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The Misses Minnie and Elsie Weldon spent Sunday with Moncton friends.

Mrs. Thos. McLean and Miss E. McLean, who have been spending the past few weeks with friends in Newcastle, were in town this week on their return to their home in Charlottetown (P. E. I.)

M. Emil Paturelle recently returned from a trip to Quebec and Montreal.

Mrs. Jas. E. White and little son, Ned, were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lyons, Moncton.

Master Allen Tait on Saturday of last week gave a delightful little birthday party to a number of his young friends.

Mrs. F. J. White, accompanied by her little daughter, Marian, visited Shediac for a short time last week.

A large number of the town people went to Moncton on Saturday of last week to attend the "Belle of New York," put on by the Pollard Opera Company in the Opera House Saturday evening. Among those going over to hear the opera were Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross, the Misses B. and M. Lawton, the Misses L. M. E. M. Weldon, Mrs. Jas. White, Mrs. S. C. Charters, Miss J. Charters, Miss J. Webster, Miss F. Burt, Mrs. H. Murray, Mrs. A. J. Webster, Messrs. H. McFadzen, L. Melanson.

Mrs. Bomen Smith returned recently to Moncton from spending a week in town the guest of Mrs. G. Cooper.

Mr. Fred Williams, Moncton, was in town for a short time last week the guest of his brother, Mr. W. Williams, Calder street.

Mrs. D. L. Hanington, of Dorchester, spent last week in Shediac at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jas. Hanington, Main street east.

Mrs. W. B. Deacon and Miss L. Deacon who left town on Saturday last, sailed on Monday for Bermuda, where they intend remaining until spring. Miss M. Deacon accompanied them as far as Halifax, going from that city to Yarmouth en route to her home in the United States.

Mr. Arthur Penna went to St. John this week to be present at the wedding of Mr. L. Langster, of Moncton, to Miss Dunfield of St. John.

Mr. S. Sturgis, of Moncton, was in town this week.

Mr. J. McFadzen is at home from a visit to Sussex.

Capt. W. Milne, of government cruiser Canada, who spent a few days of last week in town the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. Murray, left recently to join his ship at Halifax.

Miss Margaret Atkinson, graduate nurse, Boston, who has been spending the past fortnight in town with her mother, Mrs. W. Atkinson, returned to her professional duties on Tuesday of this week.

Messrs. G. and H. Atkinson, who have also been in Shediac for a few weeks owing to the death of their brother, the late Mr. Arthur Atkinson, returned to Boston this week.

GRAND FALLS.

Grand Falls, Dec. 1—Perth Agricultural Society, No. 76, will hold their annual meeting tomorrow afternoon in the schoolhouse, in Gladwyn Settlement. The society is in a highly prosperous condition.

Martin Christensen, a prosperous farmer residing in Foley Brook settlement, died on Wednesday, after a brief illness. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of The Canadian Order of Foresters, of which deceased was a member.

On account of the withdrawl of the Ferry at Ortonville, supplies for the Salmon river mills must now be conveyed to Grand Falls. This week a carload of supplies arrived here, and were hauled to the Mill.

The New Brunswick Telephone Company are working on the line between Edmundston and Riviere du Loup, and through connection with Grand Falls and Montreal will be established within a few days.

F. A. Chopin, Toronto, wes here last week engaged in purchasing potatoes for the Toronto Market.

Hugh Taylor, collector of customs, returned on Monday from a business trip to Caribou, (Me.)

Charles Anderson, manager of the Salmon River mills, has 2,000,000 feet of logs already hauled to the streams.

Mrs. A. J. Martin visited friends in St. Leonards last week.

The inspector is still after illegal liquor sellers in Perth and other parts of the county, and rumor says a number of persons against whom complaints have been laid, have skipped out.

Mrs. Willett, of Hartland, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Geo. M. Taylor and Mrs. Robt. Colwell in town.

The Victoria county court which was adjourned by the clerk until yesterday, opened with Judge Carleton presiding.

The Andover Agricultural Society held their annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, and elected the following for the ensuing year: Frank Baird, Bairdsville, president; D. W. Pickett, Andover, secretary; and David Curry, Andover, treasurer.

Fred Dixon and Albert Estey returned last night from a fortnight's hunt on Salmon river, and brought with them one moose, one caribou, two deer, twelve partridge, and a horned owl. They say deer are very numerous, and they saw many moose, but the majority of them were cows. They found the half of a moose horn, shed last Spring, and the round part of the horn, where it joins the head, is more than an inch in diameter. All who have seen the horn say they never saw a larger one.

The weather turned exceedingly cold last night, and the thermometer at daylight registered 21 degrees below zero. The cold snap still continues.

