

Robbed and Beaten in South London Roy Smith Victim of Highwaymen

Rendered Unconscious, He Lay
in the Snow for an
Hour.

Roy Smith, a young man, from the Northwest, who is visiting friends in South London, was held up by highwaymen and beaten and brutally while returning from the Base Line road last night.

Smith was on his way back to the friends with whom he is stopping, and when near the Meredith property on Ridout street south, two men attacked him.

Robbed Him.
After knocking him down and rendering him unconscious, they went

through his pockets, and took \$9 in cash, and a few small articles.
Smith thinks it was about 8:30 o'clock when the attack occurred, and for some time lay in the snow.
It was not until nearly 10 o'clock that he was able to make his way to some friends who live in Marley Place and inform them what had happened.

Head Was Cut.
A physician was summoned and he found him suffering from several severe cuts on the head and face.
The young man was in such a dazed condition that for some time he could not tell what had happened very clearly.

This morning, however, he furnished a full description of the men to the police who are working on the case.

May Propose North Branch Springs As Scheme To Solve Water Problem

Commission Hold Meeting This
Afternoon, When Matter
Will Come Up.

The water commissioners will hold a regular meeting this afternoon.

There is little business to come up for settlement.

It is not probable that anything will be done towards submitting a scheme to the people.

It is understood that the commission will hold a special session behind

closed doors when the matter will be threshed out.

That session has not yet been held, but it is said that it will be held shortly.

Chairman Jones has some scheme, which, it is said, he will ask the commission to endorse. What it is is not known definitely. It is rumored, however, that it will be to bring in the north branch springs and erect a pumping station there.

This could not be verified, but it is whispered such is the case.

There is another rumor to the effect that the filtration scheme will be submitted first.

"A Government That Does Things" Hon. Mr. Graham To Exeter Electors

Splendid Defense of the Liberal
Administration By Minister
of Railways.

He Announces an Intercolonial
Railway Surplus—Net Earn-
ings \$300,000.

[By Our Own Man.]

Exeter, Jan. 20.—At one of the most largely attended and most enthusiastic political meetings ever held in this town, Hon. George F. Graham made a splendid defense of the Laurier administration. His speech was a masterpiece of the art of the legislator, and was warmly received by the audience.

Mr. Henry Smith, president of the South Huron Liberal Association, was chairman, and on the platform were: Hon. George F. Graham, Peter McKenzie, M. P., South Bruce; Valentine Ratz, M. P., North Middlesex; Jacob Kellerman, Liberal candidate for the Legislature; A. K. Goetz, Robert Gardner, J. A. Stuart, W. J. Heaman, Reeve Bohler, J. S. Stanbury, and Samuel Martin.

McLean Doing Well.
Mr. McLean, the Liberal candidate, was given a very hearty reception. He is gaining ground in his campaign in the south part of the riding, especially, and so far as can be learned his election is assured, if the Liberal vote

comes out. The Liberal workers are enthusiastic and will see to it that the whole vote is polled.

Mr. Graham's Address.

Hon. Mr. Graham declared that the Laurier Government should be judged on its record, not on the small, inconsequential acts of some of the members of the party. The Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier had built up Canada, and was entitled to the support of the electors of South Huron on that score alone. He made the announcement that the Intercolonial Railway would have a surplus of \$300,000 the past year. Mr. Graham dealt with the issues of the day, especially the transportation problem, and made a splendid impression.

The Candidate.

Mr. M. Y. McLean, the Liberal candidate, was the first speaker. He was delighted to see so large an audience present. It was a most encouraging sign, and filled him with extreme hopefulness for the outcome of the vote on Wednesday. Mr. McLean said he had always been extremely pleased to address an Exeter audience among whom, although generally an adverse vote had been given, he had many friends. He expected that Exeter would do much better at this time.

The speaker referred feelingly to the death of the late member, Mr. B. B. Gunn. He had been associated with Mr. Gunn for many years, and had always found him to be a sincere friend, and good citizen. Mr. McLean was delighted to pay this tribute to Mr. Gunn.

"I was deeply pained the other day

SLIPPERY WALKS CAUSE ACCIDENTS

York St. Lady Serves Notice
of Action on the City.

OTHERS SAID TO BE IN SIGHT

City Is Not Responsible for Slippery
Walks, Is Opinion of the
City Engineer.

