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### A SERIOUS CHARGE.

To be Tried for Stealing Money from John L. Saunders.

The Alleged Offence Committed Late in April—Evidence at the Preliminary Hearing Before Magistrate Dibblee—The Young Man was Flush.

In the Police Court on Monday afternoon Wellington Birmingham of Florenceville was charged with entering the store of John L. Saunders of the same place and taking some money therefrom. A. B. Connell appeared for the prosecution and Frank B. Carvell for the defendant.

John L. Saunders, the complainant, was the first witness. He said he had lived in Florenceville and traded since 1860. He knew defendant, to his sorrow. Had known him from a child. At the latter part of April I had some money which I afterward missed I had \$325. I last saw that money on April 24th, about nine o'clock in the evening in my store. There were two or three \$20 and the balance in \$10 bills. They were mostly Bank of N. S. bills. He put them in a Statutes of Canada book and put them next the wall. He then put the book behind a box on a top shelf next the wall. No one could have seen the book, unless he had seen me put it back there. He missed the parcel on the 9th of May. He got up to get the package and found the whole parcel was gone. He had not seen it from that day to this. He knew that at one time the prisoner had one or more keys in his possession.

Mr. Carvell objected to the question that brought this answer but the magistrate allowed it as the examination was only preliminary. Witness thought this was about ten years ago. At that time he caught defendant in his store.

Mr. Carvell objected to all this evidence. Witness did not prosecute defendant at that time, but he sent a message to defendant's father and as a result one of the keys was returned to him (witness.) He did not change the lock of the door. He did not know that defendant saw him place the package in place. Defendant has been bumming it as far as he knew. It was reported he had money. He had no visible means of support since he missed the money, he went to defendant to collect a bill, and defendant said he had no money. Since then he had not seen him with any money.

To Mr. Carvell—I do not know of what bank certain bills that I got from Mr. McCain belonged. I had no hard feeling against the young man. The bill he owed me was about \$8. It might have been standing four or five years. I called him in one time and made him give me a note. I cannot remember when I got this note from him.

To Mr. Connell—Between the time of putting the money on the shelf and missing the money I found my front door open on two mornings.

Dudley Donovan lived back of Bristol, in Egypt. He had heard lots of people say defendant had no money. He met him on the 28th of last April at Hartland railway station. They came together from there to Woodstock and returned on the same train. Defendant was standing before we left town near the Canning Factory, and he had taken out a wallet and was counting some money. I said to him you have got lots of it. He said, yes, my mother went to California two days before and gave me \$400. We boarded the train together and came up to Florenceville. I was singing, and a window was broken in the car on the way up. The conductor called for pay, I gave a quarter, defendant gave fifty cents and dropped some bills on the floor. There was a large package of bills. He paid the 50 cents by offering the conductor a \$10 bill. He said he could not change it and then he gave them another \$10 bill. He then gave him a third \$10 bill and said, take it out of that or take nothing. The conductor took that and had it changed and returned the balance at Hartland. Again defendant said I have over \$300 in my wallet, if you don't believe me you can count it. I said I have no reason to dispute your word, you had better put your pocket book in your pocket.

Alex. Campbell said he was a traveller for the Small & Fisher Co. I know prisoner slightly. I met him at Florenceville a week ago Saturday on the 6th day of May. We were settling up a little matter. He settled the bill satisfactorily. He displayed some money in a pocket book. Prisoner spoke of a note coming due and said he could pay it at any time I would bring it. I understood him to say I have \$100 of it, right here on my hip. He said that his mother went to

Boston a few days ago and gave him a cheque for \$200. He said he got it cashed in Woodstock at the bank. He said I make a little money now and then. I bought a horse for \$55 and sold him for \$150. He had been drinking a good deal that afternoon.

Charles S. Jenner, teller for the Bank of Nova Scotia. Emily Birmingham (the prisoner's mother) had no account since the first of January. Prisoner had cashed no cheque of Emily Birmingham at the bank since the first of April last.

Chas. E. Jubien, teller for the Peoples' Bank of Halifax, and J. J. Christie, teller of the Merchants' Bank gave similar evidence.

Mr. Connell asked for an adjournment in order that another witness who had been summoned might appear. He claimed however that there was evidence enough to send up the prisoner.

Mr. Carvell thought the only evidence was that Mr. Saunders had lost some money.

Mr. Connell said that if the defence did not mean to call any witnesses a postponement on his account would be a waste of time.

M. Carvell asked the Justice if no evidence were called for the defence, would he send the prisoner up for trial.

The Justice said he did not think he would be justified in not sending the case to a higher tribunal, did the evidence cease here. A felony had been committed, that was clear. Unfortunately the prisoner had a reputation for larceny, rightfully or wrongfully. If the case stands as it is now, I will send him up for trial.

Mr. Carvell after consulting with his client asked that an adjournment be held until Tuesday afternoon.

The prisoner was sent up for trial.

#### His Explanation.

Since the last issue of THE DISPATCH it has been definitely ascertained that the theory of foul play in connection with the disappearance of Fred Watson, book-keeper in the office of the Maritime Pure Food Co., was entirely wrong.

