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Minister Dryden will give two speeches in this riding in the interests of the Reform candidate, Mr. Boland. Sorry he could not have seen his way to address a Flesherton audience. It is just possible that he might be induced to attend the Farmers' Institute meeting here. He could give our yeomen some valuable pointers on the actual cost of raising a pig.

Premier Laurier is just now in Washingtow. This may be all right from a commercial point of view, but for ourselves we are somewhat troubled with that "tired feeling" when we think of the many embassies that have gone from this country to try and do business with the authorities at Washington. It really gives color to the claim that Canada is ever the supplicant and the U. S. utterly indifferent as to whether she gets our trade or not. It is time our public men showed a little more independence and allowed Uncle Sam to return a few of the visits which he owes.

Mr. O'Gilve, who has recently returned from the Yokon, carroborates everything that has been said as to the richness of that country in mineral. He says that Canada possesses a district there 500 miles long by 250 broad that is rich in gold. This extent of Country will doubtless make Canada the greatest gold producing country in the world. As Mr. Muir remarked, Hurrah for Canada! Uncle Sam changes this expression slightly, making it, "Hurry for Canada," and every since the excitment at Rossland, "getting there with both feet" expresses the situation in the choicest United Statesean dialect.

In view of the proposed plebiscite on a house of industry for this county the figures given in the County Council proceedings, as printed elsewhere, are very timely, and should be thoroughly studied by the ratepayers. The treasurers' statements show a total of $3366 paid out in this county during the past year for the keep of 100 indigents. Of this number only 43 were so situated that they might become residents of a house of industry. The percentage of this 43 that would be capable of earning a portion of their keep is not stated, but it would without doubt be exceedingly small. According to these figures our township disbursements would only be reduced one third. The question then resolves itself into a simple matter of sentiment. A county poor house would cost us more than the present system, but by its adoption a portion of our paupers would not be sent to jail as they are at present for no crime on their part. This is putting the question fairly and squarely. The county councillors seem undecided as to the legality of a plebiscite and and have submitted the question to the Attorney General. It is just possible that there will be no plebiscite taken after all.

Fall Assizes

The Fall Assizes opened at 3 o'clock on Monday before His Lordship Justice Street. Mr. A. G. McKay is conducting the Crown cases.

His Lordship in his opening charge to the Grand Jury stated that in accordance with the long established custom he had been presented by the Sheriff with a pair of white kid gloves as there were no prisoners confined in the jail awaiting trial. But that did not imply that the county was wholly free from crime, as he had been informed there were some persons out on bail who would be brought before them on criminal charges.

The Queen vs. MacKenzie Mills.—The accused MacKenzie Mills of Hamilton was indicted on a charge of forgery. The prisoner had appeared in Dundalk in August 1896 representing himself to be an agent for the Merchants' Collecting and Protective Association of Hamilton, and introduced Mr. Geo. Sharp, a livery keeper in that village, to send a number of unpaid accounts to the Hamilton agency for collection. In payment for collecting the accounts, Mills was given a promissory note for $10 with the condition attached that the payment was to be taken from the collections. The offence with which the prisoner is charged is for erasing from the document this condition, and then discounting it as a genuine promissory note at Lucas Bank, Dundalk. In defense the prisoner went into the witness box, and denied having made any erasion. After the Judge's charge the Jury retired to consider their verdict. The prisone has been found guilty on both counts. Sentence deferred. A. G. MacKay for Crown; J. Lynch-Stanton of Hamilton for prisoner.

Millar vs. Batty.—This is non-juror suit which was left over from the last sitting concerning the title of farm property in the township of Derby.

Thompson vs. C. P. R.—This was an action for $1500 damages for injuries which the plaintiff received in an accident at the C. P. R. docks, which he claimed was due to negligence on the part of the officials of the Company. The accident occured last June when the plaintiff Thompson who was employed as a trucker at the C. P. R. docks in some manner fell down the hold of one of the C. P. R. boats, which he was engaged in loading. As a result of the injuries received, Thompson is crippled perhaps for life and at any rate will be unable to do manual labor for some years. The defence claimed that the accident was either due to the carelessness of the plaintiff or was one of those unavoidable accidents which constantly occur in every line of employment, and for which no one was responsible. Numerous witnesses were heard on both sides, but the case was not given as the plaintiff accepted a previous offer of the Company to take $300 in compensation. The Company also agreed to pay the plaintiff's cost up to the time when the offer was made. H. G. Tucker appeared for the plaintiff; Wallace Nesbitt for the Company.

Queen vs. Chebotte.—The notorious Tara stealing case was next taken up. The prisoners Anthony Chebotte and William Thompson reside in Tara and are well known in the vicinity. On the night of 18th or the morning of the 19th of June 8 cattle consisting of 4 steers 2 heifers and 2 young calves were stolen from different farmers in Sullivan. On the morning of the 19th the prisoners Chebotte and Thompson were seen driving these cattle towards Allenford where they disposed of them to Mr. McDougall, a cattle dealer with whom Chebotte had made a previous agreement to sell any cattle which he bought. The defence traced the movements of the prisoners on the 18th maintaining that they were at Chesley on that day and did not arrive home until 11 o'clock that night. In their absence they claim a man named Cleggis called at Chebotte's house and informed his wife that he was going to drive a herd of cattle from Owen Sound to Tara the next day. On being told this on his return home Chebotte arranged with Thompson to go early in the morning and meet Cleggis from whom he claims to have made a previous agreement to purchase cattle. His contention now that he met Cleggis on that road between Allenford and Owen Sound and purchased the cattle which he is accused of stealing. The result hinges principally on the opinion of the jury with regard to this man Cleggis. As he has not been produced in Court or identity established, although the defence claim he resides in Sullivan, the Crown contend that he is a mere mythical personage, and that the whole story is a fabrication to secure the acquittal of the prisoners. Chebott was sentenced to 2½ years in Kingston penitentiary and Thompson to four months in the common jail Mills, for forgery, was given four months in jail.

Queen v. Richard Porteous—The prisoner, who is a farmer living near Flesherton, was indicted on a charge of theft of a watch from a boy named Coulson. This was a trivial case sent up by a Dundalk magistrate. The evidence went to show that prisoner had taken the watch with the idea that he had a proper claim upon it. The crown did not press the case and a verdict of not guilty was given.

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Mrs. Skelding, wife of County Constable Skelding of Shelburne attempted suicide on Thursday by shooting herself with a revolver. She is not likely to recover. Mrs Skelding is a niece of Reeve Hamilton, who is under indictment on a charge of purjury. Her husband in his official capacity as county constable, is working up the case against Hamilton and the others indicted with him.

In July last Mr Chas. Livingstone of Harriston, bought twelve young cattle—six steers and six heifers. Having abundance of pasture he turned them out. He fed no meal or grain up to the first of November last, when he brought them to the market scales to see what they weighed before putting them up to feed, and found that the twelve head had gained in that short time 3040 pounds. When a feed of grass will put over 3000 pounds of beef upon twelve head of cattle we are of opinion that stock raising is a good thing.—Tribune.

Miss Maud Campaign, who last spring deserted her home in Mulmur and eloped with and married the notorious swindler and forger Dr. Cooper, whose history is familiar to our readers, arrived at Alliston last Monday and was met at the station by her uncle who conveyed her to her parents. Cooper is now waiting trial in California on a charge of forging and uttering forged checks, and the girl finally arrived at a proper estimate of the man's character and left him. The swndler's first wife, whom he deserted, is still in Toronto, with her mother.

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