

EVIDENCE OF PREGNANCY IN THE COUNTRY MARKET IS BROUGHT OUT AT INQUIRY

Director Wisely, Deputy Market Clerk Dunham and Percy Allaby on the Stand—Has Been Forestalling, Says Mr. Dunham—Investigation to Be Continued Tonight.

Thursday, Nov. 10. The committee appointed at Monday's meeting of the common council to investigate conditions in the country market held its first session last night and adjourned till this evening at 7 o'clock. All the members of the committee—Ald. Jones, Hayes, Wigmore and Elkin—were present and Ald. Jones was chosen permanent chairman. Recorder Baxter conducted the examination of the witnesses, and Mayor Frink, Ald. Vanwart, White and Potts, and Superintendent Waring, of the ferry, were present as spectators. In addition, quite a number of the dealers from the country market were in the committee room. Common Clerk Wardrop was present, as well as his stenographer, Miss Wetmore. Director Wisely was on the stand for a few minutes, but was stood aside till this evening. William C. Dunham, deputy clerk of the market, and Percy Allaby also gave evidence.

At the outset after the committee had organized, the recorder read the conditions of the sale of stalls in the market, with some particulars of the sale of May 2, 1910. Before retiring, the common clerk produced copies of the market by-laws. The section referring to the protest of G. A. Stanley Hopkins against the manner in which the sale of stalls in the country market was conducted was also read.

Director Wisely was the first witness, and was examined by the recorder: You have been director of public safety since 1889, have you not? Yes, sir. The stalls from 8 to 20 in the market were for the use of the country people, were they not? Well, I'm not sure; I cannot answer you off hand. Have you anything you could look up and tell? No, I am going to show you and everybody in this country that I never took a cent from anybody.

Now, Mr. Wisely, no one has charged you with anything of the kind. No, I only wish they would formulate some charges. Well, Mr. Wisely, can you answer my question? No, sir, I can't. Mr. Dunham knows more about these matters than I do. Have there been to your knowledge in the market any stalls sold outside of those sold by the city? Not to my knowledge. Only one. What one was that? Charles Hamm, who complained to me that he had paid too much to Mr. Potts. Did that suggest to your mind that a sale had been made? Well, the old man said he was in a poor place.

Do you know how much he paid? I think about \$40. Mr. Wisely, do you remember being at a consultation with the chairman of the safety board and Mr. Dunham were present, previous to the sale this year? No, sir. The money from the sale did not pass through your hands? No, sir, not a cent. The chamberlain was there and received it. Was it ever said in your presence that stalls were sold by the lessee of the tolls? No, sir. About four years ago I put up twelve stalls and when they were put up at auction a Mr. Daley bought them all in.

Did you ever know of the lessee of the market tolls selling stalls? No, never. Do you personally overlook the market, or does Mr. Dunham? Well, I never interfere with Mr. Dunham, although under the union act I am clerk of the market. That answer is a little wider than I wanted. What do you do? Oh, I look after what repairs are needed to the building and order them. If there is a question of a violation of the by-laws does Mr. Dunham come to you? Yes, sir. Are you familiar with the by-laws; have you advised Mr. Dunham about them? Yes, I have advised Mr. Dunham about store keepers in the market. I am here to protect myself and to show that I never received a cent from anyone.

No, Mr. Wisely, I think you are here for a little more than that. You are here to answer what questions are put to you and give the committee what information you can. I think the committee will excuse you, Mr. Wisely, till the next session. I don't think you are quite prepared. Oh, no! I want to have it out tonight. I'm prepared enough. Well, we'll put it down to my not being prepared. I'll now call Mr. Dunham.

Mr. Dunham said he had been deputy clerk of the market for nine years on Sept. 5. He helped by him, the recorder drew a sketch plan of the interior of the building, naming the lessees of the different stalls. What do you know about Mr. Belyea? He occupied a stand. By your leave? Well, yes. Explain how. Well, when the market was sold two years ago Mr. Potts bid in the tolls. Mr. Potts, the director and myself went to the office, where Mr. Potts said that his son Roy had bought the tolls and was entitled to the same privileges as he was, and Mr. Wisely said that would be satisfactory to him.

That was on the date of the sale? Yes. Was there any explanation of these privileges? Well, Mr. Potts when he had the market used to lease stalls to people who wanted the use of them. Explain how you knew this? Well, Mr. Potts would ask me if it would be agreeable to me. Did you know of any other privilege the lessee was entitled to besides collecting the tolls? I did not know of any. Do I understand you to say that you never knew of the lessee leasing any stalls? Not till that time. Do you know of any stalls occupied in the market previous to 1908 which were not leased by the city? Well, Jones Bros. and Fenwick Jones Bros. and Fenwick occupied stalls

How would it do to fix an hour before which the tolls can't sell? That might do. Does forestalling go on to any great extent? Well, yes it does. I suppose it would be a little difficult to get evidence of it. Oh, no, not very difficult. Other Rules Violated, He Says. Mr. Dunham then went on to tell what other rules of the market were violated. There was some complaint about smoking which he tried to keep down as much as possible. Meat was sometimes sold from the whole stalls in pieces, more than a quarter. He thought the regulations requiring the legs of turkeys to be removed to the first joint and the entrails removed ought to be repealed. Sometimes he had trouble with unwholesome meat being exposed and thought it ought to be in the power to order such to be destroyed. Occasionally he had found short weight packages of butter but not often.

