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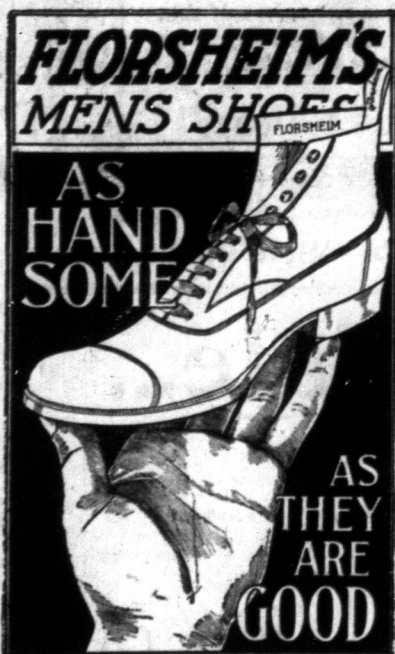
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HAS A FINE PLYMOUTH ROCK

Mr. Edwards, of Raleigh, has the Champion Hen as far as Heard From.

Chatham, April 22, 1901. To the Planet—I noticed in last week's issue of The Planet, an item

in regard to Mr. T. W. Maclean's Plymouth Rock hen, that lays large eggs. He says her egg measures eight inches in circumference the long way, and six the short, and weighs four ounces. Now I have a Plymouth Rock hen, that lays an egg that measures eight inches in circumference the long and seven the short way. This is on inch more than Mr. Maclean, and yet does not weigh so much, by half an ounce. I would like Mr. Maclean to explain the difference in the weights.

ANTHONY EDWARDS SR., River Road, Raleigh.

WHEAT OUTLOOK IN HARWICH

Some Fields Are All Right While Others Have Been Destroyed.

The average sown to wheat last fall was fully one-third less than the previous year. One-half of this reduced area is totally destroyed or badly injured by the fly. The remainder is just beginning to show signs of vegetation. Frank McIntyre, river road, regards prospects poor. Ross Bedford, river road, says, "My wheat looks fine." He expected a good yield. Timothy Downie, centre line, reports his as looking elegant. Dan Donovan and P. McKellar, 5th Con., consider the outlook as promising. R. M. Smith, Harvey, O'Leary, C. Atkins and Samuel Snodden, Creek road, reply from present prospects indicate only a fair yield. Will Drury and A. Neil Conn. road, say—Some of their fields are injured, while other fields are looking very good.

FROM A HARD BLOW PUGILIST MAY DIE

Smith, Who Fought in London Last Night Is Badly Hurt.

London, April 24.—The condition of "Billy" Smith, the American pugilist, who was knocked out in the eighth round of a contest at the National Sporting Club last night with "Jack" Roberts, for the 128-pound championship of England, and who was removed unconscious to a hospital, was slightly improved. In spite of Smith's slight rally, the surgeons at the hospital take the most serious view of his condition. At 1 o'clock, p.m., he was still unconscious from concussion of the brain.



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Malcolm Colin Cameron's Letters Produced.

They go to Show That he did not Try to get Money Out of Cook for Himself—Preston Takes the Stand on His Own Behalf.

Ottawa, April 23.—The taking of evidences in the Cook charges is not over by any means, although it was thought so when the Senate committee of inquiry adjourned before the Easter holidays. W. T. R. Preston insisted upon giving evidence to rebut Mr. Hancock's corroboration of Cook's testimony that after the Preston interview with Cook, the latter, coming directly out of his office, remarked to Mr. Hancock "that scoundrel (Preston) wanted to hold me up for \$10,000 for a Senatorship." Evidence has also to be given, at the request of the late Hon. M. C. Cameron, to dissipate the impression sought to be conveyed by the defence that he, in asking Cook, as alleged, for \$10,000 for a Senatorship, wanted the money for himself and not for the Liberal party.

MR. CAMERON'S LETTER BOOK.
The chairman, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, opened the proceedings by reading the following telegram which he had received the night after the last inquiry closed:—
"I am sorry for the estate of my late father-in-law, the Hon. M. C. Cameron. Dr. Wilson, the executor, has in his possession here Mr. Cameron's letter book of 1896 containing copies of correspondence having important bearing on the Cook charges. We think that these letters should be made public in the interest of the late Mr. Cameron's family, as they tend to contradict a suggestion made by the defence as to his interest in the transaction. (Signed) R. A. Baily."

