

MAGIC AND BLACK ART IS EXPOSED BY OLD BOOKS; MANY SECRETS ARE RECALLED

London, March 11—Thanks to the collecting enthusiasm of Harry Price, honorary director of the National Laboratory of Physical Research, says the London Sunday Observer, there is a room in London while mystery bows her head and confident magic can be no longer look the most credulous audience in the face.

The existence of this room and of the unique library which it contains, is the finest assurance to any illusionist that the people still love nothing better than to be bamboozled by his skill or his trickery. Of nearly 500 years, "discoveries," "anatomies," "demonstrations," "fallacies," and "clear proofs" have been pouring exposure, refutation, ridicule and abuse from their pages onto the heads of all who even pretend to touch the fringe of magic's dark robe. And still people sit, the vast majority with faces full of blank astonishment and eyes untrained to follow the simplest sleight-of-hand trick.

"I visited the National Laboratory of Physical Research," says the Observer writer, "not with any intention of using the library for what is considered its main purpose, to assist the investigator in detecting the psychic imposter, but out of curiosity to see one of the largest specialized collections in the world, and in the hope that I might touch on the meaning of a passion for explanation, of the obscure which never has faltered since Mr. Price acquired Prof. Hoffman's 'Modern Magis,' at the age of 8.

Earliest Work

"Today, you may handle at your leisure any of the several thousand volumes dealing with mystery and deception, from 1450 to the present, which he has collected. Even to catalog the classifications of mystery into which the library falls, would be to occupy undue space. I counted 140 subject headings: Ecstasy, Prodigious, Divination, Firewalking, Fak-

irism, Blood Miracles, Black Magic, Vampirism, Waterspouters, Fire-eaters, Magical Vivisection, Human Oracles, Suspended Animation, Regurgitation, Magnetic Ladies, Demoniacs and an army of others.

"Director Price's favorites take rank according to their rarity, or the romance attending their discovery. There is Samuel Rowland's 'Art of Juggling or Legerdemaine,' published in 1614, 'wherein is deciphered all the conveyances of legerdemaine and juggling, how they are effected and wherein they chiefly consist.' Therein also you may receive 'Cautions to beware of cheating at Cards and Dice,' together with a 'Detection of the beggarly Art of Alchemy,' and the foppish of foolish counselling 'Charmes.' This was the first English work devoted solely to conjuring and trickery but 'Hocus Pocus Junior' and the 'Anatomie of Legerdemaine,' came hard on its heels in 1634.

Treatise On Specters

"Earlier still, in 1605, appeared Pierre le Loyer's 'Treatise of Specters of Strange Sights, Visions and Apparitions appearing sensibly unto men wherein is delivered the Nature of Sprites, Angels and Devils, their power and properties; as also

LATE SIR T. WILLES CHITTY WAS A LEGAL REFORMER AND REMOVER OF TECHNICALITIES

The name of Sir Thomas Willes Chitty is known all over the English-speaking world. His books are found in every lawyer's office. His monumental work Halsbury's Laws of England is the modern Blackstone. Not long ago he visited Canada and many people in Halifax had the pleasure of meeting him. Mrs. John E. Read, wife of Prof. John E. Read, K. C., formerly Dean of the Dalhousie Law School and now legal adviser to the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa, was a daughter. The Daily Telegraph of London, England, had the following interesting story of his unusual career following his lamented death a few weeks ago. It will be of very great interest to many in Nova Scotia:

"The name of Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, whose death is reported on another page, was familiar to all engaged or interested in the administration of justice, but few were acquainted with his person and personality. He rarely came before the public eye except at the swearing-in of the Lord Mayor at the Law Courts and at the interesting and ancient annual ceremony of rendering quit rents by the City Corporation to the Crown. As King's Remembrancer he was bound to attend both these ceremonies.

"When he was at the Bar he acquired a big common-law practice, and was regarded as ear-marked for the Bench. The fact that his father and grandfather were distinguished barristers and that he was a nephew of the late Lord Justice Chitty and of Mr. Justice Willes helped to foster this idea. It was, therefore, a surprise to many that, in 1901, when he was about 46 years of age, he sacrificed that alluring prospect for the comparative obscurity of a Mastership of the Supreme Court. The choice was probably motivated by his own retiring disposition and a sense of the opportunity a Mastership might provide him of exercising his abilities upon the study of legal processes."

"First as a Master, and afterwards from 1920, as Senior Master, in succession to the late Sir John MacDonnell, he did perhaps more than any other single man to amend and simplify the rules of practice. So absorbed was he in this congenial line of work that it was not until he was in his seventeenth year, that he thought of applying for 'silk'."

"Meanwhile the value of his services had not gone unrecognized, for in 1919 he was knighted, and in 1924 was elevated to a baronetcy; while his own Inn, the Inner Temple, where he was called in 1877, elected him a Bencher in 1925."

Great Legal Reformer

"It is quite safe to say that Sir T. Willes Chitty had a hand in every reform in legal procedure effected in the last twenty years. That lawyer's vast mecum, 'The Yearly Practice' is very largely his work. Legal process was encumbered with technicalities when he became a Master and there were all sorts of obstructions to the speedy trial of actions. These he

of Witches, Sorcerers, Enchanters, and such like."