William J. Taylor and William Mockler have returned from their hunting and trapping trip to Sisson lake, but intend to return in a few days. They had the carcass of a moose, several fox and four wildcat skins with them.

A. F. McArthur, Allentown, P. E. I., is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCann are receiving congratulations on the happening of a recent domestic event—a daughter.

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Dec. 1—Rev. A. McLeod, formerly of Kings county, who has been in the Woodstock Hospital for five weeks, is improving from an operation for appendicitis, and is expected to be able to leave his bed tomorrow.

Invitations have been issued by members of W. J. Ward Lodge, No. 476, B. of L. F., for a grand benefit ball to be held in Opera House next Wednesday evening. Proceeds for benefit of disabled fireman. Music by 67th Quadrill Band.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., successfully conducted another of their enjoyable whist parties in their rooms last night. The principal prize winners were Mrs. Thomas L. Fewer and Dr. Ross Currie.

Mrs. Margaret Lacy, through her attorney, A. C. Calder, has entered a suit for damages against the town for loss done her property in town by the removal of gravel for street purposes.

Miss Tessie O'Brien, Houlton, was the guest of the Misses Maggie and Carrie Caldwell yesterday.

J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., Peel, was a visitor to town yesterday.

D. McLeod Vince and A. B. Connell, K. C., returned yesterday from attending a meeting of the N. B. Barristers' Society in St. John.

C. R. Ord, master mechanic of the C. P. R., at McAdam, yesterday, made a business visit to the staff here.

A. W. Hamm, of Kane (Pa.), a native of this county, after an absence of 20 years, is visiting relatives and friends here.

C. A. Kennedy, Halifax, inspector of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is on a visit to the agency here.

J. Reid, of St. John, was here this week transferring the C. P. R. station agency from C. D. Jordan, who has been superannuated, C. W. Manzer, who has entered upon his duties.

C. J. Gross, formerly of this town, now of Montreal, was here yesterday.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 3—(Special)—One of the worst storms the city has seen in months set in at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and at 9 o'clock tonight showed no signs of abatement. It snowed for a short time yesterday afternoon, but the weather moderating, it turned to rain and for the twenty-four hours following there was a steady downpour. The weather turned quite cold this evening, and since 6 o'clock it has been snowing hard, a strong northeast wind prevails and it looks as if an old time blizzard was on the programme. The ice in the river here is still solid. Reports from Woodstock and other up-river points state that it rained heavily last night, but today snow has been falling.

There are 25,000,000 feet of lumber hung up in the main river at points above Grand Falls, and some 8,000,000 stranded further down between Bristol and Kilburn.

Had the rainfall continued another day or two the ice would certainly have broken up, with the result that a bulk of the logs would have been set in motion, and the chances of saving them in the spring would have been greatly lessened. As matters stand now, it is believed that there will be no material rise of water as a result of the storm.

President Randolph, of the Fredericton Boom Company, said that he thought that at this season of changeable weather there was little danger to be feared from freshets. He admitted that conditions today were somewhat alarming for a time, but the change from rain to snow seemed to largely dispel any danger. Should soft weather follow in the wake of the storm, however, it would not be surprising to see the ice break up.

In his opinion the position of the 8,000,000 feet of logs below Grand Falls is none too safe, even if they remain where they are until spring, but as for the big drive above the falls, he thinks that little difficulty will be experienced in saving them, unless the weather conditions next spring are extraordinary.

The death occurred at Stanley Saturday morning, after a long illness, of Mrs. Jas. Pringle, wife of Capt. James Pringle, of James S. Neill's hardware store. Deceased had been ill for some four or five months at the home of her father, Rev. J. S. Mullin, a retired Presbyterian minister of Stanley. She was about forty years old.

Besides her husband and one daughter, aged about three years, deceased is survived by her parents and four brothers, three of whom are in the west, and three sisters—Mrs. John A. Young, of Taymouth, Mrs. D. A. Schriver, of Southampton, and Miss Josie, at home.

The Corporation of Christ Church received a communication from the Rev. Mr. Cowie Saturday morning acknowledging the action of the parishioners appointing him rector of Fredericton. Mr. Cowie will come to Fredericton by Monday evening's train and meet in the Vestry of the church on his arrival at the office of the Vestry clerk. At this meeting Mr. Cowie will probably officially accept the rectorship.

TRURO.

Truro, Nov. 29.—A most elaborate banquet was given by the Truro Curling Club, at the Stanley House, on Thursday evening. Quite a number of guests were present, including B. F. Pearson, of Halifax.