The following letter post marked Boston was received by the directors:

TO THE DIRECTORS,—

The fire started by accident, as follows: I went to the office about a quarter past ten to write some letters which I mailed at the station and came back to enter up the seed accounts and do some other work which I finished and started up stairs to the water closet and when half way up the electric lights went out and I went back to the office to light a lamp I had borrowed from Hascall but found it had been taken away—I presume I was careless with the match for when I came down stairs the place was on fire but I got the water on and as I thought put the fire all out and feeling faint from the scare I went up stairs again to take a glass of water and I presume lost my senses as when I came to I heard the hose cart gong and the firemen down stairs.—It was my intention to go at once to Mr. Hartley's and let him know what had happened but when the whole town knew, I had not the courage so waited until everything was quite and went down stairs and took what money there was in the safe and went away. There is a certificate of stock for 4 shares with 50 against it at People's Bank, let the Company pay the note and cancel the certificate. As for the rest—even if I had stayed I was ruined, as the thing looked nasty, so I am (trying) to get away and take a new and I hope good name to work myself up on and will from time to time (if I get clear) remit what I can until you are satisfied and all loss is made up. I hope you will all believe this and not think too hard of poor

FRED WATSON.

And try and console my mother.

The books are undergoing an audit, and just the amount of loss cannot be ascertained until that is accomplished.

#### A Woodstock Beneficiary.

Under the will of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Ferguson of St. John, the income from the investments is to be divided yearly as follows: One half to be paid to Mrs. Jane H. Fowler, of Moncton; One quarter to Miss Mary Griffiths, of Woodstock and one-quarter to Miss Georgie Hanford, daughter of the late Thomas Hanford, of St. John. On the death of any of the beneficiaries, her interest is to be divided equally among the survivors the invested trusts shall continue to be held and managed by the trustees of St. Andrew's church and their successors, and the dividends and interests arising therefrom shall in the discretion and in the sole decision of the trustees be paid over and distributed among respectable and deserving widows and spinners of small means or no means, of Evangelical Protestant creed. This bequest is to be known as the "Ferguson Fund." The trustees of St. Andrew's church have accepted the trust and will at once sell the property. An offer of \$3,000 has been refused.

Mrs. Middleton Wray, writes from Schomberg, Ont., "Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is the best remedy I know of for Summer Complaint and Bowel diseases of children. I have used it for 17 years."

### THEY SAY IT WILL GO,

And We Will Believe It When We See It.

A Woodstock Surveyor in the Peace River District Makes a Snow Shoe Record—Distressing Drowning Accident—Two Young Lives Are Lost Thereby.

It is said that the building of the St. John Valley Railway is really to materialize, not only in the minds of the sanguine or as some say of the "sanjwine," but is to become a "fait accompli" as Johnny Baptiste in Madawaska would say. When, we, or this great and only journal spoke of the matter some time ago, there were jeers and jibes, and so there will be among those of little faith today. But there is still some real faith in Carleton County. Anyway a little bird, with the proverbial whisper, has informed THE DISPATCH that when the renewal of the subsidies is assured, and these may be said to be assured, the money wherewith to carry on the work is at hand. In connection with this railway Mr. R. H. Connor of St. John was in Woodstock on Friday. He then went to Houlton and returned to Woodstock yesterday. He assures this paper that the company having the control of the road is strong financially and ready to push it forward. He looks for work to be commenced this year.

#### In Unexplored Parts.

Mrs. Charles F. K. Dibblee of this place has received word from her husband, C. F. K. Dibblee, C. E., who has been for over a year engaged on an exploratory survey from Edmonton, N. W. T., through the Peace river country into the Yukon. Mrs. Dibblee had not heard from her husband since November last, until the other day, when she got a letter written from Omenica river, B. C., and dated March 31st. By reference to any complete map it will be seen that the Omenica river, is near the Rockies in the Peace river country. It is a scarcely ever frequented country. The letter came here by way of Telegraph Creek and Glenora. Mr. Dibblee has ten men with him and they must have been where the foot of white men had not been before. He says, I did the exploring on snowshoes dragging a handsled with bedding and grub. I have snowshoed 849 miles and hauled a sleigh 228 miles. Lately I have used a dog to pull my sled as it is much easier. Will be here till navigation opens and then will start for Edmonton, hoping to reach that town in June or July. Mr. Dibblee says he is in good health and that the work of exploring has done him no harm.

#### Sad Drowning Accident.

A very sad drowning accident occurred at Upper Woodstock on Friday afternoon last between two and three o'clock, whereby two sons of Colby Henderson whose place is something like a mile and a half above the corner, were drowned. The boys, named respectively Russell and Ray eight and ten years of age were sitting on the bank of the stream from which they were fishing. With them was a little lad named Milton Brown. It appears that young Russell dropped his pole and in reaching for it, fell into the stream which is very deep. His brother jumped in after him. Young Milton Brown who was with them reached out his pole and did all he could to help, but finding that the boys were far beyond his reach, he ran to the corner for help. Unfortunately when help arrived it came too late. An Indian woman some distance away heard the cry of the boys. When the people from the corner came on the scene they found that all they could do was to grapple for the remains. This they set about doing. Early in the evening the body of Russell was recovered, and Roy's remains were found just before dark. They were found nearly at the mouth of the creek, the other just beyond the entrance of the river. Mr. Henderson is engaged in his business in New York State. He was immediately notified of the sad events.

Later particulars regarding the sad accident are to the effect that Roy after jumping in the stream caught his brother and did his best to save him, but couldn't. He, then, swam several rods and tried to catch the end of a log, but was too much exhausted. The neighbors did everything possible in finding the bodies, and it was through their exertions that success came so soon.

Mr. Henderson arrived from New York on Monday's noon express. The funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. at the house and the remains taken to Hartland for burial.

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