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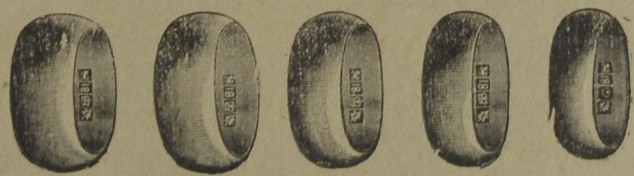
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GALEDON DISASTER

Coroner Will Make Every Endeavor to Place the Blame

TORONTO, Sept. 5.—(Special)—In-vestigation into the death of Richard Bell, one of the victims of C. P. R. disaster at Galedon, on Thursday, who died in Western hospital on Tuesday night, was opened last night by Chief Coroner Johnston.

"I propose," said Coroner Johnston, "to call a large number of witnesses, including all the railway officials in Toronto, and at Galedon, that have any connection with the line. I understand there were several eye-witnesses of the accident. I will also call expert witnesses when I commence probing the question of speed. I am going to find out who was actually responsible for the terrible catastrophe."

The evidence taken merely went to prove Bell's death as a result of the accident.

The inquest was then adjourned till the Western hospital reports that all patients there are on the road to recovery, with the possible exception of Mrs. James Ronson of Tilsonburg. Mrs. Ronson is still paralyzed below the knees, besides having received serious injuries to her side.

GEN. BOOTH'S VISIT

Salvation Army Leader will be at St. John Sept. 21st and 22nd

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—(Special)—General Booth will sail for Canada from Liverpool on the Virginian, on Sept. 13.

He will land at either Rimouski or Quebec, going thence to the Maritime provinces.

He will visit St. John on the 21st and 22nd, afterwards going to Halifax, whence he will sail for Boston. He may visit one or two other points in the Maritime Provinces, but will spend the greater part of October in the United States, sailing from New York on November 2, enroute to his campaign in Berlin, Germany.

A LIVELY CASE

Evidence in Edgecombe vs. McArthur Tried at St. John Developed Considerable Spice

In the Edgecombe-McArthur suit before Judge Landry, in the St. John Circuit court yesterday, both prosecution and defense closed their cases. Shortly after five o'clock in the afternoon the court adjourned until this morning at ten o'clock, when the counsel addressed the jury.

The suit was for \$10,000 for slander, preferred by A. G. Edgecombe against George McArthur. D. Mullin, K. C., appeared for Mr. McArthur, and L. A. Currey, K. C., and A. W. Baird for Mr. Edgecombe.

PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE.

The plaintiff, A. G. Edgecombe, was the first witness. He swore that on April 29th last he, W. G. Scovill and Frank Kinnear had gone from Rev. Mr. Kuhring's Bible class at the Stone Church to the Queen's Rollaway. There he met Geo. McArthur. The latter opened a conversation about a carriage which he had sold. He afterward brought up the matter of some stock in the roller rink and said that the witness was trying to get Mr. Campbell out of the company.

Witness denied the statement whereupon McArthur called him a thief, and a— of a thief. McArthur then said: "I'll spit in your face," and did so. McArthur went on to say: "All you've got you stole from other people. If you are worth \$25,000, I'm worth \$125,000. You had a fire down there that you got \$1,000 out of it in insurance."

Witness made no attempt to reply, merely holding up his umbrella to shield himself.

Cross-examined by Mr. Mullin witness said that several previous business transactions with McArthur had been friendly. He had spoken to the defendant concerning Mr. Campbell's stock in the roller rink, worth about \$1,000. He had not told J. V. Russell or Fred Fleming that he would buy the stock. Witness never told defendant he would not get a cent of the balance due him on the Quebec rink. Neither did he say in the office of the rink that McArthur did not spit in his face, but might as well have done so.

MR. SCOVILL'S TESTIMONY.

W. G. Scovill next went on the stand. He said he was with the plaintiff in the Queen's rink on the night of April 29th. Witness heard McArthur on that occasion call Edgecombe a liar. McArthur then spat in the plaintiff's face, and also said, "I'll bite your d—d nose off."

Cross-examined by Mr. Mullin, witness said the syndicate owed McArthur nothing for work done on the Quebec rink.

THE DEFENDANT'S STORY.

George McArthur, the defendant, next went on the stand. He denied applying to the plaintiff the epithets mentioned in the previous evidence. He had said it was a— way to treat a man when the plaintiff told him he would not buy Mr. Campbell's stock in the rink.

