

THE SENSATION IN THE NEAL CASE.



HARRY BROWN, One of the Granville Ferry Bank Burglars, Whose Name Figured Friday in Neal Case.

JOHN R. WOODWORTH, The Other Granville Ferry Bank Robber, Now Named in Neal Inquest.

New and startling evidence given at Fairville Friday night, where the inquest in the case of Mrs. Neal was resumed...

It was shown that they lodged at the Cadmen's Shelter of the Seamen's Mission in Prince William street at the time of the murder—March 13—and that they remained out all one night, returning at 7 a. m.

Dynamite and powder were discovered in a trunk they left at the Shelter when they disappeared.

Three linen handkerchiefs and one of silk, which were found on Woodworth when he was arrested for the bank burglary...

J. C. Bond, who was held up near the scene of the Neal tragedy by two men who demanded money on the night of the crime...

This evidence, circumstantial as it is, created a sensation when it was given before Coroner Berryman last evening...

MR. BOND'S AFFIDAVIT.

Identifies Woodworth as One Who Accompanied Him Near Scene of Mrs. Neal's Murder.

Coroner Berryman, after the photographs of Woodworth and Brown had been examined by the jury, related in detail the fact of J. C. Bond's identification of Woodworth's picture.

"You will remember that this Mr. Bond was held up by two strangers near the Sand Cove road on the evening of the crime...

Previous to them going away they were unusually well supplied with cigars, but I do not know where they got them.

To the coroner—"Smith seemed to have plenty of funds, although I heard he borrowed \$3 from Mr. Roper. When they left they appeared to be fairly well supplied, but I couldn't say just how much."

Wm. Quilty Met Two Men. William Quilty, sworn, said: "I am a stevedore at Sand Point, and up to the 13th of March I worked at night."

"After I heard of Mrs. Neal's death I spoke to my wife and the men, I think, the 13th of the present month. It was the 13th of the present month."

lying on the ground. She saw the form plainly. Mr. O'Reilly crept past the figure about 30 yards; then he got out and went back. When he returned he said it was an old lady, and that she appeared to be unconscious.

George Williams, superintendent at the Seamen's Mission shelter, was next sworn, and said: "I have been connected with the shelter about two and a half months, and in that time encountered a good many rough characters. I had stopped yesterday night at the Seamen's Mission shelter, and I found a man who had the name of James Smith, otherwise known as John R. Woodworth."

Dr. Hetherington. Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington, superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, was next sworn, and before giving testimony listened to the reading by Doctor Lunney of the results of the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Neal.

The Handkerchiefs Again. J. J. Hennessy, a Fairville dry goods merchant, testified as follows: "I was not personally acquainted with Mr. Neal. Coroner Berryman addressed the jurors briefly, respecting an adjournment, and in summing up the extent and nature of the testimony that had been given, believed it well that an adjournment be made."

Adjourned Until Tuesday. This finished the taking of evidence for the evening. Coroner Berryman addressed the jurors briefly, respecting an adjournment, and in summing up the extent and nature of the testimony that had been given, believed it well that an adjournment be made."

The new evidence brought out at the Neal inquest has directed public attention to Woodworth and Brown, the bank burglars, whose pictures appear herewith. The record shows that both are desperate characters. Their presence on the west side about the time of the murder of Mrs. Neal and their suspicious conduct here

ber penitentiary. After serving his term Brown once more took up his abode in St. John and his last concern for which he has come into criminal prominence was the Granville Bank robbery. He was arrested at Bridgetown (N. S.), by Chief of Police Anderson, and is now at Dorchester to serve 12 years.

John R. Woodworth, alias James Smith, has had a fairly good reputation as far as the police circles here are concerned until recently, when he gained notoriety as a bound as a bank robber. John Woodworth is a resident of Moncton. Two years ago he enlisted in the ranks of the Royal Canadian Regiment, doing garrison duty at Halifax. The life of a soldier did not suit him, and he deserted and shortly afterwards came to St. John; he took the name of James Smith, and while army officials were on the look out for John R. Woodworth he was walking about in civilians' clothing as John Smith.

