

# MURRELL ADMITTED FIRING SHOTS SAYS WITNESS

## CROWN'S NEW WITNESS SWEARS SID. MURRELL CONFESSED TO FIRING

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after him. I started after him, but before I got to him he was captured. I went up to where he was and recognized him as the second man who came into the office.

Q—The man who entered the bank with a revolver pointing over the first man's shoulder?

A—Yes.

Q—Have you seen either of the men since?

A—Yes. One is in the prisoner's box now.

His Lordship—You didn't actually see the first man captured?

A—No.

Q—You saw the second man captured?

A—Yes, the prisoner in the box.

Q—Do you know by whom he was captured?

A—I am not positive.

Q—Who did you see about the prisoner?

A—Burly Robinson, Stuart Campbell, I wouldn't be sure of the third. There may have been others as well.

Q—When he was captured, what happened?

A—I went back towards my office. Mr. John Little handed me a bag.

Q—Where were you when you got it?

A—In front of the bank.

The Judge—Did you know what it was?

A—No. I expected it was the money. I took it inside the office, saw it was money, opened the safe, and locked it away.

Money in Teller's Cage.

Q—Where was the money kept in the bank?

A—In the teller's cage in the till.

Q—Where were you when the men came in?

A—At the door of the teller's cage. Miss Campbell was in the cage.

Q—What followed that?

A—I went outside again. The body in the alleyway was covered up. Someone said it was Russell Campbell.

His Lordship—Don't tell us what someone said, unless it was in the presence of the accused. Go on. Had the body been moved?

A—I couldn't say. The prisoners were secured at the cross roads.

Q—How many prisoners were there?

A—Two. I went back to the office and called up the manager of our London, Ont. bank. While I was phoning I saw the third man captured, as I looked through the window.

Q—What time was that?

A—Possibly about 11:30, three-quarters of an hour after the robbery.

Q—Have you anything further to add, Mr. McCandless?

A—I don't think so.

Q—Did you see any examination made of your office after this event?

A—Yes. There was a bullet hole in the glass panel of my office door leading to public space.

Q—Where was it?

A—In the lower part of the panel, very little higher than the panel.

Q—Where did the bullet go?

A—Into the west wall of the building behind the door. It was never recovered.

Q—Anything else?

A—Another bullet cut the upper part of the door. It went into the ceiling.

Q—Did you make an examination of the mark on the door?

A—Not particularly. The bullet was recovered from the ceiling. It was in the ceiling for a week. I was there when it was taken down. The bullet was handed to me.

Q—Who handed it to you?

A—The person who took it out.

Q—What became of it?

A—I presented it at the preliminary trial. It was given back to me. I took it home and brought it to the last trial.

Mr. Rigney handed witness an envelope and asked him to examine it. Witness took a bullet from the envelope.

Q—What is it?

A—The bullet taken from the ceiling.

Q—How do you identify the bullet as one taken from the ceiling?

A—It was dinged a little.

Q—Is that the only mark?

A—Yes.

Q—If shown any other dinged bullet, you couldn't say?

A—No.

Q—You had a revolver in the bank?

A—Yes.

Q—Have you it here?

A—No.

Q—Did you see the man you mention as wearing a bowler hat later?

A—Not till after he was captured.

Q—Had he any hat then?

A—I don't remember.

Q—Who was it?

A—William Murrell.

Q—Was it only by this you identified him?

A—Yes.

Q—Was there any break in the counter through which a person could pass?

A—No.

Q—Did you say that after you had been dazed you got up and saw Russell and Stuart Campbell coming into the staff enclosure?

A—Yes.

Q—Which was first?

A—I don't know. Stuart spoke to me.

Q—You don't know which came through the doorway first?

A—No.

Q—What did they do?

A—They went to the side door without hesitation. I did not actually see them go through the door.

Mr. Donahue here concluded his cross-examination of Mr. McCandless.

John Little.

