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SPECIAL MENTION.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings And Doings Attract Attention.

Police Magistrate Duff is quite ill.

Dr. Wilson is wanted to stand for the mayoralty of Belleville.

J. A. Munroe, B.A., headmaster of the Newburgh high school, has resigned.

Rev. Prof. DuVernet is holding a mission at Brantford. He goes soon to Vancouver, B.C., and Winnipeg.

On the 22nd J. B. Murphy and family will leave for Montreal where they will remain until the spring.

Absalom Daly and sister are making arrangements to take up their residence in Napanee. Mr. Daly was at one time a resident of Ernestown, and was for years the proprietor of the Daly house, Ingersoll.

Formed a Hockey Club.

Last evening a number of young men interested in athletics met in reform hall and formed a hockey club. The attendance was large, and footballers, baseballers, and athletes of every description were present and entered into the spirit of the undertaking with great determination. It is their intention to place a strong team on the ice; they fear no foe. It was decided to call the club "The Athletic," and practice will commence at once. The officers are: Honorary president, Edw. J. B. Pense; president, John L. Renton; vice-president, S. McBride; secretary-treasurer, John Elliott; committee, J. Sutherland, D. MacRae and W. Sherman.

The collegiate institute hockey club was organized yesterday afternoon amid great enthusiasm. The officers are: Honorary president, Dr. Smythe; president, W. Irving, B.A.; vice president, H. R. Kirkpatrick; secretary-treasurer, E. O. Strange; committee, W. Clark, H. Breck, J. Harty, T. Robinson.

The Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of Leicester lodge, No. 33, S. O. E., on Tuesday evening, the elections of officers for ensuing year were held: President, E. Scrutton; vice-president, John F. Martin; secretary, W. J. Allinson; treasurer, J. Lambert; chaplain, Rev. A. W. Cocks; committee, John Taylor, J. Litton, W. H. Cruse, F. Reeves, George Sonnis, Samuel Thomas; guards, Wm. Galch, Samuel Dutton; auditors, George Osborne, J. C. Swain, W. H. Cruse; trustees, H. Hitchins, C. F. Smith, J. Swan; delegate to grand lodge, John Green.

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They Will be Summoned.

Summonses were issued to day for five young men, who are supposed to have taken part in the burning of an effigy on Montreal street last evening. The affair occurred near the house of Daniel Reeves. A rope was strung across the street and the effigy fired amid demonstrations.

School Vacation.

The K. N. & W. and C.P. railways will issue return tickets at fare and one-third from Dec. 10th to 31st inclusive, good to return until Jan. 31st. Excursion to British Columbia and California on Dec. 12th. R. J. Wilson, agent, C.P.R. telegraph office.

"No Bill" Returned.

At Napanee the grand jury returned "no bill" in the case of E. R. Martin accused of setting fire to a barn near Violet.

Attention is called to advertisement for the purchase by tender of the handsome stone dwellings, Nos. 149 and 151 Earl street. As Mr. Gardiner is desirous of selling the property an opportunity is offered of purchasing at a bargain.

You ought to see the elegant lines of Pampas Plumes at W. J. Wilson's drug store, Princess street.

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McKAY—In Kingston, 11th Dec., the wife of J. B. McKay, of a son.

DIED.

THIBODO—In Kingston, Dec. 9th, Augustus Thibodo, aged 80 years.

Funeral from his late residence, Ontario street west, on Friday morning at ten o'clock, to St. James' church, thence to Cataraqui cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

CLARK—In Kingston, Dec. 9th, Mary Clark, aged 37 years.

The funeral will leave her late residence, Charles street, on Friday afternoon, at two o'clock. Friend and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

Flannel shirts cheap at Rattenbury's.

Oranges 25c. per dozen. James Crawford.

The Queen's university hockey club is expected to visit Ottawa very shortly.

Blankets and comforters all reduced at R. McFaul's.

John Stonness and Leon Verbeck have been appointed county constables.

The trial of John Janeway, charged with larceny, was enlarged at the police court.

New prunes 10c. per lb. Jas. Crawford.

Tea meeting, Murvale Methodist church, Thursday, Dec. 18th. Fine programme.

