

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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WHY?

We often ask why things are as they are, and following close on the trial against Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caldwell, who between them were mulcted \$300.00 and costs, we ask why should it be, without investigating the character of the evidence?

We tried to make a report elsewhere. We are not saying whether they were guilty or innocent of the charges laid against them. We do say, however, that innocent persons could easily be made victims in the same way that Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have been victimized. If they are guilty, they deserve punishment. But there was only one witness, and who knows the character of that one witness? Why, then, should there not be further investigation made before meting out such a heavy punishment?

Watson, the main witness, in fact, the only witness, is not known to the people here. He came here, according to his own evidence, with a soldering iron and a piece of copper tubing. Whether he suggested the making of booze to Mrs. Caldwell, or whether Mrs. Caldwell made the suggestion to him, we are unable to say, but our opinion as to the originator of the illegal conduct in which they undertook to engage is very firmly fixed in our mind. We have strong reason to believe a man with a bag of belongings containing a "worm" and a soldering iron as a part of his kit, a man without money, a man addicted to the use of strong drink, a man that many people would be tempted to call an ordinary tramp, would be first to make the suggestion.

Why did he have the "worm"? Why the soldering iron? According to Mrs. Caldwell's evidence he said he had made booze before. According to his own story he had arranged to go with George Gray to Mitchell to engage in the manufacture of swamp whiskey, where "all kinds of money could be made." Is the evidence of such a man entitled to any weight in a court of justice? We admit he told a good story, gave apparently straight evidence, and we further admit that such evidence will carry weight if we know the man to be honest and honorable. In the case of Watson we know nothing about him, only what he told in camera and again in the open court. He has been here only a few weeks. He says he came the day before the Durham Show, only five or six weeks ago.

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, and we hold no brief for them, Mr. Caldwell has been known here for a number of years and Mrs. Caldwell and her eight children have been living here for the last four or five years. We have yet to hear of anything against their characters. She may have fallen to the suggestions of Watson, but we fail to believe she was the first to suggest the booze-making. Why, we ask again, should they be punished to the extent of \$300.00 and costs without the court knowing something more of the character of that man Watson?

We are not saying the Caldwell's are innocent. We are not saying the decision was not in accordance with the evidence, but we say most emphatically, a bad man may tell a most plausible story as a witness when it suits his purpose to do so. Did it suit Watson's purpose as a self-admitted partner in an illegal undertaking? By turning state evidence or by deliberately lying and swearing falsely he might save himself from fine or imprisonment. We are not saying he lied and perjured himself. We know from his own evidence he was engaged in an illegal business that would put him where he has put the Caldwell's.

We all know the feeling of the public towards the ordinary whiskey spotters, men engaged by the government to draw men and women into crime and then swearing them guilty. Why do we dislike spotters? Why should we have a more kindly feeling towards illicit booze-makers? Again, we ask, why?

**MR. CRERAR IN THE LIMELIGHT**  
Hon. T. A. Crerar, though recently again offered a seat in the King Cabinet, according to report, may retire from the Progressive leadership to give full attention to his important business interests in connection with the Grain Growers. One or two locals of the Western farmers' organization have suggested, indeed, by resolution, that he ought to resign it anyway, while the other sections uphold him. "Farmer Tom" is not fond of politics as such. In conjunction with the Grain Growers' work they approach seriously on his domestic and private affairs, and it would not

be surprising if he were to relinquish the leadership. Names of A. R. McMaster and Hon. A. B. Hudson, as well as R. A. Hoey (Springfield) and Capt. J. T. Shaw, have already been mentioned in this connection, without any great display of enthusiasm being evoked. Both McMaster and Hudson are Liberals of course but so was Mr. Crerar. Mr. Hudson is recognized as a sort of "liaison officer," between Liberals and Progressives, and has been active as counsel for the Grain Growers, while Mr. McMaster took a keen interest in the grain board developments last session and maintained such cordial relations with the farmer members that at one time it was briefly rumored that he might cross the floor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of November 6, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins, whose marriage notice appears elsewhere, will accept our congratulations.

The friends of Dr. Mahan will be pleased to learn he has a good position in Buffalo.

On account of trouble with his eyes, Mr. J. R. Gun has disposed of his drug business at Bright, County of Oxford.

The Weyburn Herald is the latest addition to Western newspapers. The Editor is Mr. T. H. Blackstock, recently editor of The Dundalk Herald.

Our readers will notice Theobald's ad, on the last page. He opens out this week with a nice stock.

We learned last week that Mr. J. A. Hunter sold out his claim on the Morden, Man., marl deposits. The purchasers are a Chicago syndicate and they retain Mr. Hunter as general manager, with head offices at Winnipeg.

