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THE LIBEL CASE.

The libel suit brought by Mr. J. C. Rodden last week against our neighbor, the Post, and in which it was awarded in \$500 damages and all costs, should be a warning to that journal in future that it is much cheaper as well as better to tell the truth. The Post, unfortunately for its own reputation, has never stood very high in this respect with the people of Victoria, and this recent decision will go a long way to confirm them in their opinions. The suit brought out also some interesting evidence as to how matters are worked behind the scenes in connection with the political management of that sheet, and how the "revising committee" weigh matters and prepare the bills for the editor to file, not only in political matters but also in the private and personal affairs of citizens. We must confess, however, that we sorely looked for the revelation of such tactics, any more than we believed that the editor of the Post would allow his narrow prejudices and personal dislikes to lead him to state what he knew to be untrue, merely for a little cheap gratification at the expense of a political opponent. Such a style of journalism is not creditable, nor is it expected from the press of Ontario, which, so far in its history, has been specially free from such motives either in its advocacy or censure.

It is further to be hoped the lesson received by the Post last week will be a warning to the editor in his future attempts at abusing private citizens. While it may be perfectly safe for him to stand up like the average small boy and call his names and anything else he can lay his tongue to, it is a most unwise proceeding to do so with others at \$500 a shout with the costs thrown in, especially when he has a man after him like Mr. J. C. Rodden. Nor if Mr. Rodden takes it into his head to have a suit with the gas company over a drain is it necessary for him also to "chip" in and say things about him the solicitor for the gas company never thought of. It is besides places him in very bad shape to charge other people with lying when he is the first to be fined on the same charge, and very heavily fined at that. Altogether this libel suit has proved to be a very bad business, and it is to be hoped for the credit of the profession the Post and the management thereof will never stoop to such tricks again, but will endeavor to be a little more truthful in future.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The West Victoria teachers' convention, held in Fenelon Falls last week, was if possible more interesting than any former one, even though the attendance was small. One of the chief topics discussed was as to the reading series to be adopted in West Victoria, in the decision of which here was great diversity of opinion, and which the rival agents present did much to spread. It appears, however, that both are to be used, Gage's 1st, 2nd and 3rd books and Campbell's 3rd, 4th and 5th. Of the two 3rd books Gage's is to be used as a junior and Campbell's as a senior. Other matters of special interest to the teaching profession were likewise discussed, among which was a paper read by Mr. W. G. Gage, M.A., on "The Bible in the Public Schools," and printed in another column. The next piece of meeting will be at Oakwood some time in February.

Decisions have yet to be given in a large number of provincial election trials. Muskoka's case is now in the Court of Appeal, as are also the West Simcoe, Prescott, South Victoria, East Northumberland, East York, West York and Lennox cases. The West Simcoe case has been argued, but the time for arguing the others has not as yet been fixed by the Court. Of the remaining jurisdictions, Welland and South Renfrew have been postponed—the former to the 26th December and the other to the 17th November. The East Huron, West Hastings, North Renfrew, North Ontario and North Victoria cases have been postponed indefinitely, and the East Simcoe, East Middlesex, Cardwell, West Middlesex and West Grey cases are to be tried this fall. All the cases tried are being appealed on both sides, and until the Court of Appeal renders its decision no writ for new elections can be issued.

The Robeson Independent is in trouble because Haliburton is not to become the county town, owing to the removal of Mr. S. S. Peck to Minden. It is very possible that Haliburton may not for some years at all event obtain this much coveted distinction; but that S. S. Peck's residence or non-residence can have the slightest effect upon its prospects is simply absurd. Indeed, far better is it for the good name of Haliburton that S. S. Peck is not coming there, and the village will gain infinitely more by his absence than it could possibly hope to do by the presence of so notorious a character. But if the Robesonian editor is so troubled at the loss of his bosom friend we do not think the Haliburton people will feel aggrieved at his moving there as well. The only difficulty would be whether the Minden citizens would permit the importation of two such bad men at one time and in such close proximity to the county treasury.

