

NO LIGHT UPON STRANGE CASE OF HENRY W. HODGES

Still Unable to Explain How He
Received Severe Injuries
to Head.

STILL WITHOUT MEMORY
Now Recalls Reaching East
End Station, But Nothing
More.

Henry W. Hodges, 24 Hyatt avenue, who came home from Toronto Monday night dazed and weak from severe injuries to his head and shoulder, has not yet recovered his memory sufficiently to offer any explanation as to how he was injured.

He reiterates his former statement that he was not injured in Toronto, and says that he distinctly remembers reaching the East London station on the Grand Trunk train, which is scheduled to reach London about 7 o'clock.

Regarding what happened between the East London station and his arrival at his home, 24 Hyatt avenue, somewhere around 9 o'clock, Hodges' mind is a complete blank. He got off at the East London station or the downtown station he does not remember, and his family can make no surmise. Mrs. Hodges was visiting her sister Monday evening, and does not know whether anyone accompanied him home.

Cannot Be Questioned.
Returning shortly after 9 o'clock, she found her husband at home in a very precarious condition, and immediately summoned a physician, who advised that Mr. Hodges be left perfectly quiet and undisturbed for a few days. The local detectives and police have not been asked to investigate, and an advertiser reporter has not been allowed to see or interview him because of his condition, which appears to be slowly improving.

Not Injured in Toronto.
This morning, Mr. Manley Charlton, of the Charlton Press, called at Mr. Hodges' home, having read the story of his injuries in The Advertiser, and believing that Mr. Hodges might have been injured as a man of the highest and most estimable character, say that his strictly temperate habits preclude all possibility of his getting mixed up in a quarrel or similar fracas downtown.

It is difficult to believe that Mr. Hodges could have been injured in an accident in London without it coming to light, and many citizens who know Mr. Hodges as a man of the highest and most estimable character, say that his strictly temperate habits preclude all possibility of his getting mixed up in a quarrel or similar fracas downtown.

The Robbery Theory.
Although his family is loath to believe the theory that he has been sand-bagged and robbed, it appears to offer the only plausible explanation possible.

Mr. Hodges, who is an active worker in the Plymouth Brethren Church, had been attending a conference of that denomination in Toronto. Shortly after arriving at home, he asked Mrs. Hodges if she found his money all right. He could scarcely have referred to the twenty-five-cent piece of silver, which was all his pockets contained.

Mrs. Hodges believes that her husband will be able to remember how he received his injuries, and has not made any attempt to ascertain the cause as yet, having, indeed, practically no clues to work upon.

35,000 BOOKS ARE READ BY LON DONERS IN THE SUMMER

Fiction in Great Demand For Vacation Season—
350 Subscribers Are Added
to the List.

For the first time in the past three months the Public Library board met in the Public Library Thursday evening. Only routine business was transacted, but the reports for the three summer months were most satisfactory.

The library committee reported the purchase of about 500 new volumes during that time, and the circulation of books in that period reached a total of 35,000, largely fiction.

Cards were issued to 350 new subscribers, an exceptionally good record. Librarian Carson gave an interesting

PUBLIC INVESTIGATION
INTO NEW HAVEN WRECK

Railway Is Arranging To Bail
Engineers Now Under
Arrest.

[Canadian Press.]
New Haven, Conn., Sept. 5.—With Engineer A. B. Murray, and Captain H. H. Murray under arrest and accused by Coroner Mix of criminal responsibility for the fatal North Haven wreck, the Interstate Commerce Commission, began a public investigation today to determine the causes of the disaster.

President Howard Elliott, of the New Haven, left for New York to attend the regular Friday meeting of the board of directors, and before his departure he gave instructions that bail for Murray should be furnished. The necessary \$5,000 bond was furnished by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

The "private" investigation of the coroner, began yesterday, and which lasted until midnight last night, culminated in the arrest of the two trainmen, who were confined today, again under police protection.