He knocked about St. John for some time and finally obtained the position as superintendent of the Shelter on Water street in connection with the Seamen's Mission, and was known as the "Wayfarer's Lodge." It was while in this position that he became a pal of Harry Brown. On the evening that Woodworth was assistant at the shelter, he held this position until the 12th of last February when he retired and his place was filled by George Williams, the present superintendent.

Mr. Williams, when seen yesterday by a reporter, said that after returning as superintendent of the shelter, Smith remained about the place for a few days and then went away. He returned about a week later and said he had been to Moncton where he attended to the estate of a man who had buried both his father and mother. On his return he remained about the shelter for about another week and then left the place, leaving behind him his trunk in the care of Superintendent Williams. He did not stop at the shelter after that.

It was after the two men were arrested in Bridgetown that Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen called at the shelter and, finding Woodworth's trunk, made a search, finding about four sticks of dynamite and a couple of cans of powder.

On the afternoon of Monday, 13th inst., when the two prisoners arrived here on the steamer Yarmouth, Woodworth gave Superintendent Williams a letter. In this letter the prisoner said that he had "struck hard luck for the first time and had got in a hole." He requested that his trunk be sent to his brother in Moncton; he "didn't know where they got the trunk in that hole." Other sections in the letter were of a personal nature and did not refer in any way to the case.

Those who knew Woodworth about the shelter give him an excellent name. Superintendent Williams said he regarded him as a good fellow and thinks that if he had a chance to go to a foreign country he would not have become a bank robber.

WILL EMPLOY 4,000. N. B. Aluminum Company Will Create a Great Industry.

BOOM FOR QUEEN'S CO.

Bill Agreed to in Local House Yesterday Incorporating the Concern—Budget Debate Continued.

Fredricton, April 24.—Mr. Forier in making his inquiries as to the intentions of the government to provide a new series of French books for the use of pupils attending the public schools, said in making this inquiry I feel that I am but repeating certain questions that have been put to me on more than one occasion, and to which I could give no satisfactory answer.

The speaker resumed the chair at 7.30. Hon. Mr. Sweeney submitted the report of the committee on law practice and procedure, recommending several bills.

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The house went into committee on bill, Mr. Morrissey in the chair. On the bill to incorporate the Aluminum Production Company of New Brunswick, Hon. Mr. Pugsley explained that this bill had been before the committee on corporations and had been approved. The company intends to carry on business in Queens county. Most of the members of the company were gentlemen of means and some of them were engaged in the manufacture of a new metal called macadamite.

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The order of the day being called, Mr. McLauchly resumed the debate on the budget. He was followed by Mr. Logie, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Gorman, Mr. G. G. Grimmer. At midnight the house adjourned until Monday and the debate was made the order of the day Monday.

Fredricton, April 27.—The speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock. On motion of Hon. Mr. Pugsley the time for the introduction of private bills was extended until Thursday.

Mr. Tweedie presented the petition of the school teachers of Victoria for an increase of salary. The speaker said as this petition called for public money it could not be received under the rules of the house.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of Thomas Bohan and others in favor of the bill to incorporate Bath village for water and fire purposes, and the petition of the Woodstock Electric Railway, Light & Power Co., in favor of the bill to amend their act.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill respecting wholesale and retail liquor licenses. He said this bill was to meet a demand which the government have felt a growing necessity where a license system prevails in favor of having a local option. In the parish of Beresford, where a strong public sentiment against licenses prevails, the act passed last year to prevent the issue of licenses had worked well.

The object of the bill is where there is a strong temperance sentiment in a parish against licenses, to provide that there may be prohibition in that parish. The bill is a general law to authorize the lieutenant-governor in council on being satisfied by petition that there is a general sentiment against licenses, to pass an order prohibiting the issuing of licenses in that parish.