Owing to a petition sent from Haliburton to Mr. Mowat, a correspondent informs us that gentleman has requested Mr. Peck to clear up the charges against him, as though this were the first he has heard of them. This action on the part of Mr. Mowat may be very good in its way, but had he been more careful in his choice of a magistrate at the time of Mr. Peck's appointment, it would have been much more creditable to the Government and better for the County of Haliburton. To begin to make such enquiries now looks very much as if he were compelled to do so through public criticism, and that had pressure not been brought to bear he would not do so even now. But if Mr. Mowat has really become afraid of the future of his province and is desirous of making him do right, it is to be hoped he will compel him to first pay into the county treasury the amount of his defilement and interest thereon to date. Then the people of Haliburton will begin to have more faith in the integrity of Mr. Mowat and the honesty of Mr. Peck.

A convention of the license inspectors of Ontario was held last week at Ottawa. It was called at the suggestion of the Ontario Government and was attended by the "auditors" as well as by the gentlemen holding the position first mentioned. The circular which called the convention together, and which was marked private, contained instructions to the effect that all discussions should be private. The subject to be taken up was, so far as could be gleaned from the circular, what means could be taken to better enforce the present law; but from statements made conversationally by members present it would appear that the subject under discussion was not the better carrying out of the law as it now exists, but a reformation in the way of keeping certain books. The meeting is only one of a series which are to be held in various sections of the province, and the convention held at Ottawa only includes the districts east of Kingston. Other meetings will be held at western points, the next one probably at Peterboro', which will take in the inspectors of the midland counties, another at Toronto and another at London.

Mr. G. A. Cox retires from the presidency of the Midland railway at the end of the present month and will in all probability be the last on the list of Midland railway presidents. It is said the whole line will then be placed absolutely under Grand Trunk control and will be operated from Toronto as any other branch centering in that city. This will make little difference to the people living along the route so far as local interests are concerned, for it has been an open secret for months that the Trunk was really the owners, and no special rates could be given even by Midland officials without applying first to the head office in Montreal. The change it is hoped will be rather a benefit to Lindsay, inasmuch as then there will be no local interests to argue at the expense of the general good, and train arrangements are likely to be more satisfactory. A new time-table is to be inaugurated as soon as the missing link is completed, which will be by the end of the present month, and then express trains will run almost direct from Lindsay to Peterboro', thence to Belleville. The morning train between Lindsay and Port Hope was informed is also to be put on at the same time, and there will be two through trains between Port Hope and Midland. All of which Lindsay will be very thankful for, as well as every resident between here and Lorneville junction. There are further rumors respecting proposed changes in officials, but nothing definite has so far been arrived at.

FALL ASSIZES.

The fall assizes were held here last week. The number of cases was not large, there being only two criminal cases. Following is the list, both criminal and civil.

The grand jury was composed as follows: Messrs. McLennan, Christopher, Brown, Broad, Currie, Bailey, Campbell, Conolly, Cruick, Scully, Dundas, Dwyer, Evans, Fee, Flemming, Grant, Gilchrist, Holland, Hewson, Hall, Jordan, McNeill, Thorncliffe and Yeates.

SMITH VS. CAMPBELL.—An action for seduction. Settled between parties. Martin & Hopkins for plaintiff, F. D. Moore for defendant.

JONESTON VS. MILLA.—An action for trespass upon a strip of ground which the plaintiff claimed to be his property and which the defendant alleged was a public road or highway. The evidence as to the use of the disputed land as a public road was very conflicting. Judgment reserved.

KIMBEL VS. KALSO.—This was an action brought by John Kimbel for the seduction of his daughter Ruth, by the defendant, Joseph Kalso, in November, 1882. The parties at that time all lived in Verulam, where the plaintiff rents a farm from one of the Kalsoes. The defendant has since left the country to avoid exposure. Verdict for plaintiff, with \$200 damages. Certificate for full costs granted. H. Deen for the plaintiff.

RODDEN VS. BARR.—This was an action for libel brought by Mr. John C. Rodden, of this town, against the editor of the "Canadian Post." The case was contained in a report of that paper of a suit brought by Mr. Rodden against the Lindsay Gas Company, and tried at the Chancery Sittings held here last spring. After the action of libel was commenced, Mr. Barr published an explanation of his report by way of an apology to Mr. Rodden, and pleaded this, together with \$5 paid into court as a defence to the libel.

