethel Creighton, sang Brave the Raven Hair, with Miss Creighton taking the solo part. A chorus composed of Misses Mary MacLaren, Jean Trueman, Kathleen Trueman, Dorothy Patterson, Emma Short, Edith DeLong and Sarah Collins and Messrs. Gordon Kerr, G. D. McArthur and Ernest March sang, If You Will Come to Tea. Then there were piano duets, selections from The Geisha by Miss Wilson and Mrs. Gora Dicko; Mrs. Macneil, the Jewel of Asia, from The Geisha, also The Rolly-Polly San. The Japanese chorus which consisted of the ladies of the choir assisted by Miss Ethel Creighton, sang Brave the Raven Hair, with Miss Creighton taking the solo part. 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