

THE TENANT CASE.

The Application to Dismiss the Case Dismissed.

Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock the Police Magistrate gave judgment on the motion of Mr. J. A. VanWart, in the case of the Queen v. James Tennant. Mr. VanWart asked for a dismissal of the case (which was a prosecution for having liquor for sale contrary to the Liquor License Act of 1883) on the three principal points: 1st, That the Liquor License Act of 1883 was ultra vires; 2nd, That the second part of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 being in force in York County, the prosecution should have been brought under that Act and not the Liquor License Act; and 3rd, That inasmuch as the Chief Inspector was peculiarly interested in the result of the case (for fine was imposed), his evidence was therefore inadmissible.

His Honor, in giving judgment, said he would not undertake to give his opinion on the first point, as the question of the constitutionality of the act was now before the Supreme Court in other cases, and judgment would shortly be given on that point. On the other two points he decided adversely to Mr. VanWart, giving his opinion very fully on the points raised, and quoting largely from the two acts in question. He therefore dismissed the application for a dismissal of the case, and stated that he would hear the defence on the merits to-day at 11 o'clock to which time the Court adjourned.

Scarcely Commended.

The proprietor of the store recently opened on the corner of King and St. John streets, was visited on Saturday afternoon last by the Assistant Inspector under the Liquor License Act, and asked for a glass of liquor. The man told him that he did not keep it. Have you none at all asked the Inspector? He was told again by the man that he had none. Then said the Inspector, it is bad stuff they are selling about here, but never mind, give me five cents worth of sweeties. As the Inspector was unknown to the proprietor, it may safely be concluded that there was no liquor on the premises. When there is a law on the statute book, it should be carried out in its entirety, but this way of attempting to do it is neither sharp, nor is it commendable. The end does not always justify the means.

Church Synod and D. C. S.

At a meeting of the parishioners of Christ Church (St. Ann's), held at the Church Hall on Saturday evening, the following were elected delegates to the Synod: His Honor the Chief Justice and E. L. Wetmore; substitutes, Daniel Jordan and W. H. Quinn. At a meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, held immediately afterwards, the following delegates were elected: Edward Brown and A. L. Belyea; substitutes, W. A. Quinn and Daniel Jordan.

Personal Intelligence.

Hon. John McMillan Post Office Inspector was in the city yesterday. Professor Bailey of the University leaves on Saturday next to attend the Royal Canadian Society at Ottawa. Mr. N. A. Cliff has just returned from the giant heights of the West. Mr. Harry McEllen, son of the Provincial Secretary, has passed the usual examination for Deputy-Surveyor's License.

The Indian Town Branch.

The survey of the Indian Town Branch, which is to tap the Intercolonial Railway at Derby and run to Indian Town, was commenced last week by Mr. Archibald, with two engineers and 16 assistants. The total distance is about 15 miles. On Friday they had 9 miles of the road located. The land valuers began their labors yesterday.

Left for Boston.

Several young girls left yesterday morning for Boston to try their luck. They believe that the hub offers many more kinds of employment for women, better wages, and better chances for advancement than can be found in Fredericton, hence the exodus. We wish the young girls well, but hope to see them back in Fredericton at some future time.

From the Temperance Platform to the Stage.

D. Banks McKenna, well known to the people of this city, on account of the temperance campaign he carried on in the winter of 1877-78, and who has several times since visited the Province in the same cause, has abandoned the temperance platform, at least temporarily, and is now manager of a theatre at Salt Lake City.

Civil Service Examinations.

The entrance examinations for the civil service commenced at St. John to-day, in the Custom House. Candidates for promotion who take piece writing, type writing and shorthand will have to attend on the 14th and 16th inst., and others on the 19th and 20th.

Increasing the Corps.

It is understood that the military authorities here have petitioned the government to have the Infantry Corps increased by 100 more men. They say there is plenty of barracks room for a corps twice the size of the present force, and that the additional expense would not be more than half the expense of keeping up the present 100 men.

General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada meets in the city of Toronto on the 4th prox. Several ministers of other denominations have it is said made application to be received as ministers into this Church.

Confirmed.

Mr. William Segoe of Springhill Hotel, and Mr. Robert Anderson the well-known fisherman were confirmed on Sunday last at the church at Kingsclear, by the Rev. Mr. Montgomery. The service was a solemn and impressive.

Obituary.

Miss Mary Sampson, eldest daughter of Mr. Chas. A. Sampson, Secretary of School Trustees, died early on Sunday morning of heart disease. Deceased had been in delicate health for some time but her recovery was very confidently expected. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved parents.

