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CASE FIZZLED OUT

St. John Young Men Arrested on Serious Charge Given Their Freedom.

The case of Gordon McKinnon, Fred Logan and P. W. Kelley, of St. John, which has attracted so much attention during the past couple of days, was brought up at the police court again this morning, when the three young men were arraigned before the court opened at eleven o'clock, Police Magistrate Marsh.

When the magistrate took his seat on the bench, the three young men, McKinnon, Logan and Kelley, were ushered into the court room by the officers. Mr. Percy A. Guthrie was present as counsel for Sergt. Major Duncan, father of the young woman in the case and Mr. R. B. Hanson represented the prisoners.

In taking up the case the police magistrate stated that he could not see any evidence on which to hold Logan and Kelley and he would therefore dismiss them, on condition that they would remain in the city as witnesses against McKinnon, in case they were required. This the young men promised to do.

His Honor then read from Section 216 of the Criminal Code the law against a man procuring or giving liquor or drugs to any woman or girl with criminal intent.

Mr. Guthrie, counsel for Sergt. Major Duncan, made application to the court to have the case against McKinnon withdrawn.

The police magistrate stated that he would consider the matter and give his decision at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. His Honor remarked that no private complaint had been lodged against McKinnon and only a formal charge had been made by Officer Foss. He warmly commended Officer Foss for his capture of these three men and said that that officer was entitled to a great deal of credit for the prompt and energetic manner in which he acted.

McKINNON DISCHARGED.

The case was again taken up at the police court this afternoon when McKinnon was discharged from custody.

In discharging the prisoner, His Honor said that he consented to the withdrawal of the case, because he did not wish to drag the young girl before the public and not because he had any sympathy for the prisoner. He said there was evidence to show that the girls had been telephoned to meet the young men, that they met them at the depot on arrival here and accompanied them to a restaurant. One of the men went out and returned with a bottle of cognac which his honor said he understood contained a certain amount of drugs. The girl was taken sick and the other couples had separated. "If you had been a friend of this young girl," said the Magistrate, "you would have taken her to her home, which was only a short distance away, instead of taking her to a yard, but your purpose was not to take her to her home. You took her to a back yard and left her for others to abuse. I cannot," continued the judge, "believe but that you came up to Fredericton for the purpose of injuring these girls. You are a married man, how would you like to have your daughter served in such a manner by a married man, and placed in the same position as this young girl was placed. I have no sympathy with you, but my sympathy is with the young girl and her father. I would be pleased to try this case and if you were convicted give you the full penalty of the law. The cocktail contained drugs and you are also guilty of administering liquor. A married man should not be running around trying to ruin young girls. The day may come when he may be the father of a young girl himself and he could imagine how he would feel if he were that girl's father under these circumstances. He reluctantly dismissed the prisoner, not out of sympathy

for him, but owing to the unpleasant position in which it would place the young girl if the case went on.

McKinnon seemed to be much affected as His Honor was speaking and shed tears.

TAUGHT A LESSON.

In view of certain regrettable facts that have come to light since Saturday, the collapse of the case against Kelly, Logan and McKinnon, will not cause great astonishment in well informed circles. Friends of the prisoners interested themselves in their behalf, and have been able to establish the fact beyond much doubt, that no drug or concoction more potent than lager beer and whiskey cocktails was used in connection with the little tea-table carried on at Wallace's cafe on Friday evening.

The prisoners are sports of a rather giddy type, and merely came to Fredericton to "have some fun with the girls." Had their plans not miscarried they would no doubt have returned home on the following day, chuckling to themselves over the easy mark they found in this city. They deny emphatically that anything in the way of "dope" or "knock out" drops were used by them, and in the absence of any proof to the contrary, their statements will have to be accepted. All the parties mixed up in the disgraceful affair have received ample punishment in the way of notoriety of an undesirable kind, but it is to be regretted that innocent people will have to suffer in this connection. McKinnon and Logan have wives in St. John, to whom they will probably and it is rather difficult to explain their conduct in this city, and if they are wise they will keep out of such scrapes in the future. They can thank their stars that they got off so easily.