A delegation of about fifty from Hull, P.Q., came up last week to visit the cement works.

Messrs. W. Calder and T. G. Holt are the only sports from town who have gone to Muskoka for the hunting season.

There was quite a sensation last week when it was reported that a boat was wrecked on Georgian Bay and that Ed. Limin, George McKechnie and the whole crew with four exceptions had gone to watery graves. There was no truth in the yarn and both gentlemen turned up all right wondering how it was their wives didn't hear anything of the report. George thinks the other women in town didn't hear anything about it.

Mr. Patterson of Chicago, son of the old gentleman we reported last week as dying on the roadside, arrived in town last Friday and decided that interment should be made in the cemetery here.

As this issue of The Chronicle is to be sent to all teachers in the inspectorate, Inspector Campbell avails himself of the opportunity of addressing the teachers with a column of useful hints and timely suggestions.

Mr. Bert E. Collyer, advertising manager of the Yukon Sun, whose portrait appears in this issue, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Eva.

Born.—In Bentinck, Saturday, November 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Alexander, a son.

Mr. W. H. Arrowsmith served 21 years as Collector for Ward 1, Glenelg, and should be entitled to a pension. Mr. Archie McLellan is his successor.—Top Cliff cor.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Iva Smart of Markdale and Miss Minnie Smart of Kimberley visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. George Pedlar and family.

Nurse Carmount, a resident here for a number of years, recently purchased a home in Mount Forest and moved there the first of this week.

Messrs. Frank, George and William Dunsmoor, Mr. George Collinson, and Mr. E. D. Hendershott, Mrs. Mulholland and Miss Mitchell, all of Hamilton, and Mrs. Achtzehn of Pittsburg, motored here yesterday morning and were present at the funeral of the late Mrs. Archie McKechnie.

Mrs. James Harkness of Teeswater spent the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morton, returning to her home Sunday evening with her husband, two daughters and Mr. MerGeger, who motored out Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Curry of Newmarket motored here Saturday to visit his brother, Barrister Curry and returned Sunday.

Miss Lillian Sutherland of Toronto is the guest of her cousin, Miss Sarah Vollett.

Mrs. Alex. McLachlan and daughter, Miss Vida, motored to Stamford Tuesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Towner.

Some of the love letters written by the old boys indicate that hardening of the arteries is less to be dreaded than softening of the brain.

FINED \$300.00 AND COSTS

We referred last week to William Watson being up before Police Magistrate Laidlaw on a charge of being drunk, to which he admitted his guilt, but at the time the sentence had not been imposed. It was later fixed at \$10.00 and costs.

After admitting his guilt, an investigation was made to ascertain where and from whom Watson got the intoxicant which he said in pleading guilty was home-brew whiskey. His sworn evidence involved Mrs. Charles Caldwell, who, he claimed, furnished the ingredients and assisted him in the manufacture of a low-grade article, but strong enough to produce intoxication. Watson gave what appeared at the time clear and convincing evidence which led to a charge being laid against Mrs. Caldwell, and an investigation of the charge was made on Thursday of last week.

The story is a long one, with many ramifications and contradictions, but satisfied the magistrate and Inspector Beckett of the guilt of the accused, who was taxed \$100.00 and costs, or in failure to pay the fine, a term in prison as an alternative.

Watson, it was shown, came to the Caldwell home the day before the Fall Fair and remained up to Saturday, the 20th, when trouble arose between him and Mrs. Caldwell. This was the day of Watson's arrest for being drunk. Mrs. Caldwell claimed he owed a board bill and also money she had loaned him. He left on Saturday evening, so she claims, and promised to return and discharge the debt in the course of an hour or so.

This brings us back to another part of the story. When Watson came here he was in company with George Gray, a sort of gipsy who was interested in race horses. Watson in his evidence stated that Gray wanted him to go to his home in Mitchell where they could engage in the manufacture of booze and make lots of money out of it. On coming here, after going to Caldwell's home, he decided not to go to Mitchell with Gray, but to stay in Durham if he could get work. To Caldwell's home he brought a bag of belongings, and amongst the articles contained in it was a soldering iron and a coil of copper tubing.

The idea of making a little booze for private use was talked of, he says by him and Mrs. Caldwell, and agreed to. Watson says he told her he hadn't money to get the ingredients and she agreed to get them. Accordingly, according to Watson's story, she procured a bag of crushed wheat at McGowan's mill, also a bag of sugar and some yeast cakes elsewhere. Both went together to Hanover, where two barrels and a copper boiler were purchased.

