

MISSING SEVEN YEARS, CAN BE PRESUMED DEAD

INTERESTING POINT DECIDED IN CHANCERY

George S. F. Segee, Formerly of New Maryland, Last Heard of in Victoria, B. C.

In the Chancery Court today before Chief Justice Sir J. D. Hazen an interesting point was decided to the effect that a man who had not been heard of for seven years could be considered as dead. The point arose in the matter of the estate of Abraham J. Segee of New Maryland, farmer, a friendly suit having been instituted, William C. Rice and Thomas W. Rainford, executors and trustees, being plaintiffs and Harry Dow Segee, Grace Segee wife of the missing son, and Aubrey and Bessie Segee her children, being the defendants. The son of the deceased who had not been heard from was George S. F. Segee who left Fredericton some nine years ago and last was heard from at Victoria, B. C., seven years ago.

The Decision.
The points which the court was called upon to decide was whether Segee could be presumed to be dead and to whom his share of the estate should go. It was decided by the court that the man could be presumed to be dead and that his widow and two children would divide his share of the estate equally among them. His widow was appointed guardian of the two infants.

J. B. McNair appeared for the plaintiffs, C. D. Richards for Harry Dow Segee and E. Allison MacKay for Grace Segee and her children.

At the Post Office
Post office appointments are gazetted as follows: Fred Hanson (O.A.S.), Postal Clerk, Fredericton, N. B.; John P. Ashe, (O.A.S.), Railway Mail Clerk, St. John; Gordon E. Phinney, (O. A. S.), Railway Mail Clerk, St. John.

New Scales Needed
A new set of small scales is needed for the City Market. Ald. Cooper brought the matter before the City Council. He also urged that there be regulations concerning the sale of wood. He wished to be authorized to purchase proper scales but the motion was voted down.

Selling Old City Plant
A generator and switchboard used formerly at the sewerage pumping station is to be sold to a party at Mahone Bay, N. S. A price of seven hundred dollars is offered. An inquiry for the old Wheelock engine at the street lighting plant has been received. If possible this will be sold.

Horses Paid for Themselves
Ald. Young has reported to the City Council that during the past summer the Fire Department has had placed to its credit upward of \$900 from the use of a pair of horses on street work. This amount is more than the cost of the horses, their harness and upkeep otherwise the money would have been spent outside a city department.

Armistice Day Expenses
The city's share of the cost of the concrete bases for captured German guns is \$255. Bills for other expenses connected with the celebration on the armistice anniversary have not all been rendered. A portion of the expense will be borne by the province as the celebration was provincial as well as civic in its nature.

Action Against City
Mrs. Annie Harris has taken steps to recover two hundred dollars from the city through McLellan & Hughes for injuries sustained in a fall on Westmorland street between Queen and King streets. The accident occurred November 6 near the Massey-Harris office. The sidewalk at the place indicated is not in a safe condition. The matter has been referred by the City Council to City Solicitor R. B. Hanson.

Scales Tampered With
The scales in the City Market used for weighing small quantities of produce have been tampered with at various times. A. K. Limerick Inspector of weights and measures, has complained concerning them. On occasions after being rectified the scales have been tampered with within a few minutes. Ald. Cooper Chairman of the City Hall and Market Committee is moving toward the purchase of new scales of a better class than has been in use heretofore.

Meeting at St. John
Miss Helen Richardson, recently elected superintendent of Girl's Branches for the diocesan W. A., held a meeting of the officers of the six girls' branches in St. John in the Church of England Institute on Saturday evening. There were about thirty present, every one of the six branches being well represented. The evening was spent in a profitable discussion of winter plans and of divers ways of increasing usefulness.

Interesting to Ladies
The brightest spot for your Christmas shopping is at A. Murray & Co's store, where every department is overflowing with goods suitable for the Christmas season. Here you will find something for the baby, for the little tot going to school, for the young lady at school or college, and for sister, aunt, mother and grandmother at prices that will appeal to you and articles that will gladden those that receive them and give them entire satisfaction.

CARRIED A REVOLVER FOR PROTECTION

YOUNG MAN WAS AFRAID OF HOLD-UP

Arrested in C.P.R. Station This Morning—One Conviction for Theft—Other Cases.

