

CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS
BALKED SUICIDE PLANNew Brunswick Author Would Not
Permit Geo. F. Bronson Howard
to Drown HimselfMatrimonial Troubles the Cause of Young Howard's Desire
to End it All—He Called His Young Wife a Lemon and
She Responded in Kind.

NEW YORK, June 18.—That the matrimonial troubles of the George F. Bronson Howard, which have enlivened London and New York, the last few days, nearly resulted in a grim tragedy through the suicide of the author-brother-in-law was the startling declaration made by Charles G. D. Roberts, the Canadian nature novelist, who is believed to have prevented the rash act.

Mr. Roberts met young Howard in the office of a London publisher the day after Mrs. Howard, the beautiful Norfolk belle with whom he eloped, had fled from him. The author was in the depths of despair, and the Canadian writer spent the best part of a week persuading him it was not wise to jump into the Thames, and life still held something even though one had made a mess of matrimony at the age of twenty-four, and after a three months' trial.

If Mr. Howard had designs on his life in London he has forgotten all about it now, and is engaged presently in replying to the spirited attacks of his angry wife who returned from England Sunday and leaves this morning for her Virginia home to see about getting the quickest and surest of divorces.

Mrs. Howard, who says her talented husband's honeymoon name for her was "Thing" and that by way of lady-like retort she dubbed him "Animal," and meant every word of it, sent out hourly broadsides from her temporary apartment at the Hotel Gallatin, on West Forty-sixth street. Her heavy artillery was interspersed with a rapid-fire gun effect of small charges and fired thus:—

10 A. M.—"Animal" began dressing in the morning by putting on his hat."

11 A. M.—"The 'Animal' drank highballs continuously."

12 A. M.—Broadside—"The 'Animal' en-annelled his pretty face."

1 P. M.—"The 'Animal' scratched me."

2 P. M.—"I wish I had called him 'Beast' instead of 'Animal'."

3 P. M.—"The 'Animal' tried three kinds of hair dye."

4 P. M.—"The 'Beast' said I was nothing but a lemon."

5 P. M.—"The 'Animal' sponged on all my friends."

6 P. M.—"The 'Beast' slept with his shoes and stockings on."

PREVENTED A SUICIDE.

"I am sorry for George Howard, and I am sorry for his pretty young wife," said Arthur Roberts yesterday afternoon. "I told him he only got what he deserved for marrying after a five-day acquaintance. I would hardly dare tell the pretty bride that."

"But fortunately it did not turn out to be the tragedy that it might have been. When I stopped in London on my way home from Naples, three weeks ago, I ran across Howard. He was as depressed and despondent a man as I have ever seen. He continually talked of taking his own life, saying he was forever disgraced for having made such a matrimonial mess. 'Not suicide at twenty-four is easier said than done, but we did not take any chances. Seeing that a reconciliation was out of the question we took turns 'jolly-ing' the despondent youth. I spent much time in the studio quarters he had taken in London and finally got him back to his work. Of the details of his trouble with Mrs. Howard, I know little or nothing, as I would not let him talk about it."

"I was going home this morning," said Mrs. Howard, as she puckered her pretty face in an effort to think up more accusations against her husband, "but I couldn't get a statement. I will go back to mother in the morning, and I sure will be glad to get home."

"On what ground will you ask divorce?" she was asked.

"There are so many grounds I don't know which I will choose," she said, with a smile of the same brand that captivated Howard on his Norfolk visit. "I will talk it over with mother."

"You did not discuss your marriage with her," was suggested.

"I wish I had," said the girl sadly. "I have learned a lesson and will make the divorce sure."

"Then there is no hope of a reconciliation?"

"Reconciliation," she cried. "Go back to 'Animal'! Not for anything in the world."

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CROCKET ENTERS PLEA
OF JUSTIFICATION AND
LIBEL CASE ADJOURNSIn Emmerson-Crocket Libel Case This Morning J. D. Hazen
Files Plea Declaring Alleged Libel To Be True and Pub-
lished in the Best Interests of Canada---Case Adjourned
to Allow Dr. Pugsley to File Demurrer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 19.—(Spec-

al)—At the request of the counsel for the crown the Emmerson-Crocket libel suit was postponed by Judge Landry this morning until 10 o'clock tomorrow. The defendant's counsel taking advantage of a new section of the criminal code filed a plea of justification and the postponement was granted to allow the crown counsel time to file a demurrer. It was the first time in the history of the province that the practice has been followed in a criminal case, and the outcome is being awaited with interest, especially by the legal fraternity.

