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TWO MEN WITH REVOLVERS INDULGED IN SHOOTING BEE AT SPRINGBANK ON SUNDAY

Harry Morris and William Hays Arraigned in the County Court on a Charge of Shooting at L. Kelestine, an Employee of a Local Biscuit Works—The Preliminary Hearing.

Theft of a Lunch Caused COL. SAM HUGHES All the Trouble. SCORES AGAIN

Charge Is Made That the Men Also Shot at Constable and Other People.

As a result of a wholesale shooting bee which they are alleged to have engaged in yesterday and last night near Springbank, Harry Morris and William Hays, of this city, are today out on bail on charges of carrying firearms and shooting at L. Kelestine, an employee of D. S. Perrin & Co., and who resides at 22 Victoria avenue, London Township.

Morris resides at 183 Richmond street, and is employed by the City Gas Company.

Hays lives at 183 Richmond street, and is employed as a clerk in a Dundas street store.

Other Charges.

In addition to shooting at Kelestine it is alleged that the two men took shots at a number of other people, including High Constable Hughes, Joseph Fortner, a farmer; a young man named Hardy, Ernest Yelland, a man named Mercer, and several other people, whose names could not be learned.

The trouble arose over the fact that the accused men were led to believe that Kelestine or some of his friends had stolen the lunch baskets, which they had taken down the river in a rowboat.

A Sunday Picnic.

From what can be learned, Morris and Hays procured a boat yesterday afternoon and made their way down the river to a spot almost across from Woodland Cemetery.

In the boat were a couple of repeating rifles and revolvers, a quantity of liquor and some food.

Everything ran along smoothly until late in the afternoon when Morris and Hays missed their lunch.

Thinking they had merely mislaid it they scoured the immediate vicinity for it.

Eventually they came upon an old shanty in the woods, in which a number of young Londoners, including Messrs. Kelestine, Hardy, Yelland and Mercer had taken shelter from the rain.

Pulled Revolvers. The young men in the shanty denied all knowledge of the missing lunch, whereupon it is alleged that Morris and Hays pulled revolvers and threatened to shoot up the entire place if their lunch was not forthcoming at once.

Then one or both of the invaders it is alleged, began to shoot into the crowd, which, with the exception of Kelestine, scattered and ran for dear life.

Kelestine grappled with Morris, who is a much larger man, and scratched the latter's arm considerably in the tussle.

Made His Escape. In some manner or another Kelestine managed to get out of the shanty without being perforated, and at once made for the farmhouse of a man named Ross nearby.

He was closely followed, it is said, by Morris and Hays, who shot rings around him, but failed to injure him. In the meantime, Mr. Ross' family and some friends who were visiting the house, attracted by the shot, came out in front to see what was up.

A Close Call.

Several stray shots whistled by their heads, and they made haste to reach the safety of the house, closely followed by Kelestine, who was hitting nothing but the high spots in his efforts to get out of range of his infuriated pursuers, who, by the way, were alleged to have been the worse for liquor.

Realizing that they could not catch Kelestine, it is further stated, Morris and Hays left the place and started to row back home up the river.

Later, when he deemed it safe, Kelestine, in company with Mr. Ross, drove to the city, where High Constable Hughes was apprised of what had taken place.

High Constable on Scene. The high constable tried to get in touch with one of his constables, but failing to do so started out down the river himself on foot.

About half way down to the scene of the shooting, Mr. Hughes sighted his quarry leisurely rowing up toward the city.

Having no boat it was impossible

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ELECTRIC BILL CAUSES FLURRY CITY OF LONDON IS WARNED

But It Would Appear That the Municipalities Are Protected By a Clause Which Brings the Dominion Power Company Under Control of the Railway Commission.

Mayor Stevely received a telegram on Saturday from Mr. W. D. Lighthall, of Montreal, secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, calling his attention to the bill that the Dominion Power Company is endeavoring to have passed in the House.

According to Mr. Lighthall's information, this bill had already passed the Senate and was being backed by a strong lobby to pass the House of Commons.

It would give the Dominion Power Company the right to enter any city and erect poles and string wires without the consent of the municipality, and also sell power.

Comes Up Wednesday.

The wire also bore the information that the matter would come up before the railway committee in Ottawa on Wednesday, and asked that Mayor Stevely see that the city is represented to object to the passing of the bill, and to protect the city's rights.

Mr. Lighthall also notified his workshop that the other cities intended sending representatives to Ottawa.

Wired by Major.

