

Administration Of an Oath

How Are the Forms Recognized in the Canadian Courts

There are nearly as many forms of administration of the oath in the various parts of the world as there are religions. An interesting contribution is the annual report of the inspector of legal offices, Osgoode Hall. The common law requires the administration of that particular form of oath which the person himself declares to be binding on his conscience, while in the civil law it is always allowed to adopt the form of his own religion. It is, however, according to some authorities, a religious ceremony or other.

A Christian is sworn on the gospels or the whole of the New Testament. A Jew is sworn upon the Pentateuch, with the head covered, though some testify with the head uncovered. The form of oath is the same as to the Christian, except that the conclusion is "So help you, Jehovah."

There is much ceremony when a Mohammedan is sworn. The witness places his right hand flat upon the Koran, puts his left hand on his forehead, then brings the top of his forehead down to the book, touching it with his head. He then looks for some time steadfastly upon the book. Mohammedans object to taking an oath. In India, they are, with some exceptions, permitted to affirm. English authorities suggest the proper way to take their affirmations.

To the occidental people the form of oath of the Chinese, when about to give evidence, presents interesting features. A Chinaman should first be asked if he is a follower of Confucius, or of Buddha. If a former, then the oath is: On entering the box, he immediately kneels down, and a white saucer having been placed on the head, he breaks it into fragments. The officer then says: "You shall tell the truth, the whole truth (the saucer is cracked,) and if you do not tell the truth your soul will be cracked like the saucer."

If he is a follower of Buddha the ceremony is: "I declare in the presence of Buddha, that I am unprejudiced, and if what I speak shall speak the truth or if by coloring truth others may be led astray, then may the Holy Existences, Buddha, Dharma, and Pro Saugha, in whose light I now stand, together with the deities of the twenty-two firmaments punish me, and also my migrating soul."

After passing upon being handed a copy of the Zendavesta places his hand on it and repeats the oath "I swear that the evidence I shall give shall be the truth, by God, God Omnipotent, God Omnipotent, God Almighty. A copy of the Zendavesta may not be procurable, he may be sworn by any other form of oath that he declares is binding on his conscience. Then there is a special form of oath where the crown or attorney-general are concerned as parties in legal matters. It follows: "The evidence you shall give to the court (jury) between our Sovereign and King or between His Majesty's Attorney-General and (A. B.) shall be true."

There is the interpreter's oath: "You shall well and truly interpret my explanation made to the court (jury) and the witness of all legal matters and things as shall be required of you to the best of your skill and undertaking—so help me God."

In many of the better class of witnesses to kiss the court bible, for hygienic reasons, and that courts are favoring the adoption of the Scotch form of oath, is of interest. The method is far more solemn and impressive than the ordinary form of oath. The witness with his hand repeats after the judge: "I swear by the Almighty God, as I shall answer to God at the great day of judgment, that I shall tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Poultry House Moved

The agricultural park is assuming a different appearance now, as preparations for the fall fair have been begun. The poultry house has been moved to the south of the dining hall and this gives the forward part of the grounds the appearance of being nearly twice the size. It had been moved in two instalments. The poultry house, is also being moved.

VITALITY OF AGE

Like an aged warrior, whose years are weighted with untold glories, England has reached that stage of her existence when her moral force is far weightier than her brute force. She has shelved in her storehouse of experience a profundity of knowledge that is, and always will be, a source of enlightenment and a means of guidance to her offsprings. The aged warrior today gathers around the fireside all branches of the growing family and by advice, and mutual conference discusses the subject of preservation and growth. This is the motive and ruling spirit of the naval conference. How shall we, the youth and future of the glorious British Empire guard and extend the righteousness and justice of our parent? How shall we extend the principles of peace and equality that were won by our forefathers? By the sword? Just as well expect to maintain childish innocence in a man by

whipping him, and sending him to bed without any supper. The world has grown older since the early days of England, Nations are advanced in morals and living. Today new methods must be introduced to meet the new order of things. Moral force is replacing the old desire for revenge. Chivalry wears a new cloak, no longer demanding satisfaction in duels, and in the survival of the fittest, but in love and forbearance, mutual success and universal peace. The British Empire, strong in the strength of prestige, embracing all corners of the globe, with its rising colonies of loyal, intelligent and energetic youth, commands a position never before held by any of the powers of antiquity to influence not a small area, but the entire surface of the world's politics, and here lies England's great crowning, golden opportunity to quicken the transformed and reformed vitality of age into far-reaching activity.—F.S.D.

Minden Village Mecca of Tourists

(Special to The Post.)

Mrs. Hartle arrived home from Toronto on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Munn and their two little boys, Everett and Claire, were visitors in Haliburton this week.

Mr. Wm. Hartle arrived home from Toronto on Monday evening to take up a position in his father's store, lately vacated by Mr. W. S. Munn, who has resigned and intends leaving for the west in a few weeks.

Miss Florence Delamere arrived home this week and is visiting her father, Mr. J. H. Delamere.

Miss Ruby Small arrived home on Friday evening having spent a pleasant two weeks' holiday with her friend, Miss Mackey, of Birkendale.

Miss W. F. Johnson, of Little Britain, came on the stage on Saturday to resume her duties as teacher in the Bat Lake school.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Curl and little son Howard accompanied by Mr. Wallace Curl and friend, of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. Curl's sister, Mrs. John Bones.