Men's wool lined waterproof overshoes at Armstrong's for $1.

The local option law was adopted in Wellington village by a majority of three.

Large fine oranges 25c. per dozen. James Crawford.

The Christmas vacation at Queen's university will probably begin on Dec. 19th.

Annual tea meeting, Glenburnie Methodist church, Friday, Dec. 19th. Best of the season.

The best Xmas present for your boy is a beautiful suit. Get it from B. Silver for a trifle.

New cooking and table figs. J. Crawford.

The bargains of the season at the "Sacrifice sale" of O'Brien & Howland's.

It is denied that the C.P.R. will assume control of the Kingston, Napanee & Western R.R.

W. Richardson has sold his farm near Seeley's Bay, to E. M. Bracken, for $11,000.

The band of the Orange Young Britons serenaded Shanessy last evening in honor of his acquittal.

Collars and ties, all styles, Rattenbury's.

Bath Road Methodist church annual tea meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 16th. Go and enjoy yourself.

A nice cape overcoat will make your child merry on Xmas and happy after. Very cheap at B. Silver's.

New prunes, new cooking figs. James Crawford.

Yesterday James Kelly, reported to be a very bad boy, was sent to the House of Providence.

A fine cup has been presented by A. Neilson to the Carleton Place curling club for competition.

Royal Arcanum will meet to-morrow night. Election of officers. A full attendance is requested.

Latimer church will have a tea meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 17th; programme unusually good.

Men's heavy Scotch underwear all reduced at R. McFaul's.

The genial countenance of Thomas Tapping, reeve of Barrie, was seen in the court house yesterday.

Zelenie collar and cuff boxes are all the rage now for the ladies to make a present to their gentlemen friends. See them in pretty variety at W. J. Wilson's drug store.

A large reward has been offered for the arrest of Yourex, of Belleville for forgery. He put out much forged paper on the Western bank.

One pound chocolate walnut creams 25c. James Crawford.

Beneath the Christmas arch, Lyndhurst Methodist church, Christmas night, Dec. 25th. A good time is in store, depend on it.

Wolfe Island's separate school second concert, McLaren's hall, Monday, Dec. 22nd. If you want a laugh be there.

Buy from B. Silver a nice fitting suit for Xmas. It will be a good souvenir for yourself and your wife will rejoice with you.

Concert and variety entertainment, school house, Bellrock, Saturday, Dec. 27th. Hodge, the ventriloquist, will be there; he's a root.

Selling off everything at Rattenbury's.

Officer Nesbitt has moved from Gordon to Division street. He did this to comply with a police regulation adopted a few months ago.

Handsome jacket materials all reduced at R. McFaul's.

A member of the Dominion church, Ottawa, says many evangelists suffer from religious dissipation; they get the gilt of the gingerbread.

The returning officers appointed for Wolfe Island municipal elections are: William Grimshaw, jr., James Crawford, James Kyle, William Irwin.

There will be an elocution competition in Convocation Hall on Friday evening. The glee club will furnish music. The public are cordially invited.

Flannels all reduced at R. McFaul's.

Shanessy was very cool while being tried yesterday, and noted the evidence of the different witnesses carefully, now and then handing notes to Mr. McIntyre bearing on the case.

Underwear at cost at Rattenbury's.

Just arrived—A lot of handsome watches in gold and silver at the very lowest prices at Arniel's, 339 King St.

The finest print butter. Jas. Crawford.

George Lee, an employee of B. H. Carnovsky, cabinet maker, while working in the Central telephone office yesterday afternoon, fell from the top of a partition to the ground, hurting himself quite severely.

Raspberry, strawberry, peach and plum 12½c. per lb. James Crawford.

As a family house O'Brien & Howland's will as heretofore be run with a strict regard for the qualities that make it a safe and reliable house to deal in.

Two cans salmon 25c., tomatoes, corn and peas 10c. Jas. Crawford.

I was more than pleased with the beautiful, large and attractive assortment of English, French, American and domestic perfumes at Wilson's drug store. was heard remarked by a lady on Princess street to day. Call and see them and judge for yourself.

