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DRAWING THE NET MORE CLOSELY

Canadian courts are drawing the net more closely round the criminal. That is one conclusion to be drawn from criminal statistics issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Canadian Government.

The statistics cover the year ended Sept. 30, 1924 and are a compilation of convictions and acquittals in the various provinces. They do not deal with the unsolved mysteries of crime, but with cases actually in court. They show that in the 12 months ended last September convictions for indictable offence was against the previous 12 months corresponding increased from 15,188 to 16,258 while at the same time acquittals decreased from 4,551 to 4,409.

Expressed in percentages, convictions in indictable offences increased by seven per cent while acquittals decreased by six per cent.

Of the major crimes, there were 22 convictions for murder in the year ended Sept. 1924 as against 15 in the previous year, 1,558 convictions for burglary, house, warehouse and shop breaking as against 1,175 146 convictions for highway robbery exactly the same number as a year previous.

The tendency of Canadian courts to impose swift punishment—in this following the lead of British courts—is often cited as one explanation of the remarkable difference between the toll of crime in Canada and that in certain American cities. And in major offenses especially, has the tendency been noticeable. The Montreal bandits and their fate on the scaffold; the execution of the so-called "king of the bootleggers" in the Crow's Nest Pass case of the Rockies and a woman accomplice were cases in point.

In both cases the death sentence was imposed not only on the one who actually fired the fatal shot but also on the accomplice for Canadian law regards the accomplice to a murder, as being just as guilty as the murderer. The Code, too provides only one penalty for murder no matter in what part of Canada the crime may be committed, and that is the capital sentence. The sentence may be commuted by the Governor General acting on the advice of the Cabinet, but commutation is only granted in exceptional cases.

In Parliament, session after session, there are pleas for abolition of the death sentence. But while abolition has found much support, the argument for the death sentence has always been that it is a deterrent to crime. On the last occasion that capital punishment came before the House of Commons, a motion favoring abolition was defeated by 52 to 29.

WEDDINGS

SCOTT-NICHOLSON

A very pretty wedding of much interest was celebrated in St. James' Presbyterian Church, at seven o'clock Wednesday evening when Miss Annie Ritchie Nicholson younger daughter of Dr. Robert and Mrs. Nicholson of this town became the bride of Rev. Robert Hamilton Scott of Scotch Ridge, son of Mrs. Janet Scott of Bathurst. The church was simply but effectively decorated for the occasion in green ferns and potted plants, yellow daisies and golden glow, the scene being a most charming one as the bride, very sweet in a bridal gown of white georgette with wedding veil of tulle arranged in cap shape with wreath of orange blossoms and carrying a bouquet of bridal roses and sweet peas, walked down the aisle on the arm of her father to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. The bridesmaids were Elizabeth Nicholson and Annie Bell the former in a gown of peach georgette with cut work trimmings and the latter wearing jade green georgette, embroidered in silver. Both wore coronets of silver leaves and silver shoes and stockings and carried Ophelia roses and sweet peas. The groom had for best man, Mr. Harold Frame, of Westville, N. S., a student at Pine Hill College. The guests were ushered to their seats by Mr. James Sargeant and Mr. Rudolph White of Bathurst. Mrs. Sargeant played the wedding march and also played softly during the service. During the signing of the register Mr. D. J. Gulliver sang "O Perfect Love," which was followed by Mendelssohn's wedding march. Rev. L. H. MacLean performed the ceremony and the church was filled to capacity.

The bride's mother wore a gown of black and white crepe with large black velvet hat. The groom's mother was dressed in black satin with lace trimmings.

Relatives and very intimate friends subsequently attended a reception held at the home of the bride's parents where dainty refreshments were served. The house was beautifully decorated the color scheme in the drawing room and dining room being pink and white, asters and snapdragon being used in the former room and sweet peas in the latter. The reception hall also looked very pretty trimmed with golden glow and ferns.

The young couple left by motor on a trip to the Bras d'Or Lakes, following which they will proceed to Scotch Ridge, N. B., where the young minister's charge is and where they will reside. The bride's going away costume was of navy broadcloth with hat to correspond and squirrel choker.

The beautiful and numerous gifts received testified to the popularity of both bride and groom. Mr. Scott graduated in June from Pine Hill College, Halifax and Mrs. Scott is a graduate of Halifax Ladies' College and of St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Janet Scott and Miss Mary Scott, mother and sister of the groom of Bathurst; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hinton, Bathurst, and Miss Annie Dickson, of New York.

BARRY-McCARRON

Miss Edith Carmel McCarron, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McCarron of Moncton, was united in marriage to John Patrick Barry, son of Mrs. Edward Barry, Chatham. The ceremony took place at eight o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Bernard's Church. Nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Father H. Barry, of Bathurst, a brother of the groom, assisted by Rev. Father Edw. Savage. They were attended by Miss Kathleen McCarron, sister of the bride, and Herbert Barry, of Chatham.

The bride looked charming in a gown of biscuit brown georgette and wearing a Gloria Swanson hat. She was given in marriage by her father. The bridesmaid wore a pine green, green gown and gray hat Mrs. J. W. McCarthy officiated at the organ during the ceremony, at the conclusion of which the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride where a buffet luncheon was served. The house was prettily decorated with gladiolus, sweet peas and ferns.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry left later in the morning for Brackley Beach, P. E. I. where they will spend their honeymoon.

Among the out-of-town guests

Crisis Coming In Labor Trouble In Australia

Deportation of Two Leaders in Seamen's Strike is Demanded---Labor Men May Go on Strike---Australia a "White Country" Discussed at Banquet.

