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IN A CRITICAL MOOD.

The lawyers, he said at their annual meeting last night, took some exception to the light way in which the press treated the decision of the supreme court in Miss French's case, claiming that the judgment was misunderstood by the journalistic fraternity.

This is not a serious offence, and we assume that the gentlemen of the long robe and glib tongue are not considering the advisability of bringing up the newspaper men for contempt of court.

The lawyers, however, will not deny that Miss French's case had a humorous, as well as a serious side—humorous in that the court declared a healthy, attractive young lady "not a person"—and serious in that it deferred her entrance on the practice of the law until the legislature can amend the statute.

No doubt the court in rendering judgment, was technically correct, but the time has passed, when the public can be led to believe that women should remain at the washtub and cooking stove rather than seek employment in the higher walks of life.

It is surprising that the lawyers, who always treat things seriously, especially when a question of costs is involved, did not also discuss Judge Richey's following of the supreme court's reading of the law, when he accepted the plea of an inebriated woman that she was "not a person," and could therefore not be arrested for the offence with which she was charged. There was room for a full and free discussion on that point, and the public might have gained some enlightenment from a consideration of the matter.

Do the lawyers think that the St. John magistrate displayed too much levity, in his reference to Miss French's case and his adoption of it as a precedent, or were only the newspaper editors guilty of treating the case without sufficient seriousness?

The newspaper men and the lawyers have generally got along very amicably and have been mutually helpful, but if the editors cannot have a little fun over a very peculiar legal case without incurring the censure of the bar, there will be an end to the hitherto pleasant relations, and possibly a declaration of war. The lawyers had better seriously consider the matter before engaging in a campaign of that sort, for they must recognize that the skillful editor can lambaste a lawyer every day in the week, without subjecting himself to legal process, or seriously endangering the financial or other standing of his paper. Even judges sometimes have felt the shock of legitimate newspaper criticism, and the lawyers have not yet reached the dignity and authority which hedges the bench.

However, perhaps the lawyers were only in fun, and will take it all back when they realize the suggestions to levity contained in the now celebrated French case.

THE BRIDGE PROPOSITION.

There are certainly serious difficulties in the way of the government meeting the request of the civic and municipal authorities with respect to enlarging the Fredericton highway bridge to a capacity sufficient to provide passage for a street railway service.

The two new spans necessary to be erected before the ice goes out next spring, had been contracted for and were nearly ready for delivery before the proposition was made to the government, and it is not the present intention of the government, nor is it necessary to reconstruct the entire bridge at the present time.

The government, we believe, is well disposed towards the proposition if it had come at a reasonable time, and not subsequent to the new spans being practically complete under the original specification.

Serious consideration, however, is promised by the premier and his colleagues, but if it should be found that the request of the municipal bodies cannot be met for reasons which have a fair basis, there will be little disposition to censure anybody concerned.

Mr. J. A. Freeze the well-known Sussex barrister, who is in the city today, is receiving well merited congratulations on the possession of a son who has won the proud distinction of unanimous election as New Brunswick's Rhodes' Scholar for 1906.

A TEMPORARY CHECK.

The Fredericton school board, or at least a majority of that body, does not take enthusiastically to the proposition to introduce musical culture into the schools, and that is a pity. Perhaps if the board had more money at its command it would be different. However, the friends of the scheme will not be disheartened, but will keep at it until the board is converted.

Sewerage was not won on the first try, but it took years to educate the public and the authorities up to their duty in the matter, and the music proposition will have a similar experience.

Eventually the board will have to surrender to the demand, or if they are not prepared to do that, they will doubtless be willing to give up their authority to others.

Musical culture in the schools is coming—it has been introduced elsewhere and experience proves its utility and desirability—and the people who stand in the way of the change will wonder in after years how they could be so mistaken.

Some modern investigators have declared that as a healer, music is in many cases better than medicine, but it is said that the two medical men on our school board voted to switch the subject aside. This evidently was not one of the occasions when doctors differ.

Quebec has a surplus for the past fiscal year of \$49,095.12.