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Puzzling to Public—
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In season and out of it, the F. P. has been boosting the game of the natural gas promoters. Apparently the "12-cents-a-line" rule that was enforced against the local hydro-electric system, not so very long ago, has not been brought into play with the natural gas men. Big headlines, prominent positions, and the most gushing of "booster" stories have been part of the natural gas program. Natural gas may be coming to London, and again it may not, but of the natural gas that has been expended and expended through the columns of the Free Press there can be no doubt.

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LONDON FREE PRESS, SEPT. 4.

MANUFACTURERS MAY BE SUPPLIED CHEAP GAS

Vienna and Port Burwell Men Talk of
Coming to London.

The representatives of the natural gas interests, who were expected to come to London last week, have not yet made their appearance. Mayor Graham has not heard from them, and there is no telling when they will arrive.

The owners of the Vienna and Port Burwell fields have made a bid for the London business. They were not considered factors at all, but some new volume of gas.

It is now rumored that the same parties will come to London. They will not attempt to supply the whole city, but will offer cheap gas to manufacturing concerns.

However, nothing official has been received at the city hall, and the rumor could not be confirmed.

The directors of the City Gas Company have heard nothing, and are waiting for some of the representatives to turn up.

ACCIDENT

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JEROME JAILED FOR GAMBLING; BAIL ACCEPTED

Biggest Joke of the Whole
Thaw Case Sprung at
Coaticook.

PEOPLE FAVOR THAW
Biggest American Criminal
Lawyer Was Arrested for
Playing Poker.

[Canadian Press.]
Coaticook, Que., Sept. 5.—William Travers Jerome was arrested here today, charged with gambling.

The complaint was made by Milford Aldridge, a citizen of Coaticook, who swore that he had seen Jerome playing poker in public yesterday. Jerome was taken to jail, where Thaw was confined when brought here two weeks ago.

Thaw's lawyers disclaimed any knowledge of the arrest. The belief prevailed that it was due solely to ill-feeling among the townspeople, who resented Jerome's presence.

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"ALL SET" FOR FAIR MANY EXHIBITS IN

Gates Will Be Manned Early Saturday and Big Exhibition Will Be Under Way—Smiling Skies Promised.

Already the Queen's Park exhibition grounds are commencing to assume the usual "fair time" appearance. Concessionaires have already erected many of the refreshment and amusement tents, while exhibitors in all buildings are hard at work placing their various exhibits in shape. Decorators, carpenters and exhibitors are swarming over the grounds. The entire office staff of the association has been moved to the offices on the grounds, and everything is in full swing for opening day tomorrow.

The gates will be manned at 7 o'clock tomorrow, and the Fair will be officially declared open, though the day will be mainly given over to the last final touches on the different exhibits.

Exhibits Being Placed.
The Transportation and Machinery Buildings, erected since last week, are already beginning to receive their quota of tenants, carriages and machinery, autos and farm implements being placed this morning. The horse barns, including those which were destroyed in last week's fire, will be filled by tomorrow night. There will be over 500 horses entered in the various classes, and every available stall has now been disposed of. As far as possible city exhibitors will keep their entries at home.

Over 100 concession contracts had been filled by noon, and before the big day of next week, 150 or more will be in place. Society Row has overflowed this year, mainly due to the additions made to the Main Building.

The Art Building was one of the busiest spots this morning. Under Director William Abbott, the hanging committee was placing some of the choice works of art that have been sent to the Fair.

Two Famous Paintings.
Chief among these is the loan exhibit sent over by the Detroit Art Museum, and which is valued at \$15,000. It consists of two paintings—"Return From the Pasture," by William H. Howe, and "The Vespers," by William H. Howe. The valuation on Howe's picture is placed at \$10,000. Its creator—William H. Howe—is a member of the National Academy of the United States, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, France, and a medalist of the Paris Salon.

Charles P. Gruppe, New York, has sent in four pictures. Miss Helen McNicholl, daughter of the vice-president of the C. P. R., is another contributor. She has one picture.

The Futurists Yet.
Whether there will be any post-impressionistic or futurist pictures has not yet been decided, though Director Abbott expects some.

Weather predictions are for a week of favorable weather.

