

TRIBUNALS OF TWO PARISHES

Actions Tried In The Kingston Court By Mr. Justice Athawes.

MR. ROBINSON'S LIST.

Adina Brown Sent for Trial On Larceny Charge, To Circuit Court.

In the Kingston Court on Wednesday before His Honour Mr. E. J. S. Athawes, Acting Judge, the case of Solomon Hibbert (on behalf of the Beekeepers' Union Syndicate) vs. Theodore Adolphus Gayle, a member of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation—claiming £20 for trespass, was heard.

Mr. P. E. Oppenheim appeared for the plaintiff, whilst the defendant was represented by Mr. J. Cardie Moss, Barrister-at-law.

Solomon Hibbert representing the plaintiff, gave evidence, in the course of which he showed that the defendant who was one of the managers of the Beekeepers' Union Syndicate, had subsequently to his being removed from such a capacity taken the lock on the Union's buildings and entered same.

ANOTHER WITNESS.

Charles Noel Edwards, a member of the Beekeepers' Syndicate, said that the Syndicate was formed in the year 1920, between certain beekeepers and the defendant. The document shown him and tendered in evidence was signed by defendant. Defendant was one of the managers, and was relieved of that position at a meeting held on the 11th June last, at which he (defendant) was present. Premises 24 East Street were in charge of the three managers of the Syndicate. There was a storeroom at the above premises. Honey was stored there at a charge of one shilling per barrel. The storeroom could accommodate about 600 barrels. The moneys collected for storage was for the benefit of the Syndicate. The storeroom had two keys—one which defendant kept and another which was in the possession of the other two managers. After the defendant had been removed as manager he (defendant) had no right to store honey in the Syndicate's storeroom and was served with a notice to give up the key and to remove what honey he had in the storeroom. (Copy of notice produced and tendered in evidence). On receiving the notice defendant removed the Syndicate's padlock from the door of the storeroom and put on one of his own. The Syndicate subsequently replaced the lock which defendant had put on the door by one of their own. The Syndicate which purchased the premises in East Street, had nothing to do with the Union. Defendant had 29 one-pound shares in the Syndicate. Apart from that defendant had no monetary interests in the Syndicate.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cardie Moss: When was the Beekeepers' Union Syndicate organized?—In January, 1920.

Q: Prior to that time did an association known as the Jamaica Beekeepers' Union of which you were president exist?—Yes.

Q: Was it decided at one of the meetings over which you presided that property for the purpose of housing the Union should be acquired?—Not to my knowledge.

Looking at the signature affixed to the minutes of a meeting of the Union which was handed witness by Mr. Moss, the witness said that the signature resembled his but he had no recollection of having signed such minutes.

Will you deny it Mr. Edwards? asked counsel.

Witness: No, I will not go the length of denying the signature.

Mr. Moss read from the minutes which were supposed to have been signed by witness, and asked whether he was present at a special meeting called for the purpose of raising enough money to purchase a property. To this witness replied in the affirmative, adding that he then pledged himself to subscribe £50.

Further cross-examined, witness said that at the meeting presided over by him a committee was appointed to secure a suitable place to rent for the purposes of the Union. Witness was aware of the fact that he was one of the managers of the Union's property. Neither defendant, Mr. Thompson nor himself (as managers) had personal possession of any of the benefits attaching to the Beekeepers' Union.

Mr. Oppenheim said that he had two more witnesses which he could call but he proposed to close his case there.

Mr. Cardie Moss at this stage moved for judgment on the ground that the evidence did not show that the Beekeepers' Union Association was duly registered under Law 33 of 1902 or under the Victoria Chapter 1492.

Mr. Moss argued that the plaintiffs had no standing in that court, as they could not establish legal entity. On the plaintiff's own showing defendant was entitled to judgment for it was admitted by two of the witnesses that Gayle was in possession and the proper course for the plaintiffs to have taken was to issue execution proceedings against the defendant. Mr. Moss made further submissions to the court and called the defendant.

EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT. Theodore Adolphus Gayle, the defendant, said that he was Secretary of the Jamaica Beekeepers' Union, 24, which was registered on the 24th January, 1924.

On the certificate of registration he tendered in evidence, Mr. Oppenheim objected to its reception on the ground that it was irrelevant, objection was upheld by the court.

Continuing witness said that in 1923 he held the positions of Secretary and treasurer of the union.

The purpose of the union was to assist the Bee Industry in all parts of the country—Industries were (and are) being started and the other managers going about) opened in various parishes of the country.

A meeting was held in 1920 when it was decided that a suitable place should be purchased for housing the union. The meeting was held at 78 King Street and was then at 78 King Street.

The complaint said that she left her house and went out, and when she returned she missed the clothes.

Detective Inspector O'Hanlon said that the accused had six convictions—all for larceny.

His Honour passed a sentence of 12 months imprisonment.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES. T. Broderick was brought up on a summons on a charge of obtaining money (£4) by false pretences, the property of G. N. Penso.

Mr. S. L. Scott appeared for the accused.

Mr. Scott said that it was an unfortunate matter. He had seen Mr. Penso, and he was quite willing not to proceed with the matter.

His Honour adjourned the case until Thursday (yesterday) to hear what Mr. Penso had to say.

Malcolm Campbell for disorderly conduct at the Gaiety Theatre was fined 21/ or 21 days' imprisonment.

Cassandra Williams was sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment for larceny of clothes the property of Rosaena Bruce, and for larceny of mule shoes from Berival Hamilton, Maxie Stewart was given 30 days' imprisonment.

Sylvia Lewis for using indecent language was fined 20/.

She was also fined 40/ for improper conduct in a Spirit License shop.

For assaulting a female, James Edmondson was fined 30/, and Obadiah James, for using indecent language was fined 15/ or 14 days' imprisonment.

PETTY SESSIONS COURT. In the Petty Sessions Court at Halfway Tree on Wednesday, before His Worship Mr. S. J. Streadwick, Justice of the Peace, George Dacres for assaulting Mary Ann Robinson was fined 40/ and costs 10/.

Edward Gayle for disorderly conduct at Cross Roads was fined 40/ and costs 10/.

Ethel Vernal for a similar offence was fined 10/ and costs 6/6 or 14 days' imprisonment.

Nathaniel Hall for loitering was fined 40/ and costs 3/6 and Cassis Wiggan for a similar offence was fined 20/.

On a charge of using indecent language, Henry Vassal was fined 20/ and costs 19/3 or 21 days' imprisonment.

Altamont Edmond on a charge of disorderly conduct at Cross Roads was fined 20/ and costs 10/ or 14 days' imprisonment, and Fitzherbert Christie for using indecent language was fined 8/ and costs 8/6, or 7 days' imprisonment.

EXAMINATION INTO LARCENY CHARGE. The preliminary examination into the charge of larceny as a servant of jewellery and other articles, the property of Mr. Henry Roland Melville, preferred against Adina Brown was held at the Halfway Tree Court House on Wednesday before His Honour Mr. A. V. Kingston.

Henry Melville said that he was living at Lyndhurst Road in St. Andrew. The accused was employed to him as a domestic servant. On Sunday, the 20th January, at about 2 p.m., he went to dinner along with his family. The accused was given the day off. He did not see Brown on his premises that day.

Isabella Burnside said that she was a domestic servant and was living at Benbow Street in Admiral Town. She knew the accused Brown. Annie Burnside was her sister. Brown brought a box and asked her to put it up for her. She opened the box and saw a gold watch and chain, some spectacles and a lot of other things.

On Sunday the 24th February Annie Burnside asked her and some other people to accompany her to Brown's room. She gave a statement to Detective Steele.

Gladys Hamilton said that she was a domestic servant. She knew Annie Burnside and Adina Brown. On Sunday night the 24th February, at about 9 o'clock, Annie Burnside asked her to go with her to see Brown. When they saw Brown, Annie Burnside spoke to her (Brown.) She knew that Ann Burnside and Adina Brown were working with Mr. Melville. She was also employed to Mr. Melville at one time. She had seen Mr. Melville with the gold watch and chain produced.