John Little, mail carrier, was next to take the stand.

Mr. Rigney—What were you doing in April 1921?

A—"Same as now, carrying mail. Q—What happened that day?

A—"I was in the hotel and some body said the Home Bank was being robbed. I ran up and saw a man at the bank door with a revolver. He ordered me back and I went to the hotel corner.

The three Campbell boys then ran up from their garage to the bank. I followed behind. Robert and Stuart went into the bank. Russell went into the alleyway. I stopped at Parr's store. Directly after two men ran out, one after the other. After the first ran out I peeked around the corner and saw two men in the alley. Russell Campbell was one and Sidney Murrell was the other. They were talking to one another. I ducked back and shots were fired.

Q—"You didn't go in the alley?"

A—"No. I just peeked.

Q—"Was it after you turned back you heard—what?"

A—"I heard shots.

His Lordship—You either heard two or didn't.

A—"I couldn't swear, one anyway.

Q—"What followed?"

A—"Directly after this a man ran out onto the sidewalk and then went along the sidewalk.

Q—"Did you see him?"

A—"Yes. I saw him running with a gun in his right hand. A revolver.

Q—"Where did you first notice a revolver?"

A—"When I looked in the alley.

Q—"Who had the revolver?"

A—"Sidney Murrell. When I saw the two in the alley and Murrell had the gun there.

Q—"Where was his right hand then?"

A—"I didn't look long enough but it appeared to be down at his side.

Q—"What about Russell Campbell?"

A—"His back was to the street. The two men stood as though they had just met, hands at sides.

Q—"How was Murrell carrying the revolver when he came out of the bank?"

A—"By his side.

Q—"What did you do?"

A—"I stayed there. Robert and Stuart Campbell and Burley Robinson ran after him. I followed and saw them capture him. I picked up a bag and saw some money. I gave the bag to the manager. They then brought the prisoner back and tied him to a post.

Q—"Stuart came back and said to Murrell: 'You've killed my brother. Murrell said I'm not denying it; I shot five times.'

Q—"Shots correct?"

A—"Yes, that's all I heard.

Stayed Near Prisoners.

Q—"Then what?"

A—"I stayed around by the hotel near where the prisoners were tied. Mr. Donahue, cross examining: Q—"You said you went from hotel to bank. What did you see?"

A—"A man on the bank steps with a revolver.

Q—"Why did you go back to the hotel?"

A—"Three men told me to.

Q—"What then?"

A—"I just stood looking towards the bank. The Campbell boys came along and I followed. Stuart and Robert went straight to the bank and Russell down the alley.

Q—"What was the first thing after that to attract your attention?"

A—"A man running out of the alley.

Q—"Do you know who that was?"

A—"Not at all.

Q—"Not with you?"

A—"No. Not that I know of.

Q—"How long after he ran out did you look up the alley?"

A—"Directly.

Q—"How far was he from you when he ran out?"

A—"About four feet.

At the request of Mr. Donahue, the witness pointed out his location on the plan.

Q—"What did you do then?"

A—"I peeked around the corner.

Q—"What did you see?"

A—"Two men.

Q—"What did you stay looking?"

A—"I wasn't going to when I saw a man with a gun.

Q—"Then what?"

A—"About a minute after shots were fired a man came out.

Q—"How did you identify one as Russell Campbell?"

A—"By his clothes.

Q—"What was the only way?"

A—"He told me by the overcoat I locked him up in the London police station—let each prisoner pick out his gun.

Q—"When did he say it was his?"

A—"In the police station.

Couldn't See Hand.

Q—"Did he have anything in his left hand?"

A—"I couldn't see.

Q—"Did you identify him at that moment?"

A—"I recognized him more when he came out of the lane.

His Lordship—You understand, no matter what you said before, we want what is absolutely true. At the inquest you appear to have said you didn't see a revolver. Did you or did you not see a revolver?

A—"Yes, I did.

Elizabeth Mahler, a new witness, then took the stand.