Mayor Stevely at once wired Major Beattie, M. P., asking for information regarding the bill and asked him to take whatever steps were necessary in the meantime to protect the city's interests.

Major Beattie wired that the bill had already passed the Senate and that the company had no power over the city's streets, as the bill came under section 247 of the Dominion railway commission act, which prevented any company using the city streets without the consent of the municipality.

Secretary Lighthall did not think the section referred to applied in the case of this bill.

Mayor Stevely wired Mr. Lighthall to send all possible information regarding the bill to him at once.

Mayor Speaks.

"I do not know who the Dominion Power Company is, nor what the bill means," said Mayor Stevely. "All the information I have received is contained in the telegrams I have received. I have written to Mr. Lighthall to send all the information he can to me at once in order that we may know what to do. Major Beattie is sending me a copy of the bill, and when that comes I will know what it means. If it is necessary to send any person to protect the city's interests, I will send City Solicitor Meredith. If the company gets the right to enter the city, string wires and erect poles on our streets and sell power, without our consent, it will seriously affect our power scheme. I had a telephone message from Mayor Geddes of St. Thomas, and he informs me that the council will send its solicitor and one of the aldermen to Ottawa on Wednesday."

People Protected. So far as can be learned the bill is similar to the bill of the Hamilton Radial Company, over which there was such a fight last winter.

It was found in that case also that the company came under the jurisdiction of the Dominion railway commission act, and that according to section 247 of that act it could not enter a municipality and sell power without the consent of such municipality.

RECOUNT IN LONDON ELECTION DATE SET FOR MONDAY, 29TH

Step Taken in the Interests of Regularity at the Polls—Alleged That There Will Be Some Curious Mistakes Brought To Light—Mr. McEvoy Out of City.

A recount of the ballots cast in the recent election in the city has been demanded, and Judge Edward Elliott has set Monday, June 29, as the date on which the recount will commence.

It is alleged that the recount will show curious things in connection with the recent vote.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy has been working very quietly on the matter ever since

election day, and now that he has demanded a recount, it is expected that the vote will show some very interesting features.

Mr. McEvoy is in Toronto today. The recount was demanded by Mr. E. J. Dawson on behalf of Mr. McEvoy.

This is the last day on which a recount could be demanded.

Jumped from an Attic Window Frederick Harris Badly Injured

Police Conduct a Successful Raid on Dynamite Hall.

Frederick Harris, a young colored man, jumped from a three-story attic window in Dynamite Hall at the corner of Burwell and Bathurst streets on Saturday night while the police were conducting a raid on the place, and sustained a severe fracture to his right thigh, and a number of bruises about the body.

Harris was picked up and taken to Victoria Hospital where he is recovering.

The Raid. The raid is the third which the police have made on Dynamite Hall recently, as numerous complaints have been made regarding the house by people living in the vicinity.

On Saturday evening, it appears, Mary Harris, Rachael Harris and a young man named Lewis Harris got into a drunken altercation, and affairs

were getting serious when the police were called.

It is not known whether or not Frederick Harris was in the row as he was not with the others when the police arrested them, but was found later lying outside suffering great pain.

The raid was conducted by Officers Whelan, Clark and Sergeant Downs. Those arrested were charged with being disorderly. Frederick Harris, it is stated, has only been in London a short time.

Where Was Sairey Gamp? The Harris family have the upper part of the house, the rooms below being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, both of whom are at present in jail, the former on a charge of attempting to take her own life, and her husband on a charge of drunkenness.

In the police court this morning Magistrate Love fined Mary Harris \$10 and \$2 costs.

Not having the money she went to jail for three weeks.

Lewis Harris and Rachael Harris were fined \$5 and \$2 costs each, and were given a week to pay.

London Physicians in Germany Investigate Berlin's Water Supply

Dr. McCallum and Dr. Tillmann Report That Filtration Has Been Abandoned.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Berlin and Hamburg are always cited by filtration adherents and yesterday we determined to investigate the filtration work of Berlin.

If river and lake water could be freed from bacteria it surely would be in Berlin, the home of bacteriology.

Surrounded by a flat country, this immense city seemingly had no other water supply than her rivers and lakes.

In keeping with German customs, we were required to obtain a permit from the head office before being allowed to inspect her water plant. We were fortunate in meeting the head

director who spoke excellent English. Imagine our amazement on being informed that Berlin had found that filtration of river and lake water could not be satisfactorily done in practice, and that now with one insignificant lake source, all water in Berlin is obtained from wells.

