

DAMAGE ACTION AGAINST INST. IS NOW SETTLED

Plaintiff Miller Was Awarded Sum of \$400 by Jury.

Judge Said Punishment Had to be of a Moderate Character.

The first case that was dealt with by the Sessions before Judge Kelly, was that in which Geo. W. Miller, a member of the Indian Reserve, asked damages against A. Nelles Ashton, for alleged ill-treatment of his two daughters, Hazel and Ruth at the Mohawk Institute of which Ashton was principal on the Reserve.

The jury empanelled for this case was: James Dawson, A. Norrie, Ed. Murton, E. R. Langs, W. B. Park, Daniel Corrigan, Silvester Stratford, Percy O. Fisher, George Evans, Charles Carter Judson Emmon, Arthur Cook, who were duly sworn.

Addressing the jury, Mr. W. E. Kelly, of Kelly and Porter of Simcoe, appearing for plaintiff, Mr. Miller said that action was taken with regard to the treatment meted out to two of his daughters.

Now that the general complaint is that the discipline of the institution is too severe so far as the case itself is concerned, it has the sympathy of the Six Nations Council. The rules of the school are too severe and it is on the lines of a criminal institution, rather than an educational school. One of the girls ill-treated was given 12 strokes whilst she was lying upon her stomach. This punishment was meted out by running away from school. The leader of the girls, Ruth Miller, had said she was confined in a dungeon for three days, whilst her younger sister was also imprisoned and had her hair cut short. It was in respect of this treatment that a complaint was made and it rested with them (the jury) as to whether such a treatment should be carried out in their midst. The action was for damages and he asked that the jury do their duty in accordance with the law of modern civilization.

Miller's Evidence.
Geo. W. Miller went into the box and said he was a member of the Reserve and sent his daughters Ruth and Hazel to the Mohawk Institute School. On August 7th. last they returned home and stated that they ran away from school and they complained about the food which was given to them. He thereupon phoned the school and told Mr. Ashton that they were at home and he would bring them back. Here he did so, however, they were sent for and escorted away. Subsequent to this he had heard of them being ill-treated for running away and he asked that his daughter Ruth be withdrawn from the school but was informed she could not be taken and sent away until she was 16 years of age. Nevertheless, in September last she and her sister and two other girls by name Isaac, who had also been expelled from the school, were sent to the school. He then learned of the deeds perpetrated under the guise of discipline at the school, laid this complaint and asked damages.

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Will Travel Long Distance For Science

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
TORONTO, April 1.—John Patterson, M.A., of Cambridge, physicist of the meteorological service of Canada, is about to start on a four thousand mile journey in the interests of science. Mr. Patterson expects to leave Toronto in a few days for Edmonton thence to Athabasca, Landing, across Lake Athabasca, along the Slave River, and down the MacKenzie River to its mouth.
Mr. Patterson is the representative committee specially to take advantage of the explorations of Amundsen and Stefansson around the North Pole. The Canadian, German and Russian governments are co-operating to get scientific data with reference to the circulation of the wind in the free air of the polar regions. Kites and balloons will be used to find out the atmospheric conditions at great heights. The information secured is expected to be of great value in weather forecasting. Mr. Patterson will make his long journey accompanied only by a boatman. He expects to meet Stefansson about the first of July.

EDWARD GREY PEACE MAKER ONCE AGAIN

His Suggestion in House May Lead to a Quick Settlement.

Unionists Seem Placated By Moderation of His Speech.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
A cable to the Tribune from London says: Sir Edward Grey, appearing in the House of Commons yesterday as spokesman for the Government on the second reading of the home rule bill, showed that the cabinet was in a conciliatory mood. He made two proposals to the Unionist party. The first offer was the promise of an early general election if the Opposition would allow the plural voting bill as well as the Home Rule and Welsh disestablishment bills to go through before the end of the present session. This is regarded by the Unionists as preposterous, as the enactment of the plural voting bill is just the very thing the Liberals want to insure their continued ascendancy in power.