A number of the friends of Mrs. Alexander Miller gave her a surprise party on Saturday evening, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of her wedding. This was not a golden wedding, however, for Mrs. Miller has been a widow for a few years. During the evening an address was presented to Mrs. Miller by Judge McLellan, accompanied by the presentation of a diamond broach. This was acknowleged by Mrs. William Dennis, of Halifax, daughter of Mrs. Miller. Refreshments were served by the Misses Maud and Mattie Archibald, Lily McLean and Bismark Stewart. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Yorston, Mrs. T. McKay, Mrs. E. E. McNutt, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patton, Mrs. J. R. Archibald, the Misses F. Yuill and J. McCullock, and others. A most enjoyable time was spent, which was greatly appreciated by Mrs. Miller.

The Misses Lena and Georgie Fisher, daughters of Conductor Fisher, are leaving this week for Calgary to spend the winter with their aunt.

Mr. A. D. Parker, of Glace Bay (C. B.), has returned to his work after a brief visit with his family in Truro.

Mr. F. McLeod has gone to Boston.

Miss Lucy Logan, of Amherst, is a guest with Mrs. L. C. Harrow.

Miss Louise McCully sailed on Monday from Vancouver for her mission field in Corea. She was accompanied by Miss Katherine Mair, of Campbellton (N. B.), who is going out for the first time.

Mrs. Albert Bigney, of Amherst, is a guest with her son, Mr. Frank Linton.

Mr. G. H. Humphries, of Manchester, England, was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rennie last week.

Miss Ethel McKay, a recent graduate from the Aberdeen Hospital, in New Glasgow, is to make her home in Truro.

Mr. W. C. McDonald, of Shubenacadie, came to Truro on Monday to meet her brother, Mr. John A. McDonald, who was en route to Ottawa to spend the winter.

Rev. H. G. Graetz, M. A., of Alberta, was in Truro last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Naylor, of Halifax, have recently become residents of Truro.

Mr. Edward Walsh and family lately of Londonderry, have taken up their abode in Truro.

Rev. William Ryan and wife, of Auburn, who have been guests with their son at the parsonage, returned to their home on Monday.

Miss Sarah Sanderson is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. George Barnhill.

Mr. John McEachern is enjoying a visit with friends in Chatham (N. B.)

Rev. L. W. Parker returned on Thursday night from a six weeks' trip in Newfoundland.

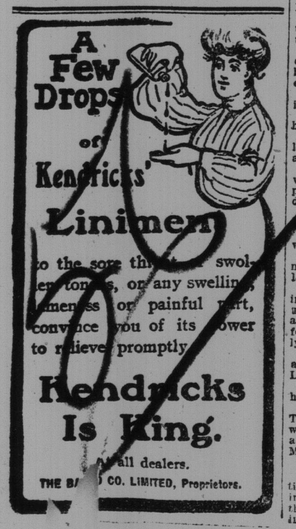
Mrs. J. M. Wade, of Port Hood (C. B.), is in town visiting her brother and sister and mother. She will probably remain until about the middle of December. Mrs. Wade formerly resided in Truro and is being warmly welcomed by her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis are at home again after a visit to New York and to Mrs. Lewis' home in Yarmouth county.

Mr. J. P. Archibald spent Thursday in Amherst.

Mrs. J. W. Bigelow, of Wolfville, was in Truro last week returning from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Whidden. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Mary Whidden.

It is proposed to hold a postal card exhibition at the city library, Manchester (N. H.), in which views of interesting places along the Atlantic seaboard will be shown arranged in order.



DR. PRESTON IS ARRESTED ON GRAVE CHARGE

Funeral of Edith Clark is Postponed; Autopsy is Made

Howard D. Camp Locked Up on Suspicion in Connection With Alleged Malpractice Case--Coroner Berryman Orders Inquest--No Death Certificate or Burial Permit--Talk of Disinterring Body of Laura Jennings of Carleton, Whose Death Was Certified by Dr. Preston as Due to Septicaemia.

The charges against Dr. Preston appears on the police books as follows:—

"Arrested on suspicion of having at the city of St. John, in the city and county of St. John, unlawfully used certain instrument or instruments upon the person of one Edith Clark with intent then and there to cause the miscarriage of the said Edith Clark."

The charge against Camp on the police books reads: "Arrested on suspicion of having at the city of St. John, in the city and county of St. John, counselled and procured the unlawful use of a certain instrument or instruments upon the person of one Edith Clark with intent then and there to cause miscarriage of said Edith Clark."

Miss Clark was 24 years old and daughter of Robert Clark, of Adelaide street. Her funeral was announced for yesterday afternoon but was postponed on Coroner Berryman's orders because of the developments and in order that an inquest might be held. Another circumstance in connection with the death of Miss Clark is the fact that no death certificate was on file and that neither was there any burial permit issued, while the funeral had been arranged for and announced.

