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GREAT INTEREST WAS TAKEN.

IN THE TOMPKINS TRIAL NOW ON THE
BOARDS.

The Police Court was Filled to its Utmost Capacity.—And There was Hardly standing Room.—The Case now Going on as The Dispatch Goes to Press.

The police court was fairly crowded on Monday afternoon when the case of the Queen vs. Thomas Courtney and Jas. Bonar was taken up. In fact so great was the interest that standing room was not available, and the crowd was so dense that they were packed as closely together as sardines in a box. The lawyers had sitting room only, and the magistrate was evidently overcome by the close air, for he acknowledged that he did not feel well, and postponed a decision on the question until yesterday afternoon.

The first witness examined was Armard Tompkins, who stated that last Thursday night about 9 o'clock he was in the Queen Hotel. Two men knocked at the door. He opened the door and there were Michael Courtney and Jas. Bonar. He asked them to go out, saying there was nothing there for them. They then went out on the sidewalk, when Thos. Courtney, a brother of Michael came up, and made several drives at the witness. Then, in his turn, Joel Tompkins came along, and the two Tompkins brothers proceeded to put out the Courtneys. Then it was according to the evidence that Bonar used the knife. It was an ordinary large jack knife, and he made a lunge at Armard Tompkins, striking him below the shoulder blade, and inflicting a wound about an inch deep, which bled profusely. Dr. Rankin was summoned.

The doctor then gave his evidence which was largely corroborative of that given by the principal witness. At this stage the examination was adjourned until yesterday.

The Manitoba School Question.

Ottawa, March 16.—Upon the orders of the day being called, Sir Richard Cartwright said: "I wish to call the attention of the leader of the House to a remarkable statement which is alleged to have been made by Mr. Greenway, reading as follows:

"Winnipeg, March 12, 1896.—In the Legislature to-night Premier Greenway called attention to the fact that a sentence had been omitted from his telegram to Sir Donald Smith, as read by Sir Charles Tupper in the House of Commons. Mr. Greenway considered the sentence important, and read the telegram to the Legislature. The missing words were: As you are aware, we are not to blame for the present situation."

I would like to enquire whether these words were in the telegram which the hon. Secretary of State read to the House Monday?"

Sir Charles Tupper said in reply: "These words were in the telegram, and they were omitted because they did not seem to have any special bearing upon the question. (Opposition laughter.) It was a mere matter of opinion, which no one would be surprised that Mr. Greenway should entertain, but I would like, while making that admission—and certainly I was not under the impression that it was at all grabbing the telegram to omit something which had no special reference to the main point, and that was whether Mr. Greenway was willing to have a conference with the Dominion—I would like to take the opportunity of answering the question which was put to me by the honorable leader of the Opposition, who, I observed, is not in his place to-day.

That hon. gentleman asked me if I was prepared to lay upon the table the message from Sir Donald Smith to Mr. Greenway, to which Mr. Greenway's telegram of the 2nd inst., which I read to the House, was a reply. I said that I would communicate with Sir Donald Smith, and be in a position to answer the question put to me. I may say that I was most anxious to be in the position of reading a telegram to the House from Sir Donald Smith, to Mr. Greenway, to which that was a reply, but I am unable to do so for the reason which I shall state. Without Mr. Greenway's consent, Sir Donald Smith will not allow the communication of his telegram to Mr. Greenway, to which that of the 2nd of March, read to the house by me on the 9th inst., was a reply. All telegrams and other communications between Sir Donald Smith and Mr. Greenway were regarded by them as confidential and were imparted by Sir Donald Smith to the government as strictly such. Our intention was to obtain Sir Donald Smith's consent to communicate the telegram of the 2nd of March to the house, but on enquiry the premier found that he was in New York, and not knowing his address there we could not reach him for that purpose by telegraph. Considering that under the circumstances I could properly use the telegram I did so, and for this I am alone responsible. I now express my sincere regret that this was done without the consent of those gentlemen and the circumstances under which what was virtually a communication to the government from Mr. Greenway was used, and to which I thought there could be no possible objection."