This same gentleman informed us that Hamburg was abandoning her river source for deep wells. The well water obtained in Berlin contains an excess of iron. Of this it is freed by first oxidation and secondly, passing water through an ordinary sand filter.

Of the following cities, Paris, Strassburg, Lucerne, Genoa, Rome, Florence, Venice and Vienna, Paris alone offered her citizens filtered river water, but the Germans seldom use water for drinking purposes. Yours sincerely H. A. McCallum,

WILLIAM J. TILLMANN
Berlin, Germany, June 3.

SEVENTH BOYS HAVE TROUBLE

In Getting Away for the Quebec Trip in July.

An unforeseen difficulty has arisen that may seriously affect the trip of the Seventh Regiment to Quebec.

So far as can be learned over 60 per cent of the men find it impossible to get away for the trip.

This fact will militate seriously against the successful carrying out of the plans of the officers in charge.

It is thought, however, that employees will not stand in the way of the regiment, but will show civic pride and patriotism and allow the men to take in the trip.

It has been learned that several employers when they found that it would seriously interfere with the regiment's efficiency if their employees remained at home, have given "their consent."

With a full regiment, the Seventh would make an excellent showing in the Ancient City, but if only a small section of the regiment goes, the locals will not make much of a stir in the city of Quebec.

"We hope we can get to Quebec with our full strength," said an officer. "If we can do so, we will make a good showing. If we do not, I hardly think we will do so well. I expect the employers will look upon this matter in a broad spirit and assist us all they can. It means much for the city."

WOMAN ARRESTED

ON THEFT CHARGE

Alleged She Stole From a Dorchester Hotel.

Mrs. Martha Martie, who said she worked in a King street restaurant, was arrested Saturday night at Dorchester by Constables Northgreaves and Sadler on a charge of theft.

The accused was today remanded until the 20th by Squire Chittick. It is alleged that she stole from a Dorchester hotel, two pairs of shoes and a pair of gold eyeglasses and a library book.

HON. MR. BALLANTYNE

Patient's Condition Much Improved—Good Chance for Recovery.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, June 15.—At 1 o'clock today Hon. Thomas Ballantyne's condition had improved very much.

He was considerably brighter this morning than he has been for some days and the doctors speak hopefully of his ultimate recovery.

OFFERED NO DEFENSE

Hamilton Election Officials Were Committed for Trial.

Hamilton, June 15.—Wm. Lawson and Harry Dillabough, the two local election officials, who were alleged to be concerned in an endeavor to sell fifty ballots for \$50, were committed for trial at the police court this morning.

D. L. McCarthy, Toronto, appeared for them, and pleaded not guilty. Three witnesses were examined—Col. Moore, the returning officer, his brother, and Wm. McLaughlin, the Liberal chairman of Ward 5, to whom Dillabough endeavored to sell the ballots.

There was nothing new in the case, and the prisoners offered no defense. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$400 each.

Water Vote.

Mayor Stevely will be in his office on Wednesday evening to swear in the scrutineers for the waterworks bylaw.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL. FORECASTS.

Toronto, June 15—8 a.m. Today—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair and cooler. Tuesday—Moderate winds; fair and cool.

Local Temperatures. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 80°; lowest, 64°. Sunday: Highest, 77°; lowest, 62°.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary. 48. 42. Clear. Winnipeg. 48. 42. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 46. 32. Cloudy. Parry Sound. 42. 30. Cloudy. Toronto. 58. 46. Cloudy. Ottawa. 54. 46. Cloudy. Montreal. 58. 36. Rain. Quebec. 58. 52. Rain. Father Point. 48. 46. Rain.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES. Rain fell in Western Ontario during Saturday night and part of Sunday, and in Eastern Ontario later on Sunday.

The weather is fine and is becoming warmer in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 48-64; Auburn, 38-51; Vancouver, 50-71; Kamloops, 54-82; Prince Albert, 36-60; Calgary, 40-72; Swift Current, 44-74; Winnipeg, 32-60; Parry Sound, 42-72; Toronto, 62-78; Ottawa, 60-78; Montreal, 62-80; Quebec, 58-80; Halifax, 52-58.

NO G. T. R. IMPROVEMENTS SO SAYS MANAGER BROWNLEE

After Going Over the Road the Management Is of the Opinion That It Is Not Advisable To Spend Any Money at This Time—Ontario Limited Will Not Be Run.

"There will be no improvements made on the Grand Trunk this year," Manager Brownlee told The Advertiser this afternoon.