Rifton Aikman next testified as to seeing the watch and chain and other articles in the room where Adina Brown was living.

Detective Corporal Steele said that on Thursday the 28th February he showed the gold watch and chain produced to Adina Brown, who was in custody. The accused said that the watch and chain were given to her by Annie Burnside. The watch and chain were given to him by John Powell.

This concluded the taking of the evidence, and the accused was committed to take her trial at the Kingston Circuit Court on Monday next.

NOTES OF CHANTILLY. (From our Correspondent.) Chantilly, Williamsfield, April 28.—A boy by the name of Jack Richards of the district of Tryall, while picking starapples some days ago fell and sustained several injuries to his body.

The Chantilly elementary day school which had been without a teacher for the month of March has now the services of Mr. O. B. Atkinson of Killmarnock.

The long drought that existed here from December last, broke last week Wednesday. A copious shower of rain fell for 2 hours; the fields that were practically parched are again coming into bloom.

At 3 o'clock on the 29th instant a concert was given in the Congregational Church on Sunday last, by the Davyton and Blue Mountain choir. A large gathering was in attendance. Rev. T. L. Atkinson was the chairman. The programme was rendered to satisfaction. The chairman gave an address.

A LITERARY CLUB. On Friday afternoon last a literary club was formed at Liberty Hall, 76 King Street, under the auspices of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. There was a fair turnout of officers and others. The club is intended to bring about a higher standard of intelligence and self-respect among its members, and to assist in their moral welfare generally.

Various matters were brought forward and discussed. The acting secretary submitted the names of twenty-five persons for membership. Sample of a fifty dollars library just arrived from Ralph Durham Company of America were demonstrated. The meeting was an enjoyable one.

A. SAMUEL BURTON, Acting Secretary.

MORE GIRL GUIDES. London, April 16.—There are now more Girl Guides than Boy Scouts in the British Isles, according to the current issue of "The Scouter," which records 317,362 Girl Guides, against 270,110 Boy Scouts.

RAIN AT CRAWLE RIVER. (From our Correspondent.) Crawle River, Chapelton, April 29.—The long spell of drought which nearly killed out all vegetation in these parts, was broken by three heavy showers of rain on Wednesday to Saturday of last week.

The people here have started in right earnest to plant so as to expedite the starving situation existing. Corn was sold in the local market on Saturday at 6d per quart, but very little could be obtained. There was also a great demand for red peas and congo peas, but there was a very limited supply.

Trade is dull all around and many of the local business men have decided to close down their establishments for the present.

Bananas were bought from Croft's Hill, Brandon Hill and other mountain districts; the supply was splendid, over 3,000 bunches being obtained.

Practical larceny is still rampant in the district. A recent case of cassava stealing was brought to light on Sunday last, and an arrest was made.

London, April 19.—The Monte Carlo correspondent of the Chicago Tribune telegraphs: The Casino's dividend for 1923-24, as declared at the annual general meeting is 400 francs net per share, as against 125 francs in 1922-23. The face value of the share is 500 francs, but the market price to-day is 4,700. The gross receipts for the year amounted to 100,000,000 francs.

Mr. Rene Leport, former reappointed managing director for a period of three years, and has been voted the very handsome bonus of 150,000 francs in recognition of his successful management.

Some statistics of the number of visitors to Monte Carlo this season show (in round numbers) that British numbered 35,000, French 29,000 and Americans 17,000.

INVITING DEMPSEY. Paris, April 12.—The "Echo des Sports" reproduces a statement to the effect that a promoter, Herr Wolf, is negotiating with a view to inducing Jack Dempsey to come to Europe.

The conditions offered by Herr Wolf are understood to be 450,000 dollars for three matches—one in Berlin, one in London, and one in Paris or Vienna.

In Berlin Dempsey would be opposed to the German heavy-weight champion Samon Koerner; in London to the British heavy-weight champion, and for the third match, if it took place in Vienna, to Erminio Spalla.