Police Magistrate Limerick had a variety of offenses on trial before him this morning. Four young men were charged with theft and a fifth was charged with carrying a loaded revolver and not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself.

Theft From Armory.
On the charge of the theft of two pairs of breeches and two pairs of puttees from the armory, Carleton street, Bell Sherman and Wilfrid Lilly of Marysville appeared and pleaded guilty. They were remanded until the 13th inst. for sentence.

Three Months' Sentence.
Gordon Kelley and David Somers appeared on the charge of stealing chocolates and other goods from the grocery store of Abraham Sweed, Westmorland street. Both pleaded not guilty. Miss McConaghey clerk in the store gave evidence. It was shown that Kelley attempted to dissuade and prevent Somers from taking the confectionery. Kelley was discharged but Somers was convicted and given a sentence of three months in jail with an additional month if costs are not paid and restitution made by him.

Arrested in C. P. R. Station.
Louis Daigle of Richibucto who has been in Fredericton for some time was arrested at about four o'clock this morning in the C. P. R. Station by Policeman Hart. A revolver loaded in five chambers was found upon him. His story was that he had been to see a young lady the night before and returning at a late hour he did not wish to disturb the people at his boarding-house, so went to the C. P. R. station which he knew would be open with a fire on. He there lay down and slept on the settee. With regard to the loaded revolver he said that some weeks ago he had gone to a dance and hearing about so many holdups in the city he borrowed the weapon for his own protection and never had returned it to the owner.

At the Opera House.
The Vaudeville and pictures at the Opera House this week promise to be first class in every particular. The Vaudeville is better than the usual run. The five acts being first class and amusing in every way. Ethel May Hall & Co., in their rollicking farce is reported to be about the average. Nita Johnson is certainly a novel act. Gene Mason and Fay Cole in "Just for a kiss" are very funny. Munro & Grant a Trompeline act by the Bounding Boys is good. Billie Tam in a side splitting act is said to be excellent. There will also be Pathe News and a good comedy. This programme should draw a bumper house.

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NON-RESIDENT AGENTS MUST PAY LICENSE

DECISION FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

By-law of City Council on the Matter Not Ultra Vires—One Agent Defied the City.

The matter of collecting the license fees imposed upon non-resident agents soliciting consumers in this city, brought up in the City Council some time ago by Ald. C. W. Hall, again was referred to in committee Monday night when an opinion prepared by City Solicitor R. B. Hanson was presented to the Council. The opinion was to the effect that it was not ultra vires of the City Council to pass a bylaw imposing such license fees, as its purpose was regulative and not to raise revenue.

Action Requested
Ald. Hall after the opinion was read, asked that immediate action toward enforcing the bylaw be taken. He said that the bylaw specified soliciting and it would not be difficult to obtain abundant evidence.

One Agent Was Defiant
Some time ago when this matter was brought up it was stated that one non-resident who is a resident of Halifax and who does considerable business in Fredericton had defied the city to take action to enforce the bylaw in his case. It was said at that time that immunity upon the fact that he was a man in question based his claim to ratepayer of the County of York as the bylaw is not applicable to residents of the county. Inquiry at the office of the County Secretary Treasurer however, disclosed the fact that the man was not a ratepayer of the county.

It is probable that the next time he is in Fredericton something will happen.

A New Home.
Mr. G. W. Hodge is today removing to his new home lately completed on Brunswick street between St. John and Church streets.

Exchange Rate.
The exchange rate on Canadian funds in New York today reached fifteen and one-half the highest point in some months.

Famished in the Woods
After wandering about in the woods for more than a week, Gerald Daley seventeen years of age, was found in a vacant cabin in the woods near Petersville at 10.30 o'clock Saturday night and was taken to the hospital at St. John Monday morning. Both his feet are badly frozen, and it has not yet been decided whether amputation will be necessary. The lad was employed by Daniel Butler, a mail driver at Petersville. A week ago last Friday he disappeared from Mr. Butler's home. Late on Saturday night the young fellow was found in the deserted house, almost famished and suffering greatly from frost-bite.

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