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MINDEN. Minden, April 13.—Miss Annie Patton, of Cambridge, arrived this week to take charge of school No. 7, Lutterworth.
Mrs. Arthur Stevens, of Cobocook, was a visitor in town this week.
Mrs. (Dr.) Pogue left this week to visit her parents in Toronto.
Miss E. R. Mackey, of Harburn, was in town this week on her way back to school.
Mrs. Wm. Sawyer, of Donald, accompanied by her granddaughter Hazel Loucks, is visiting friends here.
Mr. John Palmer, of town, spent a day in Lindsay this week.
Mr. John Newell and his sister Mrs. Armstrong, both of Peterboro, arrived last night to visit their sister Mrs. Sam. Gouldie, who is very seriously ill.
Mr. Grover Harrison and Mr. Lou Pritchard left for the west last week.
Born—in Lutterworth township, on April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sawyer, a son.
In Minden township, to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rodgers, a daughter.

A very pleasant event took place recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gillis on Louis-st., Fenelon Falls, when their golden wedding anniversary was fittingly celebrated, and they received many hearty congratulations on the happy event, besides being the recipients of numerous beautiful presents, testifying to the high esteem in which the worthy couple are held. Among the gifts might be mentioned a handsome gold-headed ebony cane presented to Mr. Gillis and a fine gold chain to Mrs. Gillis by their children, and one hundred dollars in gold sent by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibson, of Victoria, B.C.; also a gold brooch set with diamonds, a gift from Miss M. A. Gillis, of St. Louis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gillis, Fenelon Falls. The rooms were tastefully decorated with jonquils and white carnations.
The coat, vest and shirt worn by Mr. Gillis on his wedding day fifty years ago were also donated for the anniversary, and looked almost as good as ever.
The daughters who attended were Mrs. Wm. Welsh (with Mr. Welsh), Mrs. Randolph McFarland (and Mr. McFarland), Mrs. M. Barkley and Miss Ada Gillis. There were also eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gibson of Vancouver, Miss Annie Gillis of St. Louis, Mrs. John Rutherford and Mr. Wm. Gillis of Verulam were unable to attend, the two latter on account of the impassable state of the roads. Mr. Gillis, an only brother, and Mrs. Gillis, of Lindsay, were present at the gathering.
Mr. Andrew Gillis and Miss Ann Jane Ellis, daughter of the late John Ellis, of Verulam, were married at Lindsay on April 7th, 1862, by the Methodist minister, Rev. W. Phillips, and have lived on their farm in Verulam since then until about four years ago, when they moved to Fenelon Falls. During their long residence

John James Peel Quite Capable of Managing His Own Affairs and Himself, Says Justice Boyd-Onus of Costs of Case Unsettled

The case of Charles Alfred Peel vs. John James Peel, which has occupied the attention of Justice Boyd at the spring assizes for two days past, concluded Thursday afternoon, a massive pile of evidence having been submitted. The action was one in which the plaintiff endeavored to have his brother declared of unsound mind and incapable of managing his own affairs, and to have a committee appointed over him to control his affairs. Several witnesses appeared on both sides, the evidence to a large extent being contradictory as to the defendant's mental capacity. F. D. Moore, K.C., of Moore & Jackson, Lindsay, and W. B. Watson, K.C., of the defendant; I. E. Weldon for the plaintiff; Thos. Stewart for the official guardian.

As stated in a previous issue the action has been more or less in the courts for years past, but ever since the death of the mother of the two men. The defendant owns a farm valued at \$2,000, has some \$200 in the bank, while recently he was left over \$1,000 by his uncle, now deceased, which sum he understood has not been given to him yet. The defendant is 51 years of age. After hearing the evidence and also Barrister Weldon's arguments on the case, Justice Boyd decided that it was his duty to appoint a committee for the defence, as he would not give a final answer until he perused carefully the evidence of the examinations held previously, when the late Judge Dean pronounced the defendant to be of unsound mind. However, Justice Boyd stated that he could not find from the evidence submitted before him that he was of unsound mind, but came to the conclusion that he was quite capable of managing his own affairs and also himself. As to costs, he would not decide.

