

ALLEGED CASE  
OF CRUELTY IN  
POLICE COURT

Keswick Man Charged  
With Ill Treating His  
Horses—A Number of  
Witnesses Heard—  
Judgment Reserved.

The hearing of the cruelty case which was adjourned from Wednesday of last week, was resumed in court this morning before Police Magistrate Limerick. The defendant, Jacob Merrithew, a resident of Keswick, who was charged with cruelty to two horses which he was driving, while hauling stone was defended by C. L. Dougherty while Leo Cain appeared for the prosecution.

Seven witnesses were called to the stand and gave evidence. A man by the name of Tripp, a neighbor of Jacob Merrithew, was the first to give evidence against the defendant. He was followed by an aged colored man by name of Fowler, Earnest Inch, a resident of Tripp Settlement, another neighbor of Merrithew's next was called and said he never heard or saw Mr. Merrithew abusing his horses at any time of the day mentioned, which was on Friday the 13th.

Roy Verxa a farmer at the Mouth of the Keswick was next called to the stand and the gist of his evidence was that he saw Merrithew and another man driving past with the load of stone. He also stated that that was all he knew about the matter.

John Bird, Provincial Police officer, was next called and said that he had gone into the barn where Merrithew kept his horses and found one of them quite thin. He also stated that the barn was rather cold.

The last witness called was Jacob Merrithew the defendant, and he stated that at no time during the day had he treated the animals in a cruel manner. He said that he had beaten the horses, but not cruelly and that he used a long switch for the purpose. He also said that the whip which he used had been broken and that he had sent to have it fixed. The broken whip was placed in evidence.

After a summing of the evidence by both lawyers in brief speeches, Magistrate Limerick reserved judgment until Friday.

CITY AFFAIRS  
Transferred to Calgary.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Armstrong of St. John were week end guests of Mrs. F. I. Morrison. Mr. Armstrong who is on the staff of the Imperial Tobacco Company has been transferred to the Calgary Branch and will leave early next month for his new position. Mrs. Armstrong will spend the winter in Fredericton with her mother and join Mr. Armstrong in the spring.

Services Broadcasted.  
The Wilmet United Church broadcasted both morning and evening services yesterday. Last year at about this time the church made a series of broadcasts which were much enjoyed by the radio audience of the city and elsewhere. It is to be hoped that this year's activities in this line will be as successful as last year's. With Rev. Mr. Holmes on the platform last evening, was Rev. F. J. Anderson.

Gyro Luncheon  
At the Gyro luncheon held at noon today a report was made on the Gyro Ball which is now in preparation and it was found by the report that everything was going along smoothly. Gyro Aubrey Clark spoke briefly on the new objective of the club. Ken McAdam acted as chairman.

Fires Over Week-end,  
A couple of small chimney fires occurred on Saturday evening, one at six o'clock and another at seven o'clock. The first at the home of Mrs. Ohas Boyle in Regent street proved to be a slight chimney fire and the fire department had little trouble in extinguishing it. The second occurred at the home of R. L. Wilson in Westmorland street and was quickly put out before any damage resulted.

TO REPRESENT  
N. B. AT HIGHWAY  
CONFERENCE

Important Meeting Opens  
at Quebec Tomorrow—Hon. D. A. Stewart and B. H. Kinghorn to Attend.

New Brunswick will be represented at the inter-provincial conference to deal with highway motor vehicle transportation and relating problems and to consider the report prepared by a fact-finding committee which has been at work for more than a year past, which opens at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec on Tuesday morning, under the auspices of the Canadian Good Roads Association.

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, and Mr. B. H. Kinghorn deputy minister of Public Works, and chief highway engineer will be the official representatives of New Brunswick at the conference at which it is expected all nine provinces will be represented. It is expected that the Canadian Pacific Railway and Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada the Canadian Railway Association the Canadian Electric Association, the Canadian Engineering Standard Association, Quebec Public Utilities Association the Canadian Automobile Manufacturers' and Exporters Association and the Canadian Good Roads Association will all be officially represented.

The immediate important problems to be dealt with by this inter-provincial conference have been summarized as follows. Safety in transportation; regulations governing the use of public highways for private and commercial purposes; and uniformity of finance for construction and maintenance and other requirements for highway purposes.

Leaving for Ottawa.  
Mr. R. B. Hanson K. C., M. P. and Mrs. Hanson are leaving tomorrow for Ottawa to be present at the opening of Parliament.

COLD WEATHER  
EXPERIENCED  
OVER WEEK END

Mercury Dropped to  
Fifteen Below Zero—  
Smythe Street School  
Out of Commission  
For a Time Today.

Although weather conditions today are considerably milder, indeed, another thaw seems to be in the offing, yet over the week-end the capital experienced some of the coldest spells felt here this winter. At 2.30 Sunday morning the thermometer registered as low as 15 degrees below the zero mark, which is practically the lowest of the season.

However yesterday the weather man let up a little and the thermometer hovered above the cipher. This morning at eight o'clock the registration was about fifteen degrees above zero and gradually going higher. It certainly looks as if Fredericton is in for another soft spell.

Trouble was experienced this morning in the Smythe Street School, when it was found that the taps on the radiators of several of the rooms wouldn't work and it was impossible to get the steam in circulation. As a result there was no school for the pupils of the school this morning. Workmen were busy this morning finding the cause of the trouble and adjusting it. This afternoon Mr. R. D. Hanson, Secretary of School Trustees, was informed that the trouble had been remedied and the school was in readiness for the afternoon session.

Inquiry of the plumbers of the city revealed the fact that several private houses of the city were practically the same fix and they were kept very busy this morning at the work of repairing the result of the recent cold snap.

This morning at nine o'clock the thermometer registered ten degrees above zero, which indicates a rise of twenty-five degrees since yesterday.

W. E. Lawlor of St. John is a guest of the Barker House today. J. E. Beaudier of Montreal is registered at the Barker House this afternoon.

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