

A COMPLICATED CASE.

Found Guilty of Receiving a Cow Knowning it to Have Been Stolen.

The case of Patrick Melroy, charged with stealing a cow from Henry Smedley of Mimico and disposing of it to Butcher Rutledge at Port Credit, occupied the attention of the Sessions Court yesterday until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The cow was stolen from the commons at Mimico and its owner found and identified the animal's hide and horns in Rutledge's slaughter-house.

Mr. Heyd conducted the defence and Mr. Dewar acted for the crown. Mr. Heyd advanced for the defence the argument that a man named Graham, who has departed since the occurrence for parts unknown, had sold the cow to Melroy for two tons of hay and \$8 in money. The prisoner as soon as he bought the cow took it to the butcher's and received \$15 in cash, selling the carcass, and to pay the balance of the amount received to Melroy minus the \$15 already paid on account.

Smedley on missing his cow thought that as Rutledge had at various times sought to buy her and had only been deterred in so doing by a difference in the price offered and asked, had finally concluded to take the animal at \$30, the amount asked by her owner.

The hide and horns were found on Rutledge's premises, and the butcher explained that he had bought the cow, not knowing that it was Smedley's, although it was most peculiarly marked, having but one tit, and he had examined it with a view of purchasing several times before.

He stated at the time that he had already paid Melroy \$15 on account, and was unwilling to relinquish the carcass.

Upon adjourning to Melroy's house the prisoner at first denied selling a cow on the previous night, but on seeing that Rutledge was present stated that he had assisted a man named Graham to dispose of a cow to the butcher, and upon being told of the state of affairs stated that he would see that Rutledge suffered no loss by the transaction, and the butcher paid over the \$30 to the rightful owner of the animal, Melroy proposing to see Graham and arrange the matter with him. As Graham cannot be found to give evidence the case appeared particularly hazy.

The jury, after nearly an hour's deliberation, brought in a verdict declaring the prisoner guilty of receiving the cow, knowing it to have been stolen.

Charge Against a Book Agent.

Thomas Lennon, charged with the larceny of a copy of a magazine called The Bun Tea from Mrs. Hannah Ridout, was the next occupant of the dock. In this case Lennon, who is a book agent, secured Mrs. Ridout as a subscriber, and shortly after she received the first number he called around and borrowed it in order, as he said, show it to a neighbor, and that was the last she saw of the book.

Mrs. Ridout in her evidence stated that she had paid the prisoner, \$3.50 and had not as yet received any of the remaining 11 volumes due her. Detecting Porter worked up the case and apprehended the prisoner.

As some of the witnesses were not present to give evidence bench warrants for their apprehension were issued and the jury was looked up for the night.

MERCANTILE FAILURES.

Estate of S. W. Potts to Be Wound Up—Malcolm Gets a Settlement.

The creditors of James Malcolm, general merchant of Whitevale, yesterday recommended for acceptance the insolvent's offer of 20 cents on the dollar, spread over 12 months. The meeting was held in the office of Henry Barber & Co., Malcolm has assets of \$224.47 and he owes \$2100.

At a meeting of the creditors of S. W. Potts, foundryman of this city, held in the office of Henry Barber & Co., the insolvent offered 10 cents on the dollar. It was refused and the estate ordered to be wound up. Liabilities \$2500 with assets about half that.

The general stock of H. S. Hummel of Campden is advertised by the assignee for sale.

William Murray, wholesale grocer of Sherbrooke, is offering to compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.

Merriman & Co., bakers of Fenslon Falls, are reported to be away.

The Children Rejoice.

The looked-for Santa Claus is by all appearances looming up in right good style this season, judging by the immense stock of Xmas toys, games and useful presents offered this year by Messrs. J. Milne & Co., the home-furnishers, 189 Yonge-street. They always have a great show, but this year surpasses all others in variety of novelties. They have car loads of presents it would take a column to mention. It is worth your while to pay their store a visit. Presents from 5c to \$10. The salesmen will be pleased to show you the secrets of every new game, of which there are many this season.

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The medal, which has been copyrighted, will be about the size of a 50 cent piece, manufactured in two materials, white metal and silver, and will be worn from a bar and blue ribbon hanger.

Members of the craft desirous of securing the souvenir can order through their lodges.

With the Abyssinian Expedition.