MRS. MIDDLETON. Mrs. Thos. Middleton on taking the stand in part stated to Mr. Watson: "My mother was in debt more or less. I got my share of my father's estate, as did also my sister. I knew that my grandfather deeded the farm to John. Charles did not know of this for some time after, and when he found out he was not very well pleased. Charles would have wanted under the will, but it was decided to John by the grandfather. John thought his mother quite capable of handling business matters. John and Alfred got along alright, but when John did anything wrong, Charles would get a calling card from Alfred. I heard that Charles Alfred threatened to break the deed, but took no proceedings. I married Mr. Middleton about 23 years ago, and before that time I lived with my mother, brother and sister at the highest respect places. Mother always looked after the business matters for John and they consulted together in such matters. After her death John lived with Charles for a year and a half, after which he left because he was being abused by Charles's tongue. I know of no physical abuse; they have not lived together ever since. They are not very friendly, nor am I or my husband with Charles Alfred, because when he abused my brother John I could not be friendly with him. I think it is quite capable of looking after his property. He needs advice and always looks for it, but he would not make any foolish bargains. Having no education he is not very bright, but is not silly, and he has lots to say. He looks after the chores and he has driven the team on the plow on our farm. There is no danger of him giving money away or being imposed upon. He always goes to some person with more education than he has to get advice.
To Mr. Weldon Mrs. Middleton said that her husband worked two years as a hired man and after that lived on the farm until the property was divided.
Mr. Weldon—"What wages was he paid and given?" A—"I couldn't say. When Middleton moved away he took some cows, a horse, some sheep, a wagon and sixty cords of wood, all his wife's stuff. Mother owed Middleton wages."
Witness continuing said—"I got 50 acres and Mrs. Middleton (my sister) also got 50 acres, Charles Alfred got his share, and Middleton bought the property.
Mr. Weldon—"You know Mrs. Parker?" A—"Yes, she is and I don't show me a very friendly countenance. I went to school with Mr. Kennedy and I think he is greatly mistaken when he says he went to school with Johnny. He never did, he couldn't see well. Johnny was in the school three or four days and got no education. He did not want to, but his eyes are better now than they were then."
Mr. Weldon—"You have glasses now and can you see ten miles?" A—"Yes, Johnny would trust any person who he trusts, and he always went to some person for advice."
THOS. MIDDLETON. Mr. Thos. Middleton, husband of the former witness, was next questioned by Mr. Watson, and in part said that he was a brother-in-law of the plaintiff and defendant. I worked four summers for the family and Mrs. Peel was the business head of the family. In 1884 there was a division in the family, the farm being valued at \$2,800. I at the time was married to one of the daughters. The two sisters got 50 acres each for their \$700 share, I bought the farm and paid Alfred \$700; John was paid \$200 on the mortgage, but that and also \$100 in bills I since paid him the balance. The arrangement was discussed by the whole family and carried out. After that Alfred and his mother did not get along well together, and she apparently could not trust him. Alfred and I are not good friends. At the time of the \$400 mortgage Johnny owed me for four summer's work. I also met a \$200 note of the mother's and the mortgage was discharged to me as a result. Owing to the threats made by Alfred to break the deed as they mortgaged the farm in order as they thought to get the money, John is growing

