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be followed with equal interest and appreciation by our readers! The first items in the Estimates are with the Administration of the

DEPUTY SHERIFF, KINGS CO.

Mr. Stewart: I mentioned a letter of complaint in connection with the Deputy Sheriff of King's County on a former occasion (in the issue on the Draft Address). The letter is really serious and I want to know whether it is still in the same position. Premier Saunders: No; a man has been appointed Deputy. Mr. Stewart: Another man? Premier Saunders: Yes. Mr. Stewart: There was a man appointed, but we were not getting satisfaction, and the reply he gave was that he was not receiving a salary. Who is the new appointee? Premier Saunders: Wilbur Macdonald. Mr. Stewart: He is now regularly appointed Deputy Sheriff? Mr. Dr. Grant: Yes; appointed two weeks ago.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT SUMMERSIDE

Mr. Stewart: There was another letter mentioned in this House before. I am going to ask my hon. friend whether he really thinks that a proceeding of that kind is in the interests of justice. I refer to the prosecution of certain people for stealing eggs which came up in the Magistrate's Court in Summerside quite recently. Premier Saunders: That case I might say is shortly this. I think you know that so far as the Attorney General concerned it is not up to him, except in extraordinary cases, to intervene in criminal matters unless there is some evidence submitted. I know that the fox industry is very important, and having heard that there is some stealing going on I immediately got in touch with a private detective and sent him up, and he is working on the case for two or three weeks before I knew anything about the circumstances. He reported from time to time, and I saw he was making fairly good progress. The trial against whom he had suspicions was practically above reproach, as he investigated, the evidence was more pointed towards this party. I finally secured the additional services of the chief police official of Summerside, and together they went to the home of the party and found after some detective work, that they were on the right track, and the party admitted stealing the foxes. The detective was instructed to lay out information, which he did; and, you know, I was in the Legislature and was represented at the trial. The case was prosecuted under Section 10 of the Criminal Code, in which case of this kind for stealing a fox or domestic animal can be disposed of summarily where the accused is found guilty, and he is liable under that section to be fined the value of the article stolen and a sum not ex-

ceeding \$50. The Magistrate, acting under that section, disposed of the case in that way. It was not, as someone has said, a fine of \$25. It was a fine of \$225 for two foxes, making \$450 altogether, and that money naturally goes to the Crown. Had I been there personally I certainly would have endeavored to have had the guilty parties sent up to the Supreme Court, but of course that was the right of the Magistrate to try this matter summarily, and I am not going to criticize his proceedings at all. That was within his right, to determine the matter in that way, and it has been disposed of under that particular section. I know that there are those who feel, as I do myself, that an important industry of this kind is to be safeguarded, and I would much prefer to see the parties sent up to Supreme Court and, if guilty, punished to a greater extent than they likely have been; but that is not a matter now for me to criticize the judgment of any Court or any Judge. I feel that so far as I am personally concerned, I tried to do at least all I could. In fact I did more than perhaps I was called on to do, because I had engaged the services of these men and they were successful in discovering the crime, and I feel that it was largely through the efforts of the detective that the guilty party was brought at least to admit his guilt. (After Recess)

PREMIER SAUNDERS DEFENCE

Mr Stewart The leader of the Government made some explanation with regard to a question raised in connection with the prosecution for theft of some foxes in Summerside recently. I gathered from his statement that the fines that were collected went to the Crown? Premier Saunders: Yes. Mr. Stewart: Under the Section, as I remember it, a certain proportion of the total moneys collected would go to the person aggrieved. Premier Saunders: Look up your section. Mr. Stewart: I have not the Criminal Code here, but at any rate that would make the matter all the worse, when the proper criminal penalty is not enforced. I understand my hon. friend to say that if he had been there it would have been otherwise. Premier Saunders: I didn't say it would be otherwise. I said I would endeavor. Mr. Stewart: That is, you would make a recommendation to the Magistrate? Premier Saunders: Sure. Mr. Stewart: And was the Crown not represented there? Premier Saunders: The Crown was represented. Mr. Stewart: But apparently there was no such recommendation made on behalf of the Crown. The newspaper report says to the contrary, and it has not been contradicted. There was an explanation given purporting to be a defense of what actually did happen. It cited the section of the Code quite extensively and went into a lengthy defense of the whole matter, but it did not make any statement to the effect that any recommendation had been made to

