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St. John Detective Department Made Fine Record In 1923

16 STOLEN AUTOS ALL RECOVERED

More Than 90 Per Cent. of All Goods Taken Restored to Owners.

108 CONVICTED

Only 21 of Those Arrested by Detectives are Cleared of Charges.

"While the work of the detective department during 1923 was particularly successful, with a little more co-operation on the part of the public, there is no doubt that they could accomplish still more," so John Thornton, commissioner of public safety, said this morning in discussing the annual report of the chief of police with a Times reporter.

The commissioner referred to the fact that more than 90 per cent. of the property reported stolen during the year had been recovered and returned to its owners. He said that this percentage was much higher than was experienced in a great many of the cities in the United States and Canada. Their record of recovery of stolen cars, he also pointed out, was 100 per cent.

"There seems to be an inclination on the part of some people to criticize the records achieved, but I think that the records will speak for themselves," he said.

Always on the Job.

The city detective force numbers four members—Sergeant J. T. Power and Detectives Biddiscombe, Kilpatrick and Saunders. Two nominally do duty by day and the other two by night, but in fact, the whole four are to be found on duty at all hours. Or as Commissioner Thornton put it, "They have no set hours of duty at all."

"The members of the department," he said, "are called on to investigate matters reported to them and my experience has been that they do so willingly and energetically."

The commissioner referred to the fact that of the 129 people arrested by the detectives last year, 108 had been convicted and he expressed the opinion that this demonstrated their ability to follow up matters entrusted to them. There were many more cases, he said, which were investigated, but the owners of property stolen refused to prosecute after the property had been located and returned to them.

A Good Record.

According to the chief's report of property stolen, valued at \$44,972.20, all had been recovered and returned to its owners except \$3,880 worth and this was still under investigation. Included in the goods taken were 16 automobiles, valued at more than \$24,000, all of which had been located and returned. Twenty-six bicycles, worth \$790, were reported stolen and twenty of them to the value of \$660 had been found and returned to those to whom they belonged.

In addition to the work on these cases, 790 complaints had been investigated during the year, 93 finger prints taken, 12 identities established through finger prints, 129 people had been arrested by the detectives and assistants rendered to uniformed officers in 74 arrests. Convictions secured numbered 108.

The detectives were also engaged in investigation of one murder—that of Mrs. Clara Whiteside—which is now before the court.

FARMERS HARD HIT IN SEVERAL STATES

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 5.—That conditions among the farmers in the western states are much worse than in Alberta and other parts of Canada is the conclusion that Dr. H. M. Torsy has reached as a result of his annual tour of the rural districts across the line. In many parts of the western United States, Dr. Torsy says, farmers are in such serious financial difficulties as to make the situation in any part of Canada look easy in comparison. Some sections of the farming country across the border are being depopulated, and everywhere the bankers are finding it a problem to meet the financial requirements of those who have already exhausted their credit.

GIVES \$2,000 FOR A NEW CHURCH FUND

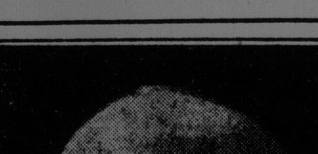
Dalhousie, Feb. 5.—(Special)—A sewing circle has been formed by the ladies of the Roman Catholic church to prepare for a bazaar which will be held sometime in the summer to assist the building fund committee.

A new and much larger church is a necessity to the constantly increasing congregation. One monthly meeting of the congregation has donated \$2,000 towards the new building. The first meeting of the sewing circle was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Nadeau.

TORONTO POLICE OUT FOR BANDITS

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Chief of Police Dickson is planning to erect observation booths on all main highways at the city limits, manned by two constables, with motor cycles, to check the escape of bandits in automobiles. Chief Dickson stated that he is figuring on 12 booths. Each booth is to be equipped with a telephone connecting with the police signal system, also a shot gun.

Made Good Record



SERG.-DETECTIVE JOHN T. POWER.

FEBRUARY LEADS IN DEATH NUMBER

Canadian Red Cross Magazine Discusses Subject—Seeds Sown Before.

The officers whose duty it is to keep account of the numbers of people who die or who are born use the term "peak."

"If we indicate on a chart by months the number of people who die in Canada we notice that there is a 'peak' in this, says the Canadian Red Cross Magazine. The peak varies somewhat with the different years. It varies also with different diseases but the highest number of deaths from all diseases generally comes in February.