Apart from those summoned to serve as jurors, there were only a few spectators in attendance when the court opened at ten o'clock. The defendant, Mr. Crocket, took a seat at the table alongside of his counsel and Hon. Mr. Emmerson sat a few feet from him.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley informed the court he appeared as counsel for the crown in the libel case and had associated with him Mr. White and Mr. Barry. He moved that the defendant be arraigned for trial. Mr. Crocket was then ordered to stand up and Clerk Campbell read to him the bill of indictment.

Mr. Hazen on behalf of the defendant filed the following:

"In the supreme court. In the matter of the King v. Jas. H. Crocket, the defendant Jas. H. Crocket as a first plea to the indictment against him, says that he is not guilty, as alleged in the said indictment. And for a further plea the said Jas. H. Crocket, pursuant to the statute in that behalf, says that our said Lord the King ought not further prosecute the said indictment against him, because he says that it is true that Henry R. Emmerson was ejected with two women of ill repute with whom he had been keeping company not long since (meaning thereby not long before the publication of the said libel) on or about March 27th, A. D. 1907, from the

St. Lawrence Hall, in the city of Montreal, as alleged in the publication set out in the said indictment, and the said Jas. H. Crocket further says that before and at the time of the publication in the said indictment mentioned, the said Henry R. Emmerson was minister of railways and canals in the government of Canada; and that the personal morals and conduct of said members of the government of Canada were, and are, matters of public interest, and had been discussed in parliament and in the press, and it was proper in the public interest and for the benefit of the public that facts of a disgraceful and degrading character in the lives of ministers of the crown should be made known and published so that the government of Canada might be purged of men whose personal characters rendered them undesirable and unfit ministers of the crown. By reason whereof it was for the public benefit that the said matter as charged in the said indictment should be published and that he, the said Jas. H. Crocket, is ready to verify whereof he prays judgment, and that by the court here he may be dismissed and discharged from the said provision in the said indictment above specified.

(Sgd) J. D. HAZEN,

Of counsel for Defendants."

Dr. Pugsley said that the question raised by the second plea was of such far-reaching importance that he would like the court to allow him time to file a demurrer. He had not received a copy of the plea until ten o'clock last night and there had been no time to attend to the matter before opening of the court.

Mr. Hazen, on behalf of the defendant, protested against postponing the trial. He pointed out that his client had brought half a dozen witnesses to the city at considerable expense, and it was only fair to him that the case should go on with the least possible delay.

Dr. Pugsley replied that the law gave the right to the defendant to file

pleas, and the case would have to go on according to law. Now that the defendant had filed a plea he should be willing for the crown to meet it. The plea was so broad and opened up such a wide field that it was impossible to say at this stage what witnesses the crown would require to support its case. There is also an important principle involved in the matter for the court to decide.

Dr. Pugsley promised that he would not delay the case any longer than was absolutely necessary. The case he said was one of far reaching importance and affected the honor of the press, so it was necessary for them to prepare their argument in proper form. In regard to the expense complained of, the defendant's counsel must have known that until the pleas were entered, he would not need his witnesses. Anyway expense seemed to be nothing to the defendant, as for weeks past detectives in his employ had been scouring the country for evidence.

Mr. Hazen—Are you arguing the case now?

Mr. Pugsley—Perhaps my learned friend is not aware of the resources available to his client.

Judge Landry remarked that he thought the request of the crown counsel was a reasonable one and he did not think he would be justified in refusing it. He accordingly adjourned the trial until tomorrow morning with the understanding that it might be resumed this afternoon in case the demurrers were ready.

MR. CROCKET HEARD FROM

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 19 (Special)—Last night's St. John Star said "Overtures for settlement have, it is understood, been made by Mr. Crocket's friends, but it is unlikely that any arrangement will be made."

I desire to say that the above statement is absolutely untrue. No proposition for settlement has been made by me or by any one in my behalf.

JAS. H. CROCKET.