The order will be published in the Royal Gazette, and on its publication any licenses that have been issued, and any sale of liquor will be cancelled, and the license money returned pro rata. Suggestions have been made in regard to other points with respect to the license law and some of these might be added when the bill was in committee.

The house went into committee of the whole on bill, Mr. Tweedie in the chair. The bill relating to the town of Newcastle was amended by making provision for the payment of the debentures, by assessment, and agreed to.

N. B. Medical Act. The bill to amend the New Brunswick Medical Act was considered in committee. Mr. Pugsley explained that its object was to limit the right of action against medical men and surgeons, members of the New Brunswick Medical Society, for negligence or malpractice to one year. He also received from the Medical Society two additional sections which they would like to have added to the bill, one requiring physicians who are newly registered to pay a fee of \$25, and the other for a fee not to exceed \$20 on the admission of a medical student to the Society. Mr. Hill did not think those additional sections should be passed as they were quite foreign to the object of the bill as it had been considered in the committee.

Mr. Morrissey agreed with the member for Charlotte and thought that these sections might be a great hardship if passed. Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that on consideration he thought it best that the amendments should be dropped. This was done and the bill agreed to.

The house went into committee on a bill to close a road in the parish of Dumfries. Mr. W. Woodhead explained that this road was no longer used, the steamboat landing having been removed to a point about a mile away and a new road made to it. The bill was agreed to.

Debate on Tax Exemptions. The bill to exempt from taxation certain property in the parish of South Esk was again considered in committee. Mr. Jones in the chair.

Mr. Morrison said he understood that there had been some opposition to this bill. It had been changed by the committee so that the exemption would not be granted until the municipal council had sanctioned it. There was a petition from nearly all the ratepayers of the parish in favor of the bill. There was no other bill to have small mills of 20 miles, and the people of the locality desired to create a new industry. He thought that they should be allowed to do just as much as if the industry was a large one.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said we all know what petitions mean. One can get petitions for a mill without any reference to the municipality. If it was passed we would have all sorts of people claiming exemption. It is time for us to exempt only those municipalities that ask for it. He thought it his duty to object to such legislation unless the request came from the municipality. We refused to exempt from school taxes because we do not wish to interfere with education, but here we are interfering with all other municipal objects by granting exemptions. He felt it his duty to oppose the bill.

Hon. Mr. Hill said he would go further and would not give the council power to exempt. There are scores and hundreds of small mills of this kind in New Brunswick, all of which are as much entitled to exemption as this one. It was very different to a large industry giving employment to hundreds of people. One principle he was opposed to was the extension of exemptions.

Mr. Morrison said this was a new industry that would bring in capital and people. He said the Flewelling Company had been exempted without the municipal council passing on it.

Mr. King said the case of the Flewelling Company stood upon a very different footing. They had a large establishment, employing 300 hands, which had been burning down; they had invested a capital of \$150,000. The chief proprietor was warden of the municipality and did not wish to put the county to the expense of \$100 for holding a special meeting of the council, so he sent a circular letter to every member of the council and received favorable replies from them all, approving of the exemption.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney thought this matter was in a different position from the case of the Flewelling Company, because the latter's request for exemption had the unanimous support of the members for Kings county, while the members for Northumberland were divided upon the present bill. He also thought that the principle of exempting small enterprises by private individuals was wrong. In the present case there was no definite information with regard to the enterprise which was to be exempted.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley thought that the request stated by the member for Westmorland with regard to the members differing on the question was a good one. Other reasons than those advanced by the members who had spoken on the subject. He had noticed, as chairman of the committee on municipalities, that numerous applications for exemption were coming in, but a limit would have to be put on the sort of thing. He did not see but that this industry had a good claim for exemption as any other, but he would vote on principle against it on the ground that a stop should be put to these exemptions. Progress was reported.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the petition of the town council of Chatham in favor of their bill. The house adjourned at 5 o'clock.