

TIME TAKEN TO CONSIDER IN FORGERY CASE

DEFENCE IN THE MUNN
CASE IS COMPLETED

Alibi the Line Taken — Five
Witnesses Heard Yesterday
—Judgment to be Given
on Wednesday.

The defence in the case of Perley Munn of Hayesville charged with forging a time-check on Fraser Companies Limited in August of last year, was completed yesterday afternoon. It was expected that judgement would be given by Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon but His Honor is taking more time to consider the case.

Yesterday the witnesses for the defence who gave evidence were the parents of the accused, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Munn his brothers, Herman Munn and Bernard Munn and his friend Russell McKay. The line of defence taken was an alibi. The evidence being that the accused was at his home in Hayesville during the entire month of August, 1919, when the forgery is alleged to have taken place. His father is said to have made the statement that the young man never was in Fredericton, where the time-check was cashed, prior to April last. Judgement will be given tomorrow.

To Fish on Cain's River.

Thomas Forsyth of New Haven, and E. J. Barnes of Shelton, Conn., left here yesterday to fish on Cain's River with W. H. Allen as guide.

Intake Pier Damaged.

The pier which guards the crib-well of the water-works intake from ice-damage itself suffered considerable damage in the spring. The upper courses of the crib-work were torn away and will have to be replaced.

Returning to England.

St. Croix Courier: Lieut. Col. J. C. Brown, R. E., left on Wednesday morning for St. John to spend a day before going to Montreal, where he will take passage on Friday on the steamship Scandinavian for London, England, en route to Constantinople.

Esteemed Lady's Death

Mrs. T. R. Hetherington, wife of the principal of the Consolidated School at Riverside, Albert County, died quite unexpectedly yesterday from heart trouble. She sustained a serious accident a year ago and never fully recovered from it.

Must Stop Practise.

The practise of mooring rafts to the intake pier of the water-works which the Health authorities stopped some years ago, has been resumed. A raft has been moored there for several days but the authorities will have it removed.

Tennis Club Active

The Fredericton Tennis Club is showing signs of renewed activity. The number of courts in operation has been increased from two to four, and the membership has been greatly increased. On Saturday next the club will play the Woodstock club at Woodstock. Funds will be raised to defray the expenses. On Wednesday evening the club will hold a dance at the Automobile & Boating Clubhouse.

First Day of Summer.

Yesterday was the last day of spring and summer was ushered in this morning at 3 o'clock daylight time, when the sun entered the tropic of Cancer. Yesterday and today are the longest days of the year. They are 15 hours and 29 minutes in length, the sun rising at 5.41 and setting at 9.10. The sun will continue to set at 9.10 on Wednesday and Thursday, but will rise at 5.42 both days. There are two full moons this month, on the first and on the 30th.

Fire at McAdam.

Fire which started in the rear of King Brothers' restaurant a two-storey wooden building owned by Allan Budd at McAdam, late on Saturday destroyed that building and John Taylor's dwelling nearby. Lester & Embleton's grocery was damaged. Canadian Pacific engines and hose prevented the fire extending to other buildings on the south side of the main line in the lower end of the town. The loss on the restaurant is \$2,000 and on the house \$1,500. There is some insurance.

New Plan Works Well

The delegates from Fredericton who attended the recent Methodist Conference at Sackville included Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lemont, Mr. A. C. M. Lawson, Mr. C. A. Sampson and Mr. J. J. Weddall. The Conference has been held at Sackville now for the last three years and will meet there again next year. The delegates are billeted in the ladies' college and the arrangement has been found very satisfactory. It is a great improvement over the old system and the delegates like the change very much.

Smuggling Sugar.

American officers are investigating cases of alleged smuggling of sugar into Maine in the vicinity of Calais from New Brunswick, as a result of the arrest of two men on Saturday night charged with taking six tons of sugar from St. Stephen in a motor boat in violation of both the laws of Canada and the United States. Harry Hill, owner of the boat, and Don Smith, were later released to appear in court later; the boat and sugar were seized. Sugar is selling in New Brunswick for about \$22.50 a cwt., and as smugglers can sell it for \$26 in Maine there is good profit in sugar running.

TO INTERVIEW RAILWAYS RE UNION STATION

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL
ACT IN THE MATTER

Committee Appointed to Co-
operate in Hospital Exten-
sion Will Wait Upon
County Council.