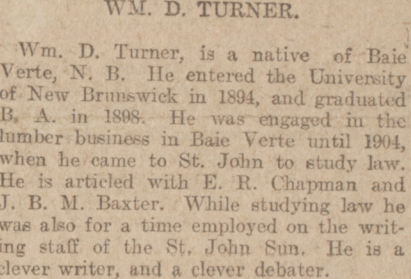
ST. JOHN STUDENTS TO
RECEIVE THEIR DEGREESFive Graduates of St. John Law School
Will Get the Degree
of B. C. L.Sketches of the Young Men Who Will Become Members of
the Bar in November Next--All Are Very Well Known
in St. John.

Wm. D. Turner, B. A., J. A. Barry, B. A., J. M. Trueman, B. A., A. E. G. McKenzie, M. A., and W. G. Pugsley, B. A., left this morning for Windsor, where the degree of B. C. L. will be conferred upon each of them by King's College on Thursday. They will be admitted as attorneys in November next, and will then be full fledged members of the legal fraternity.



J. MacMILLAN TRUEMAN.

J. MacMillan Trueman is a son of Judge A. I. Trueman. He graduated from the St. John High School in 1900, and received his B. A. degree at Dalhousie in 1904. He was articled in his father's office on entering the law school in 1904.



WM. D. TURNER.

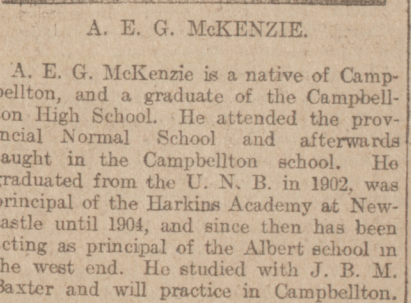
Wm. D. Turner, a native of Bala Verne, N. B. He entered the University of New Brunswick in 1894, and graduated B. A. in 1898. He was engaged in the lumber business in Bala Verne until 1904, when he came to St. John to study law. He is articled with E. R. Chapman and J. B. M. Baxter. While studying law he was also for a time employed on the writing staff of the St. John Sun. He is a clever writer, and a clever debater.



JOHN A. BARRY.

John Alphonse Barry is a son of James Barry, inspector of weights and measures. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Memramouc, where he received his degree of B. A.

He has always taken a prominent interest in sports and was captain of the college football team. He is at present occupying the position of president of St. Joseph's society in St. John, and is manager of the baseball team. He is articled in Daniel Mullin's office, and is at present a valuable member of the writing staff of the Evening Times.



A. E. G. MCKENZIE.

A. E. G. McKenzie is a native of Campbellton, and a graduate of the Campbellton High School. He attended the provincial Normal School and afterwards taught in the Campbellton school. He graduated from the U. N. B. in 1902, was principal of the Harkins Academy at New castle until 1904, and since then has been acting as principal of the Albert school in the west end. He studied with J. B. M. Baxter and will practice in Campbellton.



WM. G. PUGSLEY.

Wm. G. Pugsley is a son of Hon. William Pugsley. He graduated from the U. N. B. in 1904 and spent a year at Oxford studying oratory. He entered the law school in 1905 and is articled in Trueman & Pugsley's office.

CONDUCTORS
MAY RETIRESaid That 30 I. C. R. Conductors
Have Applied for Retiring
Allowances.

MONCTON, June 19.—(Special)—It is said about thirty I. C. R. conductors have applied for retiring allowances in the Provident Fund. As the board of management is not yet complete no action has been taken on the applications.

HALIFAX HAS A
THUNDER STORMH. J. Mather's Residence Struck
By Lightning and Much
Damage Done.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 19.—(Special)—A terrific thunderstorm with heavy rain struck the city about 6.30 o'clock this morning, lasting about two hours. H. J. Mather's house, Bland street, was struck. Considerable damage was done to the interior.

Charles Baile, the King street tobacconist and fishing tackle dealer is displaying a very fine salmon which was caught in Baile's salmon pools at Little River, below Silver Falls. This is the first salmon taken with a fly this season and it weighs 13 1/2 pounds. The fish was hooked by Archibald Mitchell of Norwich, Conn. Mr. Mitchell was away from Mr. Baile's store slightly less than two hours when he returned with the silver beauty.

SEVENTY MEN WERE
KILLED OR WOUNDED
IN MUTINY AT KIEV

ST. PETERSBURG, June 19.—Details of the mutiny of sappers at Kiev shows that it was only suppressed after a bloody engagement at midnight, June 17, between the mutineers and loyal troops. About 70 men were killed or wounded.