Every citizen should be aware of this fact and also of the reasons why February is the peak month.

A report prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows the number of deaths month by month in the Canadian Registration Area. The total number of deaths reported in 1921 was 67,722, divided by months as follows:

Month	Total Deaths	Average Daily
January	6,877	204
February	5,985	214
March	6,441	208
April	5,981	199
May	5,674	183
June	4,800	160
July	5,067	167
August	5,486	173
September	5,531	174
October	5,561	179
November	5,279	170
December	5,537	179

More deaths daily are reported in February than in any other month. As we said before, February is the peak month for deaths. Thereafter, the number decreases month by month to June, the healthiest month of the year. In the latter months of the summer, deaths take their toll of infant life and in the autumn, when the indoor season commences, the number of colds increases and will be followed by deaths from pneumonia during the winter.

Health officers have these charts before them all the time. They know in the sunny, healthy summertime that the winter rise will come and that in February every business will be somewhat handicapped by illness of workers, every school will be affected because pupils are sick at home, and more people will die daily than at any other time of the year.

When they see an increase of coughs and colds in October they know that the soil is being seeded for a crop of pneumonia in February and March. When they see the annual November rise in sore throats, they can visualize the annual crop of rheumatism which will follow. They see it and do their very best to break the succession of steps toward the February peak.

Very much more would be accomplished if the people themselves understood their relation in the matter. A cold may be a trifling matter to some strong man, but he may cough in the face of some weak child or, having infected his own hands, he may thus infect some friend. We are climbing toward the February peak and some of the responsibility for the portending trouble rests with each of us.

STORM DELAYS EVANGELISTS

The heavy snowstorm in Ontario yesterday held up the train service and the evangelistic party booked to begin services in the Prince Edward street church last night did not arrive in time. The party under the direction of Rev. A. W. Rolfe, of Toronto, Canadian superintendent of the Christian and Missionary Alliance includes and the evangelist, Rev. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the Christie street Tabernacle of Toronto, Miss Ethel Rolfe and the Alliance colored male quartette. The party is expected today. A good sized audience was present last night and several good singers sang solos. Rev. W. J. Johnston, of the Coburg street Christian church, gave an inspiring address, taking as his subject, "The Royal Road to Success."

A. O. H. LECTURE

Joseph Harrington is to deliver the third lecture of the A. O. H. course on next Sunday evening in the society's hall. The lectures are in the interest of the A. O. H. scholarship fund.

PHILLY'S FOUR MUSKETEERS



Here are the four men who are making the Quaker City mighty unhealthy for lawless elements. From left to right: Brig-Gen. Smedley S. Butler, on a year's leave of absence from the U. S. Marine Corps to take over the municipality's post of safety director; Mayor W. Fredland Kendrick; George Elliott, assistant director of public safety, and Superintendent Mills of the bureau of Philadelphia police.

ESCAPED DEATH BY TENTH OF AN INCH

Explorer and Woman Companion Had Close Call in West Indies.

London, Feb. 6.—A thrilling account of the latest battles with sea monsters by Mr. Mitchell-Hedges, explorer and deep sea research explorer, who is in search of a sea cow for the London Zoo, has reached London from Jamaica. During eight hours of hard fishing, the explorer took two large sting rays, weighing respectively 260 lbs. and 240 lbs., and two monster leopard rays, weighing well over 200 lbs. each.

The bigger sting ray, which is a fish which stings with small daggers, producing a horrible and certain death within three to six minutes, nearly proved fatal to the party. When hauled aboard, the monster proved to be still alive. Mr. Mitchell-Hedges' revolver jammed when he leveled it at the fish, and the latter made a furious lunge at his captors with its poisoned daggers.

Luckily both Mr. Mitchell-Hedges and Lady Richmond Brown, who was accompanying the party, managed to jump back in time, the death dealing blow missing them by a tenth of an inch.

The movements of those aboard nearly upset the boat and its passengers in a shark-infested sea. A native boatman was not lucky. He was slightly grazed and instantly his arm became violently cramped. A ligature was applied, and an operation performed the shore was reached. He is expected to live, as the poison did not get into his blood. The fish were caught with rod and line.