Sir Edward Grey's offer was far more interesting, and, in the opinion of the Unionists, much more satisfactory. He said:

"If the certainty of a federal solution within the six years of the expiration of Ulster from the operation of the home rule bill would ease the situation, I see no reason why that should not be arranged by discussion."

This means that Ulster could secure her own separate government, and most of the speakers from either side of the house supported the possibility of a federal scheme being worked out in the six years during which the option to the Ulster committee would be operative.
Sir Edward Grey's suggestion, if there does exist a real desire to come to a common basis on which private conversations could be resumed, was very significant, while Lord Hugh Cecil also gave expression to the great desire which now exists to lower the political temperature, though the precise basis of the understanding has yet to be established.

The result of the days debate was to confirm the impression that an understanding will eventually be arrived at. A large meeting of Unionist members in favor of a settlement on the federal plan, was held in a committee room of the House of Commons yesterday. The proceedings were private, but it is understood that an amendment to the Home Rule bill carrying out the views of the meeting was approved and will be placed on paper after the bill has been read a second time, for discussion in the committee stage.
Thus home rule, by consent, is nearer to actual realization than it has ever been, for, as a parliamentarian writes, "observed a few days ago, "This amazing government seems to thrive upon its blunders."

ENGLISH WOMEN AT MURDER TRIAL

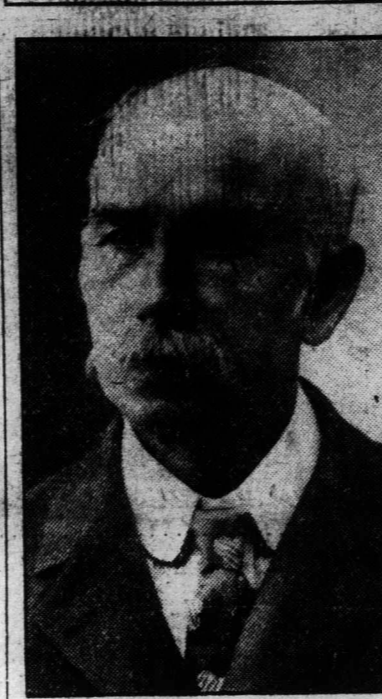
A Growing Tendency Noticed at the Old Bailey Court House Yesterday.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
NEW YORK, April 1.—A London cable to The Tribune says: The practice of English women of attending murder trials was strongly manifested yesterday when a woman was put on trial for the murder of her little son. For some time prior to the opening of the court, little crowds of women gathered outside waiting an opportunity to enter and watch the man being tried for his life.
Several of the women were of the better class, and were attired in fashionable latest styles, and these were given seats behind the imposing array of counsel occupying the court, to which the ordinary public is placed and from where practically nothing can be seen and very little heard, many of those present were women.

NORDICA IS ILL. THURSDAY ISLAND

THURSDAY ISLAND, Queensland, April 1.—Mme. Lillian Nordica, who developed pneumonia last January, after the steamship Tasman, on which she was a passenger, went ashore in the Gulf of Papua, sailed from here to-day aboard the Steamer Hontman. Mme. Nordica is still greatly prostrated and took passage on the steamer against the advice of her physician.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN CIVIC SERVICE



ENGINEER DAVID WEBSTER Who to-day completes a quarter of a century of service for the city.

MR. DAVID WEBSTER REMEMBERED BY OFFICIALS

Has Spent Twenty-five Years as Engineer - Presented With Watch.

Twenty-five years ago to-day, Mr. David Webster was made chief engineer of the waterworks department of this city, and as a token of the good and faithful work Mr. Webster has performed, the Water Commissioners presented him with a gold watch suitably engraved. Prior to his appointment to the position of chief engineer, Mr. Webster served 12 years with the old private waterworks company, and his services were so highly regarded that he was awarded the position of chief engineer by the city, which he has filled to the satisfaction of all parties.