Percy Allaby. At that time I don't believe the director knew what I meant by the word 'privileges' and I merely thought that as a business man I had played as sharp a trick as I knew how. That year there were eight stalls not sold by the city and I considered I had the right to make any terms with anyone who wished to occupy them if the market clerk assigned them to the space. The most revenue I ever got from leasing this space was between \$200 and \$300 a year. About two months before I ran my first election, I called the market clerk and told him that my son, Roy Potts, would collect the tolls for the balance of the year and probably bid on them when they were again sold. I did this because the collector has to be approved of by the director. I asked if my son would have the same rights and privileges as myself. He said he would and the rest was satisfactory to him. At this time I thought the director knew perfectly well what privileges I referred to as the word 'privileges' was used by the clerk or the director previous to the sale of the stalls which did not bid on the stands at the sale would have to make arrangements with the lessee of the tolls if they desired space afterwards.

Thought it Was Good Business. At this point the recorder asked the witness his opinion about the law relating to forestalling. In reply, Ald. Potts said in his estimation the law was not worth the paper it was written on. The result of any effort had been made to stop the practice had been that the dealers had gone to the Marsh bridge, stopped the country teams coming in and bought whatever they wanted, thereby depriving the market of just so much revenue. In my opinion the conditions have so changed with regard to the country market that the by-laws are out of date. Some reference has been made to a remark you made when Mr. Allaby's show case was removed. Just what did you say? I think there has been some misunderstanding about that. What I said was 'If they want the man removed let them remove him.'

Do you know of either the clerk or the director sending anyone to you to purchase a stand? Well, the director when applied to by Mr. Hamm for a stand in the market told him, I understand, that he would have to make arrangements with Mr. Potts. I had not seen the director since Mr. Potts. When Mr. Potts called on me to see a stand the director also told him he would have to make arrangements with the lessee of the tolls, Mr. Potts.

Roy Potts. This completed the examination of Ald. Potts and Roy Potts was put on the stand. You have been the lessee of the market tolls for the last two years? Yes. The year previous to this one, did you sell any space? Well, I did not sell any space. Did you sell any space this year? Yes, I sold to Howe, Babkirk, Belyea, Allaby and Mr. Bell. Can you tell what you got for selling space this year? I don't know. Did you ever have any consultations with the director or the clerk? No, I had no talk with the director. When I wanted to know anything I asked the clerk or my father.

John McDonald. John McDonald then took the stand and made a statement in connection with the sale of meat. He said that he was a tenant of a stall and rack in the market, and was assessed on the business, although he was a resident of the country. He had roomed in the accommodation in the building besides the market. A large firm from Ontario had this week commenced to do business in the market in competition with the local men. This firm had been reported repeatedly for doing business in the city without a license. In the police court, however, they had been told they had a right to do business as long as they paid market fees on the ground that they resided more than five miles from the city. During the summer they sold first meat from the car. Since they came to the market the clerk had assigned them space in the middle aisle. All the revenue from them goes to the collector of tolls. No fresh meat, in his opinion, ought to be sold by wholesale outside of the city market.

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Friday, Nov. 11. The committee investigating conditions in the country market heard some interesting statements regarding the manner in which the city by-laws are ignored in the building at their session last night. According to the evidence Mr. Akereley was the first lessee of the market tolls who derived additional revenue from leasing stalls to applicants. Ald. Potts and his son, Roy Potts, gave some rather interesting statements last night. Director Wisely and Mr. Dunham were recalled and in addition John McDonald, George H. Dickson and James Macaulay took the stand and gave their opinion regarding the state of affairs in the country market. The interest in the proceedings seems to be deepening and there was a larger number of spectators present than on the first night. Besides the members of the committee and Ald. Potts, Mr. Bell, Mr. Sprout and in the committee room with Ald. Vanwart, chairman of the safety board. Quite a number of men unable to secure seats in the committee room stood during and after the proceedings in the committee room. All the members of the committee were present. Recorder Baxter conducted the examination. Adjournment was made till 7 o'clock this evening.

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Director Wisely Recalled. Director Wisely was then recalled. When did you first become aware, Mr. Wisely, that the lessee of the market tolls was charging people for the occupation of space in the country market? It was either last May or June. The recorder said that Potts said in regard to the consultation he had with you previous to his son taking charge? I was not aware of any such thing being done then. Did you ever send anyone to him to make arrangements for space they were to occupy in the market for space and tolls? Well, after the sale, when anyone came to me I told them I had nothing to do with the matter.