On the following day Mr. Mitchell-Hedges succeeded in capturing a hammer-head shark of great dimensions. The length is 14 feet, whilst it has a circumference measurement of just over five feet. The weight is about 1,000 pounds. It took Mr. Mitchell-Hedges seven hours to manhandle the monster sufficiently near to haul it on board. The shark was taken to allow him to shoot it dead.

TO TAKE CENSUS OF CIVIL SERVANTS

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—With the arrival in Ottawa tomorrow of R. Gouthrie, the new Auditor-General of Canada, he will take up his duties, the first of which is a necessary preliminary to any action, will take up a few weeks.

HAVE SLEIGH DRIVE

An enjoyable sleighing party was held last night when about 40 of the young folk of the Tabernacle church went to Torryburn and returned to the church, where refreshments were served by Mrs. W. Giger, Mrs. A. B. Kierstead and Mrs. D. Jewett. The party included members of the World Wide Guild and Mrs. A. L. Tedford, their leader, members of the Boys' Club and Newton Kierstead, their leader, Gordon F. Lance, teacher of the Sunday school, Miss Grace Kierstead, Miss Sadie Lunn and Rev. A. L. Tedford.

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TRAPPED DESERT FOR 5,000 MILES

Fine Accomplishment of the First European to Make Journey Recorded.

Paris, Feb. 6.—A journey from the Gulf of Guinea to the Mediterranean on foot, a distance of some 5,000 miles through the Cameroons, Tchad, Italian Tripolitania, and Egypt, is the fine accomplishment of M. Bruneau de La-borie, the first European to perform the arduous feat.

Dignified as a Mussulman, with a couple of faithful servants, he braved the desolation of the Libyan Desert in the interests of a scientific mission organized by various colonial, natural history, and geographical associations to secure scientific and natural history knowledge.

Information on the habits of the elephant, rhinoceros, and buffalo was obtained, and a young rhinoceros was captured for a museum.

A baby rhinoceros taken alive became so fractious that the servants took flight and put the animal to death in the traveler's absence.

The explorer met with several dangerous situations, but was never actually attacked, and was particularly fortunate in his dealings with distrustful natives.

One surprise he had was to find the bodyguard of Sidi Mohamed Laded (cousin of the better known Sidi Idris) in the heart of Koufra, equipped with the latest European arms and uniforms.

WIN CARNIVAL PRIZES

The carnival at the Victoria rink last night attracted a great crowd. Many unusual, attractive and novel costumes were to be seen. The carnival was held under the auspices of Dominion Lodge, No. 445 of the I. O. G. T. The prize winners were as follows: Gentlemen's first, Mr. Lockhart as a Roman Soldier; second, Edward Driscoll, as Aunt Sarah Peabody; ladies' first, Miss Mary Culley as Hollywood; second, Mrs. Garnett as Mrs. Stubbs from Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch; most original, gentlemen's, P. Robson as "Yes we have no bananas," and lady's, Mrs. Sullivan as the new hotel "Admiral Beatty." The judges were Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Clarke and C. H. Bonnell.

SAW THAT BOSS GOT HIS WHISKEY

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 5.—Accepting his story that he had used the company's funds to supply Scotch whiskey to the president of the Gerrard Wire Company, in Chicago, W. E. Forrester, former general manager of the local branch, was acquitted by Judge Evans in criminal court today, of the charge of appropriating \$1,800 of his employer's money to his own use.

FINDS WRITING 6,400 YEARS OLD

Expedition at City of Abraham Reports on Discoveries.

London, Feb. 6.—The joint expedition of the British Museum and of the University Museum, Philadelphia, which has resumed work at Ur of the Chaldees, the City of Abraham, reports discoveries of great interest. C. L. Woolley, leader of the joint expedition, reports that the huge platform originally built by Ur-Zagur about 2,800 B. C. stands almost intact, much of its brickwork as sharp as when the builders laid it.

Details of the discoveries made are given, and, describing the contents of a small temple and its surroundings, the report says:

"Such finds would have been indeed noteworthy to whatever period they belonged, but these are the oldest works of art in metal yet known."

"A marble tablet was discovered, inscribed in Sumerian. Taken at its face value, the Sumerian chronology would assign our statues and reliefs to a date somewhere about 4,500 B. C., even if that chronology has to be modified, we can say that our month's work has given us the oldest dated example of man's handwriting and the oldest known triumphs of the art of Tubal-Cain."