Sir Richard Cartwright—Then are we to understand that this telegram was used without Mr. Greenway's consent?

Sir Charles Tupper—Certainly. Sir Richard Cartwright—And a garbled—no, I will not say garbled—a mutilated version of it at that. I shall leave it to the House and the country to consider whether this is treating the House with the respect that this House should be treated. However, there is another question I should like to put to the hon. gentleman. I would like to ask him whether he is prepared to inform the House if there are any grounds for the extraordinary statement circulated in many newspapers that the government have such doubts as to whether this house expires on the 25th of April that they propose submitting a case to the Supreme Court of Canada to resolve their doubts.

Mr. Dickey—The government is considering the desirability of doing that; but nothing has been done yet.

Mr. Martin—I would like to ask if the Government have applied to Mr. Greenway for permission to law before the House the telegrams and other communications that passed between Sir Donald Smith and Mr. Greenway's Government.

Sir Charles Tupper—Sir Donald Smith did communicate with Mr. Greenway on the subject and he was asked whether he was willing that the telegram from Sir Donald Smith to Mr. Greenway and to which that which was laid before the House, I have just stated to the House that Mr. Greenway's consent has not been obtained for that purpose.

A. O. H. Entertainment.

The entertainment in the rooms of the A. O. H. last night in recognition of St. Patrick's day, was a success. The rooms were nicely decorated with flags, and these with the numerous pictures that always hang there gave the place a very cozy appearance. The programme was as below:

Orchestra; address, James Brown; trio, Mrs. A. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. John Troy; address, J. J. Troy; organ solo, Miss Sadie Brown; Little Tommy's Prayer, Miss Alice Thibadeau; song, Miss M. A. Chapman; recitation, Miss Sadie Brown; song, Miss Annie Riorden; illustrated poem, Messrs. Milmore, Troy and McRae; song, Thomas McCaffrey; orchestra; recitation, Miss Malaney; Erin's Flag, Miss Coen; song, Hugh Judge; recitation, James McMaous; song, Miss Milmore; temperance poem, Stella Thibadeau; violin solo, Tom McRae; reading, J. Malaney; humorous song, R. F. Waddleton; orchestra.

More of the Beautiful.

Yesterday's snow storm was not unexpected, but it was not as welcome as some earlier storms. The people begin to think that we have had about enough of the good thing. It came down pretty fast and thick during the previous night, and blew and drifted at a great rate early in the morning. The good and wise weather prophets who have been telling us that winter is over, are beginning to look a bit foolish. The operators in the woods have got pretty well through with their work and are quite indifferent as to whether more snow comes or not.

Wanted.

A situation, as I am going out of the restaurant business on or about May 1st, on Queen St., Woodstock, N. B., and as I have no particular love for hard work, I should like a position as Scott Act informer. My knowledge as to their whereabouts has cost me a fortune, and thousands of headaches. I will swear to anything and everything for \$5.00. I will guarantee that they will be convicted, guilty or not guilty. I will take my chances on a death bed repentance, for all the innocent convicted, as the law requires.

Given under my hand and heel this coldest day of 1896.

R. H. SEABORN.

Those Who Won Prizes.

The Roller Rink was well filled on Friday evening last, on the occasion of a very successful carnival. There were a number very pretty costumes, and the following carried off the prizes: Dr. G. Manzer, gents, prize for best original. Ed. Manzer, handsomest gent's costume. Harry Lee, handsomest boy costume. Mrs. George Lee, handsomest lady's costume. Miss Beatrice Williams, handsomest girl's costume. Miss Ethel Vanwart, lady's prize for best original costume.

Prohibition and Politics.

