

DENNISON LET GO BY JUDGE ON RECOGNIZANCE

PLEADED GUILTY AND
COUNSEL ASKED MERCY

Judge Wilson Said There Were
Extenuating Circumstances
—Sureties for Two
Hundred Dollars.

Blair Dennison of this city charged with theft of hospital supplies of various kinds from the stores of the D. S. C. R. Hospitals, appeared before Judge Wilson of the York County Court this morning under Speedy Trials proceedings. R. B. Hanson, K. C., appeared as Counsel for the defence and eight witnesses who had been summoned by the prosecution also appeared. This evidence was not necessary however, as the accused pleaded guilty. Mr. Hanson made a plea for mercy pointing out extenuating circumstances.

Accused Let Go.

His Honor addressed the prisoner stating that there was a number of extenuating circumstances in the case including the facts that he had returned the stolen property and had pleaded guilty and also had served a considerable time in jail. His Honor imposed sentence to the effect that the prisoner be discharged on recognizance of himself for one hundred dollars and of two others for fifty dollars each, the conditions being that he appear at any time within three months when called upon.

Elwood Kitchen also implicated in this theft was tried before Police Magistrate Limerick and is now completing two month's sentence in the county jail.

To Boost Prices

Although soap prices have taken a slump local laundries of all races have decided on a price increase to become effective next week. The charge for doing up collars will be four cents instead of three and other increases will be in proportion.

Unsettled Weather.

There was a good fall of snow here on Saturday and for a time things looked rather bright for the holiday trade. The weather during Sunday afternoon however, turned soft and considerable rain fell which seem to have made the going worse than ever.

Smelt Fishing

Smelt fishing opened in Newcastle Miramichi district on Wednesday morning, but as yet very small catches are reported except from Inkerman district, where several good catches have been made. The price being paid on the ice this year so far is ten cents per pound.

Some Price for Wood

Farmers in the parishes adjoining the city are getting out a lot of green wood which they have no trouble in disposing of at good prices. In some instances value is not given for the money as in the case of a citizen who was charged \$24 for a cord of green furnace wood. That was certainly going some.

Lumbering Operations.

The River Valley Lumber Company of Oromocto have established camps on the Scott Lumber lands at The Barony and will cut about a million feet in that section during the coming winter. The company have secured a twenty year lease of the property, which is said to be one of the finest in the province.

For the Winter Fair.

Mr. J. W. Stickles of North Devon left this morning for Amherst, N. S., where he take charge of the poultry exhibit at the Winter Fair which opens on the 13th. Mr. Stickles is a practical poultryman and has had considerable experience in handling birds at exhibitions. He looks for an exhibit of 2000 birds at the show of which Fredericton and North Devon will contribute about 150.

Sprang a Surprise

J. J. F. Winslow counsel for the defence in a case in which the use of obscene and profane language was charged, sprang a surprise this morning in the police court when he asked for the dismissal of the case on the ground that the city bylaw under which the case had been brought, was ultra vires. Two witnesses had been placed on the stand by the prosecution. Chief Finley conducted the prosecution. Police Magistrate Limerick took time to consider.

Potatoes Were Burned.

Passengers on the Boston express on Saturday brought word of a hot fire at Winn station on the Maine Central railroad, between Mattewamkeag and Bangor. Five started in a potato car on the track beside the station house and the station building was in grave danger when a train arrived and the trainmen took a hand in the fight. The locomotive was attached to the burning car and able to pull it away from the station. The car had set fire to William Martin's potato house and this, with \$5,000 worth of potatoes, was burned. The total loss is \$10,000.

Cheaper Christmas

Christmas nuts and raisins and other holiday goodies will be cheaper this season, although shelled walnuts almonds and filberts are scarce and difficult to secure. As early season orders were light, stocks are therefore low. Large quantities of Spanish raisins have been coming across the water for the first time in several years. These are from fifty to twenty per cent cheaper than the ones brought from California, but still much higher than in the pre-war days. The drop in the price of sugar has given an impetus to home cooking.

GOVERNMENT WILL MEET HERE ABOUT THE 15TH

HARVEY MITCHELL IS
MENTIONED AS DEPUTY

Appointment Likely to be Made
Then—Hon. D. W. Mersereau
Getting Acquainted
With Office.