Mr. Webster came to Canada 60 years ago in 1852, and worked with the Waterworks Engine Works, where he worked until he became connected with the waterworks department. The commissioners have nothing but the best to say about Mr. Webster, who was held high in their esteem as a faithful and honest civic servant. During his employment, the city has been saved thousands of dollars by his efficiency and close attention to his work.

Mr. John Fair, chairman of the commission, made the presentation and in a few words congratulated Mr. Webster, and wishing him long life and continued good service.

Mr. Webster, in a feeling reply, thanked those present for their very kind remembrance. The pleasant event took place at the pumping station this afternoon.

The inscription which the watch bore was as follows: "Presented to David Webster by the Brantford Board of Water Commissioners, as a token of appreciation of 25 years of service as chief engineer."

CUSTOMS SHOW DECREASE FOR YEAR

Falling Off Amounted to \$31,000 - Reasons Are Advanced.

With the closing of the month of March came the closing of the fiscal year of the customs department. The returns for this year show a big decrease from last year. For 1912-13 the returns amounted to \$679,266.659, while for 1913-14 they were \$647,487.96, a decrease of \$21,778.63. This big decrease is attributed to the fact that in 1912 firms were loading up with goods, which were a good deal cheaper than they were last year. During the year 1912 a great deal of steel was imported, but last year this source of revenue decreased to a great extent, which aided materially in pulling down the returns last year.

Then, again, the hard times materially affected the department, cutting off the receipts to a great extent.

The decrease during the month of March this year is exceptionally large, the department being \$22,618.62 short of the corresponding month last year. Last year, for the month of March, the department showed receipts amounting to \$74,660.27, while this year the revenue amounted to only \$52,031.65.

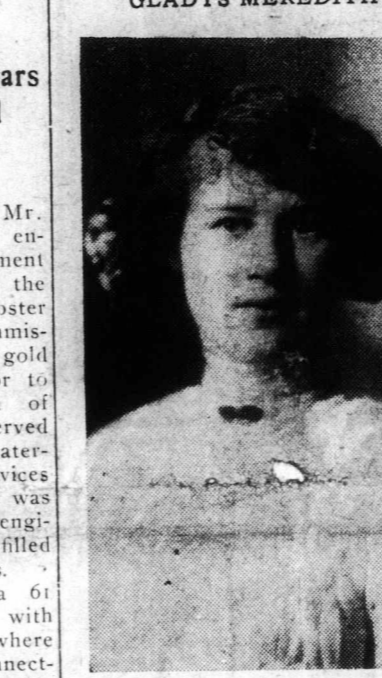
MEREDITH CASE IS BEING HEARD AT COURT HOUSE

Holmedale Girl is Suing for Damages Against Doctor.

Defence is That There Was Consent on Part of Plaintiff.

Up until late this afternoon Mr. Justice Kelly had not pronounced upon the application of Mr. J. M. Godfrey acting for Gladys Meredith in the action against Chief Slemin, for the trial of the case at the present sitting of the High Court of Assize. From what can be learned, however, from legal opinion, it is considered unlikely that the trial will be proceeded with at this court. This morning the case against Dr. Ashton was started.

The Spring Assizes were continued this morning before His Lordship Justice Kelly. The first case brought before the court was that of Gladys Meredith.



GLADYS MEREDITH Whose civil action is once more before the High Court.

Meredith vs. E. C. Ashton. Plaintiff sued the doctor for damages in connection with an examination made on Nov. 5th, 1912, when the doctor was alleged to have medically examined her against her wishes, thus constituting what was alleged to be an assault.

The Jury. In the case of Meredith vs. Ashton the following jury was empanelled and duly sworn: Win. Hall, Tim. Rooney, J. Gillis, J. A. Smith, Wm. Lowden, Charles Buck, Thos. Colburn, Robt. E. Fuller, Roy Davis, J. A. Gillespie, A. Patton and George Fyle.