NEW DEAN OF CARLISLE. London, April 19.—The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Rev. Henry Venn Stuart, M.A., Rector of Stoke-on-Trent, to the Deanery of Carlisle, vacant by the death of the Very Rev. Hastings Rashdall, M.A., D.D.

Prebendary Stuart has been Rector of Stoke-on-Trent and Rural Dean since 1904. From Harrow he went to Caius College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1887. He held a curacy at St. Paul's, Burslem, till 1891, when he was presented to the living of St. James, Wolverhampton. He was appointed Vicar of Cannock in 1895, and ten years later Prebendary of Upton Cantoris in Lichfield Cathedral.

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Warren vs. Thernstead. In the Kingston Court on Wednesday before His Honour Mr. E. J. S. Athawes, Acting Judge, Mr. J. A. deSouza (for the plaintiff) got judgment for £4 with costs taxed at £2 12/9 in the case of E. A. Warren vs. James Thernstead et al. The claim was to recover the above mentioned amount which was due on promissory note negotiated in Kingston. The defendants did not answer to their names when the case was called on and judgment was given in default.

KINGSTON R. M. COURT. Before His Honour Mr. H. C. Robinson in the Kingston R. M. Court on Wednesday, Ernest Grant was charged with wounding Bunda (coolie).

Mr. A. O. Thomson of the firm of Messrs. Simpson and Thomson appeared for the accused, who was remanded on bail until the 14th instant.

Wong Sing (Chinese), was again brought up on a charge of keeping a common gaming house.

The case was adjourned until the 28th instant.

CHARGE OF WOUNDING. Amanda Clarke was charged with wounding Sarah Noland. She pleaded guilty.

The complainant said that she was quite willing to take compensation from the accused.

Accused was fined 10/ and ordered to give the complainant 40/ as compensation.

Mary Douglas next pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of clothes from Urselina Francis.

The complainant said that she left

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Tenders will be received up to and including 30th April, 1924. LEWIS THOMAS, Director of Railways.

Jamaica Government Railways Drought — Reduction in Railway Rate on Grass Fodder for Animals.

Notice to Dairy-men, Livery Stable Owners, Butchers and Others.

The Railway Rate for the Conveyance of Grass Fodder has been reduced by One-half, on account of Drought Conditions, and below are given the Reduced Rate from certain Stations to Kingston:

Stations.	Rate per Ton.
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Two or three Senders can combine together to despatch Grass Fodder, in the name of one Sender to one Consignee at Kingston or any other point. It is now hoped that advantage will be taken of these facilities.

The Railway Administration is very anxious to ensure the upkeep of the Milk Supply in Kingston and St. Andrew, and that Domestic Animals be provided for as far as possible during the continuation of the Drought.

For quotations from any other Station to Kingston, or to any other point, please apply to the Traffic Superintendent, or to any Station Master. LEWIS THOMAS, Director of Railways.

Jamaica Government Railways. Reduction in Railway Rates on Pimento, Cocoa, Coffee, Cocoanuts and Ginger.

On and from the 1st May, 1924, the Railway Rates on Pimento, Cocoa, (Wet and Dry), Coffee, Cocoanuts and Ginger will be reduced to Free-War Rates, plus 25 per cent. only (that is, the Rates applied in 1914 instead of the existing rates). The Government, in introducing these most substantial Reductions, has in view, firstly, the need of a much greater production of these Commodities, and therefore a greater circulation of Money; and secondly, the desirability of making the Railway Department of greater utility in the Agricultural life of the Colony.

The New Rates will apply between all Stations, and the same Conditions as in 1914 will also apply as to Wagon Loads and less than Wagon Loads. Particulars of the New Railways Charge between any two given Stations can be had from the Traffic Superintendent, Kingston, or from any Station Master at any time after Monday, the 28th April.

It is now hoped that this concession will be taken advantage of by every way by a greater volume of production, and a freer use of the Railway as a means of Transport.

LEWIS THOMAS, Director of Railways. Kingston Station.