WOODSTOCK NOTES.

Two Fredericton Aldermen at Woodstock—The Custom's Detectives—Water Works.

Two of your Fredericton Aldermen arrived in town by the noon train on Saturday, and are registered at the Gibson House. It was rumored that they came on matrimonial matters, but I am inclined to think that it was merely to get relief for a day or two from the cares of their commercial duties. Messrs. O'Keef and Cudlipp are in town, no doubt looking after parties that infringe upon the Revenue. Mr. O'Keef on Friday morning, demanded that the baggage car on the passenger train going from this place to Presque Isle be switched off, on account it is said, of some difficulty on the score above alluded to. The manager, Mr. E. B. Burpee, settled the matter for the present. It is said that the company intend to investigate the matter.

An alarm of fire was sounded here on Thursday, and when pressure was put on in the water pipes three of them burst. Woodstock, May 12, 1884.

Taxation of Civil Service Employees.

As our civic authorities have taken some action in regard to the taxation of the employees of the federal government, on the incomes received by them, it may be interesting and advantageous to them to look into the two judgements delivered by the Supreme Court on Friday last, in the cases Ackman vs. the Town of Moncton, and Landry vs. the Town of Moncton. The following particulars in these cases we take from the Globe:—In both cases the plaintiffs are employees of the I. C. R., the Town of Moncton being defendant. In each case the plaintiffs claimed that they were not liable to pay income tax, on the grounds that the income derived was from their employment on the Intercolonial, and in the service of the Dominion Government. Mr. George Ackman, a clerk in the mechanical department, was the plaintiff in one case and a painter named Landry in the other. Both parties were served with executions, and paid the amounts under protest, an understanding being had with all the employees in the offices and workshops, to make a test case in order to find out whether or not they—claiming to be in civil service—should be required to pay this tax. Some others were imprisoned but subsequently released on payment of the taxes. First the Council, at the request of Mr. W. W. Wells (who was retained as a counsel for the plaintiffs), assented to a hearing of the case before the Supreme Court, and in the meantime instructed their collectors not to compel the railway employees to pay income tax, but to give receipts for the amounts paid on real and personal property. In the case of Mr. Ackman, yesterday it was shown that he was an appointee of the Government, and judgment was given in his favor. The other case was decided in favor of the town, as Landry was not so appointed.

Police Office and Cells.

Mr. Thomas Barker is at work fitting up a police office in the basement of the City Hall building. The south-eastern end of the division, formerly used as a fish market, is being fitted up as a court room. A double floor of spruce is laid about eighteen inches above the brick pavement, and a neat railing runs across the open space next the door. At the opposite end there will be built, a room in which the police can confer and at pleasure, eat their mid-night lunch, etc. Three strong prison cells will be built in the next adjoining division of the basement, on the north-west side. These will be fitted up with tapestry carpets, blue glass mirrors, remondin blinds, chairs, piano, and all modern improvements. We understand that a perpetual lease of the central building has been applied for by one of our most illustrious citizens.

Mount Allison Wesleyan Institutions.

The following programme of meetings and exercises has been issued: Saturday, May 31st, at 3 o'clock, p. m., Annual Meeting of the College Senate. Sunday June 1st, 11 o'clock, a. m., Annual sermon before Theological Union, by Rev. S. B. Dunn, of Truro. N. S. 7 o'clock, p. m. Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Robert Duncan, of St. Stephen, N. B. Monday, June 2nd 9 o'clock, a. m., Anniversary Exercises of the late cademy of 1862, p. m., Annual Lecture of Theological Union, by Rev. E. Evans, of Marysville, N. B. Tuesday, June 3rd, 9 o'clock, a. m., Anniversary Exercises of Ladies Academy, 3 p. m., Class Tree planting in College grounds 7 p. m., Alumni and Alumnae Conversations in the Memorial Hall. Wednesday, June 4th, 9 o'clock, a. m., College Convocation, 3 p. m., Annual Meeting of Board of Governors.

Right About Turn.

The Bear doth again amuse the small boy. Two of them made their appearance yesterday. The owner of one of them was about to enter the officers' Square in his perambulations, to give an exhibition of his pet's performances, but the red man brandished his bayonet, and brain trundled tail and left.

The Potato Market.

Agents for St. John merchants are buying potatoes along the river in Sumbury and Queens Counties and having them delivered on the river boats for the exceedingly low price of forty cents per barrel.

Domesticon Dredge.

The Dominion dredge and scows are to be put to work on the St. Mary's side of the river, opposite this city, as soon as the water falls enough to make the work easy. The dredge arrived here this morning.

First of its Kind.