Mr. Rigney—Where did you live in April, 1921?

A—"Dresden. We were going to Melbourne that day.

Q—"Were you there all morning?"

A—"We got there about 11:30 a.m.

Q—"What did you see?"

A—"They had Williams and Murrell tied to posts.

Q—"Did you know either of them?"

A—"Not at that time. I identify the prisoner in the box as one of them.

Q—"What did you hear?"

A—"I was facing Jack Williams directly. They were handcuffed at that time. Campbell came up and shook his fist in Sid Murrell's face and said, 'You killed my brother.' Murrell replied, 'I'm not denying it.' Q—"Anything more?"

A—"I heard Sidney Murrell ask Williams for cigarettes.

Mr. Donahue did not question the witness.

Mervin E. McCallum.

Mervin E. McCallum was next called. He was in Melbourne in 1921.

Q—"What time were you there?"

A—"I arrived at 9 o'clock that morning. I was in Campbell's garage talking to Russell Campbell when the alarm was given. I followed the Campbell boys down the street. I saw Sidney Murrell coming out of the alley with a gun in his hand.

Q—"Which hand?"

A—"I don't remember.

Q—"What next?"

A—"I saw either Stuart or Robert Campbell grab him just as he was leaving the alley. Murrell had an overcoat on, and wrenched free. He ran 150 feet and he was grabbed again. He dropped his revolver. I picked it up and gave it to Dr. Freese. It was a large revolver.

Q—"Did you examine it to see if it was loaded?"

A—"No. I didn't.

Q—"Can you tell how the revolver felt?"

A—"He had it when he came out of the alley. It felt in the scuffle.

Mr. Donahue—You were standing by Parr's store for some little time?

Q—"Did you see anyone else come out of the alleyway before the man with the revolver?"

A—"I don't know that I did.

Q—"Did you see anyone else?"

A—"Yes, Williams.

Q—"Did he have a revolver?"

A—"Where did you pick up the revolver?"

A—"It was past the Home Bank.

Q—"What did you do with it?"

A—"I handed it to Dr. Freese shortly after.

Q—"How long did you have it?"

A—"Three or four minutes.

Q—"Why did you give it to Dr. Freese?"

A—"There was no particular reason. Some one asked for the revolver. I believe it was Dr. Freese.

Q—"Where was Sidney Murrell at that time?"

A—"Being brought back to be tied to the post.

The prisoners were granted a recess of 10 minutes at 11 o'clock. Mr. Rigney walked to the prisoner's box and spoke to Murrell.

Detective Down.

Detective Harry Down was the first witness called after the recess.

Mr. Rigney—You were in Melbourne in April, 1921.

A—"Yes, with Mr. Nickle, arriving after 11 a.m. by motor.

Q—"What did you see on arrival?"

A—"Murrell was tied to a telephone pole. Just as I arrived, Dr. Freese handed me two revolvers, a Colt .45 and a .38.

Q—"You know revolvers?"

A—"Yes, sir.

Q—"Where were they delivered to you with reference to the prisoner?"

A—"About four or five feet south.

Q—"Had you seen and identified the prisoner?"

A—"Yes, sir.

Q—"What happened when revolvers were handed to you?"

His Lordship—Did you have any conversation before that?

A—"Yes, said: 'Harry I was never so glad to see your face.' I said: 'You are in a bad fix now, Sid.'

Q—"Was he in a position to see revolvers handed to you?"

A—"Yes, sir.

Q—"Had you spoken to any of the others?"

A—"No.

Q—"What happened?"

A—"Another man tied to a post called me.

Q—"What did you do?"

A—"Nothing, for a short time.

A—"I went in a car after another man.

Q—"What did you do with the revolvers?"

A—"I took them with me. They were in my possession until I turned them over to the court.

Mr. Rigney produced the two revolvers, handing a large one, carefully, to Mr. Down.

Q—"Whose revolver is that?"