Operations were begun, the barrels were put in the cellar, about half a bag of sugar put in each, together with about a pail of the crushed wheat. To this eight or ten pails of water were added, and at a later date the yeast cake was added, and developments awaited.

To the copper boiler purchased at Hanover the worm was attached. To this a coupling was necessary and in company with Mr. Caldwell, Watson went to Harding's hardware and procured the article. The still was in readiness, a fire started in the kitchen stove and about a sealer full of the distilled liquor passed through the worm and was collected. Watson claims it wasn't very good, but, "you bet," he says, "it had some kick to it." At this juncture the contraption began to leak and the precious mash had to be thrown out in the manure pile. Some was saved, however, and was drunk by Watson and Mrs. Caldwell. He admitted giving Mr. Caldwell a drink. Watson said the undistilled stuff was nearly as good as the stuff that went through the worm.

We referred to Watson leaving with a promise to come back and square up his accounts. But he failed to materialize in the flesh. Mrs. Caldwell then took Watson's bag of belongings, including the soldering iron and roll of copper tubing to Magistrate Laidlaw, telling to whom it belonged. Laidlaw, she says, had suspicions of the coil being used in the illicit making of booze. About this time Watson was in the coop awaiting his trial to come off on Monday and the magistrate and constables dreamed dreams and saw visions of what the trial would reveal.

Watson's trial in which he pleaded guilty was in open court, but when the inquiry to ascertain where the booze came from was started—the court was cleared and the inquiry made in camera. We were permitted to remain, however, and after getting a lecture on the absolute necessity of secrecy, and a promise on our part to be good, we were allowed to remain and hear Watson's evidence which, as we said before, appeared clear and almost conclusive. At the conclusion the court decided there was sufficient ground to justify the issuing of a

summons against Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell for having in their house a contrivance that might be used in the illicit manufacture of booze.

The cases against Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were heard on Thursday of last week, when Watson told substantially the same story, which was totally contradicted in the evidence of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell.

We cannot go into full particulars in detail. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell both admitted getting crushed wheat at McGowan's mill, but claimed it was for duck feed. Mrs. Caldwell admitted the purchase of the two barrels and copper kettle, but says the barrels were to hold rain water. She said they were at the side of the house for that purpose and says positively they were never used for any other purpose, never in the cellar and never had mash in them as given in Watson's evidence. She says further the copper kettle had been left outside and disappeared a day or so after it was purchased and she knew nothing of its whereabouts.

On the morning of the trial Constables Watson and Falconer went to Caldwell's home for some papers left there on their former visit and returning through the field discovered the mutilated remains of a new copper boiler hidden in a sand-pit, and this was placed on exhibition in the court room. Watson, not Constable Watson, but the other fellow, identified the boiler as the one used by him in making the booze. The identification was made by his crude attempt to solder the connection where the boiler and "worm" were coupled.

From the dilapidated condition of the boiler Mrs. Caldwell was unable to say whether or not the boiler on exhibition was the one she had purchased in Hanover.

Two bottles found in Caldwell's cellar were examined by Inspector Beckett and Mr. J. J. Johnson of the Inland Revenue Department, and both swore they contained "wort" or "wash" suitable for the manufacture of liquor or spirits.

Mrs. Caldwell in her evidence said Watson had brought bottles home with him from work. Watson, she said, told her he could get plenty of swamp whiskey almost any night. Mrs. Caldwell denied ever having purchased whiskey from Gray and never had whiskey in her house for fifteen years.

Magistrate Laidlaw summed up the evidence at the close and considering it in accordance with the Act, he decided guilt had been proved and imposed a fine of \$100.00 and costs, amounting in all to \$120.25.

Mr. Cameron of Owen Sound acted in the interest of the Department. The defendant had no counsel.

In the charge against Mr. Caldwell it was pointed out by Mr. Laidlaw and Barrister McCullough of Markdale, who was here in the interest of the Federal Government, that the evidence would be practically a repetition of what had already been given and it would be a saving of costs not to go to trial.

The combined charge against Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell was based on the evidence of Watson, who swore the worm owned and used by him had been hanging in Caldwell's pantry and as the finding of booze-making appliances is a violation of the law and punishable by fine or imprisonment the arrests were made, and made on the evidence of Watson, who swore the worm was his and had been used by him in making booze in the Caldwell home. It has been already pointed out that Mrs. Caldwell had delivered Watson's bag and contents containing the so-called wort to Mr. Laidlaw a few days previous to their arrest.

Notwithstanding their protests, a fine of \$200.00 and costs was imposed on Mr. Caldwell, or an imprisonment of six months.