Cross-examined by Mr. Currey, witness said he did not call the plaintiff a stinking, rotten liar. He admitted jabbing the plaintiff with his hand, but the jabs hadn't force enough to knock the plaintiff against Mr. Kinnear.

Witness went on to say that at the time in question there were not more than a dozen people skating in the rink. Plaintiff had said witness would not get a— cent more, referring to the Quebec rink. Witness had told the plaintiff in the rink that he might as well rob a man as use him that way, referring to the plaintiff's refusal to buy the stock. The plaintiff did not get the stock because he broke his word in connection with it.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE.

George McKinney, the next witness, said he was brother-in-law to the defendant, and on April 29th last had been employed as ticket-seller in the Queen's rink. On the night in question Messrs. Edgecombe and Kinnear came in and went toward the railing. Mr. McArthur came in and began to talk to the plaintiff. Witness went into the office. He heard loud talking but could not hear the conversation. The plaintiff was not struck by the defendant. When Mr. Arthur walked away witness went out and asked him what was the matter. McArthur, smiling, said, "I was just telling him what I thought of him." Messrs. Scovill and Edgecombe were present at the time. These two then went into the office and talked the matter over with the witness. The plaintiff said McArthur had said he would spit in his face. The plaintiff afterward said, "He might as well spit in my face." When he left the plaintiff chuckled over the matter.

Examined by Mr. Baird, witness said he did not see McArthur touch Edgecombe, that he did hear the words "Miserable h—", "thief," "— of a thief," "I'll spit in your eye."

The case for the defense was then closed.

Do you notice that it never makes woman feel bad to have man write a book proving that he is superior to her.

TORIES WERE AFRAID

And Readily Welcomed Postponement of Borden Election Trial

TORONTO, September 4.—The Toronto Globe's Halifax special, referring to yesterday's proceedings in the Halifax election cases, says: "Liberals were ready to proceed with cross petitions against Messrs. Borden and O'Mullin and had subpoenaed more than a hundred witnesses from Toronto, Montreal, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick."

When this became known there was consternation in the Conservative party and to this is attributed the fact that Mr. Borden's counsel did not oppose the stay of proceedings. Had the cross petitions gone to trial sensational developments which might require the revision of recent party speeches were promised.

GOT THREE YEARS

Defaulting Teller, Bank of B. N. A., Sent to the Penitentiary

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—(Special)—James Stewart Cather, the defaulting teller of the Bank of British North America, who fled to Europe last year, but recently gave himself up to the police of London, Eng., was sentenced today to three years in the penitentiary. Sentence was imposed in private.

Cather's defaultations amounted to about \$23,000. Sentence was imposed on a charge for the amount of \$6,500.

THE STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—(Special)—The set-back to the rally in stock prices noticed in market yesterday, showed further developments to a moderate extent today.

Trading was generally light and price changes only fractional.

The most active issues were:

Montreal Power strong at 92½.
Twin City, 90½.
Toronto Railway, steady at 101.
Detroit, 64½ to 1.
Dom. Steel, 22½.
Mexican, 12½.
Dom. Coal, 46½ to 46.

CANADA'S ARMY

OTTAWA, Sept. 5.—(Special)—Militia general order issued today shows the strength of the Canadian Permanent Corps, Canada's standing army to be 4,834.

There are 281 officers and 4,553 non-commissioned officers and men.

MASONRY INTACT

OTTAWA, Sept. 5.—(Special)—A McDougall son of the late Auditor General who was government engineer in connection with the building of the Quebec bridge returned from the scene of the disaster, and says that the masonry is intact, as has already been reported.

MRS. URQUHART'S DEATH

Mrs. Daniel Urquhart of Covered Bridge came to her death under sad and rather peculiar circumstances on Sunday evening last. She was returning from church in company with another lady and in the darkness had the misfortune to fall over a bridge which spans a small creek flowing into the Naskwaak. She was picked up almost instantly after the accident occurred, and although everything possible was done to save her life it was to no purpose and she died before medical aid could reach her. The deceased was seventy-five years of age and is survived by two sons and four daughters.