the Magistrate on behalf of the Crown. The whole affair is, to my mind, rather an unfortunate one, and it certainly has raised a good deal of distrust and disappointment in the minds of the fox men of this Province. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan: Might I ask the Attorney General if that is the way cases of theft will be dealt with in the future? Premier Saunders: Well, now, of course my hon. friend, being here when I gave my explanation shouldn't have asked that question. Dr. MacMillan: Unfortunately I was not able to be here at the time; but I am asking it now. Premier Saunders: I already answered that. The law is there and the Magistrate availed himself of the special section 370 which enabled him to do just exactly what he did, and it is not the province of the Attorney General to adversely criticize any Judge. He was within his rights in doing what he did. My hon. friend the leader of the Opposition has asked: What would I have done had I been there? Well, personally, I answered that—that had I been there I would have made an effort to have the matter submitted to the Supreme Court; but I was represented there by a gentleman who is able to deal with these matters as they should be dealt with, and in the wisdom of the Court they saw fit to dispose of it under this special law. I may tell my hon. friend that I called the matter to the attention of the Minister of Justice already, pointing out why I believed that section does not meet cases of this kind. It is up to the Federal authorities to remedy that if they see fit. The Minister has been requested to do it, whether he will do it or not I cannot say. While the section is there it is in the province of any Judge to operate under it, otherwise what is the object of it being there, if it is not intended for purpose? Of course, an industry such as the fox industry needs every reasonable precaution; yet, as I say, there was the statute under which this offence was tried and a conviction made. As to what may happen in the future, that is entirely a matter for the Judges who may be trying them. If I happened to be representing the Crown personally, as I said before, I would have endeavored to have had the parties sent up to the Supreme Court. Mr. Stewart: Might I ask if the Crown was consulted when the case was brought before the Magistrate. Who laid the complaint? Premier Saunders: The detective, or it may have been the party aggrieved, the man who lost the foxes. I gave instructions to the detective to have the information sworn and the arrest made. I am not prepared to say who laid the information. Mr. Stewart: The detective was in the employ of the Government? Premier Saunders: Yes. Mr. Stewart: Then of course the person representing the Crown would naturally have seen that he laid the information properly. Premier Saunders: The information was for stealing. Mr. Stewart: But it could not have been the ordinary information for stealing. This is a special section. It is not the ordinary count for theft. Premier Saunders: No, it is not the ordinary count.

Mr. Stewart: That is where the error was made.

LAW COURTS BUILDING

Hon. Mr. Stewart asked if it was the intention of the Government to make any changes in the entry of the Law Courts Building Charlottetown this year. Premier Saunders: No, that matter has been under consideration for some time. It may mean a very heavy expenditure. I would like to see this building put in proper shape. The office of the Judge of Probate is entirely too small and the Supreme Court room is entirely too large. I think readjustment would be the proper thing. My personal idea is to get some man who will look the situation over and recommend such changes and give us an estimate, and probably next year we will be able to give attention to it. But this year we do not intend to do anything.

COUNTY COURT CLERKS

Hon. Mr. Stewart called to the number of names appearing under County Court expenditures, in the Public Accounts, (Classification of Expenditure, 1928, page 4, par. 3). There are only five Clerks, and seven names appear. Mr. Henry Smith's name appears as Clerk, but not that of Mr. McConnell who replaced him. According to the Public Accounts, there was no change in 1928 in the Charlottetown circuit. He noticed the name Austin VanDerstine. Could the promoter say what circuit that gentleman was on? Premier Saunders: I am not very familiar with the different names. All I know is that the circuits are filled with clerks, and they are getting the same salaries. Mr. Stewart: But I want to know what changes have been made in the personnel, and why. Premier Saunders: I am not in a position to say. Mr. Stewart: For instance, Neil A. McNevin and Malcolm P. MacKinnon. Evidently one of those gentlemen succeeded the other. Premier Saunders: I suppose one was there for some time and the other balanced the term. I can't say. Mr. Stewart: Was he dismissed? Premier Saunders: I can't even say that. Mr. Stewart: My hon. friend would know if he dismissed him by Order in Council. Surely he would remember that, whether there was an Order in Council made? Premier Saunders: I am not charging my memory with everyone who goes in and goes out. The clerks are there at the same salary. Surely that should be enough. Mr. Stewart: That is not the way that we should have information, and I do not think it an occasion for any impatience. The committee is entitled to all this information. Premier Saunders: I can't give it to you. Mr. Stewart: Then I submit that the item should stand. The Chairman: Shall I carry? Mr. Stewart: Just a moment, I want the ruling. I submit that we are entitled to reasonable information. If an official of any of the County Courts is dismissed, then this House has a right to know it. This is the proper time to get the information, and