The conduct of the young women in the case was foolish in the extreme, and the lesson is one which it is to be sincerely hoped will not be lost upon them in the future. They are bright young women belonging to respectable families, and their action in flirting with married men is unexcusable.

MR. DUNCAN'S STATEMENT.

Sergt. Major Duncan this afternoon handed the following to the Herald:

"Owing to the fact that the police are no doubt greatly interested in this unfortunate case, and that my attitude may be properly defined, I wish to make the following statement:

1st.—For some time past my wife has been in failing health and is very much affected by the present unfortunate affair. My daughter's health is also in a very critical state and I am not desirous of having her brought in court.

2nd.—With a view to the unpleasantness it would cause to my father and mothers and families of others concerned, particularly in this case, I have decided to withdraw the charge pending at the same time that enough has come to the public eye to be a warning and safeguard to others in the future.

3rd.—I blame my daughter for being in the company of these persons. Although sixteen years of age, she should have known better, and I am very happy to be able to state that prominent physicians which I have called in were ready and willing to give sworn evidence that my daughter's innocence is unimpaired.

I wish to thank those particularly connected with the case, Mr. P. A. Guthrie who was my attorney, who took a deep interest in the matter, and all others concerned.

C. P. R. MOVES UP.

Stock of Big Railway Jumped Two Points Today.

NEW YORK, March 29.—(Special)—Stocks opened at sharp advances over the prices of Saturday, helped by the strength abroad as a result of the Balkan settlement. The dealings showed great animation and breadth. Quotations at noon were as follows: Amalgamated Copper, 74½; Atchison, 105½; Canadian Pacific, 170½; Erie, 27; Great Northern, 144½; Soo, 144; Missouri Pacific, 72½; New York Central, 130; Reading, 134½; Pennsylvania, 133½; Southern Pacific, 122½; Northern Pacific, 142½; Union Pacific, 183½; United States Steel, 46½.

MONCTON BUDGET.

Cash Gifts for a Deserted Wife—Boxing Bout.

MONCTON, March 29.—(Special)—Mrs. Urquhart, the deserted wife here, has one sympathetic friend, and he is a St. John citizen. Chief Rideout this morning received two dollars from Mr. W. Scottie, St. John, with the request that the same be handed to Mrs. Urquhart.

There is possibility of a sparring exhibition being pulled off off here on Easter Monday, when Alfie Lynch, who has already become exceedingly popular here, and Kid Hogan, of Portland, Me., will go ten rounds. Jack Ryan, the local man, and Bob Campbell, St. John, will also give an exhibition.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid for sewing at Miss Steinhilber's on Thursday at 8 p.m. All members invited. There will be a special meeting of

A WEAK DEFENCE.

Hazen Government Received a Terrible Grilling in Debate on Address.

During the debate on the address in the Legislature last week the opposition speakers brought out many important facts concerning the management of the public business during the past year. It was demonstrated to a conclusion that the audit act was of no value in protecting the public treasury. By one of its sections the government, through its treasury board, can always obtain a warrant without asking the consent of the auditor general. Five such warrants were obtained during the past year, the total amount being about \$12,000.

It was also shown that to obtain an extra discount from the publishers of the school readers and other books sold by the government an order had been given for 200,000 scribbles. These books are sold by the government vendors for three cents and contain thirty-six pages. Private parties sell a scribbler containing sixty larger pages for five cents. During the debate on the question it was also brought out that the government pays all transportation charges on the books from the publishers and for storing the books at Fredericton, so that after all the books will cost the people directly and indirectly about the same as they always have done. The government have ostensibly lessened the price of school books for the people and made the appointment of vendors part of the political patronage of each county. As a natural consequence the vending of school books has been taken out of the regular channels of trade and placed in very undesirable hands in some cases. In one case in York county it was shown that school books were sold over the same counter with liquor.

