

A CONVICTION UNCERTAIN

FEELING THAT GEORGE E. ALGER WILL BE ACQUITTED.

The Charge of Conspiracy Failed and the Hope of the Crown Officers Were Somewhat Shattered—The Prisoner Takes the Stand and Denies Dr. Francy's Story.

Whitby, March 19—(Special)—Fate seems to be working in favor of Geo. E. Alger and there is a strong feeling here that the present trial will result in a conviction. The Crown had hoped to show that there existed a vast conspiracy to defraud insurance companies, of which Francy was the chief intermediary.

The pretty little Court House here was only comfortably filled this morning when the trial of Alger, since the evidence was corroborated by John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank at Stouffville. It appeared that his farm in Pickering Township was heavily mortgaged and besides he was otherwise deeply indebted.

W. J. Stark, a Stouffville private banker, testified that in 1891 Alger's financial condition was very poor. His evidence was corroborated by John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank at Stouffville. It appeared that his farm in Pickering Township was heavily mortgaged and besides he was otherwise deeply indebted.

Dr. Francy, the physician, testified that he had no objection to Alger's application for a life insurance policy. He thought his wife a fair risk, not having any knowledge of the application of Mrs. Alger were untrue. Both Trull and Francy were exceedingly anxious that the insurance policy should be issued.

The court adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The evidence was heard in the afternoon. The trial is expected to continue for several days.

At this juncture the jury retired which counsel argued regarding the application of evidence referring to the policy applied for in the Home Life Co. a month before Mrs. Alger's death. The court ruled that the evidence was not admissible.

At the evening session of the court, Daniel Forsyth took the stand. He lived at Claremont and was a neighbor of Alger. He testified that he saw Alger on the night of the fire and that he saw Alger in his house at that time.

Dr. H. E. Alger, a brother of the prisoner, deposed that he was totally unable to walk for several days after the fire. He testified that he saw Alger in his house at that time and that he saw Alger in his house at that time.

Dr. George Brodie of Claremont was also present at the post mortem examination. His evidence in the main corroborated that of Dr. Francy. He testified that he saw Alger in his house at that time and that he saw Alger in his house at that time.

Detective Murray is much disappointed at the verdict of the grand jury in the case against Alger. He believed that Alger was guilty and that he would have been convicted.

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TOO MANY COUNCILLORS

HON. MR. HARDY'S BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE

Given a Second Reading It Will Have a Chance of Becoming Law—The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, Introduced the Bill.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Act (Mr. Richardson) with respect to giving to a casting vote in an equality of votes for two or more candidates at an election. The bill was passed on the 19th of March.

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A SENSATION AT DUNDAS.

CUSTOMS CLERK ALLEGED TO BE SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Dreadful Explosion Near Water-Dundas—Thomas Smiley Horribly Injured and Will Lose His Life—Miss Toront Will Recover Her Bicycle—Woman's Trouble.

Hamilton, March 19—(Special)—Last week two Customs House inspectors from Toronto, Messrs. Douglas and Close, went to Dundas to examine the accounts of the Customs House there, owing to a tip they had received that there had been some irregularities in connection with the proceeds. They visited Dundas yesterday and, as a result, David Stock, who had been in the department for about five years, resigned, there being a shortage of about \$500 in his accounts.

The incident caused a great sensation in Dundas. The inspectors were accompanied by a constable and a police constable. The explosion occurred near the waterfront, causing the death of a man and the serious injury of another.

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DEATH OF REV. FATHER MALONEY

The Young Parish Priest at Durham Had a Very Sad End—He Died at the Early Age of 29 Years.

Mr. Maloney, a young and promising priest, died of cholera at the early age of 29 years. He was a native of Ireland and had been in Canada for some years.

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HAPPENINGS OF A DAY

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around the Busy City.

Clear Havana Cigars, five cents, regular price ten cents. The Havana Cigar Co. has just received a consignment of these cigars.

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Come. Good fresh air up here on the hill. Lots of light. Plenty of room. Car load of goods and civil men in the back. ANADIA'S GREATEST WALL PAPER HOUSE.

Country people, write us for samples. 436 YONGE-ST. OPPOSITE CARLTON. THE NEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. The Board of Education met this afternoon and adopted the report of the Public Schools Commission. The report is a very comprehensive one and covers all the subjects connected with the education of the children of the city.

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