BITS OF NEWS.

The Rhodes scholar for Dalhousie for 1906 will be Arthur Moxon of Truro. There were several candidates, all good men.

Captain Dwyer, of the Royal Lancashire Regiment, has been appointed A. D. C. to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Aberdeen. Captain Dwyer is a brother of Michael Dwyer, of Halifax.

J. L. Eastland of San Francisco Wednesday afternoon confirmed the report of the marriage of Mrs. Chas. T. Yerkes to Wilson Mizner of San Francisco. Mr. Eastland was a witness to the ceremony, which took place at the Yerkes residence in Fifth avenue, New York. Yerkes has been dead only a month.

It now develops, through the reported engagement of Senator F. H. Warren, of W. Va., and Mrs. Geo. H. Nagle, that three romances instead of two have grown out of the famous Taft tour, which culminated in the engagement of Alice Roosevelt and Congressman Nicholas Longworth and Miss Mignon Clyden and Congressman Swager Shirley.

Rev. B. H. Nobles, tendered his resignation to his Baptist congregation at Sussex Sunday morning, which was somewhat of a surprise. His resignation has not been accepted yet, and his people are trying to persuade him to remain in Sussex. Mr. Nobles has received a call from Campbellton, but it is not definitely known whether he has accepted or not. Rev. Mr. Nobles has been a pastor of Sussex for fourteen years.

The Colchester, N. S., Medical Society in session Tuesday, passed a resolution that if agreed to and signed by all the physicians in the county, will make the minimum charge for medical examination for life insurance, including fraternal societies, \$5. The rate for fraternal societies has been \$1 and \$1.50, and if this resolution is passed it is likely the fraternal societies will bring in a physician from an outside county to do their work.

In the Canadian League hockey game between Wanderers and Montreal, at the Arena, Montreal, Wednesday, there was a free fight among the players during which fists and sticks were used. Spectators from the general admission section endeavored to get into the row, but those who broke through the wire netting were driven back by the sticks of the three players who kept out of the brawl. Abuse of the players drove one of the referees off the ice during the match, but he was persuaded to return.

The friends of Dr. Hand of Woodstock been called in consultation in his illness. He is being attended by Drs. Spragg and Griffin, Dr. Atherton, of Fredericton, and a specialist from Philadelphia, have also been called in consultation. His illness started from blood poisoning which he contracted while performing a delicate operation and it set in to a more acute stage. On Tuesday it was reported that he was doing very well and would probably recover, but Wednesday afternoon he was reported as much worse and little hopes for his recovery were held out.

Two men were killed and two badly injured Wednesday morning on the Guelph and Goderich section of the Canadian Pacific railroad, under construction, about 20 miles north of Toronto. One side of the bank gave way near the bridge over the Grand River, at Montrose, causing a derrick to topple, from which a number of rails fell on Conductor Mahoney of London, who had charge of the train, and David Mackenzie of Listowel, killing them instantly. Chas. Amey of the repair shops at Toronto Jct., and Fred Simmons, brakeman were injured.

"And what became of your daughter, Mrs. Mulligan?" "Well, sir, she was that useless creature that I sent her to London to be a lady help."

A BRUTAL CRIME.

Canadian Shot Dead by German Soldiers in Africa.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—A despatch to the Central News, London, from Cape Town, says: "Canadians here are enraged at an alleged outrage by German soldiers at Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa, who are said to have shot and killed Dr. Anson Donaldson, of Brockville (Ont.)."

"According to the story, Mr. Donaldson was walking peacefully in the streets when a soldier fired at him, and while he was lying wounded on the ground, other soldiers riddled his body with bullets."

Dr. Donaldson was widely known in and around Brockville and was aged about thirty. He was born and educated at Brockville and went to South Africa as a surgeon with the Brockville squad of Strathcona's Horse. He served in the Boer war and returned to Canada after peace had been declared.

Dr. Donaldson apparently like Africa and returned to practice there about two years ago. One of the brothers is also in South Africa and his father, sister and several brothers still reside at Brockville.

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