

JUDGE SAID  
CASE SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN STOPPED

Jury Out Four Minutes  
and Brought in Ver-  
dict of Not Guilty in  
the Sowers Forgery  
Case.

In the case of James Sowers tried by His Honor Judge Slipp and a jury, in the York County Court, on a charge of uttering a forged cheque the jury was out just four minutes Thursday afternoon before bringing in a verdict of not guilty. Discharging the jury from further service His Honor took occasion to express the opinion that the prosecution of Sowers should have been stopped on account of the nature of the evidence brought out, and also to say that as the trial had progressed he had felt that he should have put a stop to proceedings. His Honor said that he agreed with the verdict.

The defence rested on an alibi which evidently perfectly satisfied the jury.

The defendant in this case as the result of the charge of uttering a forged cheque has been before the Police Magistrate here and also before the York County Court with expenses of course in addition. J. B. McNair was counsel for him. The accused is a resident of McLeod Hill York County.

City Affairs

Entertained at Tea  
Mrs. W. G. Clark was hostess at tea yesterday afternoon.

Measles at Dumfries.  
The York Sub-district Board of Health has received a report of a case of measles at Dumfries.

Firemen Were Called.  
The firemen were called last night to the home of C. E. Batt, 475 University Avenue, for a burning chimney. There was no damage.

Interscholastic Basketball.  
The Interscholastic Basketball season opened this afternoon with Fredericton High meeting Provincial Normal on the High School floor.

Returning Home This Evening.  
The St. Stephen hockey team which played Marysville here last night did not take the early morning train for home but stayed at the Barker House to give the players some rest, the team will leave this evening.

Leaving on Long Trip  
Ald. J. Arthur Thompson will leave on Saturday on a trip of several weeks' length which will take him to several places on the Pacific Coast in both Canada and the United States. He intends to go as far as San Francisco. His intention is to return next month.

Minister of Public Works Here.  
Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, is here after attending the meeting of the government in Saint John. He is attending to departmental business. He will be in Saint John and Moncton on Saturday.

Removed to Toronto.  
Mr. James S. Lord, of St. Stephen one of the M. L. A.'s elect for Charlotte, has gone to Toronto where he has accepted a lucrative position with the Canada Life Insurance Company. He plans to return to discharge his duties as a member of the Legislature for one session at least.

Big Cargo of Laths.  
Halifax Chronicle: The Danish steamer Sarmatia, Captain Buch, sailed Tuesday night for New York with 7,600,000 laths, probably the largest shipment of laths ever made from Halifax, shipped from the Dartmouth Pier by Dunfield Lumber Company.

Collegiate Activities.  
The undergraduate body of the University of New Brunswick today decided to hold the annual "conversazione" the chief social event of the academic year, on Friday, February 5th. The college play will be presented in the week following. The dates are early to avoid the Lenten season. The debate against the Imperial team will take place on the 22nd. The visitors defeated Acadia on the same subject a few days ago, by a two-to-one decision. The team to meet Acadia here in March in the intercollegiate series will be chosen Saturday night.

OVERDRAFT OF  
CITY EXCEEDS  
LEGAL AMOUNT

Total of \$113,000 Ex-  
ceeds Two-thirds of  
Uncollected Taxes —  
Finance Com. Meets  
Tonight.

The City Council at its special session called for tonight will deal with the matters scheduled in the notice. Following the meeting the Finance Committee will meet to consider the present financial position of the city. The meeting is intended for tonight because the chairman, Ald. J. A. Thompson will leave on Saturday on a trip which will occupy several weeks. The matters scheduled for tonight are appointment of deputy mayor, appointment of standing committees, appointment of representatives on Board of Hospital Trustees, appointment of representatives on Hospital Directorate.

Heavy Overdraft  
One matter which the Finance Committee will consider is the heavy overdraft which the city is carrying at present. The amount of this is \$113,000. His Worship Mayor Clark stated today that the overdraft was greater than the maximum overdraft allowed by law which is two thirds of the total of uncollected taxes. He said he anticipated no trouble from that feature, however.

Special Audit Not Expected  
His Worship stated further that no special audit was contemplated as it was held that the present City Auditor, H. G. Hoben, was an excellent official. Any additional audit would be necessary only if future developments required it.

Ald. Mitchell Ill  
Ald. Mitchell who has been selected as chairman of the Water Committee, is confined to his home by illness. He said today that he was not sure of being able to attend tonight's Council meeting. He said also that there had been no developments of importance in his department.

Entertained at Bridge  
Mrs. A. J. Thompson entertained at auction bridge and mah jongg yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, won the bridge prize and Mrs. A. R. Slipp the mah jongg.

REV. A. F. BATE  
PRESIDENT OF  
SERVICE COUN.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead with  
Other Officers — Miss  
Smellie of Ottawa Ad-  
dressed Annual Meet-  
ing.

The Social Service Council held its annual meeting Thursday night in the City Council Chamber and transacted considerable business. A considerable change in the personnel of the executive was made, Dr. W. C. Kierstead retiring as president, W. M. Burns as treasurer and Miss Jean Cooper as secretary.

The Officers.  
The officers and executive as they were elected last night are:— President, Rev. A. F. Bate; 1st Vice-president, W. E. McMullen; 2nd Vice-president, Very Rev. Dean Neales; Secretary, Miss Coralie Waycott; Treasurer, R. A. MacMillan; Members of Committee, Mrs. B. C. Foster, Miss E. B. Hunter.

The reports of the treasurer showed a balance of \$127 to the credit of the Council.

The Council carried on successfully during the past year.

V. O. N. Supt. Heard.  
Miss Smellie of Ottawa, Supt. of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Eastern Canada, was present and delivered an address upon the Order and the valuable work which it was carrying on.

The annual report of the local branch Victorian Order was presented by Mrs. W. C. Kierstead.

P. A. P. INSTALLATION

Joseph Capens of Marysville, R. W. D. D. M., Installed Officers Last Night.

The installation of officers of Gibson Lodge, Protestant Association of 'Prentice Boys, took place Thursday evening, Joseph Capens, Right Worshipful Deputy District Master, officiating as installing officer. The lodge officers are:

W. M. Loney Thornton, Chaplain, Fred Haines, D. of C., Fred Drillen, Reg. Sec., D. Quartermain, Fin. Sec., Wm. Flowers, Treas., R. S. Hughey, I. S., N. Morehouse, O. T., H. Donovan.

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Kimona Cloth	.39
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Balance of Men's Heavy Ribbed Shirts and Drawers	1.25
Men's Wool Muffler	.50
Men's Wool Mitts	.25
Men's Wool Socks	.35

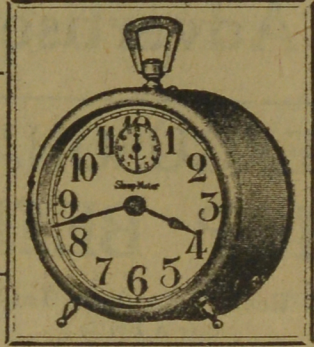
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