Suspicion as to the cause of the death of Laura G. Jennings, of Carleton, a few days ago has been aroused and it may be that the authorities will order the disinterment of her body. The returns on file at the board of health in the case of Miss Jennings are as follows:—

Death Certificate in the Jennings Case.

Saint John Local Board of Health Certificate of Cause of Death:
I hereby certify that Laura Jennings,
Died of Sepicaemia.
(Signed) EDWARD A. PRESTON, M. D.
St. John, November 27, 1905.

Application for Burial Permit.

Local Board of Health, Return of Death on Application for a burial Permit:
Date of Death, November 27, 1905.
Name of deceased, Laura G. Jennings.
Age, 18 years.
Color, white.
Sex, whether married or single, Female, single.
Residence, 235 Germain street, W. E.
Place of death, Saint John, N. B.
Place of Birth, Saint John, N. B.
Name of father, John Jennings.
Birth place of father, Saint John, N. B.
Place of interment, Cedar Hill Cemetery.
Nature of disease, Septicaemia.
Name of Physician, Edward A. Preston, M. D.
Name of undertaker, I. O. Beatteay.
City of Saint John,
November 27, 1905.
Signature, ALBERT GALLAGHER.

Clergyman Gives information.

From information furnished the police Thursday they say there is every appearance of one or more cases of alleged criminal malpractice, and some sensational developments are looked for. The matter has been quietly investigated but the climax came when information was given by Rev. R. P. McKim Thursday night.

Miss Clark, who it is said had been attended by Dr. Preston, died Wednesday at her home, Adelaide street, North End, and Rev. R. P. McKim, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, was to have conducted the funeral services yesterday. No permit had been issued and the clergyman felt, after consulting with some of the relatives, that action should be taken and consequently gave the information, and the funeral was stopped by order of Coroner Berryman.

Dr. Preston's Arrest.

Dr. Preston was arrested at his office about 2.30 o'clock by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen. He had nothing to say when arrested and went quietly along with the officers. Camp was arrested about 3 o'clock by Sergt. Kilpatrick. During the afternoon a man called at central station and handed to Deputy Chief Jenkins a bottle of rye whiskey, with the request that it be given Dr. Preston. The request was refused. About 6 o'clock Burton L. Gerow, of the law firm of Morrill & Gerow, by permission of Chief Clark, visited the prisoner and had a short talk. Messrs. Morrill & Gerow will act for Dr. Preston.

Chief Clark, when asked by a Telegraph reporter last night, said that for the present he would rather not talk on the affair. Asked if there were any arrests likely in connection with the death of Miss Jennings, he said that he did not think so at the present. It is understood, however, that the police had been investigating this case during the afternoon.

Scott E. Morrill, of Morrill & Gerow, when asked last night by a Telegraph man, said: "I really have nothing to say." When asked if an effort had been made to procure the release of his client on bail, Mr. Morrill declined to say. It is understood, however, that an unsuccessful effort was made, but that a further request will be made today.

Autopsy Performed.

Between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock Friday afternoon an autopsy was performed on the body of Miss Clark by Dr. G. A. B. Addy. It took place at the home of the deceased girl in Adelaide street, and Dr. J. H. Scammell assisted.

An effort was made to learn the result of the examination, but Dr. Addy refused to make any statement pending the holding of the coroner's inquest, which will be opened on Monday evening next.

The autopsy was made by order of Coroner Berryman, who has said that the whole circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Clark call for a most searching investigation.

Early Friday evening the following jury was sworn in: Chas. Damery (foreman), David Watson, B. J. Dowling, H. L. Coombs, R. C. Clarke, F. McBriarity and Harry Ervin.

Acting under instructions from the coroner, the members of the jury in charge of Marshall Coughlan met at 7 o'clock last evening and proceeded to the residence of Mr. Clark, where the body was viewed. Adjournment was then made until 7 o'clock Monday evening

The first notification that the police had respecting anything suspicious in connection with Miss Clark's death was brought by Rev. R. P. McKim, pastor of St. Luke's (Episcopal) church, Main street. Mr. McKim had been requested to officiate at the funeral, but in view of what had been brought to his notice he felt justified in acquainting the authorities with whatever knowledge he possessed in connection with the young woman's demise.

Rev. Mr. McKim Talks of the Case.

Mr. McKim, when asked by a Telegraph reporter last evening, said that years ago the deceased girl attended St. Luke's church, and that as part of his parochial duties he made regular calls at her home. He first learned of her death on Wednesday evening, when he was asked to conduct the burial services on Friday afternoon. During the following day, however, he learned of certain things which caused him to hesitate before proceeding with the funeral.