I submit that the information should be forthcoming. I am not asking my hon. friend to charge his memory with everything. If the change was made by Order in Council, an ordinary memory would carry a matter of that kind. There are surely not so many dismissals in the run of a year, and I would suppose they would be within the memory of the president of the Council. Hon. Mr. McIntyre: There was a change, as my hon. friend will remember, in the keeper of the County Court. Mr. Stewart: There is no such person as the keeper of the County Court. Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Well, there was a change in the clerk of the county Court in 1928. Mr. Stewart: No, there was no change in 1928 in the clerk of the County Court in Charlottetown. That is one of my reasons for enquiring. Premier Saunders: So far as I know, I don't know of any changes that have been made. As I said before, I haven't charged my memory with who has been changed, nor do I know who is clerk of the County Court outside of Charlottetown; but I do know that the salary is the same as it always has been. Hon. Mr. Stewart: We have several members of the Executive Council here, and the names to which I am referring are Neil A. McNevin and Malcolm P. MacKinnon. Those are familiar names. Perhaps my hon. friend from the First District of Queens as a member of the Government, will recognize them; or perhaps my hon. friend from the Second District can give the House some information. Hon. Mr. LePage: Not in my ballistics. Hon. Mr. Sinclair: I think McNevin was appointed clerk of the County Court in Bonshaw, in place of MacKinnon. Hon. Mr. Stewart: Did MacKinnon resign? Hon. Mr. Sinclair: I don't know. Hon. Mr. Stewart: You don't remember whether he was dismissed or not? Hon. Mr. Sinclair: McNevin was appointed in his place. Hon. Mr. Stewart: I presume he didn't die? Hon. Mr. Sinclair: He may have. Hon. Mr. Stewart: Does my hon. friend mean to say that one of his stalwart constituents would die and he wouldn't know about it? Hon. Mr. Stewart: They don't all notify me. Mr. Angus MacPhee: That Mr. MacKinnon that you refer to—I know he is not dead. I am not quite sure whether he is acting clerk there or not. I know he has been for some time. Hon. Mr. Stewart: My hon. friend from the First District says he was superseded by Mr. McNevin. My hon. friend does not happen to know whether he was dismissed or not? Mr. MacPhee: No, I don't. Hon. Mr. Stewart: Apparently the Executive has no knowledge of it, so that he could not have been dismissed by Order in Council, or it surely would have been within memory. Of course, sometimes it is convenient to forget; those things. There are things that we would rather forget occasionally, but still, the country is entitled to know. Will the promoter

WORK NEARLY DONE

A large part of the boiler room had been torn down when the fatal accident took place. Two posts supporting the heavy stringer had been yanked down with a steel cable attached to one of the firm's large motor trucks. The stringer had been loosened and Mr. Taylor jumped on top of a rock that was on top of a smaller stone in hopes of pushing the stringer so that the nails which were holding it would be released. Another worker, William Brown, of Milford, gave a warning that the cable ought to be attached to the heavy stringer, just as the upper stone on which Mr. Taylor was standing, slipped. Taylor threw his arms around the lower end of the stringer, releasing the stringer, which fell, pinning him under it. Mr. Brown frantically tried to raise the stringer, while Mr. Taylor, still conscious, gave directions. Charles E. Marshall and James Dempsey, both of Hopkinton, at work at the rear of the plant, heard his cries, and piled bricks on one side of him as fulcrum for a plank to lift the stringer so he could be released. Taylor was hurried to the hospital, where he died.