The first steam collier to be introduced into the Bay of Fundy, is being built by Capt. John Freeman, of Mount Whately. She is to be a flat bottomed boat, and will be used to carry coal up the rivers at the head of the bay.

Arbor Day.

Yesterday was Arbor day in the Province of Quebec. Always on the 12th of May the inhabitants turn out and devote their energies to the planting of trees.

ST. JOHN NOTES.

The License Act—Closing Dance Halls—General News.

THE LICENSE BUSINESS.—As far as this city is concerned, matters in the Canada License Act are running smoothly enough, judging by appearances, liquor dealers living up to the provisions of the act. But in the adjoining city of Portland the Dominion law is undoubtedly a dead letter, all the saloons selling under city licenses and remaining open till 10 o'clock Saturday night. The city "hipsters" visit Portland in large numbers on Saturday evening, and Portland liquor dealers do a rushing business. The County Dominion License Commissioners met the other day and ordered that all Portland licenses which had been granted but not taken out by the 14th, would be cancelled. Two or three St. John dealers, who failed to get licenses, have obtained licenses under the Portland act and opened saloons in that city.

CLOSING DANCE HALLS.—The dance halls of Sibley street have been "set upon" by the Chief of Police, and a general exodus from that locality may shortly be looked for, if the Chief carries out his intentions.

REFUSED LICENSES.—His Worship Mayor Grant has refused licenses to all "bug" drivers between Market Square and Indian-town, whose horses are unfit for proper work or whose vehicles are unsafe for public travel. As a result, quite a number failed to come up to the required test of his Worship the other day, and now the line has on it only good substantial conveyances.

Rev. Mr. Burgess left this morning on a six month's vacation in search of health reserves.

The Grand Fulliers celebrate the city's anniversary by a grand military concert on the 19th inst.

The Orphanage of this city and Portland attended service in a body at St. John's (Presbyterian) Church yesterday, the Rev. Mr. Forbush preaching an able sermon. Business generally dull. St. John, May 12th, 1884.

Second Edition of Esther Cox.

Amherst, N. S. is a town of mysteries. A few years ago, the world was startled with accounts of the doings of Esther Cox and other supernatural agents. Now we have another "mystery" a short account of which we take from the Gazette.

The town has been agitated with excitement for the past week over some strange occurrences which bring to our recollection those in connection with another mystery a few years ago. Not generally known it now transpires that, for two years, unaccountable knockings have been heard in houses in this town, and the most trustworthy and respectable family as tenants. The family silently bore the annoyance for some time, but when they became accustomed to it, but last week the rappings became so forcible that the servant, who had repeatedly heard them during her stay of four months with the family, found the strain upon her nerves too great to be longer endured. In deed, other members of the family were similarly, and speedily moved out. The rappings were no slight taps, but often were such as to produce a jarring sound in the walls, and the property was his fit. Unlike the Esther Cox case in which the rappings occurred only in her presence, the knocking in this case was heard by all three of the family were alone. Against the theory that they were imaginative is the fact that three or four persons would hear them simultaneously. That they could proceed from a local cause is disproved by the assurance which brings to our recollection those in her room in the second story, and the servant in her, across the hall, when both heard rappings which each thought was on her own bedstead.

Even if any one had the least reason to attribute the manifestations to Trickery or to a motive to depreciate the property, we are certain there is no room to suspect either. In fact, on the concurrent testimony of several disinterested witnesses we have to set down the manifestations as unaccountable through any human agency known to us.

Don't Speculate in Eggs.

Messrs. Melanson & Bourque, a respectable firm of stockholders at Shediac, N. B., referred to last week as offering to compromise, attribute their troubles to losses of about \$12,000 last season on eggs and fish, and \$1,000 on potatoes, etc., beside a large amount by bad debts, among them \$1,000 due by the late W. J. M. Harrington. They have also lost by the unprofitable operations of the lobster factories, while the present scarcity of employment in the district is not encouraging to the retailers. The total liabilities are \$24,500; their stock is valued at \$10,000, and they have debts due estimated to pay \$10,000 in time. The local banks are curtailing discounts and refusing farmers' notes. The offer of the firm is 65c on the dollar, as follows: 22c in 4 months, 22c in 8 months and 21c in 12 months, the second and third payments secured by good endorsement. It is probable that the offer will be accepted, as the estate would scarcely pay more than two-thirds of that amount if wound up.—Journal of Commerce, 9th.

A Good Chance.