Mr. McKim said he was not prepared to tell just where he received his information. He was in the position to state, however, that it came from a perfectly reliable source, and so convinced did he become that it was his duty to notify the authorities that he lost no time in communicating with the chief of police. This was on Thursday night, about 10.30 o'clock. He said he clearly pointed out the gravity of the circumstances and urged that immediate steps be taken. He felt that so much was at stake that it was worth while remaining up all night if such a course would be necessary, in order to prevent the ends of justice being defeated. He said he thought it was just possible that those who had become implicated in the affair might attempt to leave the city and it was important that such an effort if made be frustrated.

Mr. McKim would not say that his suspicions had become aroused previous to the death of Miss Clark. After Thursday morning, though, he felt thoroughly justified in calling in the police, for what he had come to know was, he believed, based on the truth.

The Girl's Stepmother Interviewed.

Mrs. Robt. Clark is the stepmother of deceased girl. She informed a Telegraph reporter yesterday that her daughter first became ill about a fortnight ago. She said she was led to believe that the girl was suffering from congestion of the lungs.

"I did not know that there was anything suspicious about her illness until today at dinner," said Mrs. Clark. "I thought she had died from the trouble I had been told she was affected with. She was our only daughter and had never been obliged to take up any occupation."

Mrs. Clark remarked that the deceased girl had never confided in her during her illness. The physicians attending her, said Mrs. Clark, were Dr. Roberts and Dr. Scammell.

"Dr. Preston," said she, "never came to this house. If he treated Edith it must have been in his office or some place outside of our home.

"I knew that she associated with Mr. Camp. They had been friends for more than five years. He used to come out to Adelaide street very often. I cannot say that I ever encouraged him—but perhaps I have said too much already. It is best not to talk."

Mrs. Clark was distressed, for it had been a day of severe trial for both her husband and herself. The former had been sick since early in the week.

It was stated by the authorities yesterday that the proceedings involved no reflection upon any physician other than Dr. Preston, the others having been merely following out the proper professional course when called in.

It is said that in order to meet with the requirements of the case, it was necessary for those giving professional services to Miss Clark, to assure her that her secret would be kept in the event of her surviving the illness and therefore it was essential to prevent the parents from knowing the truth, but that in the event of death it would become incumbent to reveal to the parents what had actually occurred. During the past week, Miss Maxwell, of the Victorian Order of Nurses, nursed Miss Clark.

The physicians who attended the deceased girl were reluctant to discuss the case last evening, while the inquiry was in abeyance.

Camp Arrested at Funeral House.

The funeral was to have been held yesterday afternoon, and there was quite an assembly of mourners, among them Howard D. Camp, who is now under arrest. A little after noon, Police Sergeant Kilpatrick received instructions to arrest Camp, and he proceeded at once to the Clark house.

Previous to his arrival Mr. Clark had been notified that the funeral would have to be postponed and the first impression was that the grave was not ready. When Sergt. Kilpatrick arrived, nearly all of those who had gathered were gone. He was not acquainted with Camp, and merely had a description of the young man. The hall door was open, and in the hall the police officer saw a man conversing with a couple of women. Upon enquiry the man admitted his name was Camp. He was then informed that he would have to be placed under arrest. He wanted to explain his position, but was warned to say nothing. A Main street car was boarded and within half an hour Camp was in Central police station.

Howard Camp is about thirty years of age, and has always enjoyed a good reputation. He is the support of a widowed mother, and is regarded as being thoroughly industrious. He is a keen yachtsman, and since the early days of the R. K. Y. C., has been identified with that organization.

It is probable that the funeral of Miss Clark will take place this forenoon.

Dr. Preston was visited last night between 9 and 10 o'clock by his wife. He was provided with a good supply of bed clothing by friends and he was given the evening papers to read.

Miss Jennings, who died last week, was attended by Dr. Preston, and the death certificate which was signed by him gave as the cause of death septicaemia, or blood poisoning.

The Rev. G. F. Scovil, of Carleton, who was the officiating minister at the funeral of Miss Laura Jennings, was asked by a Telegraph reporter last evening in regard to the death of Miss Jennings, but declined to discuss it at all.

Miss Jennings, who was but 18 years old, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings of 235 Germain street, West End.

The Criminal Code.

The section of the Criminal Code under the caption "Using means to procure an abortion," makes every one guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for life who administers or causes to be taken any drug or other noxious thing, or unlawfully uses any instrument or other means whatsoever with like intent.

Under the caption "Supplying means to procure abortion," the section says: "Everyone is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years imprisonment who unlawfully supplies or procures any drug or other noxious thing, or any instrument or thing whatsoever, knowing that the same is intended to be unlawfully used or employed" for this purpose.