"After making a thorough inspection of the system, Mr. Hays and the other officials have decided that such improvements as are deemed necessary are too expensive to be carried out under present conditions, and all the work that had been planned will be left over until next year, at any rate."

BUSINESS FAIR.

"Business is fair all along the line, but is not increasing to any appreciable extent."

"We are holding our own, and that is all."

"We expect that Canadian summer resorts will boom this year as never before."

"So far we have had hundreds of letters from people all over the world inquiring about Muskoka and other Canadian resorts. Never have we received so many inquiries before."

ONTARIO LIMITED CUT OUT.

It was decided on Saturday not to put on the Ontario Limited, and the new time-table for the summer, which was to have gone into effect on Sunday last, will not be in use until next Sunday. There are no changes of importance and no extra trains will be added.

"KIDDIES" AT SPRINGBANK WREAKED HAVOC IN PARK

London Street Railway Has Thus Far Failed To Clear Up the Waste Paper and Remnants of Lunches—Water Commissioners Hear From Parks Commissioner.

At the meeting of the water commissioners in the mayor's office at noon today, the condition of Springbank after the big picnic of Thursday was one of the chief topics of discussion.

Parks Commissioner Pearce brought the matter to the attention of the board, and declared that the Park on Friday was in a most disgraceful state. There were papers and refuse scattered all over the grounds, and the London street railway made no effort whatever to clear it away.

He suggested that if the street railway did not clean the grounds the city should do it, and charge it up to the company.

He also suggested that boxes for paper and refuse be scattered throughout the park.

This would materially reduce the amount of refuse to be gathered, and assist in keeping the grounds in a presentable condition.

Chairman Agreeable.

Chairman Jones concurred in the opinion of Mr. Pearce, and said the grounds were in a most disgraceful state. (Continued on Page Nine.)

Pere Marquette Wants L. and P. S. R. Talk of New Lease Negotiations Soon

Officials Say the P. M. Is Now Doing a Big Business in Canada.

Superintendent Pyatt and Trainmaster Gilhula, of the Pere Marquette were visitors at the city hall this morning, and paid Mayor Stevely a visit.

There was no business to be discussed, and the visit was purely informal.

It is expected, however, that the Pere Marquette will shortly make advances to the city regarding the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

The lease expires within four years and the company is willing to make many permanent improvements in the road owing to the fact that the lease may be given to another company at the expiration of the present term.

It is understood that the Pere Marquette is willing to make special improvements provided the lease is extended long enough to make it worth while.

A New Lease. The question of a new lease will be taken up very shortly, perhaps within the next month.

"The Pere Marquette is having an excellent season," said Mr. Gilhula. "We have all the business we can handle, and it is gradually getting better. At one time it was thought that the Canadian branch was only a tag line, but it is doing the business now. We will change our Port Stanley time-table on June 29, and will put on the summer service then."

"The prospects for a good summer are excellent."

Fire Destroys Dufferin Ave. Cottage Bad Blaze at Early Hour on Sunday

Home of Mr. E. E. Hinsley Wiped Out—Insurance Is Small.

The frame dwelling at 356 Dufferin avenue, owned by the Matthews estate, and occupied by Mr. Elmer E. Hinsley, of A. Screaton & Co., was completely gutted by fire Sunday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock.

The loss on the house alone will be \$1,000, with insurance of only \$450.

The fire was discovered by Mr. E. C. Nixon, who lives next door. About 2:30 o'clock he was awakened by a cracking sound, and on investigating found Hinsley's house a mass of flames. He awakened Mr. S. H. Craig who lives next door, and an alarm was phoned in.

Chief Clark and the brigade were soon on hand and after a stubborn battle, confined the fire to the residence of Mr. Hinsley.

His wife was killed a year ago last September at the corner of Colborne and Dundas streets, while attempting to cross the street car tracks. Since that time, the children have been with his mother.

It is possible that the fire might have smoldered from Saturday afternoon.

Runs a Mower at 99 Years of Age

Young London benedicts who frown and mutter things when wifey suggests plaintively that the front lawn be cut after supper can profit by the example set by Mr. Alexander Scott, of 34 Horton street, who, although now 99 years of age, has been mowing the large lawns surrounding the City Gas Company's plant on Horton street for the past three or four years. Prior

to that time Mr. Scott was a mason by occupation.

A few days ago Mr. Scott was compelled to give up his work of grass-cutting, but he blames rheumatism, and not old age, for doing so.

Mr. Scott is rapidly approaching the century mark, but still retains much of his youthful vigor, and he is anxious—and, perhaps more so—to be at work as some of the younger generation.