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OVER \$200,000

Likely the Stealings of
H. J. McCormick.

FORMER CLAIMS AGENT

LARCENIES AND FORGERIES
HIT WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

Mystery As to the Money—Water-
town Wonders What Has Be-
come of It—McCormick, in
Jail, Adopts Policy of Silence.

Watertown, N.Y., June 9.—That the
thefts and forgeries charged to Henry
J. McCormick, of this city, will ag-
gregate \$200,000 is the belief of Su-
perintendent Christie, of the R. W.
& O. division of the New York Cen-
tral railroad.

McCormick, who, until May 1st,
was claim agent of the New York Cen-
tral, was arrested early Friday after-
noon as he was about to leave the
city.

Superintendent Christie believes he
has discovered two instances where
bigos, claims against the railroad,
were settled through McCormick.
These two claims aggregate \$6,000.
Effort on the part of the railroad
has thus far failed to disclose the
identity of the persons injured or any
one who knew of the alleged ne-
cessity.

"Out of the twenty cases investi-
gated," said Mr. Christie, "we have
discovered thefts aggregating \$20,-
000. In but one of the twenty was
the transaction not falsified. I have
nearly a thousand more claims to in-
vestigate. The theft will amount to a
fifth of a million dollars."

In McCormick's system of transac-
tions in which he is alleged to have
defrauded the railroad and the parties
making the claims out of thousands
it is claimed he forged the name of
the person who should have received
the entire amount, then endorsed the
check and sent it at the bank. He
took the cash, reserved part of it
for himself and settled the claim with
the remainder. In every instance he
was sure to take from the person
having the claim against the railroad
a receipt for settlement and release
of claim against the railroad. This
paper would be left blank where figures
should have been inserted, until
after signed by the claimant, the fig-
ures of the total amount of the true
claim being then inserted, when Mc-
Cormick was gone, and then the pa-
per would be sent to the proper offi-
cials of the railroad. The local banks
sent the checks to the bank in New
York with which the New York Cen-
tral does business.

The widows and children of men
killed by the railroad, the maimed and
the crippled, with whom the railroad
supposed they were settling generously,
will get nothing more from the
company, it is said, and they can
class themselves in the list of those
victimized. When the party signs the
release their claim against the com-
pany is at an end. If they wrote
their name to the release when Mc-
Cormick said the company would give
them a thousand dollars rather than
have any trouble, when in reality the
company was giving more than that,
the claimant was simply out of the
difference and must be content with the
loss.

In connection with this part of the
affair there are more pitiful instances.
There is a widow and three children
of a man killed in a crossing accident,
now working in the drudgery of farm
life, who was cheated out of nearly
three thousand dollars. In Orleans
county there is a party now an im-
becile over an injury, whom McCormick
is alleged to have cheated out
of many hundred dollars.

A conversation overheard by one
who happened to know the exact
settlement in one case led to Mc-
Cormick's arrest. The overheard
words told the fact that the party
had not received the amount intended
and the matter was at once referred to

DAILY MEMORANDA.

City Council, 8 p.m.
C.O.C. Complimentary Concert, City
Hall, 8 p.m.

Miss Leslie-Carter, in "Du Barry,"
Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.

Remember the Garden Party in Aid of
the poor, Archibald's Palace Grounds,
Thursday afternoon and evening, 10c.
Afternoon Tea, 10c.; Supper, 25c.

Bijou Theatre—Pictures changed both
to-day and to-morrow. To-day, "Funny
Woman," "The Girl in the Moon," "The
Barber, Her Husband and the Baby,"
Travologue, "Beauty Spots and Splendid
Buildings of Old Ireland." John Robert
Davis sings "How'd You Like to Be
My Wife."

Dinner Sets

We are showing some very
pretty designs. Fresh arrivals

**\$15 SETS FOR
\$11 and \$12**

ROBERTSON BROS.

It was a real buy-election.

Superintendent Christie. The investi-
gation started. It grew by bounds
and the officials, who learned of the
affair, was horrified.

What he did with his money is a
question which puzzles every one who
knows McCormick. During his life-
time he has never spent any money to
speak of. From the railroad he drew
\$130 a month. There is plenty of
talk that he dabbed in stocks, which
is more or less true. In many in-
stances he bought the stocks outright
and only the day before his arrest
he sold a lot of Union Pacific at a
profit. There are certain persons who
assert that the man was simply mon-
ey mad. Superintendent Christie said
this afternoon that it was not the
money which the company wanted in
this instance. "Under no conditions,"
said Mr. Christie, "will the return of
money lesson our prosecution."

McCormick has many good people
back of him. He is connected with
some of the best people in town, and
a leader in church and fraternal so-
ciety. Every effort will be made in
the man's behalf.

From now on Superintendent Chris-
tie will be actively engaged in tracing
down the details of settlement. Every
claimant against the railroad will be
seen.

J. S. Gallagher was re-elected in
Frontenac by 128 majority. The last
time he opposed Mr. Reynolds he won
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cause for much rejoicing over Mr.
Reynolds' splendid run and will go
into the Dominion contest with confi-
dence.

The Garden Island vote caused a big
sensation. In elections there for years,
the total liberal vote was generally
one, and on a couple of occasions two
and three! This time Gallagher got
twenty-two, and Reynolds fifteen. There's still hope that Garden Island
will yet come round to the liberal
side.