A WEAK DEFENCE. The provincial secretary made a very weak defence of his department. The surveyor general made a much better showing but failed to refer to any but a few of the charges of maladministration made against him by different speakers. A great portion of his address was taken up telling how he had collected \$10,000 more in stumage in Northumberland county than the first return made by the scaler would justify. This lumber

had been scaled three times before the government got justice, according to Mr. Grimmer, and in self-praise he said the first scale would have been satisfactory to the old government. Mr. Grimmer is strong in insinuation, which he is not always able to back up. In fact he might very well take to himself the advice he gave to another member of the House on Friday night. Mr. Grimmer would hardly have had the temerity to rear publicly to this Northumberland business if he had remembered a certain case in Restigouche county in which an opposition candidate, W. Albert Mott, was greatly interested. Some years ago word reached the crown land office that a well known North Shore lumberman was conducting an operation of considerable magnitude, regarding which the scaler in the district had made no report. Instructions were immediately sent to the scaler to look into this operation and report. He declined to do so and was dismissed. Mr. Mott asked for his reinstatement. It was refused and later he was an opposition candidate for Restigouche. The crown land office collected 95,000 stumage on the operation. This was not the only case where the return of a scaler was not accepted by the old government, nor was it the only case where a scaler was dismissed for not properly performing his duties; but these things were not published from the house tops as was done by Mr. Grimmer.

The whole object of Mr. Grimmer was to divert attention from the change in the regulations by which the size of the log was reduced to sixteen feet long and nine inches in diameter. On this charge Mr. Grimmer had nothing to say, save that the lumbermen had not been living up to the old regulations. His answer regarding the neglect of Fire Warden Dean to properly perform his duties was more equivocal, and the same may be said of many of his statements concerning the protection of game by the present government.

The government have yet to day what they are going to do about Sheriff Tompkins of Carleton county and the charge about permitting a prisoner to leave the jail to vote in the election of October 25.

CANADA IS READY.

Willing to Give Her Last Dollar in Defence of the Empire.

OTTAWA, March 28.—The government was in session all day Saturday, and the chief matter which was under discussion was the question of naval defence.

The position of Canada in regard to that matter was thoroughly reviewed and it is understood that the plan of consulting with the British authorities is the one that is to be followed, as previously intimated in this correspondence would be the case.

The Canadian government is inclined to agree with Premier Asquith that there is no peril of immediate loss of naval supremacy by Great Britain, and there will be time for the formation of a well matured plan by Canada, Australia and New Zealand to be worked out with the Mother Country for the augmentation of the naval power of the Empire.

The assurance given by Canada at the colonial conference of 1902 and 1907 still stand as the basis of the position which Canada and probably other parts of the Empire will in negotiations for the perfection of any naval scheme. It was there that the principle of the autonomy of the colonies was expressed and accepted by the conference.

The position of the Canadian government will be specifically stated tomorrow when the rather indefinite resolution of Hon. Mr. Foster for the defence of the coast of Canada by Canada will be offered and discussed, and the government will offer an amendment. It is understood that the prime minister will express himself in a definite manner as to the position which Canada is prepared to assume both for the present and for the future.

It is expected that the debate will be one of the most interesting ones that has ever occurred in the Canadian parliament. It is not unlikely that the plan which will be adopted for aid by

Canada will be through the plan suggested at the last colonial conference by the first lord of the admiralty. This will enable the Dominion to respect its first duty to the Empire to grow strong and become powerful enough to be of the greatest aid for Empire defence in time of trouble, while in the meantime making a useful contribution to a well considered and steadily expanding defence scheme. This scheme will be carried out in conjunction with the imperial authorities, and with the advice of the British naval experts.

For defence there has already been worked out and put into operation a plan of co-operation for the land forces by the organization of the Canadian militia on the British army plan. The latest move in this direction was by the organization of an imperial general staff, with Canada a party.

In the plan for co-operation in naval defence there will be a naval militia organized for the training of men and officers fitted for the handling of modern war craft. The next step is likely to be the construction of some of the necessary adjuncts of the larger battleships, such as torpedo boat destroyers, fast cruisers and submarines, with an extension of naval bases and docking facilities. This was mentioned at the colonial conference as the most useful way in which a beginning could be made. The big battleships would follow.

However, any plan will be only adopted after the most careful consideration by the Canadian and British authorities. In his speech tomorrow the prime minister will announce the sending of a message to Britain that in time of trouble Canada will be prepared to send its last dollar and last man and is now working to co-operate along the most practical and permanent lines.