Real Estate Body
To "House Hunt"
For Home Seekers

Decided at Meeting to Keep All Rentable and Saleable
Houses Listed—A Publicity Committee
To Be Appointed.

Various suggestions for the betterment of realty conditions in the city were discussed at the meeting of the newly-organized Real Estate Association, in the board of trade rooms, on Thursday evening. Among other plans which the association has in view will be the establishment of standard rates of commission, either for the sale of property or collecting rentals. The association will also endeavor to educate the public to the advantages of transacting their real estate deals through the regular channels.

Stop Aimless House-Hunting.
They aim to save people much of the aimless house-hunting which obtains at present, by keeping accurate lists of all houses for sale or to rent, and furnishing prospective clients with a copy so that they may know just where to go. The advantages of giving exclusive listings of property to be sold was also pointed out. Some of the members present gave instances where one piece of property had been advertised for sale by four or five dealers in one issue of a paper. "It gives the impression that half the town is for sale," said Mr. Wood, manager of the Argyle Land company.

Several standing committees will be appointed, probably at the next meeting. One of them is to be known as the publicity committee, and will endeavor to advance London by publishing from time to time records of sales made, etc.

Another meeting is to be held on the third Tuesday of this month. The vice-president, Mr. J. Banghart, occupied the chair at Thursday night's meeting, which was well attended.

HISTORIC HOUSE
WILL BE RAZED
FOR APARTMENTS

Late Col. Williams' Residence
Visited by British Aristocracy
in the Past.

SCENE OF MANY EVENTS
Mr. A. Hartman Will Construct
Building With Suites at
Modest Prices.

Mr. A. Hartman, 300 Dundas street, has purchased the property at Horton and Clarence street, belonging to the late Col. Williams, and will erect a two-story brick apartment house on the site. The lot is 75x100 feet and is understood to have changed hands at a considerable advance on the value of property in the neighborhood. Mr. Hartman will erect a building of six apartments. Apartment houses of a modest class are not common in London, and Mr. Hartman believes that they would be greeted with favor in view of the scarcity of houses for rent at the present time.

Following the death of the late Col. Williams about two years ago, the old home, which is a landmark in the city, and which in its day sheltered and entertained the aristocracy of London, and a few blue-blooded visitors from the British Isles, for some time has served as a Chinese laundry. It will shortly be torn down and another link with the early days of London will be broken. Then Horton street was what Queen's and Dufferin avenues are today, the aristocratic residential street of "London in the woods."

ANGELIC RECTOR
DIES IN HOSPITAL

Rev. J. B. Ward, of Essex, Took Gold Medal at McGill.

The death occurred in Victoria Hospital this morning, after a lingering illness, of Rev. J. B. Ward, rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Essex, and rural dean of Essex County. He was in his 61st year, and had been in Victoria Hospital for about a month previous to his death. He was also a gold medalist of McGill University, and was formerly rector at Eastwood. With him when he died was Very Rev. Dean Davis, Mrs. Ward and two sons. The remains will be forwarded to Montreal, his former home, for interment.

CLAIMS CREDIT FOR GIVING CITY HORTON ST. WELLS

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Before the Water Com-
missioners.

SENT TO HON. MR. BECK
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Acting under instructions from Mr. Beck, who entrusted the project to him, Mr. Lyons declares he secured the drills and had the first wells sunk. The plans were carried out under his direction. As he has previously declared possible to Mr. Beck and others, an artesian supply of water was discovered. It was an abundant supply. Mr. Beck then took hold of the scheme when he saw it was one that would "make good," and carried it through to completion.

While no specific monetary claims are made in his communication, Mr. Lyons asked that the water commission remunerate him for his work in not only discovering the wells, but in carrying on the first plans that insured the project to London.

For money expended in the preliminary test and for services rendered, the engineer claims that he is entitled to some consideration at the hands of the water commissioners.

Asks an Allowance.
He asks that an allowance, he made him, now that the wells have been officially taken over by the city and have proved their efficiency in reducing the water famine in London, and increasing the pressure.

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