In the police court Saturday Dr. Preston, charged with performing a criminal operation, and Howard Camp, charged with counselling and procuring Dr. Preston to do the work, were remanded. Scott E. Morrill and Berton L. Gerow are defending Dr. Preston, while A. W. MacRae has been retained in the interests of Camp. Mr. MacRae and a friend of the young man had a conversation with him in the cell before he was brought into court.

Judge Ritchie first called upon Dr. Preston, saying that all he had to do at the present time was to state the charge, which he did. Addressing himself to Camp, he informed both the prisoners that they were not supposed to plead, and neither said a word. They were then remanded. It is probable that the preliminary examination will not be started until Coroner Berryman has concluded the inquest.

KINGS COUNTY SCOTT ACT CASE

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 1—On the reassembling of the Kings County Court yesterday afternoon the clerk, J. M. McIntyre, produced the recognizances entered into for appearance of George Meyers, appellant in the Scott Act convictions case now before the court, and was examined by F. A. McCully in regard to his knowledge in connection with signatures and other particulars. After the lawyers had discussed law points, George Poley testified that he bought whiskey of George Meyers in the barroom of the Royal Hotel on Saturday, April 16th, 1904. On cross-examination he said Meyers wore a beard and that witness made a note of the purchase in a book at time. He was very reticent in his replies, and his honor sharply criticized his testimony and manner.

Mr. McCully moved that Meyers be put upon his defence, which was concurred in by the judge, and the court adjourned until this morning, when Mr. McCully moved that the recognizances in the case be escheated, because the defendant was not personally present in court as required by its terms.

Mr. Jonah said all the requirements of the recognizances had been met by the appearance of Meyers on the opening of the court. He was in poor health and would be in court this afternoon.

Dr. D. H. McAllister gave testimony that Meyers was confined to his bed from April 4th, 1904, till the 23rd, arising from an accident combined with pleurisy, and unable to get up. He certainly could not have been about his business on April 16th. He had been clean shaved, except a moustache, for many years, and never wore a beard. The counsel then addressed the court and his honor reviewed the evidence and stated his conviction that every point of Poley's evidence had been clearly negatived by the testimony of Dr. McAllister, while the young man's manner and statements had in themselves been sufficient to raise a very grave doubt as to their truth. His remarks were to be understood as expressing the judgment which he would give on the case at the January court.

TEETHING TROUBLE.

Teething is generally accompanied by nervousness, irritability and stomach disorders, which may lead to serious consequences if not promptly treated. Baby's Own Tablets is the best medicine in the world for teething children. They allay the inflammation in the tender swollen gums, correct the disordered stomach, and help the teeth through painlessly. Mrs. T. Nutt, Edmond, Ont., says: "My baby suffered terribly while teething, but soon as I began giving him Baby's Own Tablets he improved in every way and is now a bright healthy child." The Tablets also cure colic, constipation, diarrhoea, indigestion, simple fevers and destroy worms. They are guaranteed to contain not one particle of opiate or harmful drugs, and may be given with equally good results to the new born baby or the well grown child. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Only Making Sure.

(Harper's Weekly.)

An old negro went to the bank in which he kept his hard-earned savings and asked the paying-teller to give him all the money he had deposited. He offered no explanation of his sudden desire to withdraw his funds, and after vain argument with him the teller counted out the bills and delivered them to the old man. He eyed the paper money a moment, and said:

"Kin I git dat in silver, boss?"

The teller assured him he could, and forthwith made the exchange. The old negro retired to a neighboring desk, remained crouched over it a long time and then, to the teller's great surprise, returned to the window and gleefully thrust his money back through the pigeon-hole. Before he could speak the old man said, grinning widely:

"Thanks, boss; you kin take it back. I jes wanted t' see ef it wuz all there."

One hundred and sixty cattle arrived here Saturday for shipment on the steamer Alcides.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The opinions of correspondents are not necessarily those of The Telegraph. This newspaper does not undertake to publish all or any of the letters received. Unsigned communications will not be noticed. Write on one side of the paper only. Stamps should be enclosed if return of manuscript is desired in case it is not used. The name and address of the writer should be sent with every letter as an evidence of good faith.—Ed. Telegraph.

CIVIC OWNERSHIP

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—There seems to be a desire on the part of some of the aldermen to extend the ownership of public utilities in St. John. This discussion at the present time arising out of the purchase of the Carleton electric light plant by the St. John Railway Company.