Carolgan jackets cheap at Rattenbury's.

FIRST EFFORTS MADE.

A CONTRIBUTION TO HISTORY ABOUT EDUCATION OF POOR.

A Review of the Formation and Work of the Midland District Society—The First Authentic Account Given to the Public in Many Years.

Kingston, as the oldest city in Ontario, has some comparatively venerable institutions to boast of. One of these, the M. D. school society, having recently excited attention, a sketch of its history and work may possess some interest as a contribution to local history, and may also clear up some misconceptions afloat as to its uses in the past. This sketch is prepared mainly from full and careful memoranda left by the late Mrs. Machar, who, as the wife of one of the most active trustees, and as herself an untiring worker among the Kingston poor for half a century, took a deep interest in the working of these schools, and, along with her friend, the late Mrs. Cartwright, gave them much personal supervision. A detailed account of them, drawn up by her about ten years ago, and then published in the Kingston papers, and other notes, along with some personal recollections, furnish information of a kind that does not usually find its way into official reports, and therefore may be a useful supplement to any such that may be given to the public.

Early in the present century, when Kingston was little more than a respectable village, and within the first generation after its founding by the U. E. loyalists, some of its public spirited citizens began to move in the direction of making provision for the education of the poorer classes, unable to pay the high fees of private schools. About 1815 a society was incorporated, having for its object the "education and moral improvement of the poor," the intention in the first place being to conduct a school on what was called the "Lancasterian (or monitorial) plan," then in favor in England. Who were the actual founders of the M.D.S. it seems impossible now to ascertain, but as early as 1818 appear the names of Cartwright, Herchmer, Geddes, Markland, Smith, Bartlet and Pringle, with the Rev. George O'Kill Stuart as president, while, a little later, Col. Joel Stone, the founder of Gananoque, seems to have been president for a year. Having obtained some aid from the government, as well as apparently from an English society, for "the promotion of the education of the poor in Canada," the Kingston subscribers, or their trustees, opened a school in September, 1818, to be "conducted on the British system of education," by a teacher brought from England for the purpose. It seems, however, to have been be gun on too expensive a scale for its object the rates, at opening, being 3s. and 4d. a month with an additional tax for fuel, and the salary of the teacher being in the first instance named at £180, though it seems actually to have been about £120. This first experiment lasted only a few months on account of the moral incompetence of the teacher, and the school was closed, the Lancasterian system having never been put in operation. Owing to the death of some trustees and the removal of others, as well as losses caused by unprofitable investments, the society remained for some years inactive—the school house built on the land they had acquired being successively rented to other schools and finally let as a dwelling house. About 1834 the society began to show signs of returning life. A knowledge of some contemporary history reveals a stimulus applied about this time, through a successful effort made in the same direction by a few earnest and influential ladies, including the two well known christian workers already referred to, who were all members of another time-honored Kingston institution, the parent of our leading charities, long known as the female benevolent society. These ladies had, in 1833, opened a school for poor children, sustained by voluntary contributions, which, by its success, proved the need existing for reviving the work of the M.D.S., the more so as it was found somewhat difficult to support the school by voluntary contributions, history being apt to repeat itself in these matters. The number of the shareholders of the M.D.S. had so greatly diminished as scarcely to supply a sufficient number of trustees, but by renewed efforts, made about 1834, amendments to the act of incorporation were secured, which made the original shares transferable to the heirs or representatives of shareholders, and a number of new and active trustees were secured, while the funds had now accumulated sufficiently to justify these in thinking of resuming operations. The names of the trustees who began work with the amended charter were as follows: Rev. Robert Cartwright, Rev. John Machar, Thomas Markland, Benjamin Olcott, George Smith, William Stoughton, Alexander Pringle, Hon. John Kirby and Stephen Miles. The late Messrs. Rose and Thibodo, though coming in later, were also for many years trustees of the M. D. S. John B Forsyth another early trustee, lives in Scotland. Several of the ladies who had established the school for poor children were the wives of trustees, and it is easy to trace the connexion between this effort and the revival of the