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With the opening of the winter port season less than ten days off, preparations are being rushed by the steamship companies for the arrival of the first boats, the first six of which arrive almost daily from the 18th to the 23rd of this month. The Allan liner Virginian will inaugurate the 1911 season, she being expected in order as follows: Furness liner Kanawha on the 22nd, Manchester liner Manchester Commerce and Donaldson liner Kastalia on the 24th and the C. P. R. Emderliner Mount Temple on the 25th. The first of P. R. grain is already on the way, and of this, 500,000 bushels, more than 60,000 bushels are already in the big elevators at Sand Point ready for shipment. While there is no I. C. R. grain on hand as yet, a large quantity is expected during next week. The outlook for freight is reported good and plans are being made to handle a large number of passengers.

SOME FACTS ABOUT POULTRY BY J. R. COTE.

I met a friend of mine the other day and talked chickens of course. He is one of those people I call successful poultry raisers, that is, having started about five years ago with about \$5 and his good will, and having lived comfortably, and having supplied his family with all the necessities of life, paid for a home with his poultry and now being at the head of a business worth about \$5,000 net profit every year. I am safe in saying this man is successful. Just now he sells his eggs for market. He gets in Toronto forty cents a dozen for his eggs. He will be getting fifty and sixty cents a dozen before the winter is over, and that sounds like money. There is no trick in getting eggs when they bring the most money if you have good birds and feed them right. It is all a question of good management. My friend showed me an article written by a Mr. Kenyon in the New York Tribune which is worth reproducing. As I went trolleying from Pennsylvania to Maine, visiting many hotels, restaurants and homes of friends, I received bills of fare and notices for anything with a common charge. Hotel prices have doubled in twenty years, and have advanced twenty per cent in the last two years. On the road I saw acres and square miles of beef cattle lands and sheep lands, and one occupying an orchard of four or five acres, were giving their owner \$1,000 a year, and he sold annually \$200 of fruit. The whole thing was a model, the coop was a two story building 18 by 20 feet with a wing on each side 12 by 48 feet, and one ending in a half story high. The wings were divided into four 12 foot rooms each; one-half of these rooms were for nests and feeding and one-half for roosts. The upper part of the wings were occupied in the daytime by the hens, who were getting grain in a foot or two of hay. That

orchard was a clover meadow surrounded the trees, which were banked with coarse sand and ashes. The feed was not unusual—principally wheat, and oats in warm weather, and these mixed with corn, in cold weather. I saw separated milk, in cold weather, a fresh bone; this last named at the poultry with the cheapest feed in the region. All of these are obtainable. The cheapest thing I found were farms. My friend would keep sheep, keep hens until you could keep a start, start right, give up either; they go well together. Seven to ten cents each is a fair price for eggs, but that does not reach the present price of meat. So you see that poultry gets endorsement from every source. In fact it is a well known fact that whoever desires to make money on the side can do it very easily by keeping poultry. Any little town can be made to bring large returns if occupied with poultry coops, and many of my readers would find it not only a profitable investment, but probably some of them could make a specialty of raising some fine poultry and make a success out of the venture. When you start with a name, you make a name, and you make a name in a few years from now need not fear anything as to selling his stock. Poultry industry is in its infancy yet. Many a breeder has made a fortune out of it, and it is up to you to try your hand at it. Start with good stock and keep your stock always the best. There is no necessity for laying out large sums of money either and the man who succeeds in poultry is not the man who has passed close to his house a few every known case of the man who enjoys a reputation and who has made his fortune out of one breed of chickens started with practically nothing. They started right and stuck to it.

(Readers wishing to have any special information on any matters pertaining to poultry will have a prompt personal reply if they address their correspondence to J. R. Cote, Chatham (Ont.)

LOCAL NEWS The work of paving German street is proceeding very rapidly and the concrete foundation for the roadway is now almost completed. An asphalt surface is to be put on the concrete. At the corner of Princess street, where the new pavement ends, a piece of curbing is being put down between the new roadway and the old, as a protection for the new street. Joseph R. Campbell, of Tyneworth Creek, while out hunting near his home shot a fine bull moose with an antler spread of forty-five inches. Two moose which passed close to his house a few nights ago broke down a heavy fence. A large number of deer have also been seen in the vicinity. Harry Vail, the veteran St. John seaman, was in the city yesterday and was greeted by many of his old time friends. He has been engaged in coaching work for late, and for seven years acted as best man at Harvard University. He intends to spend the winter at his old home in Gagetown and will in all probability act as instructor in one of the big colleges in St. Louis next season. He is accompanied by his wife. They will leave for Gagetown on Thursday.

The story of the finding of the nest of a vireo in Nova Scotia last July has attracted much attention among ornithologists. This was, at the time its discovery was noted, the third nest on record of this rare bird in the world. Since the finding of this fall a fourth nest in the woods on Mt. Desert Island, Mr. Shubert, however, secured only the empty nest. That found in Nova Scotia by Professor Knight contained four eggs. KITCHEN SPOONS. While wooden spoons are invaluable in the kitchen, there are certain uses to which they should never be put. One should never use a wooden spoon in stirring anything containing onion, for the wood absorbs the flavor of the onion instantly and will impart it to other food-stuffs, even after the lapse of many weeks. A metal utensil used in preparing onions should be wiped off at once to remove the taint of onion. Some cooks always take the precaution of running a burning match over a fork, knife or spoon used in preparing onions, as this instantly destroys the onion flavor.

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