St. John is already in the civic ownership business on quite an extensive scale and so far as it is possible to discover from the city accounts, civic ownership, as it works out in this city, can hardly be called a success. The market, which should earn a profit for the ratepayers, has cost them more than $5,000 a year every year since it was built. This is of course due to bad management but there have been a good many level-headed men in the council since 1875, when the present building was opened, and none of them have taken any action calculated to bring the revenues of the market up to its expenditure. On the contrary, rents were reduced in 1888 and have never been restored though the reasons assigned for making the reduction no longer hold good. To restore the rentals to what they were prior to the reduction would mean active opposition to the aldermen taking the initiative and consequently the vote-seeking aldermen remain passive while the general ratepayer suffers for the advantage of a few city tenants.

The city owns large blocks of lands on both sides of the harbor. The management of these lands is such that it would be more profitable for the corporation to make a present of the fee simple to the lessees and tax the lots on the same basis as other private property in the city.

Of the total bonded indebtedness of the city fully a quarter of a million dollars has been incurred for the creation of the ferry service. Yet that service is so arranged by the aldermen that with the exception of two years the revenues have never been sufficient to meet the operating expenses since 1877. For the majority of years the citizens were compelled to stand an assessment of from $2,000 to $5,000 a year to make good the loss of operating the ferry. This and last year the capital expenditure is about $90,000 and the loss on operating the ferry will be fully $5,000. The interest on a ferry debt of a quarter of a million at four per cent is $10,000 a year and when one per cent is added for sinking fund the taxpayers have to make up $12,500 annually besides the loss of operating. Still no alderman will suggest that the ferry tolls shall be increased. If he did he would be up against the Carleton vote in good shape and the consequence is that the general taxpayer makes good the deficit while the people using the ferry get the advantage of cheap fares.

The harbor is another property owned and operated by the corporation. The annual loss in this department is in the vicinity of $25,000, made good by the general ratepayer. It is gratifying to observe that there is an effort now being made by the council to increase the harbor revenues but they will be less than last year, which was the record year in the history of the city. The harbor could not be made to pay all its expenses without seriously burdening shipping but the revenues could be increased very considerably and no injustice done anyone.

Because of civic ownership of the market, the harbor and the ferry the taxpayers now contribute about $40,000 a year more than if the corporation did not own these utilities. So far as the lighting plant owned by the city is concerned, I am not prepared at present to say whether municipal lighting is best or not. An examination of the accounts shows that the expenses of the North End station have increased out of all proportion to the increase of the service. The published accounts of the city do not bristle with facts concerning this service but nevertheless contain some interesting facts for the taxpayer. In 1890 the total cost of operating this station was $3,437.28. In 1904 the cost was $6,148.06. The number of lamps in 1890 was presumably 71 and in 1904 the number was 94, an increase of 23 lamps. The principal items of expense in connection with this department are wages and coal. The wages bill in 1890 was $1,050.42 and in 1904 $2,713.10. The coal bill in 1890 was $1,040.52 and in 1904 the coal bills paid totalled $1,788.30, but the year previous it was $2,368.31; in 1902, $1,743.24; in 1901, $2,668. The average of four years would therefore be $2,271 for coal consumed. Practically the expenses of this department have been doubled in 15 years while there is an increase of less than 30 per cent in the number of lamps. Civic ownership in this department would therefore seem to be on a par with that of the other utilities owned by the corporation.

The water supply is about the only utility owned by the city that at present yields a profit. For several years past, notwithstanding the money that has been wasted at the Little River reservoir to accomplish an impossibility, the water department has earned more than its expenditures. The average surplus for several years past has exceeded $5,000 annually. This surplus will of course disappear when the Loch Lomond extension is completed unless there is an increase in rates as the new extension does not in any way add to the revenue.

Civic ownership is no doubt correct in theory but as practiced in St. John it is a positive disadvantage to the taxpayer and any effort to extend the principle should be opposed until the aldermen have demonstrated their ability to work it for the benefit of the general taxpayer and not for the few.

JOHN A. BOWES.

TAXATION HERE AND ELSEWHERE

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—Having noticed in the St. John papers some criticism of the mode of taxation in the cities of St. John and Fredericton and being somewhat interested personally, I would like to make a few remarks with reference thereto. Noticing W. F. Hatheway's letter re clerks' assessment, I will give you a small idea of the difference between St. John and Boston. I have just met a St. John man here. He would get say $1,200 a year at the outside in that city and pays the same rent here as there. His taxes would be as follows:

Income tax	$20
Tax on furniture	16
Poll tax, etc	2
Total	$38

In Boston on a salary of $1,800 he would be called on to pay just $2 poll tax. Is it any wonder that people leave St. John. Take the case of a man worth $50,000 well secured income. On that, which would amount to, say $2,000, he would pay in rent $400, and taxes about $900 or $1,300, leaving to pay all living expenses $700. Or, a man dying leaves his widow the same amount. She cannot possibly remain in St. John, but must move away and premises occupied by them become vacant.