Mr. John Woodward, Auctioneer, intends disposing of a large stock of ready-made clothing, at his auction rooms, on Thursday evening next. He has a fine assortment of English, Scotch, and Canadian Tweeds, and of a quality that is seldom to be found at an auction room. The sale will continue until all the goods are disposed of. Anyone wishing to purchase by private sale can do so at any time.

Prices for Sports.

The prices which are to be given at the University Sports to be held on the 23rd inst. are on exhibition in the window of Mr. Jas. D. Fowler's store. They present a fine appearance.

SHORT LOCALS.

A Good Budget of News from All Parts of the Province.

The complete loss of the "Palmouth" has been estimated at \$130,000, above the insurance. No attempt will be made to rebuild.

The Government contract for building the new station at Point-du-Chene, has been awarded to Mr. James Tred of Dorchester.

On the 10th instant a number of the farmers of Sussex met and made arrangements to start a butter factory at an early date.

The Grand Falls correspondent of the Telegraph writes to that paper that it is not yet known whether or not Mr. F. W. Brown will offer as a candidate at the coming election.

The first issue of the new Grand Falls paper will, it is said, appear about the 20th instant.

The Courtney Bay Boating Club are making arrangements for holding a regatta on the 24th May.

On Wednesday afternoon last, a young man in Quaco picked the inside of a dynamite detonator with his knife. The thumb and forefinger of his left hand were blown off and his other fingers lacerated. Dr. Gilmour dressed the wounds.—Telegraph.

The general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Maritime Bank will be held in St. John, on the 6th of June next, for the purpose of electing directors, &c.

The draw in the North-West Bridge, the Chatham World says, is in a very defective condition, and requires a great deal of force to be opened. In consequence, steamboats are subjected to considerable delay.

Tenders are asked for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails between Fredericton and New Brunswick, for a period of four years from 1st July next. The mails are to be carried three times per week each way as at present.

The town of Moncton is negotiating for the purchase of a 25 acre farm as a site for a poor house. Must have lots of poor down there. Suppose the busting of the cotton factory helped it.

The total value of imports into Winnipeg during the month of April, was \$735,545, a decrease of \$1,023,782 as compared with the same month of 1883.

The number of failures in Canada last week was 21, an increase of 4 over the preceding week, but 14 less than the corresponding week last year. The failures in the States were 131, being 15 less than the preceding week, but 19 more than in the same week last year.—Journal of Commerce.

The Halifax wharf laborers are on a strike. The Halifax Times says: A vicious cow, on Tuesday, caught a three year old child of Geo. F. Hibbard, on its horns and tossed it in the air several times, trying to gore it. Mrs. Hibbard vainly attempted a rescue, and Mr. Hibbard arrived on the scene only when the cow, bellowing furiously, was about to stamp on the baby. Miraculously escaped with only a few scratches.

A New Brunswick paper announced about three weeks ago that a rural Baptist congregation had met at the church and presented the pastor with a donation of thirty-nine dollars and twelve cents. In a latter issue of the same paper the worthy pastor writes stating that he had been confined to the house for four weeks and is much in need of money; therefore he hopes the person who has charge of the thirty-nine dollars and twelve cents will hand it over.—Halifax Herald.

The Municipal Council of the County of Carleton have decided to build a county building, for a registry office and other county offices, in Woodstock. The building will front on Main Street, will be a brick building, 100 feet long, 40 feet wide, with mansard roof, and sit on about 35x56.

A deserter from No. 6 battery, first brigade of the Royal Artillery, at present stationed at Halifax, gave himself in charge of Capt. Rawlings of St. John last Saturday night. He gave his name as Michael Gallagher, and stated that he deserted last week. He is held until the Halifax authorities can be communicated with.

McAlpine's Directory.

We have received a copy of McAlpine's Directory for the counties of York and Carleton. The book is well printed and very conveniently arranged.

The information which it contains, will be found to be thoroughly reliable. Evidently no pains have been spared by the compiler in the matter of obtaining accurate information.

Only Moving.

Persons who saw a large wagon load of liquors, in charge of assistant Inspector Roberts, going down the Street on Saturday last, naturally thought the officer had been making another successful raid, but they were mistaken. He was only moving the Tennant liquor from Mr. Randolph's warehouse to other quarters, as that gentleman thought his assortment of goods was complete enough without including liquors.

\$8,800 County Debentures.

Warden Colter was in town yesterday engaged with the Secretary Treasurer in issuing \$8,800 County debentures. These are not to be placed in the market, but will be handed to the holders of County 6 per cent. debentures, which are now over-due, they accepting the new ones at the same rate. In September next about \$10,000, six per cent. debentures will be issued and placed on the market, that amount of money being then required for county purposes.

The County Jail.

