

# Hear Hon. A. G. MacKay, Leader of the Ontario Opposition, in Hyman Hall Tonight

## BAPTIST MINISTER SAYS WHISKEY RESPONSIBLE FOR JOHN PRODGER'S CONDITION

Rev. A. J. Vining Had a Long Talk With the Prisoner But Will Say Nothing of What Transpired—Miss Frank Is Much Improved Today—A Story of the Day of the Shooting.

Dr. George H. Wilson stated to The Advertiser today that Miss Elizabeth Frank had a quiet night, and slept for some hours. As a result, she is somewhat improved today.

The fever which developed yesterday is not any worse, and the doctor states that taking it all round Miss Frank had the best night that she has had since the shooting, and is improved. She is not, however, out of danger, by any means, and it will be fully ten days before the danger of blood-poisoning developing in the wounds will be past.

Miss Frank is a splendid patient throughout her enforced stay in bed, has been very bright and in excellent spirits.

### Prodger in Jail.

Prodger, it is said, is a model prisoner at the jail, and gives no trouble whatever. Prodger's friends say that when he is not drinking there is no better fellow around, and that he is a most friendly sort of man and very obliging. Under the influence of liquor, however, it is well known that he becomes a different sort of individual altogether.

Rev. A. J. Vining, pastor of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, visited Prodger in his cell yesterday, and had a long talk with him.

### Result of Drink.

Asked if Prodger had made any statement regarding the shooting, Mr. Vining said he would prefer to say nothing whatever regarding what he had heard from the prisoner.

"I can say, however," he said, "that I am very sorry for Prodger, in the position in which he finds himself, and I think it is entirely the result of drink."

Mr. Vining stated that Prodger had attended the evening services in the Talbot Street Baptist Church throughout the winter.

Prodger has not as yet engaged a solicitor, to defend him, but it is understood that Mr. Edmund Meredith, K. C., will look after his interests.

A Story. The story is told that on the afternoon before the shooting a number of boys were trespassing on Miss Frank's premises, as it is not unusual for them to do. Miss Frank went out to chase them away, and it is said that a number of the lads had toy cap pistols, and waited until she came up fairly close, and then said, "Shoot her! Shoot her!" in regular wild west fashion, and fired the toy pistols off at once.

Miss Frank, it is said, laughed heartily at the boys, and said: "Those things won't do any harm; you ought to have one of the thirty-two's that I have up at the house."

## LOCAL ENGINEER MADE RECORD RUN ON G. T. R.

Harry McHarg Covered Distance Between Falls and Windsor in Short Order.

A Grand Trunk special, in charge of Conductor Rail and drawn by Mogul 958, with Engineer Harry McHarg, of this city, at the throttle, made a record run with the Richard Carroll Opera Company Friday. The special left the Bridge at 4:08, and made the run to Hamilton in 45 minutes, including stops. It arrived here at 7:10, and pulled out of this city at 7:15, breaking all records on this division for the through run, including stops.

### STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, April 8.—Arrived: La Provence, from Havre.

Manitoba—Arrived: Iberian, from Hamburg.—Arrived: Sicilian Prince, from Genoa.—Called: Canopic, Boston.

Leghorn—Called: Ancona, Genoa. Victoria—Arrived: Ancona, Genoa. Montreal—Arrived: Kimeric, Manila.

royal mail steamer Tunisian, from Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, N.B., sailed from Montreal yesterday with 50 saloon, 230 second-cabin and 1,130 third-class passengers.

Father Point, April 9.—The steamer Woburn Collier, from Nova Scotia, passed inward at 10:30 a.m., being the first arrival from the sea. She reports having passed through 175 miles of thick ice in the Gulf.

Montreal, April 9.—The Allan Line royal mail steamer Victorian, from St. John, N.B., and Halifax, for Liverpool, arrived at Liverpool Bar at 5 a.m. today. The Allan Line steamer, from Glasgow via Liverpool, for Boston via Halifax, was reported 240 miles south-east of Cape Race at 4 a.m. today.

## QUEBEC PEOPLE WILL SETTLE IN THE WEST

Party in Charge of Father Berube Passed Through London This Morning.

A party of 445 colonists, who are in charge of Father Berube, of Quebec, are leaving Quebec to found a colony in Saskatchewan, went through London last night in a Grand Trunk special, made up of nine coaches.

Among the colonists there were 82 children. The advance party of the colony went west some months ago, and selected the site for the new settlement. The men, women and children were fine types of the French habitant, and should make splendid settlers.

Canada Largest Automobile Buyer

The Dominion the Best Customer of Manufactures of the United States.

Washington, April 9.—Next to France, the United States is the largest exporter of automobiles in the world, the value of these exports in the first nine months of the year 1909 having been \$8,848,887, according to the bureau of statistics.

France exported in 1908, the largest year for which figures were available, automobiles to the value of more than \$4,000,000. Other nations rank in the following order: United Kingdom, Italy and Germany.

Not less than 50 countries received automobiles during the year from the United States, the largest number going to Canada, which country last year took 1,230 American machines, while England was the next largest buyer, followed by France, Mexico and Australia in the order named.

