

Cardigan Man Not Guilty Of Criminal Negligence

Roderick Jeremiah Steele, Cardigan, was found "not guilty" of criminal negligence in the death of Leo Douglas Shephard of Cardigan in a highway accident which occurred July 28, 1955. The jury deliberated for fifty-five minutes to bring in the above verdict yesterday afternoon before the court presided over by Mr. Justice Mark McGuigan. Representing the Crown were Premier and Attorney General A.W. Matheson, Q.C., and Mr. J.P. Nicholson, Crown Prosecutor for Kings. Representing the accused were Messrs James Johnston and Somerled Trainor. The defense called three witnesses yesterday, the first of whom was Peter MacAulay of Cardigan C.N.R. employee.

The witness stated that he saw Steele about 8 p.m. at his (MacAulay's) house. Steele's condition was normal, he said. He continued

by saying that Steele was with some other and that they remained a short time. Steele then went home to dress and returned again, after which they left. On cross-examination he stated that he did not know that Steele was drinking that day.

Elizabeth MacDonald, Cardigan, student, the next witness, said that she saw Steele at the restaurant where she was with her sister. She described Steele as sober and that he was not steady on his feet. All eight, Steele, Cronin, Beatrice Publicover, McLellan, Michael Sullivan, Adrain Sullivan, Vera Shephard and herself got in the cab to go to the dance. Douglas Shephard and Urban McLellan got on the back of the truck, she said. She was sitting a little sideways, she stated, so as to give Steele more room to drive, and she said he had no difficulty handling the

truck or driving. The road was foggy in places, she said. While they were on the road she was able to see Steele at all times and did not see him nod his head and up to the time of the accident, she said his driving was alright. After the accident, Steele and Adrian Sullivan went to MacPhee's home, she said, to get some help. Steele and Adrian were running. Later MacPhee came back in the truck with two men, and they put Shephard in the truck and they went to Cardigan.

She remained at the scene of the accident, she said.

Regarding a bump on Steele's head, she said she saw it there the next day, and that it was not there previous to the accident.

On cross-examination she said she saw Steele the next afternoon on the road at Cardigan when they talked for a minute. When asked why she was seated behind the truck, she said that it gave more room for Steele to drive; because a short distance from the restaurant, his elbow was striking her. No one suggested someone might get out to give more room, she said.

After he picked up Campbell, Steele drove on the right side of the road. She stated that she did not see Steele's head nod, but that it could have without her seeing it as she was watching the road. She also said she did not know who had turned off the switch of the truck after the accident, although she heard the motor stop.

Rev. J.P.E. Hanley, parish priest at Cardigan stated that Steele had come to the Parochial House that night in the truck bringing the body of young Shephard. He said he observed nothing in Steele's speech or conduct that would indicate that he was not sober. On cross-examination he said that Steele accompanied him to Montague and in the car he saw nothing to indicate Steele had been drinking.

This concluded the defense evidence.

Steele was drunk, but it was apparent that he had been engaged in drinking all day, and since that was so then had the responsibility not to drive the truck.

It was regrettable, he said, that young men should have no greater responsibilities than this, that they were able to spend a whole day drinking liquor, while there was so much work to be done.

NOT FORCING A CONVICTION

He stated that the Crown was in no way trying to force a conviction, and should such a state of affairs arise it would be his responsibility as Attorney General to look into the matter.

The Attorney General went on to discuss the road and curve where the washout was located. He felt that the accused had the responsibility to not drive so close to the side on a thirty foot road. He commented on the fact that the truck travelled 125 feet after striking the hole, yet by all the evidence the truck was only going 25 or 30.

He reminded the jury that they had a responsibility, not only to the boy who was dead, but also to the accused, to the people of the Province and to the people of the community and to the people of the Province as a whole. This duty is imposed by law, he said, and he would expect them to bring in a verdict justifiable to all the accused and the people of the whole Province.

JUDGE SUMS UP

In his opening remarks, Mr. Justice MacGuigan congratulated Mr. Trainor and Premier Matheson for their capable addresses to the jury. He pointed out to the jury that they must make their decisions on the facts of evidence as given by the witnesses, but they must take the law as laid down by the judge.

He said that the burden of proof rested with the Crown and this

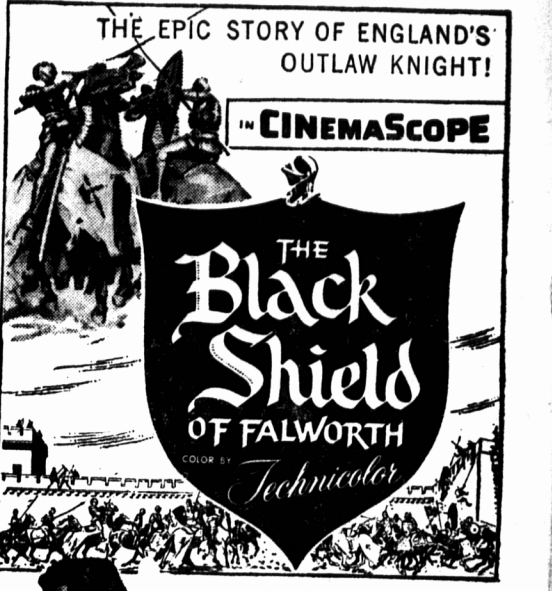
Court will resume Monday charged with murder in the death morning, November 7, at 10:30 of William MacKenzie of Glen when the case of Elmer O'Connor, Martin, will be heard.