A—"Sidney Murrell's.

Q—"How do you know?"

A—"He told me by the overcoat I locked him up in the London police station—let each prisoner pick out his gun.

Q—"When did he say it was his?"

A—"In the police station.



SIDNEY MURRELL, Melbourne bank bandit, now facing his second jury on a charge of murder, whose fate may be decided tonight.



WEAPONS TAKEN FROM THE BANDITS.

Above is shown the revolvers of the two Melbourne robbers. In the foreground is the .45 calibre revolver which Murrell claimed to be his. At the left is the gun carried by Slim Williams. At the right in the background is the satchel in which the stolen money was placed, while in the foreground a bullet, taken from a partition in the bank may be seen.

Q—"What occurred there?"

A—"Sidney said it was the gun he had at Melbourne. Williams was the first to identify his gun, it being covered with blood. I had the three guns in my hand at once. The men were standing in a line, and each man identified his gun, Murrell being the last one.

His Lordship—That's the gun.

A—"Yes, sir.

Mr. Rigney—What kind is it?

A—"A Colt .45, about the largest size made. Handling the witness an envelope containing a bullet, previously identified by Mr. McCandless. Mr. Rigney asked what size it was, and was informed a .45.

Breaks Revolver.

Q—"Break the revolver and tell me what is there."

A—"Five empty shells and a vacant chamber. The same as when I received it.

Q—"Remove one of the shells. Does the bullet fit the shell?"

A—"The bullet has been bruised, but they would fit.

Q—"The bullet has been bruised, but they would fit. A bullet such as that revolver would fire?"

A—"Yes, sir.

Q—"On the prisoner's arrival at the station what happened?"

A—"He told me about the revolver, and he claimed it. We then locked him in the cell and went back to Melbourne.

Q—"When you were first at Melbourne did you have any further conversation with the prisoner?"

A—"No, sir. We drove them all to London in the police car.

Q—"Did you hear any conversation between them?"

A—"No, sir.

Q—"You have told us all you can recall?"

A—"Yes, sir.

Q—"Did you have any conversation later with the prisoner?"

A—"Not that I can recall.

Went To Melbourne.

Mr. Donahue cross examining: Q—"What time did you arrive in Melbourne?"

A—"We left London at 11:15. We travelled about 70 miles an hour. We got there between 11:30 and 12:00.

Q—"You pursued another man?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"What time did you leave Melbourne for London with the prisoners?"

A—"I don't know the exact time.

Q—"Was it dinner time?"

A—"I didn't have any dinner that day.

Q—"Was it between 1 and 2 o'clock or earlier?"

A—"I can't tell.

Q—"When you arrived at Melbourne in what position was the prisoner?"

A—"He was ropes tied around him and he was tied to a post.

Q—"Around his body and legs?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"When were the ropes removed?"

A—"I don't know.

Inspector of Detectives Nickle, London, was then sworn.

Q—"You are connected with the London police and went to Melbourne in April, 1921, with him?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"What did you see first?"

A—"Two men tied to poles. I had them released and the handcuffs put on them. While Down was away, Wm. Murrell was brought up. He was captured by an Indian boy. I had them all in my charge and when Down returned, we brought them to London.

Q—"How many were there when you arrived?"

A—"Two. Sid Murrell and Williams.

Q—"Did you have any conversation with the prisoner?"

A—"No.

Q—"Did you hear any other conversation?"

A—"Yes, but I wasn't paying any attention.

Q—"Did you see any person called at this trial as having a lot of experience in that time with revolvers. Witness was handed revolver alleged to have been Sid Murrell's. He said it was a .45 Colt.

Describes Gun.

By Mr. Donahue: Q—"Would I be correct in describing the revolver as a regulation army one?"

A—"By calibre, yes.

Q—"Do you recognize the prisoner at Melbourne?"

A—"Yes, sir. I had known him from a boy.

Q—"What of him before this?"