HALIBURTON FALL SHOW. The Haliburton exhibition took place Wednesday week and was rather depressing circumstances. The weather was cold and wet and the roads muddy, preventing many from a distance either attending or sending in exhibits. Stock, roots and vegetables were fully up to the average, but in domestic manufactures and ladies' work it was very much below. How to account for this the secretary does not know, but judging by the number of "dudes" that have arrived within the last twelve months, it may have had something to do with it. He hopes the ladies will try and assist them better next year. Following is the list.

PRIZE LIST. HORSES.—Farm horses, A Wigmore; span carriage horses, D Kellett, T Gould; single horse in buggy, R McKelvey, P Conway, H Sluman; saddle horse, W Nichol, J F Young; stallion over 3 years old, W Nichol; foal, D Shaw, h Quarry; colt 1 year old, J Lane; do 2 years old, W Dugan, do, E Elstone; colt 3 years old, E Pockets, T Gould.

CATTLE.—Aged bull, E Walling, T Gould, T Dart; 1 year old bull, J Dummitt; bull calf, A Fowles, T Gould, R Walling; working oxen, J Dutton, R Walling, T Palmer; 1 year old steer, R Overton, T Gould, W Dugan; 2 do, W Hurd, J Dummitt, W Clinkscale; fat beast for beef, W Dugan, J Paul, W Stothart; milch cow, A Fowles, J Stothart, W Nichol; 2 year old heifer, J Erasmus, R Walling, R McKelvey; 1 do, R Walling, R Groom, T Gould; heifer calf, R Groom, R Walling.

SHEEP.—Aged ram, W Dugan, A Burke; yearling ram, W Dugan, T Gould; ram lambs, T Gould, R Walling, J Stothart; 2 ewes, over 2 years, W Dugan, J Stothart, W Stothart; shearing ewes, W Stothart, F Palmer, W Dugan; 2 ewe lambs, F Palmer, J Stothart, W Dugan; 2 fat sheep, W Stothart, F Palmer, A Quarry.

POULTRY.—Cook and hen, T Killpatrick, do, R McKelvey; geese, A Dover, H Sluman, E Pockets; ducks, A Quarry, W Dugan; ducks, R McKelvey, A Quarry, E Pockets. GRAIN AND SEEDS.—Fall wheat, white, W Dugan, A Burke; fall wheat, red, R Walling, R Groom; spring wheat, white, Rindan, A Burke, W Dugan; spring wheat, variety, P Conway, T Gould, R Walling; peas, W Dutton, W Stothart, J Dutton; white peas, W Walling, J Dutton, W Stothart; black peas, F Palmer, A Burke, J Dutton; barley, W Dutton, T Dart, J Dutton; timothy seed, W Dutton, J Dutton, Walling; white beans, F Conway, F Borden, A Burke; beans, variety, F Borden, do, fax seed, J Dutton, W Dugan.

OMENEE.

FINGERS BURNED.—On Friday, a young man named Wm. McMahon, while coupling cars at the station in this village, had three of the fingers on his left hand badly scalded. After Dr. Norris had dressed the injuries and made things as comfortable as possible, the sufferer was taken to his home in Millbrook, where he will be laid up for some time.

RESIGNATION.—At a meeting of the choir held in the Methodist church recently, it was moved by Miss Balfour, seconded by Miss McCrea, that the resignation of Miss Millie English, organist, be accepted, and that the choir untiled except her so efficiently discharged her duties for a number of years.—Carried. Moved by Dr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that Miss Amy McCrea be appointed organist to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss English.—Carried.

THE BRIDGE.—On Monday the first train of cars was successfully taken over the big bridge, across Buttermilk Valley, on the Midland Link, engineer W. Pilling; conductor Ed. Fym and fireman, J. D. Thomson. The bridge, the longest made when crossing was at the rate of about four miles an hour. The bridge is perfectly safe, as it stood the great strain without a quiver. On Thursday afternoon Dr. Higginbotham, Mr. J. D. Thomson and the editor of the Herald, had the pleasure of a trip over this immense structure. The line will be complete in a few weeks, when regular trains will be put on.

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