ALL-STAR CANADIAN FESTIVAL

The Durham Lyceum Committee announce that they will present four all-star concerts in Durham this winter, as follows:

The Toronto Ladies' Quartette: Jessie Irving, Canada's greatest elocutionist.

Agnes Adie, one of the finest sopranos in Canada.

Maud Buschlen, popular Canadian violinist.

Jane McAlpine, the most phenomenal pianist in Canada.

The Fax Fun Company: Jimmy Fax, Canada's best-known Comedian.

Charles Stanley, magnificent baritone.

Lina Craige, a most charming soprano and comedienne.

Mamie Mason, a splendid elocutionist.

The Famous Adanac Quartette: This quartette recently visited New York, Washington, Pittsburg and other Eastern American cities and was enthusiastically received. Critics claim that this quartette is one of the best in America.

Ruthven McDonald, a Victor artist, is assisted by Messrs. Lightbourne, O'Mera and Hallam.

Bob Wilson, the most famous comedian except possibly Mr. Fax, in the business.

Grace Bonnick, Canada's finest musical monologist.

Mary Haig, a soprano. Prize-winner at Toronto Exhibition this year.

Mary Arnold, a novelty instrumentalist.

The Committee wishes to remind the public that last year it presented four concerts and a lecture, with 12 artists in all. This year it is presenting four concerts only, but there will be 17 artists. All of these companies are very well and favorably known and before they come to Durham one is absolutely sure they will please. In fact, they are all guaranteed attractions. The concerts last year were all good, but there was an element of risk because the personnel was not known before they played. The committee thanks the public for the support given last year and asks for co-operation this year.

THOMAS NELSON

We regret to learn of the death on Monday last of Mr. Thomas Nelson, an esteemed resident of Glenelg, who passed away after a brief illness. He was 54 years of age, unmarried, and was living with his mother and brother on the farm, where he was engaged chiefly in agriculture, being unable for regular farm work.

Interment was made in Durham cemetery yesterday afternoon.

MRS. ARCHIE McKECHNIE

On Monday an esteemed resident of Glenelg passed away in the person of Caroline Dunsmoor, widow of the late Archie McKechnie, who died about fifteen years ago.

She was 70 years of age, sister of the late John and Nathan Dunsmoor of this vicinity, and of W. S. Dunsmoor, who died in Hamilton a few years ago.

Mrs. McKechnie was born near the Rocky Saugeen, where she spent her whole life. About fifty years ago she was married to the late Archie McKechnie, and to them were born a family of six children, five sons: Archie and Alfred, in the West; Philip, in New Mexico; Malcolm, at home, and one daughter, Carrie, who died seven or eight years ago.

The deceased was a highly esteemed member of the community, a kindly neighbor, an ever willing helper in time of need and a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

Interment took place yesterday afternoon at the Rocky Saugeen cemetery, where a large number assembled as a last tribute of respect to the deceased.

TAXES!

Still on our heads more troubles fall, And drive us back against the wall. Some think their taxes worst of all. They don't like taxes.

A tax for light, a tax for schools, A tax on water from the pools, A tax the County Council rules, And sewer taxes.

A business tax, a tax on dogs, A special tax for weighing hogs, A tax to buy policemen's togs, And town rate taxes.

Our Aldermen need every scad. They need them now, they need them bad, A deficit was all they had From last year's taxes.

But don't go round with look so glum Cheer up! The worst is yet to come! Next year will see us going some, With pavement taxes.

Economize on this and that. Dismiss the dog and shoot the cat, Refuse your wife a new fall hat, And pay your taxes.

Pour fewer schooners down your throat, Refuse the draft, renew the note, Wear last year's winter overcoat, And pay your taxes.

Grow wheat and oats, quit growing tares, Stop buying extra daily scares, Attend the local shows and fairs, And pay your taxes.

—"Onlooker," in Walkerton Telescope.

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BORN

Griffin.—At Toronto, October 18, to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Griffin (nee Laura Bryon), a son (Wallace Lawrence).

Harrow.—At Windsor, October 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Harrow (nee Lily Walker), a daughter.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected November 2, 1922.

Hogs	.....	\$ 9.00
Wheat	.....	1.00 @ 1.05
Oats	.....	38 @ 42
Barley	.....	55 @ 60
Buckwheat	.....	55 @ 60
Peas	.....	1.15 @ 1.25
Hay	.....	10.00
Butter	.....	.50
Eggs	.....	.35
Potatoes	.....	.50
Hides	.....	.08
Sheepskins	.....	.50

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