Mrs. Legg, York street, has notified the council that she intends suing the city for damages for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk in front of Graham Bros. store some time ago.

In her fall, Mrs. Legg broke one of her limbs, and has been laid up ever since.

Her lawyers, Messrs. Macpherson & Perrin, claim unstated damages.

Other Accidents.

Several accidents of a like nature have happened of late. The sidewalks have been exceedingly bad, and many broken limbs have resulted. No effort has been made by the city to clean the sidewalks, and they are indeed in a deplorable condition.

"I would suggest that the city employ a number of men, and have them clean the sidewalks off," declared Col. Garsshore in a communication to the council. "They are in bad shape, and something should be done. They are dangerous."

Engineer Speaks.

"I heard some lady was going to sue the city for damages for falling on the slippery sidewalk, but I do not think that it will result in anything," said City Engineer Graydon. "We are not responsible for slippery sidewalks."

It is rumored that other suits will be entered, but no information could be obtained regarding them.

It is only within the past few days that the walks have become dangerous.

Shareholders

NOT WORRYING

Feel They Will Come Out All
Right Re Sovereign Bank.

WON'T TAKE CONCERTED ACTION

Some, However, Have Intrusted To-
ronto Parties To Look After
Their Interests There.

There will be no concerted action of the London stockholders in the Sovereign Bank to protect their interests. Such was the statement made by one of the leading stockholders in the city this morning.

They are satisfied that their interests will be protected, and that when the business is wound up, as it now certainly must be, they will get what is coming to them.

Certain individual stockholders of the city, it is understood, will be represented in Toronto, and have their interests protected from that quarter.

Exeter District Interested.

In the Exeter district there is a large amount of the stock held, and the stockholders will not take concerted action there.

Within a radius of ten miles of that town over \$75,000 worth of stock is held by farmers and others. The same is true of other localities about the city.

Will Close Branches.

A large majority of the branches of the Sovereign Bank will be closed, it is said.

Already preparations have been made to close many of them, and orders have come from headquarters to wind-up the business as soon as possible.

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THE WEATHER
TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 21—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh southwesterly winds; fair and mild.

Wednesday—Westerly winds; fair.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 39°; lowest, 29° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 6 4 Fair

Winnipeg 26 20 Cloudy

Port Arthur 26 22 Cloudy

Parry Sound 32 26 Cloudy

Toronto 34 26 Cloudy

Ottawa 32 16 Cloudy

Montreal 22 10 Cloudy

Quebec 22 10 Cloudy

Father Point 20 10 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The cold wave has entirely disappeared from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and the weather is now fine and mild throughout the Dominion.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46; Vancouver, 27-44; Calgary, 13-42; Battleford, 10-28; Regina, 11-40; Winnipeg, 15-40; Port Arthur, 20-40; Parry Sound, 22-40; Toronto, 26-40; Ottawa, 2 below-12; Montreal, 2 below-18; Quebec, 10 below-16; St. John, 2 below-12; Halifax, 20-20.

EVELYN THAW IN A SULLEN MOOD HAS MANY CLASHES WITH JEROME

New York, Jan. 21.—When District Attorney Jerome resumed his cross-examination of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw at the trial of her husband today, he reverted to her European travels with Thaw in 1903 and 1904. Mr. Jerome's voice was not so loud as yesterday, but his manner was no less aggressive. Mrs. Thaw seemed in rather a sullen mood and answered the prosecutor's questions curtly.

She said she had shown Thaw in Paris fourteen letters Stanford White had written her subsequent to the events that followed their meeting.

"Where are those letters?" asked the district attorney.

"I don't know."

"When did you last see them?" "I think it was in Mr. Hartridge's office."

"Did you write to Stanford White from Boulogne?" "Yes."

"One letter or two?" "I don't recall."

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Mr. Fitzhugh On G. T. R. Changes Sees Nothing Much in That Direction

The Electrifying of the Sarnia
Tunnel Will Bring His Road
More Business.

Mr. Fitzhugh, third vice-president, and Superintendent Brownlee, of the G. T. R., spent the night in the city on route for the tunnel, where they will investigate the new electrical equipment which was recently installed.

"The equipping of the tunnel with electrical apparatus and engines marks an important step in Grand Trunk work," said Mr. Fitzhugh to The Advertiser, yesterday afternoon.