There were only two prisoners confined in the County Jail this morning. James Hammond alias Pinky is serving thirty days for some old offence, drunkenness, and another colored man named Armon has about served out a term of fifty days for beating his better half; the fifty days expire to-day. At the time he was sentenced by the Police Magistrate he remarked that it was "a matter of indifference to him whether he got fifty days in the County Jail, or fifty days in h—l."

For Edinburgh.

Mr. Edward Jack having completed his arrangements, will leave for the Forestry Exhibition at Edinburgh, in a very short time.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

General Gordon Finds an Escape Impossible.

Death of Charles O'Connor—Senior Zorillas Arrested in Paris.

Death of Charles O'Connor the Eminent Jurist.

NANTUCKET, Mass., May 13.—Charles O'Connor, the eminent jurist is dead. He was born in 1803 and belonged to New York.

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CAIRO, May 13.—Runners have reached here that General Gordon left Khartoum recently and returned there in three days, finding escape impossible.

Senior Zorillas Arrested in Paris.

LONDON, May 13.—Senior Zorillas has been arrested in Paris with a manifesto which he intended to distribute in Spain. The Government have expelled him from France.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Indications: Fair weather, followed by increasing cloudiness and local rains; on Wednesday, north-westerly winds, shifting to easterly; stationary temperature.

The I. C. R. Palace Car.

A correspondent writing to the Moncton Transcript says: I saw a paragraph in your issue of the 7th, stating that Mr. Pottinger left for Ottawa by Monday night's Express in the Palace Car, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Ora Patton. After leaving Point Lewis, this car has to pay mileage to Ottawa. It also has to be disbursed for the trip—supplied with all the delicacies of the season, "both solid and liquid"—for he understood the Superintendent does not condescend to feed with the common herd at the dining saloons. Your readers remember the loud-mouthed braying your contemporary down street during Mr. Brydge's regime whenever this car was moved. It was trotted out every time. What right had he to take Mr. & Mrs. Patton with him? Does he feel them too? Does he take them without tickets? These are pertinent questions in view of recent developments.

Stemmer "Fawn".

The Steamer "Fawn" will be put on the route between St. John and Fredericton about the middle of June next. She is now being repaired at the shops of Messrs. J. & W. Hughes, Strait Shore, preparatory to going on the above route.

Service Pipes.

The contract for laying the service pipes has been awarded to Messrs. J. & O'Brien, it is said.

DEATHS.

Fell asleep on Sabbath Morning, 11th inst., Mary Hatt, eldest daughter of Chas. A. and Annie Sampson, aged 17 years.

MARRIAGES.

At Deer Island, Feb. 15, by the Rev. W. H. Hughes, Fred. W. Richardson to Sophie J. youngest daughter of the late Charles Lloyd, of Chatham, N. B.

Matrimonial.

Miss Sophie Lloyd who was for some time a teacher in this city, and held for some time the position of Principal of the Park Baracks' School, has been joined in happy wedlock to Mr. Fred. W. Richardson, a prominent merchant of Deer Island. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson our hearty congratulations.

Cruelty to Animals.

This morning the Police Magistrate fined three young lads from Gibson \$1 and \$1 costs each for cruelty to a dog. The counsel who appeared for the prisoners stated that while they were technically guilty the reports of the case had been much exaggerated. The boys instead of separating the fighting dogs, had urged them on, with the result that the weaker dog was killed. The Police Magistrate said as this was the first offence of the kind brought to his notice he would make the fine light, and hoped it would prove a warning to others.

Hymenial.

To-morrow it is said, will witness in this city nuptials of no ordinary character. The contracting parties are well and favorably known.

The Tenant Case.

As we go to press, Mr. Tennant is on the witness stand undergoing cross-examination by Mr. Belyea. On his first examination by Mr. Belyea, he did not keep on his premises between the 21st March and 18th April, (at the time charged in information) any intoxicating liquors for sale, barter, or traffic, and that he sold none between those dates.

Rumors.

It is reported that the saw mill and dwelling of Wm. H. Morris, of Prince William, were totally destroyed by fire one evening of last week. No insurance.

It was a current rumor on Sunday last, that 15 men of Mr. Fred. Moore's drive had lost their lives on Saturday last, 10 being killed on the landings and 5 drowned at the Madunakneg Falls. From telegraphic enquires made, we believe this report is unfounded.

STOP AND READ.

GENTLEMEN: Get your Clothing made at W. E. SEERY'S. For nice Stylish Suits he cannot be surpassed in the city. Prompt attention to cutting. W. E. SEERY, Wilmot's Alley. Fredericton, May 10th, 1884.

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