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 Province of Manitoba )  
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 County of Portage la )  
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 Prairie: )  
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 To Wit; )

In the matter of the birth of a  
 child on the Manitoba & N.W.Ry  
 on the 7th August, 1886.

I, Harry Coffin  
 of the Town of Portage la Prairie, in the County of Portage  
 la Prairie, Conductor on the M. & N.W. Ry.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

1. That I was Conductor on the regular passenger train on the Manitoba & North Western Railway which left Birtle on the morning of the 7th August, 1886.
2. I have read the declaration of Charles Edward Hamilton and William Crooker made in this matter and say the facts stated in said declarations as to the birth of a child on said train are respectively true as I verily believe.
3. I saw the woman in the closet and the state she was in, and I verily believed her when she said a child had been born in said closet.
4. From enquiries made I learned that a newly born child had been picked up on the railway track near Kelloe Station, and I saw a child with the said woman which I verily believe to be the child so born.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the act respecting Extra Judicial Oaths.

DECLARED before me at Portage la Prairie )  
 in the County of Portage la Prairie this )  
 twentieth day of February, )  
 in the year of Our Lord 1888. )

H.J. Coffin.

W.J.Cooper, A Commissioner in B.R.& C.  
 Notary Public for Manitoba.



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Canada. )  
Province of Manitoba )  
County of Portage la Prairie )  
To Wit: )

In the matter of the birth of  
a child on the Manitoba & N.W.  
Ry. on the 7th August, 1886.

I, William Crooker  
of the Town of Portage la Prairie, in the County of Portage la  
Prairie, Brakesman.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

1. That I was Brakesman on the regular passenger train on the  
Manitoba & North Western Ry. which left Birtle on the morning  
of the 7th August, 1886.
2. While standing on the platform of the car when the train  
was near Kelloe Station, I heard a scream from the closet, and on  
going to the closet found a woman there who asked me to save  
her child, saying it had dropped through the hopper, having been  
born while she was sitting on the water closet.
3. The water closet and fittings were covered with blood.
4. The train was then running at its usual speed and was  
stopped at Kelloe Station and the woman left at the section house  
and a man sent back to look for the child.
5. I subsequently saw the said woman at Kelloe shortly  
after the 7th of August aforesaid, and learned that the child  
had been found on the track alive, and the child was then with  
its mother.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously  
believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Act respecting  
Extra Judicial Oaths.

Declared before me at Portage la Prairie  
in the County of Portage la Prairie this  
Seventh day of February, in the year of  
Our Lord 1888.

Wm. Crooker.

W. J. Crooker.

A Commissioner in B.R. &c.  
and a Notary Public in and for Manitoba.



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I, CHARLES A. McLENNAN of the City of Vancouver, formerly of Kelloe, on the Manitoba and North Western Railway do solemnly declare that I am the Charles A. McLennan mentioned in the annexed printed paper marked with the letter "A", that the facts in said printed matter as to my finding the child newly born are true in every particular and as far as my knowledge goes I believe the other facts therein related to be also true.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths Ordinance Act 1869.

Solemnly declared before me by said Charles A. McLennan this 22nd March A.D.1888 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

Chas. A. McLennan.

D. Oppenheimer.

Mayor.







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Canada )  
Province of Manitoba )  
County of Shoal Lake; )  
To Wit: )

In the matter of the birth of a  
child on the Manitoba & North  
Western Railway on the seventh  
of August 1886.

I, James Higham of Kelloe Station in the County of  
Shoal Lake, Section Foreman, do solemnly declare;

1. That I am now and was on the seventh of August, 1886,  
Foreman of the Railway Section at Kelloe, and the occupant of  
what is known as the Kelloe Section House.
2. That there is no regular Station Agent at Kelloe and such  
duties are performed by me.
3. That on the morning of the said Seventh of August I was  
not at the Section House on the arrival of the regular passenger  
train from Birtle, but reached there an hour afterwards.
4. That on arriving there I found a woman named Mrs. Langley  
in bed in charge of my wife and a newly born female child with  
her and on enquiring how she came there she (Mrs. Langley) told  
me that she had been a passenger on the train and had given  
birth to the child in the water closet in the passenger car and  
that the child had dropped through the hopper.
5. That I also learned that a man, Charles McLennan, who was  
working for the Company, had gone back after the arrival of the  
train and had found the said child on the Railway Track.
6. That learning from McLennan where he had found the child  
I went up the track and found at about where he stated a quantity  
of blood as if the child had fallen on the track at such point,  
and I found at several points between that and the Section House  
spots of blood on the ends of the ties as if it had dropped  
from the passing car.
7. That at the time I reached said Section House that morning  
the said child had not been washed, the mother having received  
the first care, and the child was covered with clay and dirt  
as if it had been lying upon the ground.
8. That when the child was washed it showed very slight  
bruises and scratches in the back and left side of the head  
and on left arm.
9. That said McLennan is, I am informed and believe, now a  
resident of British Columbia



resident of British Columbia.

10. That I have read the declarations of Charles Edward Hamilton, William Crooker, and Harry Coffin made in this matter and from what I saw and learned of the matter have no doubt as to the truth of the statements therein made.

11. That said Mrs. Langley remained with us seven days and left in charge of her mother, and took the child with her, and the child was then as at all times whilst at said section a very strong healthy child.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Act respecting Extra Judicial Oaths.

Declared before me at Shoal Lake  
in the County of Shoal Lake, this  
fourteenth day of March A.D. 1888.

James Higham.

C.J. Mickle.  
A Notary Public.



37 Vic. 37 D. )  
 Canada )  
 Province of Manitoba ) In the matter of the birth of a child  
 County of Selkirk ) on the Manitoba & N.W. Ry. Co. on the  
 To Wit. ) seventh day August 1886.  
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I, CHARLES EDWARD HAMILTON:

of the City of Winnipeg in the County of Selkirk, Barrister at Law, do solemnly declare;

1. That I was until recently Attorney-General for the Province of Manitoba.

2. That I was a passenger on the train of the Manitoba & North Western Railway Company, which left Birtle on the morning of the seventh August, 1886.

3. Whilst sitting in the first class car I heard a woman's scream and on looking round could see no one in the car from whom the scream could have proceeded - the train was then running at its usual rate of speed and nearing Kelloe Station.

4. I saw the train men go to the water closet and carry a woman out, and I was informed by them that she had given birth to a child whilst sitting on the water closet, and that the child had dropped through the hopper to the track. On looking into the water closet I noticed that the floor and fittings were covered with blood.

5. The train was stopped at Kelloe Station and the woman carried out and placed in charge of the Station Agent there, and I was informed by the train men that a man was sent back on horseback and found the child alive alongside the track and only slightly bruised.

6. I made subsequent enquiries some time afterwards and was informed that the child was then alive and well, and believe such to be the fact.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Act respecting Extra Judicial Oaths.

Declared before me at Winnipeg )  
 in the County of Selkirk this )  
 seventeenth day of February A.D. 1888 ) C.E. Hamilton.  
 William J. Tupper. )  
 A Commissioner in B.R. &c.)