The three islands did well for Mr.
Reynolds, giving him sixty majority.
At Cataraqui Gallagher's majority
was increased, but at Harrowsmith,
his home, and other places, Mr.
George Gilbert, Kingston, and
George Darling, at home. The funeral
will take place on Wednesday.

Mrs. C. A. Lewis, Church street, who
has been spending some time with her
parents, Sir S. and Lady Dawson, has
returned home. J. M. Walker, spend-
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has returned to town. Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Dustin, of Brockport, N.Y.,
are spending a short time in town
with relatives, having come over to
attend the funeral of Mrs. Dustin's
father, the late Henry Embery. Mr.
and Mrs. A. McMechan, of Halifax,
are in town, to spend the summer
with the latter's mother, Mrs. B. C.
Cowan, Arthur street.

Miss Margaret Beerman, Garden
street, who has been spending a few
weeks with friends in Brookville, has
returned home. Mrs. Thomas Meggs,
Stone street, spent the past week in
Deseronto, the guest of her daughter,
Mrs. C. J. Wilson. Mrs. Eli Tommott,
Caintown, spent the past few days in
town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. William E. Meggs, Garden street.

J. S. GALLAGHER.

to hand. Those known are as follows:

Gallagher, Reynolds.

Barriefield Maj. 6

Sundby 20 May

Battersby 20 66

Lyons 75 40

Verona 28 96

Hill Rock 9 55

Harrowsmith 94 34

Garden Island 22 15

Wolfe Island Maj. 15

Cataract 83 56

No. 5 Kingston 21 73

Loughboro 224 169

Fermoy 82 46

Joyceville Maj. 22

Brewer's Mills 8 Maj. 1

Buffalo Mills 1 Maj. 6

Howe Island Maj. 6

Bedford, No. 4 13 45

Storrington 9 45

Pittsburg, No. 4 36 58

Bedford, No. 2 36 9

Loughboro, No. 2 35 17

Portland, No. 3 78 22

Wolfe Island, No. 3 23 23

Loughboro, No. 5 17 20

Wolfe Island, No. 1 26 33

Returning Officer Langwith will
make his official return at the Bar-
rified village hall at noon Saturday.

Dispute In Lorne.

Both young people live near the
eighth concession, Dover township,
and on the night in question the
young swain called for his lady love
in a rig. They drove around the
country for a short period when the
young man's free arm began to
twine her shoulder, to which the maiden
objected, so she stated in court.

Suddenly the young fellow gave her
a resounding kiss, to which she also
objected. Then followed another
equally objectionable. When the girl
arrived home she told her mother,
who avered her daughter must be
"protected" and had the young man
arrested, charging assault.

The young man was honest, and
freely admitted the charges. Justice
Houston remanded the case until
Monday to permit the gathering of
evidence showing previous good char-
acter. In the meantime the youth
will live the simple life in jail, the
justice refusing bail, asserting the
incarnation would do him good.

O. L. Lewis, K.C., the swain's coun-
sel, tried to prove willingness on the
part of the maiden, claiming that it
was the general custom in the town-
ship. The justice, however, intimated
that it was about time to discourage the
custom.

Some Additions.

In addition to the list on page sev-
en, the following additions are an-
nounced:

Brant, North—Fisher, con.

Huron, South—Elmer, con.

Montezuma—No return.

Nipissing—Morel, con.

Sturgeon Falls—Aubin, con.

Tomiskaming—Shellington, con.

The Latest Summary.

Ontario—Conservatives, St. liberals,

18; doubtful, 3; independent, 1;
total, 106.

Quebec—Out of 65 seats in which contests were held, the liberals won
47, the conservatives 15, and the nationalists 3.

All Went Conservative.

Kincardine, Ont., June 9.—Majority for Clark is now 335, with one poll
to hear from which will probably increase his majority.

Durham, Ont., June 9.—Dr. Jamison a majority, with full returns, is
263. North Bay, Ont., June 9.—Shilling-
ton, conservative, Haileybury, elected
by about 200 majority; Austin, conserva-
tive, Sturgon Falls, elected by 200
majority; Smith, Algoma, conserva-
tive, elected by about 300 majority.
All New Ontario elected conservatives.
Cornwall, June 9.—Milligan, conserva-
tive, was elected by one majority.

REYNOLDS RAN WELL

AND GAVE HIS RIVAL A HOT
RACE.

Garden Island Caused a Great
Sensation By Its Vote—Reynolds
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GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

Dargavel the Winner in Leeds
County.

Gananoque, June 9.—Returns from
the seat to John R. Dargavel, conserva-
tive, by 184 majority, as compared
with 929 at the last provincial elec-
tions. This was made up as follows:

Constituency.	Majority.	Majority.	Majority.
Escott	82	11	11
Front Leeds and Lansdowne	102	102	102
Rear Leeds and Lansdowne	164	164	164
Bastard and Burgess	61	89	89
North Crosby	16	89	89
South Crosby	12	12	12
Newboro	376	192	192

Majority for Dargavel, 184.

Jane Darling, wife of John Darling,
of Leeds townships, passed away at
Kingston General Hospital, yester-
day. She leaves, besides her husband,
two sons by a former marriage, John
G. Haig, Leeds township, and David
Haig, Lansdowne, and two daughters,
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JULIUS C. BURROWS.

One of the conspicuous men going in
to make it lively for the Gouin Govern-
ment in Quebec.

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