brighter in regard to his business and is quite capable of doing business now and if he had of been cultivated while he was young he would have been a much better business man than the man who is after him. Just as I never knew him to lose any money except through his brother.
To Mr. Weldon Mr. Middleton said that he worked two years for Mr. Peel for \$14.50 a month and two years worked the farm expecting to be paid, but it was turned out. Justice Boyd—"Has John judgment enough to vote where there are two or three candidates?" A—"Yes sir."
Justice Boyd—"If John was to get a sum of money of \$1,000 or more what interest would he ask?" A—"He would get some one to advise him."
Mr. Weldon—"You say he has no education? It is because he has no education?" A—"I don't know John whenever he came to me."
Mr. Weldon—"How is it John does not work his farm with you?" A—"I think he is making more money than I am. He has no horses and nothing to pay out."
Mr. John H. Peel, a cousin of the plaintiff and defendant, when sworn said to Mr. Watson, John's eyesight was bad but for that is able to care for his property and himself. Alfred asked me to buy the property from John. However, John would not sell. Then Alfred said, 'I don't care if I only could get that property so that Thos. Middleton and his wife couldn't get that property.'
To Mr. Weldon Mr. Peel said John was innocent, straightforward and does not think any person would tell him a lie. "He seemed like a child until he was 39 years of age."
MRS. ELIZABETH GRAHAM. On being sworn the above lady stated that she knew John James Peel for 21 years and he is quite able to take care of his property.
HUGH PATTEN. To Mr. Watson Mr. Patten said John James was capable of looking after his property. In fact "I think he is better than Alfred."
To Mr. Weldon witness said that John worked for him spreading manure, but he did not drive him to town in payment.
Barrister Watson stating that John James Peel having already been examined on previous occasions, and also by Justice Boyd, he did not think it necessary to put the defendant in the box.
BARRISTER WELDON. Mr. Weldon in addressing Justice Boyd stated in part that John in his business affairs had bungled matters. "The defendant also made a very unfortunate marriage in 1894, and he was undoubtedly the victim of imposition." It was the act of a man of weak mind, and in the ordinary course of events he is tied up, and has been for eighteen years. As long as his mother lived he was never allowed to do any business as a man of good character, and in a sufficient intelligent state of mind, and no better evidence could possibly be obtained that he was of weak mind and that he could not look after his own affairs. He eventually went to live with his uncle John Peel, who took good care of him. Had he lived this application would never have taken place. Some person always had to look after him. In his evidence Dr. McAlpine stated clearly that John James Peel was of weak mind. "I think John is a person whom John placed confidence in, could quite easily impose upon him. Mrs. Parker, the housekeeper, was quite intimate with the defendant, and she stated John was never like to do anything for himself. She goes on to say that John said he had never received anything from Middleton as his share of the property, except an old grey horse. I submit on the evidence that he is very susceptible to be taken advantage of."
Continuing Mr. Weldon stated that according to the evidence, men who knew the defendant well never did business with him, believing him to be of weak mind. Once an imbecile always an imbecile, stated the Barrister. One witness in the case said that he had never heard the defendant called a sensible man until the case came up in court.
Barrister Weldon laid stress on the fact that His Honor, the late Judge Dean in court stated that a committee should be appointed to look after the affairs of the defendant. Barrister Weldon claimed that when the defendant did not know who the Warden of the county was or the reeve of the township, he must be very weak; also when he said Bob Hughes was the biggest man in Canada, and King Edward, Premier of Canada. In such instances the defendant showed that he was not very intelligent, and not capable of conducting his own affairs. Dr. Wood gave testimony on this case the same as Dr. Clarke's evidence in the Michael Fraser case, when he said that he was quite capable of directing his affairs when under proper examination. The modern tendency is to disregard the evidence given by the medical profession as shown in the Michael Fraser case and other cases.
"I claim that some person should be appointed to look after his estate and his affairs. If you, your lordship should decide that no committee should be appointed to control his affairs, then I submit as suggested by yourself, that Middleton and the sons shall not have anything to do with his estate."
At this juncture Justice Boyd remarked that he would not hear Barrister Watson's address, as he would have to delve through the evidence before giving a final decision, on the case, especially the evidence in regard to the examination of the defendant, John James Peel, in the late Judge Dean's time, and again last year.
His Lordship complimented Barrister Weldon on the able manner in which he had represented the plaintiff and presented the case to the