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 4. (Canadian Press, via Reuters).—Tom Walsh, President of the Australian Seamen's Union, and J. Johansson, another leader of the strike of British seamen, appeared before the deportation board to show cause why they should not be deported, for their connection with the shipping trouble. Under a new amendment to the Immigration Act persons not of Australian birth may be deported for causing labor trouble. Proceedings were adjourned.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 4. (Canadian Press, via Reuters).—Hunter Charlton, leader of the Labor party in the Federal parliament, has appealed to the trade unionists in Australia not to strike if deportation of certain labor leaders is ordered in connection with the present troubles, but to make their protest known by the results of the Federal elections, which he said, could not be long delayed. He added that if a labor government was returned, the iniquitous legislation providing for the deportation of persons not of Australian birth, who cause labor troubles, would be immediately repealed.

The Trades' Council has appointed its delegates to the All-Australian labor trades union congress at which it is expected, a nation-wide decision will be reached, regarding deportations of labor leaders.

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 4. (Canadian Press via Reuters).—Speeches at the dinner given last night by the New South Wales government, to

visiting members of the Empire Press Union, and presided over by the Governor, Admiral Sir Dudley Rawson Stratford, developed a discussion of the white Australia policy in which Cabinet Minister Loughlan, Lord Burnham and John H. Daffoe, Winnipeg, took part.

Hon. Mr. Loughlan opened the subject by explaining the policy on which Australia was unanimous. It was not based, he said, on any ideal of racial superiority of the whites, but the well known dissimilarity of the whites and colored races in feeling, sentiment, and other respects. Australia recognized the need for more people, but it did not want by wholesale immigration to introduce slumdom and poverty into the country. She wanted to protect her standard of living, which, at least, was not excelled by any nation in the world. Moreover, the immigration question was inextricably mixed up with the land question. It was a mere statement of facts that in many parts of Australia the land was not at present put to its best use, and until the land was put to a better use than it was today there could be no immigration.

Lord Burnham thought nobody would dissent from the white Australia policy, but they understood by a white Australia an Australia fully peopled.

Mr. Daffoe congratulated Australia on its determination to remain a white democracy, moreover, in which no honest work would be considered derogatory to white men.

were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barry Boston, Mrs. Lozier, wife of Dr. Lozier, Mrs. Edward Barry, mother of the groom, Kathleen and Lillian Barry, Herbert Irving, of Chatham, Mrs. Guldrey of Campbellton, Mrs. George Kelly, of Hampton, Mr. George McWilliam and Helen McWilliam, of Newcastle, and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. R. Richards of Springfield. City guests included Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Arbing and Miss Claire Mackesey.

Jazz Music Described As Abomination

Toronto, Sept. 3.—Jazz Music was described as an "abomination" by Colonel MacKenzie Regan, one of the Empire's greatest bandmasters, who spoke at the luncheon of directors of the Canadian National exhibition today.

Queen Mary does not like jazz, Col. Regan said, and soldiers in the trenches during the war always preferred good music to the "rag time bob-tail jazz."

Col. Regan told of having asked his band to play a "jazz" number during a ball for the Prince of Wales after Queen Mary had inquired concerning this music. "Afterwards the Queen said to me she never wanted to hear jazz again."

Colonel A. E. Gooderham, of the Toronto conservatory of music said that Eastern Canada was far behind in recognizing the value of cultural music, and regretted that music had no part in the high school system, particularly in eastern Ontario.



ALLEGED SWINDLER PAID \$200 ON CAR, THEN DISAPPEARED

The case, in which L. T. Hayes and Thomas G. Hines are facing charges of obtaining money under false pretences in connection with collecting fees for advertisements for a Catholic magazine which they said they would publish, took a new turn Thursday when the car in which they were riding about the country was turned over to the agent of a Bangor firm by Sheriff Doran.

Mr. Flag, representing the Henry Kimball Company, of Bangor, said that the car was bought from his firm a year ago by a Mr. Norton, who was in custody in Newcastle using the name of Hayes. A payment of \$200 was made on the car but Norton disappeared from Bangor a month later. The street address that he had given the company was fictitious. He had not been seen since that time. Mr. Flag is taking the car back to Bangor.

Telegrams were received from Rev. C. W. Parent, of Timbuctoo, Ont. and Rev. M. J. Fallon, of Ridgeway, Ont. stating that Hayes and Hines had not published a book since soliciting business in those parishes.

When court opened Thursday afternoon, J. D. Creaghan was called. Mr. Creaghan would not swear as to the identity of Hayes, because of the small amount of money, \$15, concerned in the advertising transaction and due to the fact that he was otherwise occupied. He gave little attention to the accused other than refer him to the accountants. As far as the check which was returned because of Father Dixon's refusal to endorse it was concerned, he did not look at it but again referred the matter to the accountant. He would not swear therefore, as to whether the check shown in evidence was the one which the accused returned.

Several legal caches were had

BLANKETS

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English all pure wool, double bed size 7.95
"Scotch" all pure wool "Damer Moor" 9.50
"Jeager" all Camel Hair natural 63 x 81 7.00
Fancy Pure Wool Bed Covers asst colors 6.95
Grey Wool Blankets at 5.00, 6.50 and 7.00 pair
Grey Union Blankets at 3.00, 3.50 and 3.95 pair



WHERE THE GOOD GOODS COME FROM

between the opposing counsel regarding whether Mr. Creaghan's evidence was admissible. Magistrate Demers decided that it was.

OBITUARY

MRS JANE BLACK

The death of Mrs Jane Black widow of the late Hugh Black occurred on Friday morning. Deceased who was 75 years of age has been in failing health for several months. In July she was removed to the Miramichi Hospital where her death took place. She is survived by three sons, Milton, Eugene, and William.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon. Services at the home and grave were conducted by Rev W. J. Bate. Interment was in the Miramichi cemetery.

MILL SAW BILLS

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