

CROSS CREEK  
OUT IN FORCE  
AT THE TRIAL

Charivari at Home of Thomas Cookson, July 3rd Has Aftermath—Informant and Wife on Stand.

The famous Cross Creek charivari case came to trial this morning in the Fredericton police court with all the residents of Cross Creek who could get there, in attendance. They were of both sexes and all ages. F. H. Peters appeared as counsel for the informant, Thomas Cookson, who when the accused made their first appearance was without counsel. P. J. Hughes, K. C., appeared for the defendants.

Judging from the progress made this morning the hearing will take some time as only the informant and his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Cookson were on the stand.

Double Charge.

The defendants are Charles Merritt, Delancy Merritt, Abraham Thomas, Clair White, Merritt Colwell, Cyril Meecham, Grey Kirby and Clifford Foreman. The double charge in which the charivari is included is riotous and disorderly conduct on the public highway and discharging firearms.

Some Amusing Passages.

The examination of the witnesses and their cross-examination by Mr. Hughes brought out some amusing passages. Mrs. Cookson on one occasion refused to answer the counsel for the defence saying that "she was not going to answer silly questions." Mr. Hughes replied that he had to ask them. The line taken by the defence was that the gathering at the Cookson home on the night of the 3rd was of the nature of an ordinary charivari and that such often took place in the neighborhood to celebrate weddings.

Informant's Statement.

Mr. Cookson on the stand said in brief that he and his wife, their son and their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brewer were asleep in the house when aroused by noise made by a gathering of fifty or sixty

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City Affairs

Railway Veteran Dead

Mr. Angus McLellan for more than forty years a conductor on the C. N. R. passed away at his home at Moncton on Saturday, aged 89 years.

Crowes Nevess Estate

Letters testamentary have been issued in the estate of Crowes Nevess of the Parish of Kingsclear, to Hayward Kelly of Kingsclear and Robert Crewdson of Prince William. The estate consists of \$3,900 in real property and \$1,050 in personal property.

A Daughter Born.

On July 20th 1925 there was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dunbar of Kansas City, a daughter. Mrs. Dunbar is a native of Fredericton and was before marriage Miss Josephine Quigley, daughter of Mr. M. A. Quigley, U. N. B., 1884 and Mrs. Quigley, the latter having formerly been Miss Annie Sharkey of this city.

Late James Donald.

The funeral of the late James Donald took place at 2.30 Sunday afternoon from his late residence Gibson street, Devon and was largely attended. Brother Masons acted as pall bearers and the funeral was under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge No. 33 F. & A. M. The remains were conveyed to the United Baptist Church where the pastor Rev. C. D. Kaine preached from John XII, 24. The full choir was present and rendered favorite hymns of the departed including "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". Interment was at Sunny Bank.

Died in His Sleep.

Mr. E. Atherton Smith a well known broker of Saint John died in his sleep at his summer home in St. Andrews on Sunday morning. He was widely known throughout the province and his death will be deeply regretted. Mr. Smith was long connected with the militia of Saint John and achieved fame as a marksman, having on several occasions been a member of the Bisley team. He also excelled as a golfer and motorist. Mr. Smith and his talented wife travelled extensively in recent years and received much publicity through the press. The deceased is survived by his widow, three brothers and one sister. Mr. Charles S. Everett of St. Andrews is a brother-in-law.

ILLUSTRATION  
OF SERMON WAS  
TOO REALISTIC

Part of Mattie Crawford's Congregation Bolted, Some Fainted, One Had an Epileptic Fit.

The Arctic Rink Sunday night during one of Mrs. Mattie Crawford's services was the scene of incidents which evidently were not intended by the preacher. She was preaching on the subject of the house one built on the solid rock and one built on the sands. To emphasize her remarks she employed some ordinary stage devices. "As the floods descended and the winds came" the lights of the rink were switched so as to flicker and flash, the bass drum rolled and those seated on the platform made a sound by beating with sticks on the floor.

The uproar and general commotion was too much for some nerves for there was an outcry and many of the large congregation started bolting for the exits. To some indeed the impression was carried that the roof of the building actually was giving way.

Mrs. Crawford ordered the lights on again and restored some semblance of calm. She proceeded with her remarks and when the storms and the winds began their work on the second house the stage devices again came into play and there was a repetition of the panic.

Fainting Women.

During the two panics there were several women who fainted and had to be revived. One woman was seized by

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FREE SCHOOL  
BOOKS BEING  
DISTRIBUTED

Three Hundred Shipments Made Already—Districts Should Apply at Once—Total is 1,400.

In the distribution of free school books from the School Book Department here in pursuance of the policy of the Veniot Government, applications have been received from some five hundred of the fourteen hundred school districts of the Province. Three hundred shipments have been made and the department would have its work facilitated if the remainder of the districts would send in their applications.

Grade V and Standard III.

The free text books are being supplied to the lower grades up to and including Grade V. Grading however is in effect only in the town schools. The rural districts are classified in five standards covering the same work as the eight grades. In the rural school the free books are furnished up to and including Standard III.

Fifty Thousand Pupils.

Approximately fifty thousand pupils are to be supplied with books of whom twenty thousand are in towns and thirty thousand in rural schools. With applications coming in more rapidly the work could be speeded up.

Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins, manager of the Bank of Montreal, went to Boston on Saturday having been called there by the illness of his sister.

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