WAS AN OVERSEAS VETERAN

Mr. Taylor was an overseas veteran. He is survived by his wife, Emily, and a daughter, 8. He also is survived by his mother, who lives at Bridgetown, Prince Edward Island; three brothers, Albert of this town, Seymour and Wallace, both of Prince Edward Island, and two sisters, Maud and May, also of Prince Edward Island. Mr. Taylor attended the Methodist church. He was a member of Milford Aerie, F. O. E. Truelove Taylor, 37, of 4 North Bow street, received internal injuries when crushed by a large beam which fell on him at the old Bay State quarry on the Hopkinton road yesterday afternoon and died less than an hour later at the Milford hospital, where he was rushed as quickly as possible. Mr. Taylor remained conscious until a few minutes before he died. He suffered intense pain in the abdomen, across which the heavy joint rested nearly 10 minutes until help could be summoned to take it off the helpless man. The services of five workmen were necessary in removing the big timber which pinned Mr. Taylor to the ground. William Brown was working with the victim at the time and quickly summoned others some distance away. Then the victim was rushed in Edward's ambulance to the hospital. Dr. F. D. White, who responded to emergency calls, rendered medical assistance, but the man was crushed to such an extent that death occurred about 3 o'clock. The job on which Mr. Taylor was at work was about the last remaining at the quarry, the property of which was bought by himself and Abraham Indursky nearly a year ago. Since that time the equipment had been dismantled and sold and finally a customer was found for the last of the lumber left on the grounds. The task of getting out the timber was only started yesterday afternoon about an hour before the fatal mishap occurred. The timber being removed at the time was a cross piece of the old engine room building.

FULL PARTICULARS OF ISLANDERS DEATH

(Milford, Mass. Exchange) MILFORD, April 5.—Truelove Taylor, 37, was fatally injured this afternoon when he was crushed under a wooden stringer weighing about two tons, while at work wrecking the boiler room at the old Bay State quarry plant, Hopkinton road. Mr. Taylor died two hours later in Milford hospital. He was a member of the firm of Taylor & Dempsey, road building contractors and building wreckers, and had been a resident in Milford for 20 years. Mr. Taylor was standing on some rocks while engaged in prying out the beam. The rocks loosened and in saving himself from a fall he struck the joint, one end of which had been shifted from its original position, and the weight of his body allowed it to drop and pin him to the ground. Mr. Taylor had been engaged in road construction work in recent years and on Monday was to start on a job which he recently received on the Newburyport turnpike. While in this line of work he was associated with J. F. Dempsey under the firm name of Taylor & Dempsey. He was born in Prince Edward Island, son of John and Susan (Acorn) Taylor and came to Milford 20 years ago, remaining here since. He was first employed by his brother, Albert, in the teaming business and later associated in the firm with the latter. For some time he was employed as driver and salesman for Armour & Co., at the local refrigerator plant. He was in the World war, enlisting in the Aviation corps and seeing service overseas. He was a member of Milford Aerie, Eagles. Following his death Dr. W. J. Clarke, medical examiner, was notified and later gave out the cause of death as accidental. He gave permission to Undertaker W. W. Watson to remove the body and prepare it for funeral services, which will be held Monday at 2.30 p. m., at the Methodist church, followed by burial in Vernon Grove cemetery. Mrs. A. J. Cooke and Mrs. Gladys Hallwell will sing. Prayers will be conducted at the Taylor home at 2 o'clock. In addition to his wife and daughter, Leota, he leaves a mother, three brothers, Seymour and Wallace Taylor of Dundas Centre, Prince Edward Island, and Albert of this town, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Dingwell and Mrs. T. R. Riley of Prince Edward Island. (Patriot please copy)

AT ROTARY

At the luncheon of the Rotary Club held yesterday, a very interesting address in continuation of the Rural-Urban Committee's programme was given by Mr. Walter Shaw of the Department of Agriculture. His subject was "Boys and Girls Live Stock Clubs" and his speech is given in full elsewhere in this issue. Miss Margaret Rodd of Harrington, representing the Golden Guernsey Club, Miss Elsie MacKay of Argyle Shore, representing the Argyle Shorthorn Club, Lorne Thompson of Dunstaffnage and Unsworth Guernsey, representing Ayrshire Clubs were present as guests. Mr. Shaw at the close of his address gave a brief sketch of the work done by these boys and girls and later Miss Rodd and Miss MacKay also spoke. Other guests present were Rev. Russell Edwin Simpson of Green Bay, Michigan, his brother, Mr. Alfred Simpson of St. Eleanor, Benj. Conrad of Charlottetown, J. Walter Jones of Bunbury, Rotarian Russell Davidson of Truro and H. C. Brown of Charlottetown. The committee appointed to nominate officers in the next Rotary year reported in favor of the following: J. A. MacMillan, President; Harold L. Palmer, Vice President; Percy W. Turner, Secretary and the following three other directors: James J. Leightizer, B. Roy Holman, and James M. Murley. The musical programme included a solo by Mr. Walter Hyndman, who was encored.

