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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1914.

State Defender for Prisoners.

From Church Life.

The State of California is making provision for the creation of the office of "State defender" in criminal trials. The "State defender" will, at the expense of the State, do for the prisoner what the public prosecutor does for the State. Theoretically in Canada, as in other parts of the Empire, the Crown provides counsel for a prisoner charged with a serious offence if he be unable to afford to do so himself. In practice this merely means that if a judge, when a case is called, finds that the prisoner is without counsel, he will ask some member of the bar present in court to undertake the case for the prisoner. Sometimes a judge will considerately postpone the case for an hour or a day, so that the barrister who thus undertakes the case gratuitously may have some opportunity to confer with his client. How uneven, then, are the chances for the prisoner when during the period, running sometimes into months, that he has been in gaol awaiting his trial and denied the privilege (surely the right) of preparing for his trial, all the forces of the Crown have been at work gathering evidence for the Crown against the prisoner. While theoretically a man is innocent until he is proved guilty and the object of the Crown is to see the law administered, this is little more than a farce when a man is compelled to spend perhaps six or seven weeks in gaol before he is tried for the offence and his liberty and his income are taken from him. A "Crown defender" whose duty it would be to ensure a thorough legal defence for every prisoner, especially for those who are charged with more serious offences, would remove one of the incongruities from British jurisprudence, and would give more force to the saying that British justice is alike for rich and poor. It is now sometimes. It should be always.

Trent Valley Canal Grant.

Ottawa despatches say that the report of Mr. G. Howard Ferguson, M. P. for Grenville, who was engaged by the Government as a Royal Commissioner to investigate allegations against certain officials in connection with the expenditure of public moneys on the Trent Valley Canal, was tabled in the Commons on Monday by the Acting Minister of Railways, Hon. Dr. Reid. On Mr. Ferguson's report, as previously stated, some eight or nine officials employed on the canal have been suspended.

Mr. Ferguson charges many reprehensible practices for which the Superintendent of the canal, Mr. J. H. McClellan, is held mainly responsible, although the Superintending Engineer, Alex. Grant, and the Government auditors and other officials, are also implicated. The practices complained of include the padding of the pay lists, extravagance, the expenditure of money for private pleasure and junketing, rake-offs in connection with the purchase of supplies, gross negligence in regard to the way in which the accounts are kept, lack of efficient supervision and administration, and, finally, there is a somewhat vaguely substantiated charge that \$2,000 of funds which should have gone to the Government were diverted to the Liberal election funds during the nine years of Mr. McClellan's Superintendency.

The despatches give a long list of names, including merchants, hotel-keepers and bankers, among them three or four residents of Fenelon Falls, who had their accounts paid by being put on the pay roll as laborers. Mr. F. Sandy, the G. T. R. station agent at Peterborough, is down for \$28 as a laborer, the pay for his services being said to be for a special train to Fenelon Falls to a meeting held in August 1908, by Hon. Geo. P. Graham.

Fenelon Falls Council.

Fenelon Falls, March 9th, 1914. Regular meeting; present, the reeve and councillors Johnston, Thompson and Poulson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Thompson: That the auditors' report be received and adopted, and that the clerk have the necessary number of copies printed.

Thompson—Poulson.—That the following accounts be paid, and the reeve sign orders for the same: The Cranston Novelty Co., for handcuffs, \$6; Auditors, \$60; The Municipal World, \$3.55; W. L. Robson, acc't, \$3.05; Burgoyne and Son, acc't, \$2.25; E. Mark, Div. Court fees by statute, \$8; John Jones, salary, \$36; E. Fitzgerald, \$9; George Juckett, on stone contract, \$65; Thos. Scott, snow plowing, \$5.95.

Thompson—Johnston.—That By-law No.—, entitled "A By-law to amend By-law No. 194," (the dog by-law), be now introduced and read a first time.

The by-law was then introduced, and, having been read three times and passed, was signed and sealed.

Johnston—Thompson.—That a By-law entitled "A by-law to repeal all by-laws and portions of by-laws of the village of Fenelon Falls regulating the sale of fresh meats" be now introduced and read a first time.

The by-law was then introduced, read three times and passed.

Letters were read from the Canada Cement Co. and S. Smith, Esq., of Port Hope.

Council then adjourned.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Staples.

