

ALFRED KEENE
ACQUITTED OF
ASSAULT CHARGE

Devon Man Was Discharged This Morning When Jury Brought in Verdict of "Not Guilty".

The jury in the case of King vs. Alfred Keene, an assault case which was heard before the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Barry presiding, deliberated approximately one hour and a half before bringing in a verdict in favor of the accused. The jury retired at 11.30 o'clock after being charged by the court and brought in a verdict of "not guilty" at 1.12 o'clock. The decision was unanimous. Following the jury's verdict, Chief Justice Barry discharged the prisoner. C. L. Dougherty acted for the crown while C. R. Hawkins was counsel for the accused.

This case arose out of a quarrel between the defendant, Alfred Keene and Jeremiah Gorman in Devon one day early last month in which the latter claimed that he was assaulted by Alfred Keene. The charge was refuted by Mr. Keene and an assault charge was laid against him by Gorman. The alleged assault took place in Mr. Keene's home back of his barber shop.

Witnesses Heard.

The following witnesses were heard in the case: Dr. G. Clowes VanWart, Jeremiah Gorman, Ronald Mabie and Henry Grannen. The crown's case

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CITY AFFAIRS

Contest Today

Missing Letter Contest in today's issue. Win a ticket for the Gaitey.

Returned to College

Donald Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Richards, returned to Mount Allison University yesterday to resume his studies.

Leaving Today

Mr. Burton S. Kierstead, U. N. B. Rhodes Scholar and only son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Kierstead is leaving today for Montreal en route to England. He will sail on Friday by the C. P. R. steamship Montcalm. Mr. Kierstead plans to spend a few days in London before proceeding to Oxford to enter on his studies.

Given Five Years

Wilbur McDuff of Doaktown, who pleaded guilty before Chief Justice Barry in the Circuit Court this morning on a charge of forgery will spend the next five years in Dorchester, this sentence having been passed upon him by His Honor this afternoon. There were six counts against the accused and he pleaded guilty to all of them. The money checks were all passed on Fredericton business men.

Late James Pendleton

The funeral of the late James Pendleton, who met death so tragically by drowning at the lower end of the city and whose body was taken from the water yesterday, took place this afternoon from the late home on Regent Street and was attended by stricken relatives and friends. Service was conducted at four o'clock by Rev. A. F. Bate and interment was made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

Died Last Evening

The death took place last evening at his home in Douglas of Joseph Hawkins, at the age of 82 years. Death followed an illness which had lasted for some time. Deceased is well known in that locality and was prominent in lumbering circles. He was the owner of a large mill at Douglas. He is survived by four sons, Milford of Nashwaakais; Emerson of Douglas, Hilton, Nashwaakais, and Hartley of this city. Three daughters survive, Mabel R., of Fall River; Mrs. Henry Waring of Massachusetts; and Mrs. E. T. Langille of this city. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon with service from the late home at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made at Mouth of Keswick.

PERLEY GRAHAM, A WELL KNOWN
FARMER OF BREWERS MILLS
SHOT DEAD IN HIS BARNYARD

Bullet From a Rifle Entered His Back and Passed Through His Body—Previous Attempts Made to Take His Life—Provincial Police Now at Work Upon the Case—Inquest and Post Mortem to be Held.

The county of York was swept into another sensational murder case last night when news was received at the Provincial Police headquarters of the shooting of Perley Graham, a well known farmer of Brewer's Mills, Parish of Bright. From information gleaned it appears that when the shooting occurred Mr. Graham was coming out of his barn which is situated in back of his house carrying a handful of grain. This was about six o'clock in the evening. A shot rang out and the victim staggered a short distance and dropped and was dead before any help could reach him. No motive is given for such a shocking crime and there is no clue as to the identity of the assassin. It was later ascertained by a physician that the fatal bullet had entered the man's back and had come out his chest leaving a gaping

wound. The bullet was fired from a rifle of high power.

Discovery Made

It was not until some little time later that immediate neighbors were made aware of the dreadful tragedy. When they learned of it they notified Captain Salt of the Provincial Police by telephone and he left by auto immediately for Hainesville to take charge and organize a search for the murderer. Sergeant Bird was detailed for duty to aid in the search and went to Brewer's Mill this morning. Sergt. Bird is a native of the locality and is familiar with the country.

Prominent Farmer

Mr. Graham, who was about forty years of age, was married and had one son about 11 years of age. For the past ten or twelve years he had lived in the locality around Hainesville.

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