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Strange Exhibit in Criminal Case Now Being Heard on Appeal by Judge Slipp — The Process Explained.

Judges, lawyers and other court officials often see many strange exhibits in criminal cases but His Honor Judge Slipp is probably the only County Court Judge in the history of New Brunswick who has been privileged to gaze down from the bench on a bottle of "genuine" Johnny Walker, Black Label Scotch Whiskey, manufactured and bottled in New Brunswick. The bottle in question was one of a number seized by Preventive Officer L. A. Gagnon, when he raided a bottling plant at Lake George, York County, and is being used as evidence in the case of the King vs. Hugh Monohan, now being heard in appeal at the County Court before Judge Slipp. The witnesses and evidence are practically the same as heard by Police Magistrate Limerick, when he tried the case a few weeks ago and recorded a conviction against the defendant. Mr. P. J. Hughes, K. C., is conducting the case for the Crown and Mr. J. F. Winslow, K. C., is appearing for the accused.

York County Industry.

It seems that the headquarters of the bottling plant were first established at Pine Bluff Camp near Fredericton, and afterwards removed to Lake George. The supposition is that a bootlegger with a grudge put the customs officers wise to the outfit.

One of the witnesses yesterday afternoon explained the process by which alcohol, spring water, apricot syrup and one or two other ingredients are quickly converted into Johnny Walker, Old Parr and other popular brands of Scotch whiskey. A number of handsomely lithographed labels, an exact counterpart of the original, as well as other paraphernalia which goes with an up-to-date bottling plant were shown in court.

It is expected that the Monohan case will be finished this afternoon after which the case of the King vs. Harding will be taken up.

Mr. J. Charlton Berry, acting chief preventive officer is watching the case on behalf of his chief, Mr. L. A. Gagnon.

CITY AFFAIRS

A Handsome Calendar.

M. Ryan and Son, Limited, brick and tile manufacturers have The Mail's thanks for a handsome calendar. It was specially gotten up for this concern and is illustrated by engravings of the new high school and St. Andrew's Church.

Board of Trade Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held at the Palms this evening, following a luncheon at 6.30 o'clock. The principal speaker at the meeting will be Hon. J. A. Murray, superintendent of immigration for the Provincial Government who will deliver an address on immigration.

Left for Cuba.

Miss Frances McMillan left the city last evening en route to Cuba where she intends to spend a short vacation. Miss McMillan is connected with the Department of Health of this city and has obtained leave of absence for three months during which time she will visit relatives in Cuba.

U. N. B. Club Met.

At the meeting of the University of New Brunswick club last evening, reports for the year were read, and a program outlined for the new year. It is understood that the club intends to join with the alumni and Senate to take action to celebrate the anniversary of the University's first annaenia to be recognized on February 21st. The club also arranged the usual dance for the first week in February.

O. E. Patry of Montreal is a guest of the Barker House today.

RYAN BRICK WORKS HAD A GOOD YEAR

Ex-Ald. Michael Ryan Re-elected President of the Company—The Annual Meeting Was Held on Monday.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of M. Ryan & Son, brick manufacturers of this city, was held on Monday at the company's office on the Woodstock Road, when officers were elected and other business transacted. Ex-Ald. Michael Ryan was re-elected president of the company, and his son Mr. J. Fred Ryan continues as vice president and in charge of the manufacturing plant. Mr. F. S. Mundle was re-elected secretary and treasurer and will continue to look after the business end of the organization.

The statement submitted showed that the past year had been a successful one and the prospects for the coming year are considered very bright.

The Ryan concern is one of the oldest manufacturing industries in the city. The business was founded by Mr. Michael Ryan over fifty years ago and was quite recently taken over by a joint stock company. It turns out a superior quality of brick and has a good demand for its product in all sections of the province.

Fishery Matters

Mr. E. S. Carter of St. John, secretary of the Royal Commission which is conducting an enquiry into matters pertaining to the fisheries was a visitor to the city yesterday. While here he was in consultation with Mr. H. E. Harrison, inspector of fisheries. Mr. Carter says that the commission will not hold a sitting in Fredericton but will hear the testimony of fishery officers from this section at a sitting to be held at St. John in the near future. He said that it was likely that Mr. Thomas F. Allen, Superintendent of the Tobique Salmon Club would also be called as a witness.

Wakon Speyer of Montreal is registered at the Barker House today.

POLICE HEAD HAS RETURNED FROM MONTREAL

DeMerchant is Released From Custody — Was Working in Lumber Camp at Time Crime Was Committed.

Capt. E. C. P. Salt, Commissioner of the provincial police and Sergt. John Bird, who have been in Montreal in connection with the Perth murder mystery, returned home at noon today. While in Montreal they had Avard De Merchant of Perth detained on suspicion, but after an investigation which involved a trip to Grand Flamband, a lumbering district by Sergt. Bird, he was released. Sergt. Bird ascertained that De Merchant had been employed at a lumber camp and had left there on December 30th or two days after the murder of Armstrong was supposed to have been committed. It was learned that he had not been in Perth since the 5th of December, so he could not possibly have been connected with the crime, which the police are now investigating.

The body of Armstrong was not discovered until three days after the murder was committed and this has been a severe handicap to the provincial police, but they are hopeful of being able to round up the culprit.

The Hospital Aid.

The Hospital Aid held their monthly meeting in the Mayor's office in the City Hall yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Daniel Richards, President, in the chair. The President's report which was read, showing a balance of \$309.07 on hand. Mr. Charles A. Sampson sent a note of appreciation, which thanked the board for the portable x-ray which they have installed in the Victoria Public Hospital. It was decided to hold a subscription bridge at the Cathedral Memorial Hall in the near future.

Col. Herbert McLean of Saint John is registered at the Queen today.

Rec. Dr. J. H. MacDonald of the staff of Acadia University who was a visitor to the city yesterday, returned home this morning. While here he was the guest of Mayor Clark.

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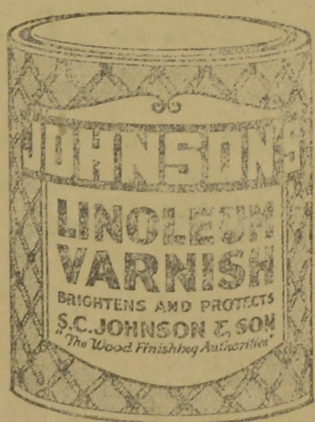
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