"We will soon be in a position to handle enormous traffic at that point, and expect to be able to divert a great deal of through traffic that the American roads are now handling, and send it through Canada."

Will Increase Rolling Stock.

"Hitherto we have not been able to secure this traffic on account of not having the facilities to handle it. The Grand Trunk will increase its rolling stock very greatly in the coming year, and expects to be in a position to handle all the traffic that it can get."

Local Changes.

"How about local changes?" the reporter asked.

"We can say very little about that yet, but I believe a number of changes are contemplated in the east end. Only such changes as are necessary to present money conditions, the policy of the company will be to spend its money in keeping the equipment in first-class shape."

It will be time to talk of these larger improvements."

Plaintiff's Side of It.

It is alleged that both Mrs. Smith and her son made signals to the chauffeur to stop his machine, and that while he stopped up short, he failed to shut off the motor, and that the buzzing of the machine frightened the horse in the manner mentioned.

Important Move of Chemical Company
Works To Be Used as Warehouse

Thirty-five or Forty Men Are
Affected by Proposed
Change.

The Canada Chemical Company of East London has decided that in the future their entire product will be manufactured in Sarnia, Ontario, instead of in this city.

This change goes into effect at once, and between 35 and 40 men are affected.

The works in the east end will be used in future only as a warehouse and head offices.

A branch office will be established at Toronto.

Cause of the Change.

"This change is simply the result of the development of Canada's natural resources," said an official to The Advertiser this morning.

"At Sarnia Ontario a mine has been discovered where iron and sulphur are together in such proportions that the company can produce sulphuric acid cheaper than any other firm in the world."

Where Is Michael O'Loughlin, of City?

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PERSONAL—THE WHEREABOUTS of Michael O'Loughlin, who left London, Canada, about September, 1901, is wanted by his son, William; he was stout build, height 5 feet 6 inches; dark brown hair, turning gray; age now about 46 years, and of a quiet disposition; anybody knowing of the said man will greatly oblige by corresponding with his son, William O'Loughlin, 167 Waterloo street, London, Canada.

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Formerly Came From Sicily.

"A lake close at hand offers an abundant supply of the best water. The advantages of this place are apparent at once when you understand that all the sulphur that was used in the manufacture of acid in this city had to be brought from Sicily. The iron had to be brought in from other places. At Sarnia these two essentials are there and already mixed by nature."

Merely Treat Them There.

"All that remains to be done is to treat them. There is no firm in America that can begin to compete with them in the manufacture of chemicals. London was not nearly so centrally situated for supplying the market. Only a few places in this vicinity use chemicals largely."

"From Sarnia Ontario, however, the markets of Montreal, Toronto and other large places can be supplied."

"No manufacturing will be done here. There will be simply a warehouse with seven or eight men in charge."

GLOBE EDITOR'S CASE ADJOURNED

Toronto, Jan. 21.—The action of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt against Mr. James Macdonald, managing editor of the Globe, came up in the assizes this morning before Mr. Justice Britton. Mr. Nesbitt, K.C., for Mr. Macdonald, pleaded not guilty, and put in a special plea of justification of publication in the public interest. Mr. R. A. Reid, for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, asked the judge that the pleadings be not allowed to be published in the press, until a reply had been filed, as it might prejudice the defendant's case. He said it would take some time to prepare a reply, and it might be necessary to call some members of the provincial cabinet, and it would take some time to prepare the pleadings. The judge ordered the case was adjourned indefinitely and Mr. Macdonald released on his own recognizance.

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London Interested in Ledyard Move Is M. C. R. To Absorb Pere Marquette?

Some Speculation as To What
the Change Would Mean
To the City.

The announcement that Mr. Henry B. Ledyard, chairman of the board of directors of the Michigan Central Railway, had been elected to a seat on the directorate of the newly-organized Pere Marquette system, is pregnant with interest to Londoners.

The move is rather puzzling to railroad men of this city, and so far they have not been able to analyze it properly.

Whether it means the absorption of the Pere Marquette by the Michigan Central or rather the New York Central lines, or merely a strategic move of the Pere Marquette is the question.

Londoners Interested.

The significance of the move to Londoners is two-fold. At present the Michigan Central enjoys running privileges over the London and Port Stanley Railroad, giving London two railroads to the south.