FREDERICTON, March 16.—York county prohibitionists have organized in pursuance of the resolution of the provincial convention and will hold a series of meetings throughout the country commencing tomorrow night, at which the feeling of the temperance people will be taken with regard to putting a prohibition candidate in the field in the approaching federal election.

To Choose a Bishop.

OTTAWA, March 16.—The selection of a bishop for the new Anglican diocese of Ottawa takes place today. There will be two hundred delegates.

Broke The Window.

During the excitement over the Tompkins trial case on Monday, someone fell against one of the windows in the door of the police court, and smashed it.

William was born in 1870 and his sister was born in 1868. In 1895 William is twenty-five years of age, while his sister is but nineteen. How does she obtain this result?

THE COUNCIL WILL NOT AGREE.

AND THE BILL IS ORDERED TO WAIT
AWHILE.

The Franchise May Be Valuable in the Future, and the Town Doesn't want to Give Itself Away.—Only one Dissenting Voice in the Matter.

It is not very often that the town council meets in the morning. Sometimes their protracted meetings last on till morning, it is true, but they generally begin to get in their work in the advanced hours of the evening. But it was a special occasion that called the council together on Monday. A number of persons in town had formed themselves into a company to be known as the Woodstock Electric Railway, Light and Power Company. They no doubt perceived what is patent to anyone with ordinary powers of observation, that Woodstock is a growing town, that it will in the not very distant future become a city, and they were impressed with the idea that there would be something in forming a company of the style and name mentioned above. They presented a bill to the local legislature for the incorporation of the company. But the town council decided that they should have a finger in the pie, and they proceeded to look into the nature of the bill, with the result that they telegraphed to certain members of the legislature on Monday last, to delay action in passing the bill until such time as the council and the ratepayers of Woodstock had an opportunity to thoroughly look into the proposed legislation. All the members of the council were present excepting Coun. Grant. The mayor pointed out that J. T. A. Dibblee, J. T. Garden and J. N. W. Winslow had a bill before the legislature looking for the incorporation of the Woodstock Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, the said company being empowered to construct, maintain and operate by electricity a line or lines of single or double track railway, with the necessary side tracks, switches, turnouts and other appliances for the passage of cars or other vehicles upon and along such streets and public highways in the County of Carleton, as should be consistent with another provision of the act. The other provision implied that under certain conditions also, the necessary apparatus might be erected for the purpose of giving electric light. There is a provision in the act that in erecting the wires, poles and conductors, the consent of the town council and the municipal councillors of any parish through which the poles etc., or railway is, shall be first secured.

Coun. Gallagher came out in a very pronounced way against the bill. It seemed to him that we had some men around town with very great heads, who had the ideas of a Jay Gould.

Coun. R. B. Jones was also entirely opposed to the scheme. These private parties practically asked that they should have control of the streets of the town of Woodstock.

Coun. A. E. was also with his namesake, and thought that the bill was one which would have an injurious effect on the future of the town. By and bye the town would have nothing to say about the streets at all. Coun. Leighton stood up in defence of the bill. It did not seem to him that there was anything objectionable in the bill. The 7th clause made the enforcement of the bill subject to the town council, and the municipal councillors of any parish through which the railway passed.

His worship protested that the ratepayers should have a full opportunity of looking into the bill, in order to see if it met with their approval.

Finally after the matter was fully discussed Coun. R. B. Jones moved a motion to the effect that the government be memorialized not to allow the passage of the bill until the town council and the ratepayers of the county had had an opportunity of looking into it. Coun. Hugh Gallagher seconded the motion which carried with the opposition of Coun. Leighton.

Coun. Gallagher then moved that somebody be appointed to go to Fredericton and interview the legislature on the matter of the bill, and it was thus further resolved on his motion seconded by Coun. R. B. Jones that His Worship the Mayor be the person departed to fulfil that function.

The Case is Off.

At the meeting of the town council on Monday morning it was announced that the case of Wm. Hopkins against the town would not be carried any further.