A—"I will say he had no criminal record. He used to get into mischief, nothing serious.

Q—"Did you know his family?"

A—"Yes, quite well.

Q—"How long after you got to Melbourne were the prisoners released?"

A—"A very short time.

Q—"On your arrival you saw a lot of people. Were they excited?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"Did you pass any remarks?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"Of what nature?"

A—"His Lordship—I don't think that's necessary. However, if you want it, take it. There is nothing wiser than to let sleeping dogs lie.

Mr. Donahue—That will be all, thank you.

John Mair was called, but on investigation it was found that he had gone to dinner.

Mr. Donahue was then called.

Mr. Rigney—Where did you reside in 1921?

A—"Melbourne. I was an implement agent.

Q—"What about the day of the robbery?"

A—"I was on my way to work, and I saw a number of people around the bank. I stopped at the hotel. I saw Stuart and Bob Campbell go in the front door of the bank.

Q—"Where were you?"

A—"I was following them. Russell was behind his brother, and went down the alley. I stayed on the sidewalk opposite the milliner's half-way between the bank and hotel. I heard two shots in the bank, and after a short interval maybe four or five more.

Q—"Where were you when the first two were fired?"

A—"At the hotel.

Q—"And the second batch?"

A—"About halfway.

Q—"What did you do then?"

A—"I took the prisoners to the barn where the Indian boy got him to get Murrell's revolver.

Q—"You say you were never asked about the robbery, but you have the evidence taken at the inquest. You were asked: Anything else? The answer was 'No.'

Q—"My memory was not so good that day."

At 12:40 Mr. Rigney stated to his lordship that the next witness would occupy a lot of time and that it might be better to adjourn rather than interrupt his testimony.

Mr. Donahue, stating an interruption would be prejudicial to the defence, Justice Lennox adjourned until 2 o'clock when Robert A. Campbell, brother of the murdered man, took the stand.

Seeks Connection.

Every effort was made by Crown Prosecutor Rigney this afternoon to establish a connection between Sid Murrell and the .45 calibre Colt revolver which is alleged to have spit leaden death into the body of Russell Campbell.

Mr. Rigney's examination of Robert A. Campbell dealt almost entirely with the revolver. Witness was being examined by J. M. Donahue at noon adjournment.

Murrell was brought into the prisoner's box shortly before 2 o'clock. He smiled confidently at his parents, brothers and sisters as he sat down.

Robert A. Campbell, brother of the murdered man, was the first witness called when court convened this afternoon.

Mr. Rigney—You were in Melbourne when the tragedy occurred?

A—"Yes. I was with my brother in the garage. About 11 a.m. I proceeded down the street past the bank, having heard of a robbery, with the intention of shutting off a car the robbers had left running. I noticed two men standing by the bank with revolvers. I turned round and saw Stuart with a little rifle. The men were in the bank. He followed and I went after him. He ran through the bank and I followed, out the side door. I saw Mr. McCandless getting off the floor, but did not stop. I went into the alley and heard some shots being fired. I noticed a man running to the street with a revolver. I jumped on his back, but he got away. I and others chased him and caught him about 120 feet away. He was Sid Murrell. I came back and saw my brother lying on the ground. I went and phoned Dr. Freese. On my return I was informed that my brother was dead.

Q—"You saw a man running with firearms, and you identify him as the prisoner?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"Was he out of your sight?"

A—"No.

Q—"Did you pursue him up the sidewalk?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"Where you nearest to him?"

A—"No; Stuart was.

Q—"Where did you jump on his back?"

A—"Where the alley joins the sidewalk.

Q—"Anyone except your brother with you?"

A—"Little and Burley Robinson.

Q—"Who caught him?"

Assisted Capture.

Q—"You assisted in the capture of Williams and in tying prisoners to the posts. Did you hear any conversation?"