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Burglars Chisel Hole In Souris Safe; Get \$300

MacDonald's Service Station in Souris was broken into Thursday night. Entrance to the building was made by breaking a rear window. Intruders then went into the office, removed a 400-lb. safe from a stand 18 inches high to the floor of the office where they chiseled a six-inch hole through the bottom of the safe. Papers were strewn about the floor and approximately \$300 was missing from the safe. The hinges were hack-sawed off the safe and the combination lock was a badly smashed. The cash register was also opened and a small amount of silver was taken.

Mr. MacDonald had left the service station around 10:30 and the break was discovered the following morning at 7:30 by an employee, Clarence Gallant, when he opened for business.

Cpl. Sanford in charge of the local detachment R.C.M.P. called in Staff Sgt. Rogers of the Charlottetown detachment who photographed and looked for finger prints at the scene of the crime.

Heavy Catches Of Haddock And Flounders

The dragger Marjorie and Mary Belle docked at Souris Friday with approximately 70,000 lbs. of haddock and flounders and she reported that all the other draggers fishing out of Souris are practically fully loaded which will mean when they dock and unload the total landing for the week will be in the vicinity of 600,000 lbs.

They are experiencing some difficulty in handling the fish as Griffins Fisheries plant are unable to obtain skilled labor at the present time to operate at full capacity.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. Harley G. Smith, Canterbury, N. B. announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles MacLure, Dartmouth, N. S. son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles MacLure, Montague, P.E.I. The wedding will take place in the near future.

PULP BOAT SAILS—The M. V. Reinhardt Lorenz Russ of 1,500 tons registry of Hamburg, Germany with 38 officers and men left Souris yesterday at 1 p.m. with 2,500 cords of peeled pulp for Rouen, France. The boat was loaded at T. Arthur Peters pulp yard in Souris.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, the Lord's Day, November 6: Montague, 10:00 a.m., Bible School for all ages. Attend this growing Bible School. 11:00 a.m., The Lord's Supper and preaching, Murray River, 11:00 a.m., Bible School and The Lord's Supper, Murray Harbour, 6:00 p.m., Bible School and The Lord's Supper. Combined Evangelistic Service at the Murray Harbour Church at 7:30 p.m. First service of evangelistic campaign. Gospel preaching and singing. Everyone welcome. Kenneth T. Norris, Evangelist.