PARIS, April 20.—Beauty surgeons

in France have been put on their guard by recent court decisions declaring that a surgeon has no right to perform an operation on healthy flesh, and that the surgeon's knife must only be used to save life. The action was one brought by a young woman who was enjoying perfect health but thought her ankles were too thick. She went to the surgeon to have them reduced to more fashionable proportions. He cut a longitudinal strip of flesh out of one leg and joined the two sides together. Gangrene set in, however, and in order to save the woman's life the leg had to be amputated. She sued for \$20,000 damages and was awarded \$8,000, a substantial sum for the French court to grant. The court made it clear the surgeon was not being penalized for not taking proper and necessary precautions or for performing the operation carelessly or unskillfully. The judgment is based on a moral principle that no surgeon may endanger human life by operating on a healthy limb. "Despite the doctor's honest conscience, his high professional standing and his disinterestedness," the decision says, "the fact of his having undertaken an operation involving grave risks on a healthy limb without there having been any therapeutic necessity for such an operation or even any usefulness whatever to health of the person operated upon constitutes a wrong on his part for which he must take legal responsibility."

St. George's Day

FOR ENGLISHMEN OVERSEAS. APRIL 23rd. Unite we to-day in a spirit fraternal in honour of England and England's Saint George: To honour the Spirit, The Spirit of England, Bred in Her sons in the land of their birth. With pride do we cherish our ancient Traditions— Justice and Freedom where'er The Flag flies! Greatly to do and dare all things for Duty: To honour our pledges whatever they cost. Traditions like these are The Soul of Old England, Born of great spirits who gave theirs to Her. Whenever we fall to be worthy our heritage, Her Soul is untarnished, the shame is our own. None cherish her more, than we who are afloat. What know they of Love, who have never had to part? The children of England, tho' ocean leagues sever, Cherish her dearly, deep, deep in their hearts. Hail them! Oh England! Great Mother of Empire! Hail to St. George! England's own Patron Saint! Here on this festival, in spirit fraternal, We greet thee.—St. George and Old England.—All Hail! —W. J. King, Montreal, P. Q.

THE MARKETS

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, April 22.—In line with the weak feeling prevailing in Winnipeg cash grain prices were lower today on the Montreal market. Wheat prices were reduced three cents per bushel and oats and barley two cents per bushel. American prices on corn did not follow the extreme break and prices were reduced only one cent per bushel on this commodity. Flour prices generally were down ten cents. The butter market today was also weaker, a decline of one cent per pound being announced. Prices to the retail trade were 48 cents for solid butter and 44 cents for prints. In the wholesale trade eastern townships number one pasteurized fresh made, dropped to 38 cents with the range up to 39 cents per pound. Small lots of western fresh made Number One pasteurized was sold as high as 40-1-2 cents per pound with the range for this grade extended as low as 38-1-2 cents. New Zealand finest was sold from 40 cents to 41 cents per pound. Total arrivals for the day were 2,668 cases of which 2,000 were from New Zealand. There were no changes in the cheese market. Receipts were fifty boxes. The egg market was steady with no changes in prices announced. Receipts were 2,919 boxes. The potato market showed no changes today.

OTTAWA, April 22.—There have been some minor price reductions in Manitoba and Saskatchewan but otherwise egg markets are holding quite steady with a firm undertone. TORONTO.—This market is steady and unchanged. Eggs are moving in to storage freely. Dealers are quoting country shippers for ungraded eggs, delivered, cases returned, extras 26-28; firsts 24-26; seconds 21-23. Prices to retailers are extras 32; firsts 30; seconds 27.

MONTREAL.—Quotations to country shippers here are unchanged at extras 28-30; firsts 26-28; seconds 23-25. The market continued firm but for present consumptive wants and for storage. Ontario graded eggs are selling on spot at extras 31; firsts 29; seconds 26. A car is offered from Prince Albert, Sask. at extras 28; firsts 26; seconds 23. Vancouver continues to ask extras 27; firsts 25.

WINNIPEG.—Egg production through Winnipeg and Saskatchewan is increasing and the volume of receipts is running ahead of last year. Dealers here are quoting country shippers extras 25-26; firsts 23-24; seconds 20.

VANCOUVER.—There is a continued free movement of eggs into storage here, both on local and outside accounts. Several cars for orders are on hand for shipment at once as ready at extras 27; firsts 25. Production continues heavy under ideal weather conditions.

ARMADALE.—The monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hugh MacPhee, with ten members and two visitors present. Resolutions were passed in favor of Sanatorium for P. E. I., and higher salaries for teachers. It was decided to hold a concert at Easter to raise Institute funds.

Little Girls of Upper Burma, India, are discarding cigarettes for pipes.