A Fredericton newspaper, which never loses an opportunity nowdays to make capital against the local government, endeavors to lay the blame for Mrs. Urquhart's death upon the Highway Act and the alleged negligence of government officials. In order that the public might be put in possession of the facts of the case, the Herald today interviewed Dr. D. R. Moore of Stanley, who came to the city by the noon train Dr. Moore said that the woman's neck was not broken, as was stated in the newspapers. Possibly she may have suffered a concussion of the brain, but the doctor thinks it more probable that her death was due to heart failure as she was known to have a weak heart. He says she only fell five feet and that in itself would scarcely be sufficient to cause death. In regard to the bridge he says it is only a small affair and has always been without a railing for the simple reason that one was not considered necessary. So far as he knows there has never been an accident on the bridge except the one which befell Mrs. Urquhart.

'TWIXT YOU AND ME

A Nova Scotia exchange notes that a prominent citizen, mentioning his name and his "bonie," bride will be home tomorrow. If the girl does happen to be thin, why should it be flung up to her.

The Normal school is open
And the boys are on the glare;
They herd on Queen street pavement,
And invade the P. O. square.
They're sizing up the "pretty ones,"
And ogle all who pass;
They're looking for the sign that calls,
They're anxious for a lass.

Mr. James D. Reid, the veteran cricketer (vintage of 1824) bats like a Grace and runs like a greyhound. Perhaps Mr. Reid's state of calibacy accounts for his present activity. He has never had to get up and make the kitchen fire, or walk with the baby in the silent midnight hour.

If they'll let Mister Pugsley alone he will build wharves clear to Parturidge Island. It isn't every day that St. John gets its feet into "the largest spending department."

Oh the rats, dead rats,
The foul smelling rats;
They lie on the streets,
The victims of cats.
The Board of Health hesitate,
The aldermen meditate,
While the rodents dissolve
In the town's thoroughfare.

The following letter has been picked up in the vicinity of Nashwaaksis: "Dear Warden,—I was very much distressed at the news of your defeat. Please accept my sincerest condolence.

(Sgd) THE DOCTOR.
St. Mary's Ferry, Sept. 3.

Toronto Telegram: R. L. Borden started his present campaign in a theatre. Other towns are billed ahead as follows:
"Don't fail to see Uncle Tom's Cabin, Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl, and R. L. Borden, all this week." (and Price Webber too.)

And they let Mr. Foster speak in a Methodist church at Apohaqui. There's a quarterly board that will have to be disciplined.

Glad we too were out of town when His Lordship the Bishop of St. Albans called at this office. He had a letter of introduction to us from the Archbishop of Canterbury. We haven't really time to show all these tourists around.

They say Organizer Hubbard swore eloquently in seven languages when he heard that the St. John Tories would not oppose Dr. Pugsley. He had promised Borden that Pugsley would be beaten.

A New York man who tired of his wife has selected another, (he calls her his affinity) invited her to his home when his wife was there, and showed her how to build the kitchen fire, etc. etc. No Fredericton husband has dared go that far. If he has an "affinity" he meets her on the quiet.

'Tis a little hard on Dr. Pugsley that he was once a Tory, but other great and good men have come out of that mess, and built up respectable political reputations. There now, no snickering, we never meant ourselves.

That gurgling, painful gurgling sound waited over from the Nashwaaksis Tuesday night was the warden taking leave of municipal politics, and it was nearly drowned by the heartrending weeps of the St. Mary's doctor.

The Y. M. C. A. first thought of Mr. J. S. Campbell for the part of the defendant in the mock court trial, for breach of promise, but so many plaintiffs turned up that the idea was abandoned.

Taxpayer—No, the city council has not yet figured how much it would take to run the water system into the alleged dry wells of Sunbury, but when they lay that \$17,000 pipe down to the county line, they may extend a branch line across the river.

Yes, Lucy, the jolly big engineer, who is enjoying his vacation in Fredericton is still heart whole and fancy free. We agree with you that he would be a good catch, and should not be permitted to make choice outside of his native city. He's rather shy, but we think could soon be broken to double harness.

Sheffield—Glad to hear there are no dry wells in your community this summer, but isn't it rather hard on Mr. Hazen's canvas. Thanks, yes, we have plenty of water here to, but we would be better pleased if less of it came from the clouds.

One of the charges levelled against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a Quebec election campaign, was that he was not a good son of the church, never having had his children baptised, and although the canvass was a Tory one, it was true. The Premier confessed it, but he was able to point to the fact that he hadn't any children.