A—"Yes, Stuart Campbell said to the other: 'Did you shoot my brother?' He replied: 'I am not denying it; I fired five shots.' I also heard Charlie Long ask who did the shooting. The prisoner said: 'I guess I did for I fired five shots.'

Q—"Was that before or after talking to Stuart Campbell?"

A—"After I think.

Q—"Was Long present when Stuart Campbell was talking to him?"

A—"I don't know.

Q—"There is no doubt in your mind about the conversation?"

A—"None.

Q—"Did you hear any other conversation?"

A—"Yes; the prisoners conversed among themselves, after the three were there.

Q—"Did you hear?"

A—"When they got William Murrell and took him to the others, William said to the prisoner: 'Did you do the shooting?' The prisoner nodded his head in reply. William said: 'You fool!' to Sidney. Then they whispered, William and Sid, and then Sid told Williams to 'Keep quiet and say nothing.' I heard nothing further.

Q—"Did you see Detectives Down and Nickle there?"

A—"Yes, sir.

Q—"Were they there when the conversations took place?"

A—"Detective Nickle was.

Q—"Where were the men?"

A—"Not tied to the post. Handcuffed.

By Mr. Donahue: Q—"You gave your evidence at the inquest a few days after these events. Did you tell us then of hearing other conversation other than that of Murrell?"

A—"No.

Q—"Did you recollect these things at the inquest?"

## Trains Held In Deep Drifts

Associated Press Despatch.  
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 5.—Direct long-distance communication with Green Bay, Wis., last night, disclosed that several passenger trains are stalled there on account of snow, but that all passengers have been removed and are being cared for in Green Bay. The message said: "No help needed, so far as authorities have been able to learn."

A—"Two or three; my brother, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Little. We all had a hand in it.

Q—"Where?"

A—"To the west of the car.

Q—"Did you go back with the crowd, or for the doctor?"

A—"How did he carry the gun?"

A—"I could see it from behind him.

Q—"He had his hand raised?"

A—"Yes.

Q—"How was it when he was captured?"

A—"He still had it in his hand.

Q—"What kind of a gun?"

A—"A large one, .45 calibre.

Couldn't Say.

Q—"Where did you see it after?"

A—"I can't say who had it.

Q—"But where was it?"

A—"In the hands of somebody near the corner.

Q—"How did you know it was his?"

A—"I expected that there had been a persistent attack on this office for nearly two years by several of the aldermen, who had endeavored to have the question submitted to a vote of the ratepayers at the annual civic elections.

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## KENT DEPUTATION URGES CHANGE

Suggestion Is Made That Urban Municipalities Get Relief From Highway Costs.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Feb. 5.—A deputation from Kent County this morning waited on Hon. George S. Henry, minister of public works and highways, requesting a change in the highway act whereby county aid could be secured by urban municipalities for the maintenance of county roads which run through the municipalities.

At the present time the urban territories must bear the full cost of maintenance of the highways. The minister looked with favor upon the suggestion, saying that counties, he thought, should pay something towards maintenance.

## GUELPH COUNCIL UPHOLDS OFFICE

Vote Is 11 to 5 Against Abolishing City Manager's Post.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Guelph, Feb. 5.—The city council last night temporarily killed the by-law introduced to abolish the office of city manager. There has been a persistent attack on this office for nearly two years by several of the aldermen, who had endeavored to have the question submitted to a vote of the ratepayers at the annual civic elections.

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## Church News

CARPETBALL TOURNAMENT.  
Don. Boyle's team were the final victors in the carpetball tournament held last evening at the A. Y. P. A. meeting of All Saints' Church. The teams participating were captained by Mr. Boyle, Miss Gertrude Hogg, Mr. Robert W. Scott and Miss Marjorie Hills. The first team mentioned played for the final decision.

In addition to the tournament there was a program of games carried on under the direction of the president, Tom Boyle. A large number of members have decided to attend the Local Council dinner on Thursday.