PEEL vs PEEL. Continued from page 5. take me. My brother was anxious that John should get married, and the marriage was under her approval, I don't know why they separated." Mr. Watson—"You did not pay the rent on the farm and was sued for it and also a coil, and you said your brother owed you and also for the support of your mother." A—"Yes."
"Did you threaten your mother to get aside the deed?" A—"No, but I wish I had."
"You were afraid that John would give the property to Middleton or your sister?"
"No. They coaxed him away from me. He lived two years with me after my mother's death. I did not try to get John to sell me the farm or to make a will, or mortgage the farm. I suppose if a committee was would get some of my brother's property but I am not looking for it. My brother, I heard he got \$300 cash and \$400 mortgage. I want John to have the money when he is an old man."
To Mr. McLaughlin—"The \$700 I got was my share but nothing was paid for my mother's keep."
HAD RECTENTIVE MIND. F. D. Moore, K.C., was the first witness called by the defence and stated that he knew the defendant, John James for years and always thought him capable to transact business, having a very retentive memory. "I never saw any evidence of unsound mind. The total value of John's estate is placed at \$2,000 of the Verulam and \$1050 from the uncle's estate, besides some money in the bank. I do not think he is in danger of being imposed on, because he enquires about money matters. In fact he is inclined to be miserly."
1400 QUESTIONS. To Mr. Weldon Mr. Moore stated that he thought that the audience given before His Honor, the late Judge Dean by John James Peel was quite sensible, and also last summer at the latter examination over 1400 questions being asked over John James Peel. "I am aware he had an idiotic brother."
Mr. Weldon—"And did not Mr. Middleton come to see you more frequently than John James Peel?" A—"No, he did not."
DR. McCULLOUGH. Dr. John McCullough on being sworn stated: "I met John James Peel on May 22, 1911, when I examined him at my office. I found him perfectly healthy except for his eyes. The heart and blood vessels were in good condition, with no disease of the brain. The questions I asked Peel were all answered promptly. He could tell me at sight as quickly as I could show it to him, and he counted the bills without hesitation. He said his farm was worth \$2,500. I concluded that while not of a high type of manhood, he had good capacity to take care of himself, and properly."
Dr. McAlpine says he is an imbecile. What do you say? A—"I don't think so. An imbecile is some one weak, feeble in mind and body. He could tell the time by the watch. There was no evidence of weakness of mind."
To Mr. Weldon Dr. McCullough said Mr. Middleton brought Peel to the office the first time, and also Mr. Moore. I have seen idiocy run in families. He should know the name of the county in which he lived and also the Province, could he not? Mr. Weldon—"Well, he didn't know when examined last May. What do you think of a man who did not know the name of the county he lived in?" A—"It would be rather strange."
SOME QUESTIONS. Mr. Weldon—"This record did not know how many days he did not work in the year, or when Christmas came; he said the King was premier. Now what do you think of that?" A—"Well, his information was not very good."
Mr. Weldon—"What would you say to a man who would give up a \$400 mortgage for practically nothing?" A—"He would be decidedly slack."
Mr. Weldon—"What do you think of a man when I asked him how much is 9 and 7 and he said 12; how much are 4 and 3 and the answer was 23?" A—"Well, he had no education."
Mr. Weldon—"Now, he said that the only public holidays were on the 24th of May and the 12th of July. What do you think of that?" A—"Well he must have been an Orangeman."
DR. J. W. WOOD. Dr. J. W. Wood was also called and in part stated that he met John James Peel two or three years ago, examined him and found out he was suffering from indigestion. I examined him again later on for insanity and have come to the conclusion that there is no sign of insanity, but the eyesight was defective, he was ignorant to a certain extent but has sufficient comprehension to know how much property he possesses. His nervous condition is alright and by having more responsibility placed upon him between the first and second examinations he showed a marked improvement. I think he has sufficient ability to secure good advice in regard to any property or money matters."
DR. J. A. WHITE. Dr. J. A. White, when questioned by Mr. Watson said in part that he had examined John James Peel 4 or 5 years ago, when he found him suffering from stomach trouble. He had also examined him as to his sanity and found his mental capacity not very high but still there was no unsoundness of mind and was quite capable of managing his own affairs."
To Mr. Weldon Dr. White said he thought the defendant quite as capable of looking after his property as the plaintiff.
DR. SIMPSON. Dr. Simpson also had examined John James Peel. For several years he was engaged in medical work in the London and Kingston asylums. He found Peel to be sound of mind, having questioned him particularly as to farm work and found him intelligent. In fact he was quite capable of managing his own affairs. He certainly is not an imbecile."
Case adjourned till Thursday morning.

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