If the Pere Marquette is absorbed,

there will be only one line after 1911, when the lease with the Pere Marquette, or rather the Lake Erie, expires.

That might or might not affect the excursions to the Port, or it might have other effects. Then there is the question of the Michigan Central terminals.

The Terminals.

At present they belong to the city of London under the name of the London and Southern Railway Company, a line that runs from Clarence street to Burwell street, and is said to be the shortest line in the world.

Whether these would be abandoned, and the trains over that line run into the Grand Trunk depot, is a matter of conjecture, should the M. C. R. absorb the Pere Marquette.

A Probability.

If the absorption took place the present Pere Marquette terminals here would probably be abandoned, as the M. C. R. would be handled exclusively from St. Thomas, the present terminal of that line.

The subject has so much interest, and is being discussed on the streets today.

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Ex-Ald. Cooper Draws a Goose Egg Ald. Parsons Scores in the Recount

Four Boxes Examined Show a
Gain for Defeated Alder-
man's Opponent.

Ex-Ald. Cooper was present, and was also represented by Mr. E. T. Essery, K. C.

None of the other aldermen were on hand, with the exception of Ald. Moorhead, who was looking after his own interests.

He is about ninety votes ahead of ex-Ald. Cooper, but is taking no chances.

City Clerk Baker was present, assisting in the recount.

It is said the recount will last five or six days, and will cost \$100 at least.

Four Boxes Examined.

Four ballot boxes had been examined by Judge Macbeth at noon today. So far Ald. Parsons has gained one vote, making eight that ex-Ald. Cooper has to gain in the other forty-five boxes to overcome.

The figures of the deputies in nearly all cases were about correct.

The recount was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It will take until Saturday afternoon to complete the work.

Swimming Bath Proposal Shelved Vote To Be Taken On Bylaw in 1909

Council Would Not Agree To Set
Aside \$6,000 for the
Purpose.

Ald. Armstrong's scheme to provide public swimming baths was settled for this year at least at last night's meeting of the council, when Ald. Beattie moved, seconded by Ald. Saunders, that the matter of public baths be referred back to No. 3 committee to bring

in a bylaw to put the question before the people at the municipal elections in January, 1909.

This was an amendment to a motion by Ald. Armstrong, seconded by Ald. Greenlee, that the council set aside \$6,000 to provide public baths, and carried by a vote of eight to four.

Ald. Beattie pointed out that if the scheme were adopted, it would mean a quarter of a mill in the tax rate, and that he for one wants to keep the rate down as low as possible this year.

Ald. Saunders endorsed this view of the matter.

Only One Extra Fire Hall for London Council Takes Action in the Matter

Additional Hall Will Be Built in
the North End of the
City.

The bylaw to provide \$19,000 debentures for the building and equipping of fire halls, one in the north and one in the east end of the city, was the cause of a great deal of discussion among the aldermen, who finally deferred the third reading, at the council meeting last night, until the opinion of the city solicitor is obtained in the matter.

Ald. Moorhead took the ground that two new fire halls were to be built in the east end—one south of the tracks and one north.

This idea was strongly opposed by the majority of aldermen who said that when the ratepayers voted on the

question they did not understand that such a plan was intended.

Cost Would Be Heavy.

Mayor Stevely said that the cost of maintaining so many fire hall would be very great, and the Legislature would not sanction the extra expenditure.

Ald. Beattie could not see why East London should have two fire halls. One was needed in the north end, but in his opinion a new one was needed in West London more than two in East London.

Ald. Greenlee moved that the bylaw be put in such shape that there can be no doubt about its passing the Legislature, and that the mayor and Ald. Beattie be a committee to go in to the matter with the city solicitor and see that this is done.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was pointed out that the Legislature will not likely sanction the issuing of debentures for equipping a station, but only for the site and the building.

Council Says Choose Sites, Get Cost Of Land, for Children's Playground

Deputation Waited On the City
Fathers Last Night—Com-
mittee Appointed.

A large deputation of citizens interested in the movement to secure playgrounds for the children of this city were present at last night's meeting of the city council, and through their representatives, Sheriff Cameron, Mrs. Boomer and Mr. Frank Leonard, urged the prompt action of the council in purchasing suitable sites.

The Motion.

The following motion made by Ald. Armstrong, seconded by Ald. Moorhead:</