

FOUND AMONG THE MANY DOCUMENTS AT THE ALCOVE HOMESTEAD, THE FOLLOWING FOUR MAY BE NOT ONLY INTERESTING BUT REVEALING; PERHAPS SOMEWHAT AMUSING

No 1.

6, Oct., 1870

In the case where Andrew Pritchard, Esqr. is complainant and Charles Evans is the defendant. Present John Little, (sic) J.P. and Benjamin Reid. Andrew Pritchard complaineth, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist, doth depose and say that this sixth day of October in the morning about eleven o'clock I went over the bridge to my mill yard and after going over the bridge I assisted the Defendant, Charles Evans, to unload logs. He then came to me after the log was rolled into the pond and asked me why I had stated to Mr. Charles Chamberlain he had neglected his duty. I said that what I stated to him, Mr. Chamberlain, was correct. He then used abusive language, calling me a liar and jumped up and struck me in the mouth with his closed fist in the mouth (sic). I then asked him if he would allow me to take off my coat; which he did, after which he asked me to strike him. I told him, "No". He then struck me. I then defended myself as well as I could.

Re-examined by Charles Evans, Defendant. "I wish to know what abusive language I used?" Answer: "You called me a liar." "Did I strike you or lay my fist up to your nose?" "You struck me in the mouth after you took off your coat." "Did you tell me to strike you?" Answer: "You may strike me if you like." Andrew Pritchard

Alexander McCullin (McCulm) being duly sworn on the on the Holy Evangelist, doth depose and say: "I was this morning in Mr. Pritchard's mill and I looked out and saw Mr. Pritchard and Charles Evans. They walked off a piece from where they unloaded the log. I saw Mr. Evans shake his hand at Mr. Pritchard's face; I then saw Mr. Pritchard take something out of his mouth, which I suppose was his pipe, and taking off his coat and leaving it on a log. They both walked up towards one another. I cannot [say] whether either struck but both fell over a log. When they got up I saw Mr. Pritchard had a hold on Charles Evans's whiskers or hair."

Alexander ^{HIS} McCulm
MARK

No 2.

Henry Presley of the Township of Bawood in the District of Ottawa being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeseth and saith: "I was this morning going across the bridge known as the Kazabashua Bridge with Mr. Pritchard's clerk. When I went about half way on the bridge I saw Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Evans squaring up to each other, and Mr. Pritchard's clerk turned back but I went forward to where they were. When I got close to them Mr. Pritchard made a catch at Evans's face. He let go and everything after that was only words.

Examined by magistrates: "Had Mr. Pritchard his coat off at that time?" Answer: "He had." Examined by Mr. Pritchard: "Was it on my premises that you saw us?" "It was about five feet from the Gatineau."

Henry ^{HIS} Presley
MARK

Charles Chamberlain of the Township of Aylwin being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist doth depose and say: "About eleven o'clock this morning I was in Mr. Pritchard's mill mending a bull-wheel chain. Looking up the creek I saw Mr. Pritchard and Charles standing where they roll their logs into the mill pond. Mr. Pritchard had his coat on. The next thing I saw was Mr. Pritchard and Charles Evans getting up from behind a large saw-log. Mr. Pritchard had a hold of Charles Evans by the hair or beard. They then backed up and got behind the team."

Question from Mr. Pritchard: "Please state where we were standing." "It was as near as I can calculate about twenty feet from the road."

J. C. Chamberlain

No 3.

Province of Quebec, District of Ottawa. Be it remembered that on the sixth day of October, 1870, information was laid before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said District, that Charles Evans did violently assault and beat Andrew Pritchard and now this sixth day of October, 1870, both the said parties having appeared and the foregoing witnesses having been examined, namely Andrew Pritchard, complainant, Alexander McCulm, Henry Presley and Charles Chamberlain, we the undersigned, Justices of the Peace for the said District of Ottawa find the information against Charles Evans not proven and do hereby dismiss the same, each party, to wit, the said Andrew Pritchard and the said Charles Evans each paying their own costs.

Aylwin, 6th. Oct., 1870

John Little, J.P.
B. N. Reid, J.P.

No 4.

We hereby certify that information preferred by Andrew Pritchard against Charles Evans for that this day a warrant was considered by us against Charles Evans for violently assaulting and beating complainant, we hereby dismiss the same, each party paying their (sic) own costs.

costs
Arrest 5s
Travel 1s
Buggy hire 5s
Attend. Court 2s 6d
Clerk's fees 5s
Warrant 5s

£1 - 5 - 6

(P.S. There seems to be an error in the addition, the total should be £1 - 3 - 6)

Chas. Evans

John Little, J.P.
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