

FORGERY CASE HEARD IN THE POLICE COURT

Lee V. McKiel, Traveling Salesman Committed For Trial at the Next Term of the County Court.

The forgery charge against Lee McKiel, traveling salesman, preferred by John H. Farwell sales manager of Systems' company was heard in police court yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate Limerick and after several witnesses had been examined, the prisoner was committed for trial at the next session of the County court which occurs in May.

The case arose out of the alleged forgery of a cheque issued by Frank McElman, made payable to the order of the McCaskey Systems Company and which is alleged to have been tampered with by the defendant. The charge is that the defendant erased the word "order" and wrote the word "bearer" in its place and also wrote the signature of the company on the back of the cheque in endorsement; making the check payable to himself. The check was drawn for the sum of \$37.50.

Three witnesses were heard yesterday afternoon Frank E. McElman maker of the cheque took the stand and stated that he made the check payable to order of the company. Guy Lawson, local meat merchant next was called to the stand and stated that the defendant had asked him to cash the check for him which he did. He also stated that the cheque had not been changed in his presence. John E. Farwell, informant against the prisoner next took the stand and gave evidence, stating that the defendant had been in the employ of the company as travelling salesman and that he (Farwell) had part control over his territory.

The Police Magistrate decided that the evidence was sufficient to send the deceased up for trial. It is quite likely that McKiel will elect for a speedy trial before Judge Slipp.

CITY AFFAIRS

Radio Concert

The Associated Merchants of the City gave a Municipal Entertainment over C F N B last evening. The concert was sponsored by Harvey Studio.

To Wind Up Company.

Mr. Walter Jackson, curator of the St. John River Log Driving Company gives notice in the Royal Gazette that an application will be made to Chief Justice Barry in Chambers on April 17th for an order passing the accounts of the said curator. His salary also to be fixed is to be made a prior claim on the assets of the company and the balance distributed. An order will also be sought to complete the winding up of the company.

Held in Detroit.

A picture of a well known provincial government official adorned the pages of a St. John paper yesterday. Just beneath his name in large type appeared a headline which set forth that a "Former N. B. Man Held in Detroit." Some was putting this and that together, cut out the portrait and headlines and posted the clipping in the corridor of the Legislative building. At last accounts the official in question was threatening an action for libel.

Streets Nearly Bare.

A heavy spring rainfall which started early last evening and lasted through most of the night, helped materially in nature's work of clearing the remnants of ice and snow which still persists on the roads and sidewalks in the city. This morning the streets have a very bare appearance; at places especially on the side walks no ice remains whatever. A raw wind prevails today and in spite of a strong sun the citizens are making use of coat collars to combat the unrolliness of the high wind.

ST. JOHN HOTEL BILL WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Dr. Taylor, K. C., Says He Has Ordered the Royal Hotel to Close Its Doors on May 1st.

The Corporations Committee of the Legislature last evening had the Admiral Beatty Hotel bill under consideration in private session. A number of amendments proposed by Dr. F. R. Taylor were discussed. The redrafted bill as submitted by the Common Council of the City of Saint John authorized acceptance of the sum of \$20,000 in lieu of arrears in taxes for 1926-27 from the Beatty; fixed the annual taxation return at \$10,000, exclusive of water rates, and authorized the city to determine fixed valuations for all other hotels of 40 rooms serving meals on the premises. In the case of the Royal Victoria, Clifton House and Dunlop a specific reduction of one-third in the 1927 assessment was provided, others to be on the same basis.

Some Amendments.

Dr. Taylor's amendments were obligatory in form and specified an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in the case of the Royal, the Victoria, Clifton House and Dunlop in like proportion, not to exceed two-thirds of the 1927 assessment and other hotels in like proportion. In the case of the Royal a specific amount was named in order to avoid confusion between the hotel proper and the Kay Estate. All such exemptions would be exclusive of water rates and to cease on transfer of the property.

Dr. Taylor stated last evening that he had sent a letter to the management of the Royal Hotel at Saint John to be prepared to close on or before May 1. This action, he said, was taken as a result of information he had received as to what had been done by the municipalities committee in private session, with the bill authorizing the City of Saint John to provide a fixed assessment for the Admiral Beatty Hotel Company.

R. J. Quigley of Montreal is among those at the Barker House this afternoon.

THE COOPER DAM BILL IS UP AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON

The Indications are that the Bill Will be Recommended to the House—May Be Night Sitting.

While the Legislature has still considerable work to do the opinion appears to prevail among the members that prorogation will take place some time on Friday, probably in the evening. A large number of public and private bills were put through the committee stage yesterday afternoon and except for the contentious measures now in the hands of committee's the slate seems to be pretty well cleaned up. So far upwards of seventy bills have been introduced.

Cooper Dam Bill.

The committee on Corporations this afternoon is having what is likely to be its final round with the Dexter P. Cooper dam bill. Premier Baxter has devoted a great deal of time and thought to this bill and is hopeful of being able with aid of counsel for the various interests to get together a measure which the committee will be justified in submitting to the House. Just what will happen when the bill gets before the House nobody appears to know, but if sufficient safeguards are provided it may be allowed to pass with a clause delegating rather extensive powers to the governor-in-council.

As some items of supply are still to be voted it is not improbable that the House may meet this evening in order to speed up the business.

Going to Montreal

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petrie, who have been spending the winter here, are leaving on Friday for Montreal, Quebec, where they will spend some time before going to their summer home on the North Shore. While here the couple made many friends, who will regret their departure.

Harry H. Richardson of St. John is a guest of the Barker House today.

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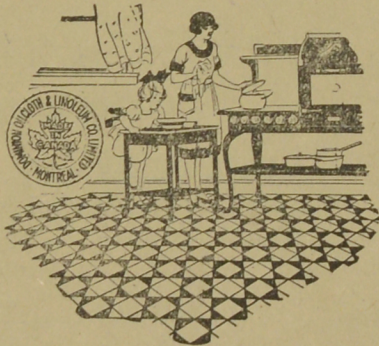
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