Colonel G. A. Sweeny, late of the Royal Fusiliers, who as a lieutenant in the 4th Foot, served in Abyssinia as A.D.C. to Brigadier-General Wilby, was afterwards appointed provost-marshal to the 1st Brigade, 1st division, and was present at the action of Argege and capture of Magdala (mentioned in despatches, promoted captain for services medal).

New Officers for 542.

These officers were elected at the meeting of L.O.L. 342 on Dec. 8, W.M. C. A. Corcoran, D.M.; R. Wilson; Chaplain, T. Haw; Rec. Sec., John Black; Fin. Sec., Joseph Baxter; Treasurer, W. R. Ross; D. of C., Harry Nixon; Lecturers, W. Morris and P. Battous; First C.M., Walter Foster; Physician, Dr. W. T. Parry; Trustees, C. J. Corcoran, W. M. R. Wilson, D.M., and Joseph Black, P.M.

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A Night With the Vets.

The Veterinary Medical Society met last night, when the following papers were read: Passy-Glanders, H. M. John; Tuberculosis, C. E. Wright; The Condition of the Professions, A. C. Baker; Communications—Difficult Parturition, J. E. Ayles; Schistosomes Cord, A. G. Shirley; Hamorrhoids, J. Babington; J. L. Brooks; Prognosis, V. E. Perkins.



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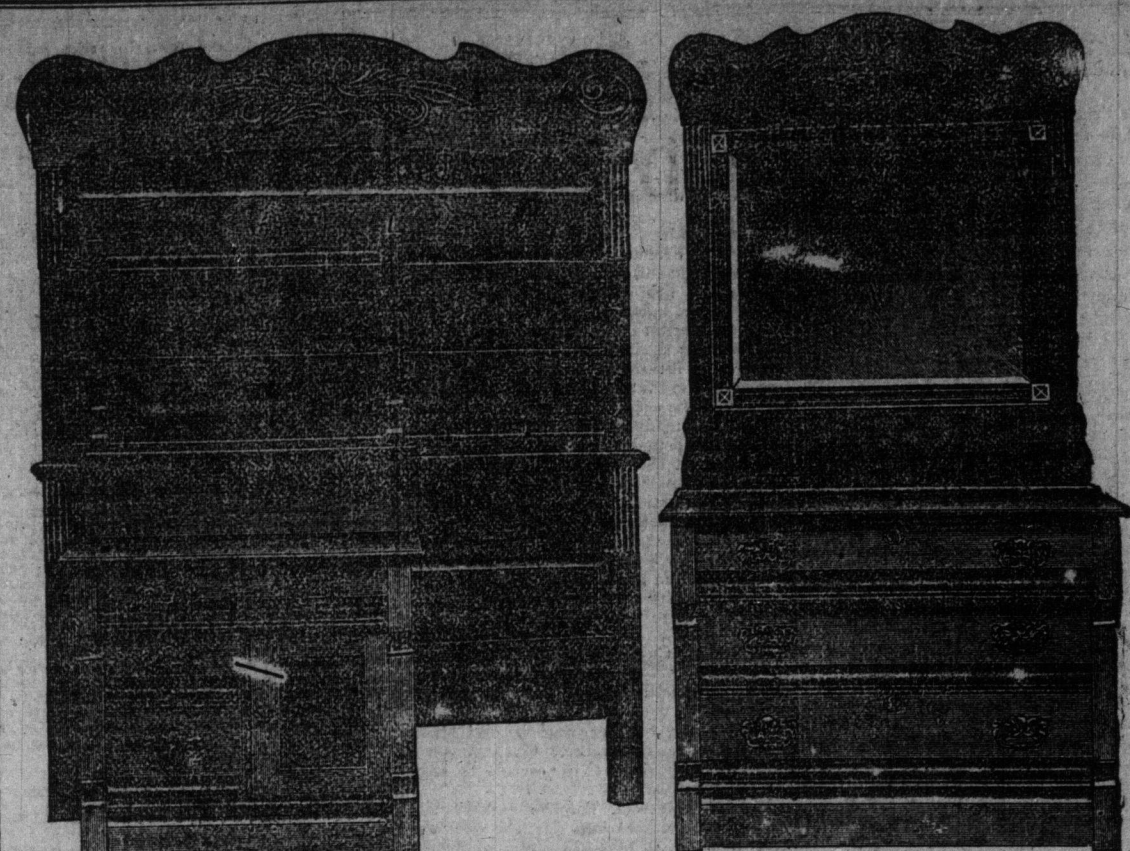
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