The Provincial Government is to hold another meeting here during the present month. It is probable that the appointment of a Deputy Minister of Agriculture to succeed E. P. Bradt probably will be made at that time.

The name of Harvey Mitchell of Keswick has been mentioned in connection with the appointment. Mr. Mitchell for some time was connected with the Federal Dairy Section in Prince Edward Island.

New Minister at Work.

Hon. D. W. Mersereau, appointed Minister of Agriculture last week, is at his office getting acquainted with departmental work. The retiring minister Hon. J. F. Tweeddale disposed of much business before leaving office and made recommendations with regard to other items.

The Dairy Exhibition.

Mr. Barr of Ottawa, an official of the Dairy Section, attended the Dairy Exhibition at Sussex last week and pronounced it the best competition in Canada as far as cheese was concerned, held during the autumn. A great improvement in the style and appearance of the cheese was noted. Out of twenty-three cheese factories in the province twenty-one were represented by exhibits and of seventeen butter factories eight were represented.

FUNERALS

Kenneth Gordon McFarlane.

The funeral of Kenneth Gordon McFarlane little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McFarlane of Kingsley, took place Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Thomas conducted the service and interment was made at the Pickard Burying Ground. The child died Saturday morning survived by his parents three brothers and three sisters.

Late Ephraim L. Dunn.

The funeral of the late Ephraim L. Dunn whose death occurred Thursday night, took place Sunday afternoon from the home of his son Richard L. Dunn, Victoria Mills. Service was conducted at the home by Rev. A. F. Bate, rector of Fredericton and interment was made at Forest Hill Cemetery. The deceased was aged eighty-one years and is survived by two sons Richard and Stephen of Victoria Mills and two daughters America in Winnipeg and Bessie in Boston.

It not only writes for itself but its work speaks for itself. The Remington Typewriter. A. Milne Fraser, 157 Hollis St., Halifax, N. S.

R. W. Watson of St. John is in the city.

GEORGE H. OFFEN DIED SATURDAY AT GALT, ONT.

WELL KNOWN AS A
MUSICIAN AND LEADER

Body to be Brought Here Tuesday—Funeral That Afternoon—Local Bands Will Take Part.

Word was received here Saturday evening of the death at Galt, Ont., of George H. Offen of this city. The deceased had left Fredericton some days before and had gone to Montreal for an operation in hospital. There he was told that nothing could be done for him by surgeons and he went on to Galt where his brother Charles Offen, at one time a resident of this city, lives. Death occurred at Mr. Offen's home.

The body will be brought to Fredericton by Charles Offen and will arrive by C. P. R. Tuesday. It will be taken to the Parish Church and service will be conducted there at two o'clock by Rev. A. F. Bate.

Well Known as Musician

The deceased was a native of Malta his parents having been in the British garrison of that fortress. His mother was Miss Hill of Fredericton and was married to his father in this city when his regiment was stationed here. The late George Offen came to Canada when a young man and located in this city.

He joined the Royal Canadian Regiment at this city and was a bandman for a number of years. On the retirement of the late Bandmaster Hayes he was appointed bandmaster at the Fredericton Depot. Later he was bandmaster of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, while that corps was in garrison at Halifax during the South African War. After the R. C. R. was placed in garrison at Halifax permanently on the withdrawal of the Imperial troops, he became sergeant drummer of the regiment.

Again Located Here.

After completing his term of enlistment with the R. C. R. the late Mr. Offen returned to Fredericton and became leader of the Fredericton Brass Band, which under his leadership attained a wide reputation as a musical organization. Other organizations of a musical nature which he led in this city at various times were the 71st York Regt Band, the Parish Church Band and various orchestras. He also was an orchestra leader in Toronto and other cities at various times.

The wife of the deceased, also a native of Fredericton, died here some years ago.

The bands of this city will honor the deceased by taking part in the funeral.

Besides his brother Charles, no near relatives reside in Canada.

W. H. Keslick of Toronto is at the Queen.

J. R. Zanettin and wife of Toronto were at the Queen over the week-end.

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