Case of Plaintiff Outlined. Mr. Godfrey, addressing the jury, said this was a case brought by a young girl against Dr. Ashton. It was rather a peculiar case and involved the personal liberty of the subject. The body of a child had been found near the river, and Dr. Ashton, as coroner, had properly ordered an inquest, subsequently Detective Chapman was instructed to conduct enquiries into the circumstances attending the death of the child. These investigations resulted in this young girl being suspected, but she had shown that she had never been from work for more than a day and a half. Rumor had it that she intended to

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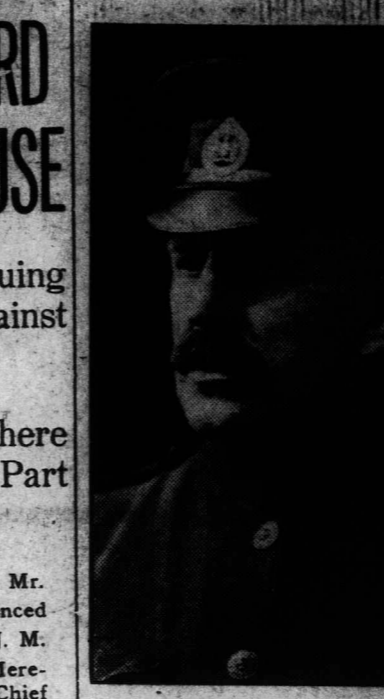
A Deserving Case

An effort is being made by the friends of the late William H. Jones to form a fund for the benefit of his wife and children and for the covering of other necessary expenses in connection with his illness and death. Contributions to the fund may be sent to either of the local papers. The deceased left no insurance, and lodge men who have investigated the circumstances find the case a most deserving one. Rev. Llewellyn Brown, T. H. Morris of the Y.M.C.A. and Mr. White, president of the S.O.E., will acknowledge contributions. The P.S.A. Brotherhood of Congregational Church has donated \$20 to start the fund.

Decrease In Permits Issued

The building permits for this year show a big decrease for the corresponding periods of last year. During March, 1913, the total value of permits was \$300,665.5, compared with \$35,795 of this year, a decrease of \$264,860. For the first three months of 1913 the value was \$327,270, and for the corresponding months this year \$62,010, a decrease of \$265,260. This big decrease is due to the fact that in March of last year three permits alone amounting to over \$260,000 were issued. These were the new Post Office, the Brant Theatre and Turnbull & Cutcliffe's. For the first two months of this year there was only a decrease of some \$400 over the same months last year.

MAY GO WEST FOR CHIEFSHIP



SERGEANT WALLACE Who May Become Chief of Police in Brandon, Man.

SERGEANT WALLACE RECEIVES CALL TO THE WEST

Popular Officer Has Chance for Chiefship at Brandon.

Brantford may lose its oldest police officer in Sergeant John Wallace, whom the lure of the West is strongly appealing in the form of the chiefship of Brandon, Man.

Sergeant Wallace has been asked to put in an application for the job, a vacancy having occurred as a result of the Brandon chief going to Regina. Sgt. Wallace is considered one of the best men who ever wore a Brantford uniform and he invariably figures in the important cases, always getting his man and the proper kind of evidence as well. Whether the sergeant will put in a bid for the Brandon job or not is a matter which he has not decided. The position is worth \$2,400 per year.

Sergeant Wallace is none too anxious to leave Brantford where he has filled a long term of police work to the satisfaction of everybody.

APRIL FOOL JOKE FAILED

Coal Dealers Had Order From Brantford Gas Co. Toronto Doings.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
TORONTO, April 1.—This being all fools day, there were the usual manifestations as usual. The fire brigade were called out on a false alarm, and the police department were subject to phony calls. A line man working on the hydro was reported killed, and when the police operator asked for further details, he was told the man was killed cutting a bun—the "currents" did it. The Riverdale Zoo was kept busy answering deluded people who had been told to call up Mr. Lyon.

In Brantford the telephones were used extensively for all sorts of pranks. An effort to get all the coal dealers to deliver a ton of coal to 48 George street, (the Brantford Gas Company's office) failed, because it was discovered the patrol wagon of the police did not answer any phony calls.