INQUIRY RE-OPENED.
A motion to re-open the inquiry for the purpose of having these letters produced was under discussion, when the chairman read a letter from W. T. R. Preston, in which he declared that having examined the letter written by him to Mr. Cook, fixing an appointment for a meeting at which, following the appointment, according to the evidence, Preston made the offer to Cook of a Senatorship for \$10,000, he found the date tampered with. The evidence of Mr. Cook and Mr. Hancock as to this meeting was that it took place in November, and Mr. Preston promised, if allowed to give evidence, to show that the date of the letter had been tampered with, and that he had not been in Toronto in November, 1896.

J. K. Kerr, K. C., appeared for Mr. Preston, and asked that his client be heard. Mr. Marsh, referring to the printed evidence, recalled that when the letter was put in evidence, he drew attention to certain carelessly obliterated pencil marks where the date should appear. Moreover, he had explained that when he asked Mr. Cook how the date 1896 appeared in pencil, when the body of the letter was written in ink, Mr. Cook's reply was that he had written the date in himself. Mr. Marsh said:—"That won't do," and with that roughly erased the pencil marks with an ordinary pencil eraser.

S. H. Blake, K. C., corroborated

Mr. Marsh as to the erasing of the pencil date.
PRESTON TESTIFIES.
Then Mr. Preston went on the stand and stated that being exercised about the matter, he showed it to J. D. Clarke, of the Justice Department, who informed him that there was no date on the letter. After that he went to the office of Mr. Creighton, the clerk of the committee, examined the letter under a magnifying glass, and saw the date of the letter, originally written in ink in his own handwriting obliterated, distinguishing in ink the figures "Ju" and "18." He also saw a figure six in ink, but could not be sure it was in his handwriting. His conclusions were that the original date had been obliterated by means of acids.

In the course of cross-examination it was brought out that Mr. Preston had been left alone in Mr. Creighton's room for a short time. It was during that visit he had touched his tongue to the erased spot and found it tasted of acetic acid, he admitted he could not. He did not know that by touching his tongue to a written paper treated with acetic acid it would prevent restoration of the ink by application of ammonia.

Mr. Preston declared that he had not touched his tongue to the spot for a portion of a second. But he admitted he saw marks upon it then that he could not discover now. Some warm passages occurred between Mr. Marsh and the witness, the last being when after swearing that he never told anybody he had submitted the alleged erasure to Prof. Ellis he had it in his possession at the Russell House. Witness was asked if his uncle, the late John Rochester, M. P., Ottawa, had not sworn he would not believe him (Preston) on oath.

Senator Dandurand objected. Then Mr. Preston was allowed to explain. He said Mr. Rochester gave that evidence in the bitterness of an old family feud, but that upon his death bed had asked witness to forgive him. Mr. Preston swore positively that he had never said a word to justify Cook's evidence that he had asked him for \$10,000 for a Senatorship. He was positive he hadn't been in Toronto except on Sundays during November, 1896.

Senator Ferguson brought out in cross-examination that Mr. Preston did not deny that this letter of his asked for the interview at which he spoke to Cook on the Senatorship.

Mr. Preston said the effect of the change of date from June to December would be to show that Hancock's corroboration of Cook as to what took place at the interview was written, as Mr. Hancock could not have been in Mr. Cook's office in June.

Mr. Creighton, law clerk of the senate and clerk of the committee, testified to having shown Mr. Preston the letter, and kept his eye on him while he was examining it. Mr. Creighton swore positively he did not see Mr. Preston touch the letter with his tongue. If he had he would certainly have observed it.

SIR RICHARD AGAIN ON THE STAND.

At the afternoon sitting of the Senate committee on the Cook charges, the chief incidents were those arising from the production of letters found in the late M. C. Cameron's letter book—letters that passed between Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Cook. The witnesses were Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. M. Graham Cameron, son of the late M. C. Cameron, and Mr. Wilson, M. P., the latter's son-in-law, and executor for the Cameron estate.

Only two letters Sir Richard had been able to find bearing on the Cook matter. One was dated September 30th, 1897, from Mr. Cameron, in which the latter referred to his having "not very long ago strongly pressed the claims of another man upon certain conditions. The thing fell through." The other letter was one from Sir Richard's secretary acknowledging receipt of the one from Cameron. Questioned by Mr. Marsh as to his reasons for having destroyed the original of the letter of October 3rd or 4th, 1896, Sir Richard Cartwright replied:—"As far as I can collect to mind the reason was simply this:—from the time of the death of Mr. Macpherson to the time of the appointment of Messrs. Mills and Cox, we were simply deluged, if you must know, with applications for Senatorships. I would be almost afraid to name how many gentlemen considered themselves eligible for that important position, and every one of them, I think, without a single solitary exception, was good enough to furnish me with certificates. Mr. Cook especially—of their habits, their morals, their general demeanor, their fitness for the senate and should think it ex-

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