Mrs. Rev. Soward, accompanied by her two grandsons, Fred and Allford Soward returned to Peterboro on Wednesday.

Miss Staples, of Lindsay, is the guest of the Misses Cora and Annie Rogers.

Miss Southworth, of Cheddar, called on friends here this week on her way home from Toronto.

Miss Flossie Fairfield was a visitor in Haliburton last week.

Among the recent arrivals at Lake View Farm, South Lake, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howse, are "Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Copeland, Miss Rachelle Copeland, and Mr. Rudolph Copeland; Miss Muriel Ralston, Miss Ruth Coster, Master Gordon Ralston Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gray, Miss Winnifred Gray, Master Harry Gray, Miss Elsie Brickett and Mr. Edward Mumford, all of Toronto. Miss Elsie Coles, Master Leslie Teakle, of Brantford; Mrs. A. Phillips, of Toronto; Mr. Ludwig Scheuck and family of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. F. U. Brockett and son, of the same place are guests at Mr. Jos. Pritchard for the summer season.

Mr. E. Holton, of Toronto, was a visitor here this week on his way to join the Boh Lake hunt club.

After a two weeks' pleasant holiday at Gull Lake Mr. Buck's party started for Toronto on Friday. The party leaving is made up of Messrs. W. G. Back, Col. Earl, Percy Bickell, Walter Hayes, Ray Manuel, Wm. Manuel Arch. Pippy, Alf. Cooper, Wm. Payne Art Bottrell and Wm. Hoolinger.

The largest touring car that has ever been seen in this country arrived here on Wednesday. Lieut. Col. J. S. Campbell, Mayor of St. Catharines, owns the car, and with Mrs. Campbell and their sons Harold and Colin and Miss Lois Banfield, of Vancouver B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Logan, of St. Catharines, and Mr. J. Douglas Logan were with the car and while here they put up at the Dominion Hotel and on Thursday morning went through to Mr. Jas. Reynolds, where they will spend a couple of weeks. Col. Campbell owns an island on Horseshoe lake and will probably build a cottage there.

A party of ten persons calling themselves the High Field Ramblers with four canoes stayed here over night on Sunday and the next day went on to Lakefield on their way

Eutopia For The Fair Sex

A Little Village in England a Haven for the Agriculturist

Forty years ago the name of Victoria Woodhull was well known in the United States. Its owner was one of the group of American women who first aroused agitation against the laws that deprived their sex of an adequate part in discharging the affairs of the nation. Victoria was nominated for the presidency. She did not win, or come near it. No one thought she would. But the novelty of seeing a woman's name on a ticket furnished a sensation and made her fame national. Defeat at the polls did not lessen the energy of this resourceful woman. Beaten there she determined to succeed in business, and she and her sister, then known as "Tenny Chaffin," now Lady Cooke, of London, England, went to New York, and started the brokerage firm of Woodhull & Chaffin. This, too, was a novel enterprise for women. But, far from being experimenters, the two sisters showed themselves uncommonly shrewd business women, and soon built up a big trade. Then they branched out into the publishing business, with the Woodhull & Chaffin Journal. They also became contributors to the most important publications in England.

A host of suitors sought to win the sisters. Mrs. Woodhull married in 1879, John Bidolph Martin, an English banker, member of one of the oldest firms of Lombard street. Mr. Martin always backed the campaigns of his wife with heartiness, and in the battle for women's rights which has made greater strides in England than anywhere else, she has had a leading part. At the death of Mr. Martin, his millions went to his wife, as well as the beautiful estate at Norton Parv, in Worcestershire. With this inheritance Mrs. Martin is striving to transform the killage of Bredon's Norton into a centre of culture, equipped with all the conveniences of modern civilization. When she and her daughter came into possession of the estate they found it, like many English agricultural villages, in a dilapidated condition. The school was mismanaged, and the villagers were much cut off from communication with the outside world, as though they had been in the middle of Africa.

The two women saw the need of attracting a better class of cultivators of the soil, and devoted wealth and energy to the proposition. The handsome old manor house was restored and turned into a woman's agricultural college. Competent teachers were put in charge, and already the better class of women studying agriculture there had grown to the number of fifty. The estate has been partitioned off into small lots, ranging in size from five to twenty acres. These will be allotted according to merit, the more thrifty and skilled to get the bigger farms.

An interesting thing about the school is its club feature. Tired women from London can run down and spend a few days in the old country house. At the same time they never lose touch with the remainder of the world, for telephone connects them with their London interests. The library is one of the largest and best selected in England, and virtually every magazine published in the English tongue is to be found there.

CAMBRAY

(Special to The Post.)

Mr. Berkley and family, of Hamilton, have been the guests of Mrs. W. B. Feir during the past week.

Miss Tonkin took charge of the service in the Methodist church in the absence of her father on Sunday evening and preached a very earnest sermon.

Miss Weldon, of Lindsay, was the guest of Mrs. F. Wood for a few days this week.

The people of Little Britain who sustained such a loss by the fire on Saturday last, have the deepest sympathy of all the Cambray people.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are enjoying a week's holidays at Cobourg and Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren, temperance house, spent a few days with friends at Port Perry this week.

Mr. O. James, of the Dominion Bank staff, Huntsville, is spending his vacation under the parental roof Mr. A. Cowieson, Orillia, called on

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friends in the village on Monday. Mrs. Jesse Owens, which died on Monday, 16th, and was buried at Eden cemetery.