JUDGE OSLER LEFT ESTATE OF \$107,238

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Hon. Featherstone Osler, K. C., president of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, retired justice of the court of appeal, who died in his 87th year on Jan. 17 at his residence here left \$107,238.

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GOLD WAS FOUND AT LA TETE

Old Time Discovery Written in Newspaper of 1862

NOT ENOUGH TO PAY

Charlotte County Events of That Time Make Interesting Reading Today.

C. C. Grant of St. Stephen, has in his possession two copies of the Old St. Andrews Standard that are curious to examine at this date. One was published in 1862, the other in 1878.

The Standard was a small paper of four pages 14 by 20 inches, five columns of 10 inches to a page, and much of the space devoted to advertisements that were considerably condensed. The late Adam Smith, father of the present Adam Atherton Smith, of St. Andrews, was its gifted editor. It was followed by the Bay Pilot, of which the late John S. Magee was editor, which in course of time gave way to R. E. Armstrong's Beacon.

Some extracts will be of interest: St. Andrews Standard of April 16, 1862: "Gold—We learn from undoubted authority that gold has been discovered at La Tete. A small quantity of quartz was taken to Boston by a person named Mr. [name] and the result was that gold was obtained, but not in a sufficient quantity to warrant expense of working. A narrow vein of gold was discovered where persons are now engaged digging copper ore. Efforts will be made, we are informed, in search of more gold during the present season, and people in the vicinity are of opinion that we shall soon have a New Brunswick 'Tangier.' The truth is this province is rich in mineral resources, and it is only a matter of time and enterprise to develop them."

Resolved—That the thanks of the company be given to Edward Wilson, Esq., for his kindness in allowing us the gratuitous use of his store as a Drill Room, that the secretaries prepare a copy of this resolution to Mr. Wilson, and that the same be published in the Saint Andrews Standard.

H. POLLEYS, Clerk.

At St. Andrew, 1st April, 1862: "Steamer New Brunswick. We learn from the Bangor Evening Times that the steamer New Brunswick, owned by the government to join the Burnside expedition, having been released, has arrived at New York, where she is undergoing some repairs, but will be ready to place on the route between Portland and St. John—E. V. Globe.

Married.

At Boston, on the 25th ult., by Rev. Dr. Kirk, Capt. Benjamin R. Grant and Miss Hannah E. Ames, both of St. Andrews.

Deaths.

At the residence of her uncle, W. Ingram, Mary Louise Price, aged 17 years, daughter of the late Henry Price, formerly of this place.

Standard of December 14, 1870: River Du Loup Railway.—On our outside page is published the Memorial of the gentlemen who form the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company to the Government of Quebec, which was favorably entertained, and a grant of land ordered as a subsidy for the building of line. It is generally believed that this bonus, with the assistance to be voted by the Municipalities, will be sufficient to guarantee the capitalists in Great Britain to commence and carry on this great work which will see the upper provinces two outlets to the sea through British territory at all seasons, and fulfill a prophecy of the late John Wilson that there would be no more of the "ice-bound" parts of Canada before twenty years; and with the Pacific before the present generation passed away. This prediction was uttered as far back as 1853, by that far seeing and public spirited gentleman, and was shared in by others who are numbered with the dead.

Capt. Wren.—We notice from the "Globe" that our young townsman, Capt. John Wren, has been appointed Collector of a new and splendid ship of 800 tons, named the "James W. Elwell," launched at St. John last week. She is owned by St. J. King, Esq., Messrs. D'Arcy & Son, H. Ranney, Esq., and Capt. Wren. St. Andrews has just reason to be proud of her shipmasters, the names of Capt. McCulloch, Messrs. Wren, Miller and others stand high with the mercantile men in Liverpool, England, and St. John, New Brunswick.

James A. Moran, Esq., has been appointed Collector at the Port of St. George, in the place of the late much respected A. J. Wetmore, Esq. Mr. Moran's business qualifications fit him for the office, and we learn the appointment is a popular one.

The County Lodge of British Templars met at the Lodge yesterday. A representation from the lodges was present. In the evening an enthusiastic public meeting was held and several spirited addresses delivered. We have no space today to give even an outline of the "staves" as a factious member termed them.

School Entertainment.—Not having been present at the entertainment given by the pupils of the Grammar School on the 7th inst., a correspondent on the page 11, sixth column.