work of the M.D.S., when we find that, in resuming active work in 1837, the trustees adopted the ladies' school, taught by a Miss Morrison—a Scotchwoman—and at the same time engaged, as teacher of a boys' school, a gentleman named Hamilton, who had opportunely arrived from Scotland at this juncture. The resources at the command of the society were still very small so that they could only allow the very modest salaries of £30 a year to Mr. Hamilton and £15 a year to Miss Morrison. These salaries were, however, afterwards increased and were exclusive of fees and house rents. It was thought best to charge small fees, as had already been in practice in the girls' school when maintained by the ladies. This was done partly to augment the society funds and partly because it was believed that the parents would value more the privilege for which they paid something. Printed cards were issued giving the scale of fees. From one of these, in the writer's possession, they are copied as follows: The lowest rate, one shilling per month, being the same as that charged in the ladies' school previous to its adoption by the board. Reading and plain sewing, one shilling per month; reading and writing, one and fourpence; reading, writing and arithmetic, one and eightpence; reading, writing, arithmetic and English grammar, one and tenpence, while the advanced boys, many a small proportion of the whole, paid two shillings per month for bookkeeping, elementary mathematics and geography. Even these moderate fees were reduced when more than two pupils were sent from one family, and could be entirely remitted at the discretion of the trustees when the parents were too poor to pay them, as not infrequently happened. At one time the trustees divided the town into wards, in order to find out by personal canvass, all the cases in which children were kept at home through poverty. In such cases school books were supplied by the trustees and clothing by the ladies who visited the schools. Old records of the F. B. S. show that in the winter of 1842-3, sixty-seven families, comprising 134 individuals, were supplied with clothing for attendance in "the scriptural schools of the M.D.S." and their places of worship. Miss Morrison was succeeded by her assistant, Miss Masson, a woman of remarkable ability as a teacher and trainer, who continued to mould the character of a large number of children, boys as well as girls, with inestimable results. These two schools were held in a low frame building which had come into the society's possession, known from its original destination as the "Line Barracks," still standing opposite the Sydenham street church, though recently remodelled into dwelling houses. The arrangements of these schools were primitive. The ceiling was low and the windows were small, while the narrow benches, without backs, would have shocked any modern inspector. Yet good work was done there and the children seemed remarkable well and happy. Their success soon led to the establishment of a third school (for girls) on Queen street, taught by Miss Fisher, also a Scotchwoman, all three schools being thus, in the first instance, officered from Scotland. This third school was at first supported by the private subscriptions of the trustees, and soon numbered eighty pupils. Care had been taken to secure christian teachers, and bible instruction always formed an important part of the school work. The attendance of pupils at their respective Sunday schools was required, and the teachers were enjoined to see that the S. S. lessons were properly prepared. The schools were weekly visited by two trustees, a clergyman and a layman, and also by some of the ladies who had organized the first school, these visits greatly assisting the teacher. Knitting and plain sewing were also made a special object of attention in the girls' schools, the afternoons being usually devoted to instruction in this indispensible part of a girl's education. In May, 1842, before the third school had been established, it was stated in the annual reports "that the schools of the society had afforded to 200 children, during the past year, these advantages which the institution was originally designed to confer upon that portion of the community who had been hitherto without the means of education." After the establishment of the third school, the total attendance rose to nearly 300. An infants' school department was also for some time maintained on infant school methods. The above quotation sufficiently defines the sphere of these schools, and shows the mistake of those who suppose that they exercised all the functions of our modern public schools. The pupils (though not a few of them have risen to positions of importance) were, with few exceptions, the children of the poor, often the very poor, who could not otherwise have acquired an education. Those whose parents could afford to pay higher fees attended one or other of the private schools, which existed even then—notably, that of the venerable Miss Douglas, still living among us, an admirable and thorough teacher, from whom even the boys received their elementary training till old enough to be transferred to the grammar school.