MISSION BANDS.  
Richard Broad was elected to fill the post of sentinel at a meeting of the King's Own Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon. Rev. F. W. Scott, who presided, told the members continued their sewing on hospital supplies, Mrs. F. W. K. Harris gave them an interesting and encouraging talk on "Opportunity." Practically all members were present and enjoyed the social hour and refreshments which concluded the meeting.

B. S. C. CLUB.  
Last night's meeting of the B. S. C. Club of St. Andrew's Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moun, 63 Victor street, Miss Margaret Hutton presiding. While the members continued their sewing on hospital supplies, Mrs. F. W. K. Harris gave them an interesting and encouraging talk on "Opportunity." Practically all members were present and enjoyed the social hour and refreshments which concluded the meeting.

DEBATERS PICKED.  
Angus McKay and Miss Ruth Lawton will represent the Young People's Society of Knox Church at the final debate of the Presbytery series in Knox Church, St. Thomas, at the rally next Tuesday night. The debaters were chosen at the regular meeting last evening, and will debate the negative of the subject, "Resolved, that the Canadian government should take immediate steps to make Alberta coal available in Ontario by subsidizing the railways to carry it at a freight rate not exceeding \$1 a ton." Miss Kesson was in charge of the program, which was of a missionary nature, and an interesting paper was given by Miss Gladys Stuart. About fifty members of the party were present and enjoyed the social hour and refreshments which concluded the meeting.

ST. JAMES' A. Y. P. A.  
Rev. R. J. Bowen, secretary of the Western Ontario Bible Society, was the speaker at last night's meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of St. James' Church when he gave an illustrated address on "How We Got Our Bible." Mr. Bowen's clear explanation and his slides illustrating how the Bible was handled in the early days and the enormous amount of work now being done by the Bible Society were very much appreciated. The large attendance of young people present. An invitation was accepted from the A. Y. P. A. of St. John's Church, St. Thomas, and a case picked for a play which, it is hoped, will be presented before Lent. It was voted that the monthly paper which has been started and proved such a success should be continued. Games and refreshments were enjoyed at the conclusion under the direction of the vice-president, Kenneth Hodgins.

COLBORNE STREET LEAGUE.  
The Epworth League of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, under the direction of the Christian Endeavor Department, with Mr. Russell Hicks in the chair, enjoyed an interesting and helpful program based on the study book by Bishop Swayne, "What and Where is God?" The topic was led by Mr. John Elliot. To the roll call, each member responded with a Bible verse, appropriately chosen in connection with the evening's subject.

## LEVY ON WEALTH TO AID IN REFORM

British Labor M. P. Declares Party Would Be Justified in Taking Action.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Feb. 5.—Capitalism in housing, unemployment and child welfare was referred to by Robert Smillie, labor member of the House of Commons for Morpeth, in a speech last night at a Labor demonstration at Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

Mr. Smillie declared that he believed the Labor party could justify itself in taking from the excessively wealthy people the larger part of their wealth in order to carry out the reforms which the party had proposed and which were essential to the better standard of life of the people generally. Not only would the reform benefit the poor, but by relieving the extremely rich of a large portion of their wealth they would make it easier for them to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Thus the government really would be doing the rich people a good turn.

## WINNIPEG MINISTER WILL GO TO OXFORD CO. CHURCH

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Woodstock, Feb. 5.—Rev. Hugh G. Crozier, of Winnipeg, has been extended and has accepted a call from the congregations of Burn's Church, East Zorra, and Knox Presbyterian Church, Tavistock. He succeeds Rev. H. H. Turner, who has gone to Leamington.

## SOUTHERN INDIANA IS SWEEPED BY A TORNAO

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 5.—Property damage which is estimated will reach several hundred thousand dollars was caused by a tornado which swept across Southern Indiana late yesterday, according to reports received here. The tornado, which was followed by hail and rain, swept a path approximately a mile wide, creating destruction in the outskirts of this city, Fort Branch, seven miles north of here, and at Haubstadt, 17 miles north.