"Climbing up the backstairs, of the literary world come Defoe's 'Essay on the History and Relativity of Apparitions,' his 'System of Magic,' his 'Second-Sighted Highlander,' and other volumes, all produced under the pseudonym of 'Andrew Moreton.'"

"Dean Swift's satire on the almanac maker, John Partridge, 'Predictions for the years 1708 by Isaac Bickerstaff, Esq., Written to Prevent the People of England being Imposed upon by Vulgar Almanack Makers,' has a place among the early works on charlatanism.

"More proudly than of any of his acquisitions, ancient or modern, does Mr. Price speak of his first edition, black-letter copy of Reginald Scot's 'Discourse of Witchcraft,' which he procured from the Yatton Court Library. This book, which was published in 1584, was ordered to be destroyed by James I., and existing copies of it are exceptionally rare. Mr. Price's pride in possession of it is justifiable. Shakespeare is known to have read it, and he likes to think that Shakespeare may have handled this particular copy."

set himself to remove as far as possible and the result is now seen in processes that end to save argument and time."

"Sir Thomas's efforts in the way of legal literature were many and exacting. They included the editing of Archbold's Cases," Bullen and Leake's 'Pleadings,' and Lord Halsbury's compendious 'Laws of England,' of more recent date. He also took an important part in consolidating all the Judicature Acts, numbering twenty-seven in a measure of 1925."

"Respected by all, admired for his unflinching courtesy under every kind of circumstance, Sir Thomas retired from the Senior Mastership in October, 1926 when he was still hale and active. But as he stated on the occasion of a presentation made to him by the staff of the central office, he was then only "withdrawing from the Courts of the Temple," there to pursue practice on special lines. None the less the severance, was felt severely at the Law Courts."

"A Grand Registrar of Free Masons from 1923 to 1928, he was virtually legal adviser to the brotherhood."

"In 1888 he married Emily Eliza, daughter of the late Rev. H. F. Newbolt, Vicar of St. Mary's, Bilton, and sister of Sir Henry Newbolt, the poet and naval historian. She died in 1903 and in the following year he married Beatrice Maud, daughter of the Rev. Edward Hale, of Eton College. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his eldest son, Thomas Henry Willes Chitty, a barrister of the Inner Temple, who was born in 1891, and is headmaster of Rosslyn House Preparatory School for Boys at Felixstowe."

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It has been said that some of the best Scotch jokes come from Scotland. Quite likely. The Scotch people have a saving sense of humor.

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- 6 Argyle and York Sts.
- 7 Victoria Public Hospital.
- 8 Children's Home, Woodstock Rd.
- 12 Westmorland and Aberdeen Sts.
- 13 Northumberland and Saunders Sts.
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- 15 Charlotte and Smythe Sts.
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- 17 King and Northumberland Sts.
- 21 York and Queen Sts.
- 23 York and George Sts.
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- 25 Brunswick and Westmorland Sts.
- 26 Charlotte and Westmorland Sts.
- 27 King and York Sts.
- 28 Saunders and York Sts.
- 31 Queen and Regent Sts.
- 32 Needham and Regent Sts.
- 34 Queen and Carleton Sts.
- 35 Brunswick and Carleton Sts.
- 36 Charlotte and Carleton Sts.
- 37 George and Regent Sts.
- 38 King and Regent Sts.
- 48 Aberdeen and St. John Sts.
- 44 Queen and St. John Sts.
- 45 Brunswick and St. John Sts.
- 46 Charlotte and St. John Sts.
- 51 King and Church Sts.
- 52 George and Church Sts.
- 53 Union and Church Sts.
- 54 Shore Street and Waterloo Row.
- 55 George St. and University Ave.
- 56 Lansdowne St. and Waterloo Row.
- 57 Grey St. and University Ave.
- 112 Aberdeen and Smythe Sts.
- 113 Northumberland and Argyle Sts.
- 121 Victoria and Westmorland Sts.

Dominion of Canada Income Tax



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You pay no tax with this return.

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Every person who is required to make this return who fails to do so on or before March 31st, 1930, renders himself liable to a penalty equal to 10% (ten percent) of the Tax payable by employees who should have been reported. (Maximum penalty \$50, minimum \$2.00.)

Make Returns on Form T4

Form T4 can be obtained from your Postmaster or from any Income Tax Inspector in your district.

Co-operation Urged

Employers are urgently requested to make returns promptly in order to avoid penalties and for the purpose of aiding the Department of National Revenue in making tax collections promptly, effectively and with the greatest economy to all concerned.

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Income Tax
Inspectors
are Located

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.
HALIFAX, N.S.
84 Hollis St.
SAINT JOHN, N.B.
New P.O. Building

The Department of National Revenue

Income Tax Division
OTTAWA

HON. W. D. FULER,
Minister of National Revenue

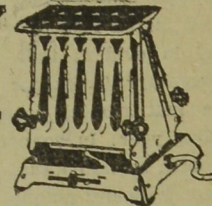
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