When the free common schools were opened, their effect was first felt in the diminished attendance at Mr. Hamilton's school, where the fees were highest. In consequence of discouragement from this cause, Mr. Hamilton resigned in 1849, his school having lasted only seven years. Miss Fisher's school was next closed in 1859, after thirteen years of good service. Miss Masson's school, however, still survived for many years, her strong gentle influence doing much to mould the character of many future good citizens. Some of her pupils became professional men, others attained much usefulness as public school teachers, while many girls trained by her became efficient domestic servants and excellent wives and mothers. Her moral training was admirable. She taught her pupils to be respectful and courteous, truthful and upright, kind to dumb animals, as well as to take an interest in the shrubs and flowers with which her fine taste adorned the school grounds. None of her pupils would have been guilty of the acts of vandalism and petty plunder too common among the children of to-day. When she was obliged by circumstances to resign her post the loss was a severe one, although she was succeeded by other competent teachers, Miss Minnes and Miss Barclay.

In 1866 the fees of this surviving school were abolished, the power of admission being vested in the trustees and the committee of the orphans' home, who had for some time conducted a similar school in connection with their institution. The school was then sometimes called the "Ragged School," though this name was not encouraged, and the children of very poor and careless parents received a daily dole of bread, as an inducement to regularity of attendance. But, early in the present decade, this last surviving school was finally closed. Some of the ladies who visited it to the last, including Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Machar, who had helped to organize it in 1833, deeply regretted its discontinuance, as they believed it might still have done good work, especially as it was then the only remaining school where girls were taught the useful art of sewing, entirely neglected in our public schools, while at the same time distinctly christian influence was brought to bear on their daily life. Since then, the M. D. S. has done little active work. Negotiations were opened with a view to establishing an industrial school in Kingston, but failed, as have other attempts to accomplish some things much needed here. As this trust from the past was, founded, as one of its early petitions states, "for the benevolent and laudable objects of extending education, improving the morals and diffusing christian knowledge to the poor and destitute classes of society," it can be used on these lines alone and there is still room for it on these lines. It is a significant fact, recently noted, that juvenile crime is on the increase here, and much of it may easily be traced to the utter lack of moral training among the children of the "poor and destitute classes of society." Considering the overcrowded state of the public schools, their lack of provision for teaching sewing, and the fact that children will not attend regularly without the school-books and the decent clothing which many parents are too poor or too careless to supply, it is strongly felt by those who come most in contact with the poor, that there is still great need for one or two schools, such as these M.D.S. schools used to be, schools which could still be filled from "the highways and hedges," in which, under christian training, the children's "moral improvement" might keep pace with their intellectual progress, and they should learn, as in those schools of old, with so little of the superfluous, so much of vital importance to their future well being.—FIDELIS.

CITY AND VICINITY.

No One Injured.

Last evening while a "wake" was in progress in the eastern part of the city the floor of the building gave way and caused a stove and several articles of furniture to be broken. None of the people present were injured.

To San Francisco.

Messrs. George Mills & Co., of the Boston hat store, Wellington street, will, in a few days, send to San Francisco, Cal., a seal coat, ordered from them by mail yesterday. Kingston's popular fur store is becoming widely known.

To Go Into Mourning.

At a recent meeting of the members of Hugh de Payn Premier, No. 1, Knights Templars, a motion was carried that the charter be draped in mourning for three months and that the members wear mourning badges the same length of time out of respect for the late Dr. Henderson, Q.C.

The Wrong Man Called.

A short time ago a man attempted to poison himself in Vancouver, B.C. He gave his name as Williams and said he came from Kingston. It was supposed here that the man in question was Cornelius Williams, of Williamsville. On enquiry, however, it was learned the man in question gave his wrong name.

A Poor Woman's Death.

Mrs. Ringer, the wife of the Ringer who was sentenced to the penitentiary for incendiarism at Smith's Falls, died last week of poverty and a broken heart. She struggled along painfully but heroically, endeavoring, by working around, to earn enough to clothe and educate her five children. The task was too great, and her vital iism at last became exhausted.

A Pleasing Affair.

A social, under the auspices of the Select Knights of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, was held in the lodge room last evening. An excellent programme was supplied and refreshments in abundance were given in the school board room. Among those who took part were Mrs. Galloway, Misses Taylor, Hopkins and Gibson, and Dr. Massie, Messrs. Galloway, Crumley, Middleton, Vanjaven Bros. and O. Teigmann.