Now take a case of the same kind in the city of Montreal; the probable rent of his place there would be about $400; he pays in rental tax $30, and water tax $30, a total of $460, which leaves out of his income of $2,000, say $1,540, to live upon. Now as there is a different law of assessment in St. John, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Woodstock and other places, and no two alike, and if alike applied differently, why should not the government of the province frame a general law the same as they have done in Ontario, so that when a man gets old and retires from business he can remain where he has always lived? He could not hurt the place and would be able to pay for his groceries and dry goods, which would be no small benefit to the city when taken altogether.

HAVE BEEN TAXPAYER BUT GONE.

Somerville (Mass.), Dec. 1.

FREDERICTON'S HEALTH

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—There has been a great deal of talk in the various papers of the province about the sanitary condition of Fredericton, and the danger incurred by students in attendance at the various institutions of learning there. Now it seems to me that the remedy proposed by your correspondent from Andover, viz., the removal of the institutions from Fredericton altogether, is not a feasible one, as far as the University at least is concerned. This institution has three large and costly buildings which in the event of a move would be useless; again if the University were moved new grounds would have to be purchased and new buildings erected.

If I may be permitted to make a suggestion, it would be that the remedy that to right the whole situation as far as the U. N. B. is concerned, is a well equipped residence capable of housing the whole student body. If this were erected on the campus, a pure water supply could be had, for there is no better water in the province than that from the spring back of the college which now supplies the old building.

A residence, however, would cost a good deal of money and the University is itself not in a position financially to undertake any great outlay of cash. It might be done as a private venture, however, and would probably be a good investment.

There is another plan that might be feasible. The government is in possession of a large stone building that is entirely unused at present. I mean the old government house. Would it not be possible to remove this to the college grounds at a small expense and use it as a residence? This would furnish all the materials necessary for the residence at a small cost. If this were done the two problems—What to do with the government house? and how to provide a residence for the Provincial University—would be solved.

Thanking you for your valuable space,
I am, yours truly,
U. N. B.

McAdam, Dec. 2, 1905.

BLACKWOOD ACQUITTED. MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Took the Jury Only Half an Hour to Find Verdict of Not Guilty--Prisoner Took the Stand and Swore That the Killing of Young Howarth Was Accidental--Denies Story of Heartless Conduct After Shooting.

Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 1—(Special)—The manslaughter case occupied the entire time of the county court today, resulting in the acquittal of Blackwood of the charge of killing young Howarth.

Promptly at 10 o'clock when court opened the trial was resumed. D. I. Welch made a motion that the prisoner be at once discharged on the grounds that the crown had failed to make out a case against the prisoner.

Judge Wells ruled that the case should go to the jury.

Mr. Welch in opening the case extended to Solicitor-General Jones a cordial welcome from the barristers, this being his first official visit to this part of the province. The prosecution called John Sutton. A. J. Tingley, chief of police, was also on the stand.

John P. Palen was sworn and stated that the gun which figured in the case was destroyed in the furnace of the cotton mill.

Blackwood took the stand in his own defence and in substance he claimed that he was on his way home when he met the Howarths on the fateful day. A few moments after coming up to the party they were making inquiries as to game when a man said, "Your gun is cocked." He repeated my gun was cocked and took it from my arm to examine it, when just at that moment it discharged. "I turned round and saw an awful sight. The boy was trying to get up. I put a silk handkerchief in the wound and besought them to go for a doctor quick. We placed the boy on coats. Howarth said to me, 'Let's load the guns and have it out.' I went to the Howarth house. I bore the expense of the funeral. I asked Howarth to have an inquest. He replied he did not want one. I gave myself up to the custody of Chief Tingley. I don't know where Howarth is. I would prefer having him here."

Blackwood at different times broke down and wept bitterly while giving his evidence.

The address by the solicitor-general was forceful and very logical. Hon. F. J. Sweeney's address was in keeping with and well sustained his reputation at the bar. The judge's address was mainly a charge to the jury to weigh well the evidence in their own minds. He made some very strong remarks directly against the prisoner. The jury were not more than half an hour in arriving at the verdict of not guilty and the prisoner was at once discharged.

After partaking of a hearty supper in Hotel Windsor, Blackwood went to Moncton on the Maritime express.

The county court will continue in session tomorrow, dealing with the two cases yet remaining on the civil docket.

The Campbellton Events says that the loss in the Murphy hotel fire, at Dalhousie, will exceed $30,000, which is only partly covered by insurance.

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