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PROSPERITY IS ON INCREASE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Annual National Fiscal Return Was Handed Out To-day.

Handsome Surplus is Shown—Country Fertile in Taxes.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
MONTREAL, April 1.—A London cable to The Daily Mail gives the following:
The annual national fiscal return published to-day demonstrates both the phenomenal prosperity of Great Britain and its remarkable tax fertility, both fully justifying the optimism of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a year ago. Then Mr. Lloyd-George anticipated a surplus of £1,800,000 after taking over a million pounds unspent on the navy. The result shows that the realized surplus is £2,500,000. The national growth of the tax revenue has produced eight and a quarter million pounds and giving a total of £163,000,000. The income tax increased by £1,250,000 and the customs and excise duties by one and a third millions, whilst the Chancellor's estimate of income has been exceeded by £3,500,000, his estimate of the expenditure was only £1,852,000 below the actual expenditure.

The fiscal return suggests that the Chancellor may possibly depend upon the natural growth of the tax revenue to enable him to face the coming budget of £205,000 without levying new taxation.

The Daily Citizen, the labor organ argues that the figures prove that the unearned increment super-tax may be applied more drastically to the nation's benefit. The Standard (Conservative) says that the Chancellor's choice means the use of such an argument says that the Chancellor's choice is an equilibrium without the imposition of new taxes or electioneering proposals to reduce the duties on tea and sugar and transferring the burden to the direct taxpayers.

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ASQUITH ON THE JOB AT THE WAR OFFICE TO-DAY

He Clears Up the Mystery About Instruction to Paget.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
LONDON, April 1.—The first act of Premier Asquith in his new capacity as Secretary of State for War was to clear up the mystery surrounding the instructions given by the War Office to General Sir Arthur Paget, commander-in-chief in Ireland.

Sir Arthur was summoned to London to give his chief a personal account of the orders he had received and issued, and as a result of the conference Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, who is acting as leader of the House, was able to inform the Commons to-day that: "The only question General Paget put, or intended to put, to the commanding officers in Ireland was whether they were ready to put their duty before any other considerations. It was not his intention that this or any such question should be put by the general officers to their subordinates."

General Paget informed the general officers of the promise given by the Secretary for War to officers whose homes were in Ulster to permit them to withdraw temporarily from their regiments in the event of operations becoming necessary in Ulster, and he requested the general officers to find out immediately the number of officers who would withdraw on this account.

The Irish commander-in-chief was asked if any officer who could not claim this exemption would be allowed to resign, and replied that the result of any refusal to do their duty would only mean their dismissal from the army.

SHERWOOD SAILS

OTTAWA, April 1.—Col. W. P. Sherwood, C.M.G., commissioner of the Dominion police, has sailed for London to attend the international prison convention which opens there next week and will be attended by delegates from all over the world.

REFLECTION OF TRUE BRITISH SPIRIT GIVEN

Commander Evans Delighted Brantford Audience Last Night.

Scott's Story Told in a Most Fascinating Manner in Lecture.

A large and most appreciative audience at the Grand Opera House last evening was fully captivated by that engaging British officer, explorer and boy-hero, Commander Evans, C. B. R. N. The subject of the Antarctic expedition of Captain Scott through all of which there is the reflection of that British spirit which has made an Empire, will ever be of fascinating interest. Added to the subject, the presence of Scott's right hand man, with his pleasing personality, his quaint humor and the modesty which will become the real hero, the lecture last night could have continued for hours longer and the audience would have remained in silence and awestruck interest to the last.

From the viewpoint of patriotism alone Brantfordites have seldom heard a finer effort, and yet the lecture of Commander Evans was so absolutely void of trumpet-blowing that it was unostentatious in the extreme. The quaint humor of Commander Evans with his pleasing personality made what is on record as a grim tragedy of British history, most entertaining. It was the reason why of polar expeditions, the desire to explore the unknown, told in breezy style.

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