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Name	Amount of Tax Due on Real Estate	Poll Tax
Dr. A. W. M. Allan, 20 North River Road	1.65	2.00
Alfred Arsenault, North Street	3.50	3.50
Frank Arsenault, North Street	1.58	2.00
John Auffer, C. A. A. Grounds	.98	2.00
Angus Beaton, Summer Street	3.08	2.00
Daniel Beaton, Summer Street	3.60	2.00
John Botts, 185 Elm Avenue	12.15	2.00
Wilfred Burke, 181 Elm Avenue	8.70	2.00
Ernest Carter, Summer Street	3.00	2.00
Roy Carter, Upper Queen Street	3.33	2.00
Ambrose Coady, property 170 Malpeque Road	9.63	2.00
Merrill Craswell, 45 Rochford Street	7.88	2.00
P. J. DeRoche, 47 Douglas Street	1.65	2.00
R. H. Duvar, North River Road	88.73	2.00
Victor Egan, Upper Queen Street	5.78	3.50
Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Allan Street	7.38	3.50
Frank Gallant, Kirkwood Drive	9.45	2.00
Harold Gaudin, Kirkwood Drive	10.50	2.00
Frank Gauthier, Kirkwood Drive	12.18	2.00
Lorne Good, Kirkwood Drive	8.08	2.00
Arthur Grant, Willow Street	2.48	2.00
John Hanna, 10 Young Street	2.93	2.00
Everett Irving, C. A. A. Grounds	3.90	2.00
Mrs. Effie Jenkins, Allan Street	18.50	3.50
John Jenkins, Allan Street	5.93	2.00
Willard Jordan, 70 Longworth Avenue	2.63	2.00
Albert Kearney, Eden Street	1.75	2.00
Vernon Lafferty, Eden Street	6.38	2.00
Cecil Malone, Bonshaw	8.25	3.50
Mark Malone, Malpeque Road	2.98	2.00
Joseph Matthews, C. A. A. Grounds	9.50	3.50
Fred Molyneux, Nassau St.	1.58	2.00
John B. Murphy, Eden Street	.90	2.00
Robert McClintock, School Street	1.43	2.00
Mrs. Lena Mannis, Pond Street	4.50	3.50
Gordon MacLean, C. A. A. Grounds	2.10	2.00
James MacNeil, Kirkwood Drive	6.88	3.50
Edward MacQuaid, Kirkwood Drive	.88	2.00
Herb Pletch, Spring Park Road	2.18	3.50
Mrs. Annie Purcell, C. A. A. Grounds	8.75	3.50
Mrs. Arnold Rattenbury, 21 Great George St.	3.88	3.50
Ambrose Smith, 178 Elm Avenue	11.25	3.50
Doug Smith, C. A. A. Grounds	2.48	2.00
John Smith, Eden Street	3.00	2.00
Patrick Smith, C. A. A. Grounds	2.70	2.00
John Smilhurst, C. A. A. Grounds	5.38	2.00
E. Stewart, Nassau Street	6.75	3.50
Ernest Stull, Upper Queen Street	6.15	3.50
Nakad Tawee, 233 Queen Street	3.00	2.00
Mrs. Rena Tomlins, 45 Rochford Street	5.55	2.00
Brooklyn Vail, 108 School Street	6.75	3.50
Cyrus Vessey, 23 Summer Street	4.88	3.50
Ronnie Vessey, Upper Queen Street	5.63	3.50
Barry Walsh, 8 Young Street	1.50	2.00
Ira Ward, Summer Street	2.00	2.00
Clair Archer, 196 Elm Avenue	1.20	2.00
Ray Archer, 210 Elm Avenue	2.00	2.00
Mr. Charles Bambrick, Jordan Crescent	2.00	2.00
Mr. Ed Barrett, Upper Queen Street	2.00	2.00
Gus Campbell, Upper Queen Street	2.00	2.00
Hubert Coffin, North River Road	2.00	2.00
John F. Conolly, North River Road	2.00	2.00
Willard Constable, Upper Queen Street	2.00	2.00
Elmer Craswell, Malpeque Road	1.50	2.00
Leo Doiron, 23 Young Street	2.00	2.00
Jim Donovan, Jordan Crescent	2.00	2.00
Everett Dunsford, Allan Street	2.00	2.00
Francis Flood, 168 Elm Avenue	1.50	2.00
E. Gorvett, Willow Street	1.50	2.00
Mrs. Mary Gregory, Jordan Crescent	1.50	2.00
Bennett Haywood, North River Road	1.50	2.00
Joseph Heartz, Jordan Crescent	1.50	2.00
Gordon Lund, 176 Elm Avenue	2.00	2.00
Ivan E. Myers, 21 Young Street	2.00	2.00
Harry MacDonald, Jordan Crescent	2.00	2.00
W. L. MacKinnon, 185 Elm Avenue	2.00	2.00
M. A. MacPherson, Malpeque Road	2.00	2.00
Harlan Robbins, C. A. A. Grounds	2.00	2.00
James Smith, Jordan Crescent	2.00	2.00
Weldon Smith, 11 Young Street	1.50	2.00
George Stewart, 194 Elm Avenue	3.50	2.00
Alex Vessey, 17 Young Street	2.00	2.00
Reg. Villard, Pond Street	2.00	2.00
Ambrose Ward, 189 Elm Avenue	3.50	2.00
Mr. Don Wilkins, Malpeque Road	2.00	2.00
Roy Whitlock, 165 Elm Avenue	3.50	2.00
Harold Hennessey, North River Rd.	2.00	2.00
Mrs. R. W. Cameron, North River Road	3.50	2.00
Hansford MacKenzie, Trafalgar Street	2.00	2.00
Maurice Doucette, Upper Queen Street	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Florence Morris, Summer Street	2.00	2.00
E. Blacket, C. A. A. Grounds	2.00	2.00
Mrs. H. Marshall, C. A. A. Grounds	2.00	2.00
D. Flemming, C. A. A. Grounds	2.00	2.00
Willie Andrews, C. A. A. Grounds	2.00	2.00
Russell Smith, 149 Upper Prince Street	2.00	2.00
John MacKinnon, Allan Street	2.00	2.00
Ray Gallant, Allan Street	2.00	2.00
Charles Flood, Allan Street	2.00	2.00
Athol Buell, Summer Street	2.00	2.00
Wilfred Leclair, Kirkwood Drive	2.00	2.00
Joseph Jabour, 191 Elm Avenue	2.00	2.00
Hollis Frizzell, 175 Elm Avenue	2.00	2.00
John Gallant, 189 Elm Avenue	2.00	2.00

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Village Service Act, I will on the 9th day of December A.D., at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon make application to the Magistrate for the county of Queens at his Court Room in Charlottetown for judgment against each and all the land above described for the respective amounts above mentioned, and then unpaid, and also for judgment against the respective parties named for the amounts above mentioned as due for them respectively in respect to Poll Taxes or tax on real or personal property or other tax or any or all of such taxes, and then unpaid, and proceed upon such judgment as by law directed, and unless cause to the contrary be shown on the making of such application at the time and place aforesaid.

Dated this 4th day of November A.D., 1955.

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