

FIVE SENTENCED IN SHEEP STEALING CASE

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Cross examined by R. B. Bell witness stated his age 38. His wife's name in March, 1922. Home is some six miles from home before her child was born. Never heard that she was hurt in a fall before the birth of the child. Was there when child was born. Dr. Brehaut was attending physician. When asked if he had any hand in the matter he said he had not. He never heard that the child was born prematurely. Saw child only once. Went back home after child was born. Child was about seven months after marriage. Never heard of children being born at six or seven months. Knew wife had been sick for a long time. She came out to see him. He never contributed to support of wife or child. Never went to see her, or to find out how she was getting along. He knew she worked in a lobster factory after he left her. Did not pay the doctor's bills. Have never seen the child since. Would not admit when he first knew of the "seven years absence period" when he could marry without committing bigamy. Found out that his wife had married again about three weeks after the ceremony. The witness admitted that he had plenty of money to support his wife and the child if he had wanted to. He denied that he had helped name the baby.

Afternoon Session

At the opening of the afternoon session, Mr. Bertram Tremblay, who was absent from the Grand Jury, appeared and explained the reason for his absence. He lives 12 miles from the station and the roads were nearly impassable. In view of the circumstances, Mr. Justice Arsenault excused him. The five young men, arraigned on a charge of cattle stealing, appeared for sentence. Their counsel, Mr. R. B. Bell, while pleading for clemency, admitted the charge to be a serious one, and one that has a severe penalty attached to it. It is an intolerant situation, if farmers are not able to let animals remain at large in the fields at night. The five young men, ranging in age from 18 to 25 years of age, these five men all come from respectable families and from a respectable part of the country. It is hard to explain, Mr. Bell said, why these boys should stoop to such a serious crime for the sake of a few dollars, when they could have money from other sources. This was their first appearance in court. Arthur and Ben reside with their dowered mother at Glasgow Road. They have another brother at home, who is a cripple. Melvin, an only son, is 18 years old. The other boys are also from a good family. They should not be sent to a reformatory in fact, he said, he would go far as to request that they be given suspended sentences.

If they had a suspended sentence hanging over them for 5 or 10 years, the odds of justice would be served much better than if they were sent to prison. He pointed out also that full compensation has been made to the parties injured.

Mr. Justice Arsenault, in addressing the prisoners, stated that it is very regrettable to see five young men appear in court on a charge of this kind. All interested in farming should be interested in the protection of live stock on the farm. Stealing of animals is serious enough, but the law regards the stealing of cattle much more serious. The sentence of 14 years can be imposed for this offence. Judge Arsenault went on to state that through their counsel he had asked for a suspended sentence that here he had no option. The offence is regarded by the law as so serious that any discretion in the matter is taken away. The offence committed once, but on three different occasions. This shows that it was done deliberately, not on the spur of a moment.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Arsenault stated that he gave consideration to three things. First, that the prisoners gave written confessions. Second, that they came before the Court and pleaded guilty. Third, that they made restitution to the parties from whom they stole.

Judge Arsenault emphasized that it must be understood that if leniency is given to this offence, it is because it is the first time this has been before the court. If other persons were to appear before the court in the future on a charge of stealing cattle, no consideration will be given. Harry Macdonald, Chester Ford, Melvin Ford and Ben Ford were each sentenced to twelve months in the Queen's County Jail. Judge Arsenault stated that in the case of Arthur Ford, he was sentenced to three years. First, he was out only once; second, he didn't profit from the theft; third, he was the only support of a widowed mother. With the consent of the Attorney-General, therefore, a twelve months suspended sentence was passed on Arthur Ford.

Bigamy Case Resumed

The next witness, Clarence Cuddy, on being sworn, testified to having been a witness to the marriage of Harry Nicolle and Annie Davey. Charlotte Nicolle also testified to having been a witness to the marriage. Frank Boothroy testified to having married Ephraim Cloy and Annie Louise Nicolle in September 1934. The bride gave him no understanding that she was a spinster. Cross examined by Mr. Bell, Mr. Boothroy admitted that he did not explain the identity of

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The establishment of First Aid posts on national highways was another subject which had been discussed. This project has been put into effect in Canada. The work has proved to be of great benefit and is growing in many parts of the world.