The York Commercial Club last night in regular session dealt with two matters of importance, Victoria Hospital Extension and a Union Station. The Club also decided to suspend club meetings during the summer, leaving the work in the hands of the executive and committees.

Hospital Matter.

A committee was appointed to take up the matters of Hospital Extension. The committee is composed of J. D. Palmer, chairman; G. W. Brown, J. F. Winslow, Joseph Dolphin, A. W. Coombes. This committee is to get in touch with the various committees engaged in this work and co-operate with them, with a view to getting necessary action on the part of the City and County Councils. The committee is to wait upon the York County Council and place the matter before that body at the meeting in July.

There was discussion on the matter of a publicity campaign in behalf of the Hospital but it was decided that the Hospital Trustees should promote that.

Union Station Matter.

The Club decided to take up preliminary work in regard to the Union Station matter. Organization work will be undertaken although immediate results are not expected. The committee which has this matter in charge is composed of H. A. Smith, chairman; J. D. Palmer, R. W. McLellan. The intention is for a delegation composed of representatives of this committee, the Board of Trade and the City Council to go to St. John and place the matter before the C. P. R. Superintendent. The C. N. R. also will be approached. It is recognized that railways wish to avoid expenditures at present but it is believed that plans can be outlined for future action.

Farm Settlement Board

E. B. Bradt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, went to St. John this morning to attend the meeting of the Farm Settlement Board. Hon. J. F. Tweedale, Minister of Agriculture, is spending a few days in Maine.

Liquor Arrived at Last

The carload of liquor seized by New Brunswick liquor inspectors at Baker Lake, which was held up for a while at Edmundston, arrived here this morning consigned to Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson. The value is in the vicinity of fifteen thousand dollars. The Chief Inspector while in Edmundston last week learned that there was a technicality concerning the seizure of the car containing the liquor, so had it transferred to another car which came through to Fredericton.

JAIL BREAKER SERVING TERM IN THE STATES

WILLIAM G. SIMMONDS
CONVICTED OF BIGAMY

Now in Massachusetts Peni-
tentiary on Five Year Sen-
tence for Theft from
the Person.

Police Magistrate Walter Limerick of this city has been informed that Wm. G. Simmonds, whom he sentenced September 16th 1919 to three years in Dorchester Penitentiary for bigamy committed by marrying F. Grace Armstrong of Fredericton while his wife was alive in England, and who escaped from York County jail here, is now serving a sentence of five years in penitentiary in Massachusetts for theft from the person. His conviction in Massachusetts was made under the name of Herbert Standish. Identification of Standish as Simmonds was accomplished by means of finger-prints.

Finger-Prints Told on Him.

Ottawa and Washington exchange finger-prints and Simmonds upon being convicted here of bigamy was finger-printed. Subsequently he was registered at Ottawa as convicted of bigamy and wanted for breaking jail. When the exchange of finger-prints between the Canadian and American authorities took place comparison showed that the man was convicted recently of theft in the State of Massachusetts although he had assumed another name.

Curious Feature.

A curious feature of the case is that in October last Police Magistrate Limerick while on a motor tour in the New England States and New York State, saw Simmonds driving a taxi in Harvard Square Boston. This was within a few weeks of his conviction for bigamy and his escape from jail here. The man looked so intently at the magistrate that the attention of the latter was attracted and he soon identified the man. The Boston police were notified and investigation showed that Simmonds left Boston at once.

Married in Moncton.

The marriage of this man and Miss Armstrong took place in Moncton. Simmonds had served overseas with the C. E. F. and in England had married. He is a native of York County.

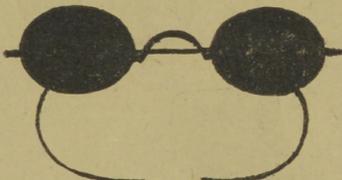
Escape From Jail.

Simmonds escaped from jail here within a few days of his conviction, by reaching through his cell-door with a stick with a nail in it and lifting a bolt. He then went through the corridor and out the door. Sheriff Hawthorne the jailer was ill in bed at the time.

Married in Worcester, Mass.

Martin M. Horncastle of Fredericton and Miss Florence Irene Hains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hains of Moncton were married on the 18th inst at All Saints Church, Worcester, Mass. Rev. Lewis G. Morris officiated.

J. H. Donley, of Kitchener, is at the Barker House.



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