The mutiny was planned to coincide with a political strike as a reply to the dissolution of parliament. In several of the southern provinces arrangements for the strike had been making for months under the leadership of an experienced organizer, M. Loskot, who was a member of the first parliament. The decision of the revolutionary staff here to refrain from demonstrations was disobeyed by the hot-headed sappers. At midnight, June 17, five hundred men left their beds, disarmed the sentries, dressed, obtained possession

of their rifles, broke into an armory, secured a number of loaded cartridges and then marched to the camp square and fired a volley in the air. The officer on duty, Captain Alukoff, ran out and addressed the mutineers, persuading them to disperse. He then called out another battalion, drew the men up and led a charge on the mutineers, ordering them to surrender. Upon their refusal to do so, Capt. Alukoff ordered the troops to fire and fell dead himself at the first volley.

The fighting continued for several minutes. Half a dozen soldiers were killed, and about sixty wounded. Finally the mutineers, who had no officers, no leaders, and no plans, wavered, and fled. Two hundred and fifty were captured, but one hundred and ninety-three eluded pursuit and hid in the city.

BEAT HIS WIFE BECAUSE SHE
WOULD NOT GO TO THE CIRCUSAnd This Morning Edward
Hatfield Was Fined \$20
or Two Months for His
Fun.

The police court session this morning was a short one. Three common drunks arrested on Water street, last night, were fined \$4 each or 10 days in jail.

An interesting case was that against Edward Hatfield of the North end, who was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife on the 5th of June. It appears that on that day when the Hargreaves circus was here Hatfield wanted his wife to go to the circus and she did not care to go and he thereupon beat her. When placed on the stand this morning he pleaded guilty to the charge, giving as his only excuse that his better half would not go to the circus. He was fined \$20 or two months.

Loretta Jimeau, a French woman, was arrested last night for wandering about Water street and not giving a satisfactory account of herself. She was brought before the magistrate and remanded. She was rather a hard looking ticket with her hair cut close to her head. She is a stranger here.

Charles Gordon who was given in charge by Stephen Golding, liverman, for ill-treating one of his horses he had hired, was remanded.

FIRE IN A
PULP MILLAcid Plant of Dominion Pulp
Company's Mill at Chatham
Destroyed --- Damage is
\$11,000.

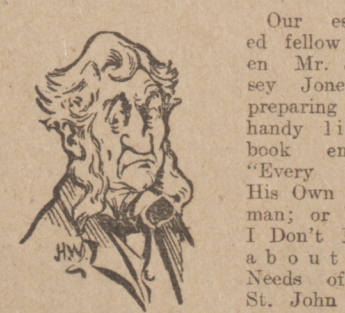
Word was received here this morning of a fire in the Dominion Pulp Company's mill at Chatham. The acid plant was destroyed but the other buildings are said to be unharmed.

The Dominion Pulp Company's property is situated across the river from Chatham, on a side hill. The buildings are of wood, one rising above the other on the hill, so that they would be in considerable danger in the event of a fire.

The total insurance on the property is \$70,000, according to schedule. The acid plant which was destroyed was insured for \$11,000. The majority of the local insurance offices carry risks on the property.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A TIMELY PUBLICATION.



Jamesey has naturally been much interested in the enquiry now going on, and has been tabulating the various recommendations made by witnesses. He finds

that by the time six more witnesses have been heard it will be shown that St. John has a perfectly satisfactory fire department, and also a wholly inadequate fire department; that another engine is needed, and is not needed; that the like is true concerning hydrants, men, horses, life nets, and the water service.

"It is a most illuminating enquiry," said Jamesey this morning. "It shines. It is so full of light. It is a most illuminating enquiry. It does just what a fire investigation might be expected to do. I am sure that it will do good. If any man had an opinion before, he will be more than ever confirmed in it, and I therefore anticipate an enormous sale for my little treatise on Every Man His Own Fireman. For my purposes the enquiry is most opportune and valuable."

Jamesey's booklet will be issued as soon as the enquiry is finished.

MR BINKS WARMS UP.

Mr. Peter Binks set out this morning with his customary overcoat and other clothing suitable to the recent climate of St. John. He did not know that a heat wave was rushing up the coast as it determined to make up lost time in this latitude. It met him on King Square and he shed his overcoat. Half way down King street he was in his shirt sleeves. On Prince William street he got an iced soda. An hour later he went home in a coach, and after a cold bath sought a hammock under the trees in his garden, taking with him a book on Arctic exploration.