Other subjects discussed included medical facilities for air transport and for seamen while at sea; establishment of safety zones for non-combatants during war; and adoption internationally of a three days' leave period at Easter, which has been introduced successfully in Czechoslovakia, and which the delegates for that country believed could be extended universally. It was also shown that the technique of modern war has made it impossible for the Red Cross to function in the manner in which it was originally intended. Modern war involved indescribable horrors for all concerned, including the civilian population. The prevention of such horrors was an additional responsibility on the Red Cross and the speaker felt that all members of the Society should do everything in their power to uphold the cause of peace. It was the decision of the conference that the Red Cross Society without losing sight of its responsibilities both in war and peace, must exert every effort within its attributes to prevent war and amplify action in favor of better understanding between nations by every means.

A number of suggestions at the conference, including a visiting housekeeper service, were of Canadian origin. Among striking Red Cross activities was mentioned a rheumatism clinic in London, a Norway fishermen's hospital ship, anti-tubercular activities, hygiene education in India; anti-tuberculosis work in Mexico; life-saving education and airplane ambulances in Sweden.

Comments Local Efforts

The speaker said there are health needs in Canada still unfulfilled, and that every member of the Society should be a propagandist for the "Public Health Department." Home nursing, he suggested, might be further developed.

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I have for some time been looking into the operation of the larger Ports under Harbour Commissions, and am strongly advised by some officials who have had extensive experience in Port operation that Charlottetown should have the situation here thoroughly examined into by experts, with a view of making application to the Federal Government for the construction of modern terminal facilities, to be operated by a Harbour Board.

Sir Alexander Gibb, who was Chairman of a Commission appointed to examine into the report on the National Ports of Canada, is credited with the following statement: "The Port must be developed in advance of its immediate requirements; otherwise shipping will not be attracted and traffic will not be developed." Less than ten years ago, when Saint John and Halifax, as ocean terminals, were pretty dead, but what a change has taken place at these two Maritime Ports in recent years.

Activities Elsewhere

It has meant the spending of large sums of money that run into the millions, and careful study and capable management in competition with the great and modern equipped Ports of the United States. To achieve the success they are now enjoying, Halifax went after and were successful in having large cruisers from New York to Saint Lawrence Ports make Halifax a port.

Branch Activities

Sometimes we are inclined to judge the success of Junior Red Cross by the amount of money raised by the members for the treatment of physically handicapped children. But, although that is important, it is not the most important task of an organization which is endeavouring to implant sound health principles and practices and to promote good citizenship among the rank and file of our common children. It is our duty to furnish statistics on this phase of the work, we do believe that, in the majority of schools, there is a decided improvement in health practices and that our Juniors are doing much to better conditions in their own communities besides changing the health rules and keeping their schools clean, our Juniors have provided such equipment for the schools as first-aid kits, washing facilities and hot lunch supplies. They have assisted with the Senior Red Cross Campaign and some older Juniors have volunteered 280 hours of volunteer help in our office. With sewing done by Juniors, we have been able to supply 12 complete and 7 partial sets of baby clothes to needy families. A portfolio competition, in which prizes were won by Dover, Montserrat and Charlottetown, was conducted by the Red Cross. It is our duty to furnish statistics on this phase of the work, we do believe that, in the majority of schools, there is a decided improvement in health practices and that our Juniors are doing much to better conditions in their own communities besides changing the health rules and keeping their schools clean, our Juniors have provided such equipment for the schools as first-aid kits, washing facilities and hot lunch supplies. They have assisted with the Senior Red Cross Campaign and some older Juniors have volunteered 280 hours of volunteer help in our office. With sewing done by Juniors, we have been able to supply 12 complete and 7 partial sets of baby clothes to needy families. A portfolio competition, in which prizes were won by Dover, Montserrat and Charlottetown, was conducted by the Red Cross.

At the suggestion of the committee an effort is being made to improve the life of the school children. Group games and exercises are of great utility in physical culture, in promoting mental alertness and in training for cooperative activity. The Red Cross is greatly indebted to Sgt.-Major Triam for preparing directions for games and exercises which are sent out each month with the letter to Junior Red Cross branches. These have been well received and have proved decidedly helpful. The committee regrets that an early lost the services of a valuable member by the removal of Professor Tommy Shaw from our Province. Prof. Shaw's suggestions were constructive and practical and the committee desires to record its appreciation of the assistance he gave while he was with us.

The appointment of this committee was an innovation in the organization of the Red Cross, but we think it has in some measure justified its existence, and respectfully recommend that a committee with like objects be appointed for the ensuing year.

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report for the month of December 1934. Coun. Rattray, (Chairman of the Light Committee) made reference to Public Utilities Board and the lack of action on their part. He asked regarding the City light contract and was informed that it had expired last year. Coun. Holman also criticized lack of action by the Public Utility Board. The time has come, he claimed, when one must speak out on behalf of the citizens. Coun. Turner read newspaper cl