

DECISION OF IMPORTANCE IN BEER CASES

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS NOT ADMITTED

Appeal May be Made in Beer Cases—Police Magistrate Gave Decision Yesterday Afternoon.

Police Magistrate Limerick yesterday afternoon gave decision on a number of points which had arisen in connection with the hearing of two cases under The Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916, in which violation is charged on account of the sale of beer alleged to be of alcoholic strength greater than that permitted under the act.

The points were rather technical and in short were whether or not an analysis of liquor seized under section 187 could be presented as evidence under section 192, whether or not the words "chief inspector" in the act meant the Chief Inspector and whether or not the chief inspector could delegate his authority to another.

Grounds Taken.

His Honor took the ground that in any act if a group of sections appear under one heading that heading must be read as part of or in explanation of the following sections, also that he would refuse to accept on account of that ruling, certificates of analysis of liquor seized under section 187, when presented under section 192. His Honor also took the ground that the words "chief inspector" meant Chief Inspector and that the latter cannot delegate his authority.

Mr. P. J. Hughes, counsel for the prosecution asked for an adjournment until Thursday in order to decide whether or not he would appeal from the decisions.

Meaning of Decisions.

In the cases now on trial in which Sub-Inspector Finley took samples of beer and had them analyzed, he cannot present the certificate of analysis as evidence but must produce the analyst in court as a witness. Had Chief Inspector Wilson taken the samples and had the analysis made he could present the certificate as evidence.



His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will be at home at the Queen Hotel on the afternoon of Friday of this week, from four to six o'clock.

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Private Secretary.
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Death at Zealand.

Alpheus Crouse, a well known resident of Zealand Station, died on Monday.

Gem Theatre Tonight.

The celebrated "Mary Garden" Goldwyn Pictures. Star famed throughout the world for her remarkable genius will be seen at the Gem tonight and tomorrow in "Thais" a sensational play by Anatole France. First show at 7.15, second at 9 o'clock.

Able Presiding Officer.

His Worship Mayor Hanson, was warmly congratulated Monday night upon the able manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the City Council. The Mayor is a member ex officio of all standing committees with the exception of Water and Street Lighting.

Bulk Sales Act.

A joint meeting of the Board of Trade and the Retail Merchants' Association is to be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Friday evening at 8 o'clock to meet Mr. Sommerville of St. John, who is promoting the proposed Bulk Sales Act. As this is a matter that is of great importance to every business man, it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Smallpox Situation.

The smallpox situation throughout the province shows decided improvement. Isolated cases exist at Mace's Bay and Dipper Harbor in Charlotte county. On the North Shore the number is being reduced. At Napudogan, Cross Creek and other places in the northern part of York county, where cases occurred some time ago, the situation is cleared up.

Presented With Signet Rings.

On Monday evening about twenty-five of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Watson assembled at their home at Victoria Mills and presented each of them with a signet ring. The popular couple, although taken completely by surprise were able to make their guests feel thoroughly at home. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are to leave early next week for Saskatoon to take up their abode.

Death at Kingsclear.

The death occurred at Kingsclear on Tuesday of Mrs. Frederick Thomas after a lingering illness from heart trouble. She was fifty-two years of age and leaves a husband and two daughters, Mrs. John Powys and Mrs. Herman Kitchen, both of Kingsclear. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Fred Kelly of Kingsclear and Mrs. Charles Pickard of Pokioik. The funeral will take place at three o'clock on Thursday with service at St. Mark's church by Rev. Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. H. B. Duross of Woodstock, is at the Barker House.
Mr. R. C. Bonnell of St. John, arrived in the city this morning.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES AT F. & D. ASSOC.

SHEEP RAISING AND POULTRY THE SUBJECTS

York County Seed Fair Began in Normal School Gymnasium This Morning—Large Attendance.

The meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association was continued this morning when there was a large attendance. The York County Seed Fair also was opened this morning in the gymnasium of the Provincial Normal School. This morning interesting addresses were given by Mr. Thomas Hetherington, Live Stock Superintendent for New Brunswick, who discussed "Sheep Raising and Co-operative Marketing of Wool"; Mr. A. C. McCulloch, Poultry Superintendent for New Brunswick, whose subject was "Poultry Raising," and Mr. James D. Thompson of Ottawa, Dominion wool expert, who discussed "The Marketing of Wool."

Thomas Hetherington.

Mr. Hetherington explained to the association the system of co-operative methods for the marketing of wool. Two stations for the grading of wool, would be established in the province, one at Fredericton for St. John Valley counties and southern sections of the province and one at Moncton for the North Shore and eastern section. Mr. Hetherington emphasized the fact that better prices for wool were secured by the sheep raisers who marketed by co-operative methods than by those selling independently. The price recently had been about one dollar per pound.

James D. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson dealt particularly with the proper care of wool. By co-operative methods sheep raisers in Canada in the past year had marketed 2,500,000 pounds of wool at a price of about \$1,500,000. The marketing of wool in a good condition had become a patriotic duty as the armies in the field were taking enormous quantities of wool for uniforms. Each soldier needed sixty pounds a year.

The speaker touched upon the dog problem and advocated that there be a law compelling all owners of dogs to tie up the animals between sunset and sunrise that being the time in which they worry and kill sheep. Such a law had been put into effect in certain parts of the United States with great success.

A. C. McCulloch.

Mr. McCulloch gave a most interesting address on poultry and gave his hearers many helpful and valuable hints. Poultry raising he said was much underdeveloped in New Brunswick although the province was eminently suited for the industry. The state of Maine with climatic conditions exactly similar was the chief poultry state of the Union. Warm winters were not necessary for the successful raising of poultry. In fact California, one of the warmest states of the Union, was not well suited to the rearing of fowls. New Brunswick not only was suited for the raising of poultry but also had good market conditions, the New England states affording an ample outlet for the product. Speaking of the most suitable breeds for this country he mentioned

RESOLUTIONS BY FEDERATION OF LABOR

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL RECEIVES APPROVAL

Officers will be Elected This Afternoon—Attendance of Delegates the Largest on Record.

The session of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor was continued this morning, attention being chiefly devoted to the consideration of resolutions and the hearing of reports. A group photo will be taken and the final session will be held.

Resolutions Passed.

Among the resolutions passed this morning were the following: Endorsing woman suffrage, calling upon the government to recognize organized labor by appointing labor representatives upon boards and similar public bodies, favoring the prohibition of the manufacture of ice cream and candy during the war in order to conserve milk, cream and sugar.

Delegate Harry Ryan of Fredericton reported with regard to the formation of an Independent Labor party. The report was not completed and was referred back to the committee.

Public Health Act.

A committee appointed to consider the provisions of the Public Health Bill reported to the effect that the proposed provisions were beneficial but suggested that one of the officials to be appointed under the act be a practical plumber.

The Federation also recommended the appointment of an independent commission which would handle all matters pertaining to labor with the exception of compensation.

Officers will be elected this afternoon.

The attendance of delegates is the largest in the history of the Federation. The first formal session was held yesterday when there was an address of welcome from Mayor Hanson and an address from Dr. W. C. Kierstead, representative of the Food Controller in New Brunswick. President J. L. Sugrue of St. John, replied on behalf of the Federation. Last night the Fredericton Labor Council held a social evening for the visitors and an enjoyable time was spent with a program of musical and other selections.

Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns and Wyandottes. Eggs and market poultry were two valuable means of meeting the serious shortage in beef and bacon. Mr. McCulloch criticised feeding methods as practiced in this province, saying that 90 per cent. of the poultry raisers did not feed properly. Three dollars a year at prevailing prices should pay for the feed of a fowl. At existing prices for eggs and poultry those who followed proper methods should make money. He advocated early hatching of chickens and the retaining of early laying strains.

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