The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel: J. Hagor, C. Runk, R. C. Murray, Hugh McLennan, D. G. Thomson, H. Weavy, D. M. McGown, Alex Gillies, Montreal; I. S. G. Pepler, A. C. Anderson, S. Lorie, W. H. Hodgkinson, J. W. Williamson, J. M. Robertson, R. S. Kilgour, C. R. Russell, Toronto; J. W. Miller, Peterboro; Fred H. Pell, C. A. Miller, New York; W. H. Carney, J. Dawson, Sault Ste. Marie; W. Mowat, Glasgow.

THE COURT CLEARED.

BECAUSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION MADE BY FRIENDS.

Bail Given an Additional Year—The Shanessy Case Brought on—The Prisoner was Acquitted—There was an Ovation on Hearing the Verdict.

The absence of some of the lawyers delayed the opening of the county court, on Wednesday, for considerable time. John McIntyre, Q. C., being the only lawyer present. Of course a public gathering of any description would not be complete without a baby and the frantic remarks of the sample in the court room made it necessary to have it taken out, not before the spectators had had considerable amusement out of it however.

Five or six seats were lined with members of the fair sex who were to appear as witnesses in different cases. They evidently found it hard to occupy their minds during the tedious wait of just one hour when Messrs. Machar and Britton appeared. Meanwhile the convict, Charles Hall, charged with breaking gaol and a fellow convict James Langford had been brought in and placed in the prisoner's dock. The men escaped last Christmas eve.

The grand jury brought in true bills against Charles Hall for gaol breaking and James Langford, wounding with intent to do bodily harm. When the indictment had been read both pleaded guilty. Judge Price in sentencing Langford stated that as the warden had spoken favorably of his career in the prison with the exception of the assault on Hollingworth, which he understood was not wholly without cause, and in consideration of his past good conduct he reserved sentence pending his future behaviour. To Hall the judge stated that the charge on which he sentenced him was a serious one, in the committal of which the prisoner had endangered his own life and that of the guards as well. Those who did this must expect to bear the penalty, and he sentenced him to one year in the penitentiary to take effect from the completion of his former sentence.

The case of James Shanessy was then called, and the prisoner, a neatly dressed young man, pleaded "not guilty" in a firm voice and stated his readiness to be tried at once. John McIntyre, Q.C., appeared for the prisoner, and B. M. Britton, Q.C., for the queen. The jury was chosen thus: James Brawley, Charles Hall, Robert H. Patterson, Frank Carlton, Moses Jackson, W. T. Hawley, Francis Dobbs, Nelson Amey, Bernard McCarey, Melziar Avery, Peter Holme and Frank McAuley.

Mr. Britton stated the particulars of the alleged stealing of the gold watch, chain and $25 in cash from Mrs. Mary Ann Hughes.

Mr. Britton strongly urged that the jury put no faith in anything they had seen in the newspapers, which he claimed were an reliable. The statement was greeted with smiles from the twelve good men who took it with a grain of salt.

Mrs. Reeves, wife of Daniel Reeves, with whom Mrs. Hughes, from whom the watch was said to have been taken, was living, was called. She stated that Mrs. Hughes drew $50 shortly after coming there from the post-office and had $25 remaining. The $50 she subsequently gave to witness' mother, a sister of deceased. Witness identified the watch. When she had seen it last it had no ring in it. The chain was attached by a thread. She had known the prisoner Shanessy for two years, but he had only been at Reeves' house twice before her aunt, Mrs. Hughes came there. On 18th Nov. he was alone with Mrs. Hughes and once while witness was present, she saw Shanessy put his hand beneath the bed clothes, but thought nothing of it till after the watch was missed. Mrs. Hughes was in the habit of keeping her watch and money in the bed. She died on 21st Nov. and witness searched her person for the valuables but found only $2 in the purse. A few days after she met Mrs. Shanessy, while she was taking her husband's dinner, and followed her to Spangenberg's jewelery store where she saw the watch which had been repaired since it had been taken from her house. She looked at it but was not allowed to take it from the shop.

Cross-examined by Mr. McIntyre—Had heard Mrs. Hughes speak of changing her will, shortly after her arrival here. It was then in favor of her mother and uncle and the proposed change was to be partly in her favor.

Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Britton had considerable by-talk about the will which Mr. McIntyre stated he had ordered the prosecution to produce.

Mr. Britton—"Your honor, I object to Mr. McIntyre trying to draw a herring across the scent in this manner about this will. He has no defence."

Mr. McIntyre—"I have a very strong defence, and I don't wish to hear that statement repeated. These people have evidently wished to get a little more than was originally willed to them and that is the origin of this whole affair." (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Britton—"These people who are making this demonstration are evidently the 'influential friends' the paper spoke of last night. This laughter is a disgrace to the administration of justice in Frontenac."

The judge then called in constables and distributed them about the room to quiet any further laughter.

Witness continued that Mrs. Hughes, had when sick, rolled the watch in a piece of cloth and put it down at her right hand side. The prisoner came that day about 4:30 o'clock. She saw his hands partly under the clothes while kneeling at the left side of the sick bed praying.

Mr. McIntyre called attention to the fact that the watch was on the right hand side of the bed.

Witness said that Mrs. Shanessy had done considerable sewing for her, and after much cross-questioning it came out that the "sewing" was a shroud for Mrs. Hughes, then not dead. The last will of Mrs. Hughes was read, leaving the whole of her property to Mrs. Reeves and her mother, Mrs. Eadie. The will was made on Oct. 13th. The amount to be left to both her mother and herself was $1,042, in securities and cash.

Mrs. Eadie, mother of the last witness and sister of Mrs. Hughes, did not know the ailment with which Mrs. Hughes was troubled. The watch had been sent to be cleaned by a relative in England. When the watch was missed she had gone to see Shanessy about it, and he denied having anything to do with it, or selling it, but his wife acknowledged having it, but said her husband knew nothing of it.

Cross examined by Mr. McIntyre: "I came here to see my daughter, Mrs. D. J. Young. Mrs. Young was not in her right mind some time after coming to Kingston. She gave me $50 about a week before I went to my home near Renfrew." Witness had seen the will of Mrs. Hughes in the office of her solicitor, H. T. Shibley. She had gone with her daughter to the Shanessy's house, but would not admit that she had brought her daughter for a witness.

Bella Eadie was present at the cotton mill when her mother interviewed the prisoner. She heard him deny having it. She corroborated the statement of the former witness.

On cross examination witness said she did not know why her mother had asked her to go to the cotton mill. The conversation at Shanessy's house included a statement from herself, when Mrs. Shanessy said the watch had been given her, that "I wouldn't take anything from a person in that condition."

Miss Mattie McConnell was at the house the night of Mrs. Hughes' death, and next day helped to dress the body of deceased. The purse was found in a pocket of one of two skirts which the deceased had on; thought it rather singular for a person in bed to have so much clothing on. Heard afterwards that she was sensitive to cold.

W. S. Percy, clerk in Spangenberg's jewelry store, knew the prisoner and said that he came to the store and wished to have an old fashioned gold chain made over and later he took a watch to have a ring put in it. Mrs. Shanessy called a few days later and asked for it and Mrs. Reeves, at the same time asked for it. Mrs. Shanessy said the watch was given to her.

Mr. McIntyre to see objection to the indictment as irregular, inasmuch as the former owner of the money was dead and could not be proved that she had not given it to Shanessy.

Judge Price said that if was doubtful if the case could go before the jury without more evidence. All that had been proved was an exchange of property. Mr. Britton gave a short abstract and strongly pressed that the case be allowed to proceed, as the fact that Shanessy had given the watch to Spangenberg to be repaired and afterwards denied having it pointed to him as the guilty party.

Mrs. Shanessy, mother of the prisoner, testified for the defence and stated her son and his wife lived with her. She was present when Mrs. Eadie and her daughter had the conversation. The prisoner did not say that he knew nothing of the watch, but said that it had been given to his wife, and Mrs. Eadie said: "You shouldn't have taken it from her when she was out of her mind."

Mr. Hudders, foreman in the cotton mill, stated that Shanessy had always borne an excellent character as an honest and industrious man. He had worked on