Mrs. Margaret Staples, widow of Mr. Thos. Staples, of Verulam, passed peacefully away in her sleep on Wednesday morning on the old homestead, the residence of her son John. The old lady was 97 years, 7 months and 19 days old. She was born in Ireland, a land where many a grand constitution has been founded. Mrs. Staples' maiden name was Sutton, and she came to Canada when a child of about three, her parents settling in Cavan. When she married Thos. Staples the couple moved into Manvers and accumulated considerable property. A period of depression following the Russian war, caused Mr. Staples to move to Verulam, and on his 50th birthday, he and his wife being born in the same year, he commenced chopping on his new location and building his shanty. It was rather late to commence a new life, but they had before them a long period of happiness together, Mr. Staples being 68 when he died, a sturdy man of resolution and sound principles, together with a share of Irish good humor and kindly nature. Mrs. Staples remained bright and active till a few weeks ago, when she steadily failed in strength. She was a good singer and had an excellent memory, and enjoyed the old hymns and songs, and her jollity and good nature remained with her to the last. For some years she had been of the opinion that the March winds would finally carry her aloft, and such proved to be the case, the gales on Sunday and Monday being among the worst on record. She was a staunch Methodist and a kind neighbor, ever ready with a helping hand and a word of sympathy. She had a family of six daughters and two sons, and one son and three daughters are still living, Mrs. Hawkins, of Canton, Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Thos. Nichols, of Vancouver. The funeral on Thursday was attended by the whole settlement.—Independent.

Nevison—Hayward.

A very pretty and quiet wedding took place on Wednesday, February 25th, at Innisfail, when the Rev. J. S. Short united in marriage Miss Olive Hayward, of Innisfail, and E. C. Nevison, of Red Deer, at the home of the bride's father. The bride has lived at Innisfail for the past five years, coming there from Woodstock, Ont., and has made many friends in Innisfail and district. Mr. Nevison came to Red Deer from Vancouver last December and bought out the old established business of D. S. Long, and has already made a large number of friends. The bride was given away by her father, and after the ceremony the party sat down to a splendid wedding dinner. The presents were many and of a suitable and appropriate character. The happy couple left the same evening for their new home in Red Deer.—Red Deer News.

St. James' Church Lenten Sermons.

During the Lenten season the Rector of St. James' Church will deliver sermons on the following topics:

Sunday, March 15, Matins, "The Third Temptation of Christ"; Evensong, "Hell."

Sunday, March 22, Matins, "Agencies of Evil"; Evensong, "Repentance."

Sunday, March 29, Matins, "Cities of Refuge"; Evensong, "Life in a Look."

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday, Matins, "Jerusalem"; Evensong, "The Ending of the Journey."

Good Friday, 10.30 a. m., "The Title on the Cross."

Easter Day, April 12th, Matins, "The Resurrection"; Evensong, "Answers to Objections."

Sunday, April 19th, Matins, "The Continuity of Christ's Life"; Evensong "Lights from the Resurrection."

March 27, Date of Socialist Addresses.

Friday evening, March 27th, has been fixed as the date of the addresses on Socialism by Mayor Beal and Mr. E. J. Johnson of Lindsay. The meeting will be held in Dickson's hall at 7.30 sharp. The subjects of the addresses are "The Aims of Socialism" and "Socialism From an Economic Standpoint." Questions will be answered. Admission free and no collection.

Personal.

Dr. Gould spent a few days this week in Hamilton on business connected with the Supreme Circle.

Mrs. R. N. Mitchell visited Toronto friends this week.

Mr. Chas. Heard of Hamilton spent Wednesday at the Falls.

Mrs. W. J. McKendry of Lindsay visited relatives at the Falls this week.

Auction Sales

Wednesday, March 18, Mr. Thos. J. J. Kin, Lot 18 Con. 2, Verulam, farm stock and implements. Twelve months credit. No reserve. Sale at one o'clock. See bills. T. Cashore, auctioneer.

Wednesday, March 25th, Mrs. T. H. Rutherford, lot 14, con. 10, Fenelon, farm stock, implements and farm 12 months credit. See bills for full list. The farm is 54 acres, with good buildings, two good wells, and is finely situated on the shore of Sturgeon Lake. It will be offered subject to a reserve bid. T. Cashore, auctioneer.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Rutherford on Friday afternoon, March 20th. The subject will be "Success from Different Standpoints."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

On the 17th, St. Patrick's Day, all patriotic Irishmen and their friends and the public generally will meet under the auspices of the A. B. C., in St. Andrew's Church, and will enjoy themselves in a way befitting the occasion. Doors open 7.30.—Admission 10c. Good programme.

DIED

BRANDON.—In the township of Fenelon, on Thursday, March 5th, 1914, John Brandon, aged 76 years.

MENZIES.—At Fenelon Falls, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914, Robert Menzies, aged 45 years and 12 days.

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