## GEO. PRIMROSE'S FATHER IS DEAD IN BUFFALO

Former Londoner Passed Away at the Age of 91 Years.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Buffalo, April 9.—Charles H. Primrose, 91 years old, father of George H. Primrose, the famous minstrel, is dead at the home of relatives in Buffalo.

Mr. Primrose, sen., was born in England, and came to America when ten years old. He settled in Canada, and for many years was the proprietor of a large farm near London, Ont. He retired twenty-five years ago, and for the past twenty years had resided in Buffalo.

The late Mr. Primrose resided for many years over Clark's Bridge, on the Wellington road. The immortal George was for years a bellboy in the Tecumseh House here.

## TWO MUZZLED TERRIERS BROKE STORE WINDOW

That Is, Man Kicked One Beligerent Right Through the Glass.

A window on the north side of Dundas street and a couple of doors from Richmond street was broken in a peculiar manner last night.

About 8 o'clock a couple of terriers with muzzles on got into a fight, and refused to be stopped. Notwithstanding that they were pulled apart many times, they always went back again, and finally one man lost his temper, and gave one of the dogs a kick which sent it across the sidewalk, and against one of the cellar windows of a store.

Everybody thought the dog would land in the cellar, but the glass proved rather thick, and although it broke with a crash, the animal did not go through.

## MEAN THIEF WAS AGAIN REMANDED

P. M. Love Will Look Into Case of Taking Money From a Widow.

The man who yesterday admitted obtaining money from an aged woman by sending her a fake letter, supposed to be from her son in the Central Prison, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning for sentence.

"This is a serious matter," said the court, "and I want to consider it carefully. I will remand you for a week."



HON. A. G. MACKAY.

## DETECTIVE DOWN MADE BIG CAPTURE

Arrested Edward McCullough Who Is Wanted for Assaulting a Policeman.

JUMPED OUT OF TOWN

Has Been Residing in Lansing, Mich., Since December 29, 1908—Appeared in Court Today.

Detective Down made an important capture last night, when he placed under arrest Edward McCullough, whom, the police state, was the ring leader in the assault made on Constable Robert Robertson at the corner of Wellington and York streets on the evening of Dec. 29, 1908.

McCullough only returned a couple of days ago, and last night Detective Down found him in a hotel drinking, it is said, with some of the other men who were concerned in the assault.

McCullough appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, and elected trial before him, and pleaded not guilty. He was remanded until Monday for a hearing.

McCullough's parents reside on Adelaide street. He was formerly a newsboy here.

## BURIAL OF M'LEOD TO BE HELD AT CONNEAUT

Body of First Mate of Bessemer Was Found at Niagara Falls.

Detroit, April 9.—The funeral of First Mate John McLeod, of the Marquette and Bessemer car ferry, whose body was found in the Niagara River Wednesday, will be held at Conneaut. The Knights of Columbus, of which McLeod was a member, will have charge of the burial. The Marquette and Bessemer Company will pay all expenses of the funeral.

## RATHER EASY GOING FOR BEN BLACKSTOCK

P. M. Love Allowed Him to Go on Suspended Sentence for Theft.

Benjamin Blackstock, who for some weeks has been making a great hit as city dog-catcher, appeared before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning, and was allowed to go on suspended sentence on charges of theft and drunkenness, which were preferred against him.

The court pointed out to Blackstock that it is a very rare thing for any citizen to be allowed to go twice on suspended sentence, and said that Blackstock might consider himself a very lucky man.

"Considering that you have a wife and many little children to look after, and that restitution has been made in the theft case," said the court, "I am going to give you another chance, and my only wish is that you will prove a better conduct than that you are deserving of my leniency."

## A PIPE STORY

Daniel Wicks, a young man employed in a local livery stable, was arrested last night for being drunk. This morning he told the court that he had asked Inspector Galpin yesterday, to take him off the Indian list, and that the inspector had said it would be all right. Inspector Galpin said that he had never told Wicks anything of the sort.

"Even if he was foolish enough to do that," said the court to Wicks, "I think you should be put right on again. I must fine you according to the law, and will impose a penalty of \$10 or 21 days."

## A Brilliant Leader Is Hon. Mr. MacKay

Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Liberal Opposition in the Ontario House, will address the Liberals of London tonight in Hyman Hall.

Mr. MacKay has just finished a session in which he again distinguished himself. His address will be well worth hearing. All are invited. Every Liberal in London should be present.

## JUDGE SUTHERLAND BUSY WITH THE HIGH COURT CASES

Local Option Bylaw Appeal Re Strathroy Was Laid Over Owing to Illness of a Witness—Other Actions Heard by His Worship.

High court sittings were held this morning with Mr. Justice Sutherland presiding. Four cases were up for settlement.

Re Primely and the local option bylaw in Strathroy—T. G. Meredith, K. C., on account of the illness of one of the necessary witnesses, asked that the matter be adjourned for one week. J. C. Judd, K. C., contra. Motion adjourned.

Wilson vs. Wilson, an application for payment of interim alimony and interest costs of action. The defendant, the husband, having neglected to support his wife and child, an order was made for the payment of \$10 a week until the trial, and also of \$60 costs of the action. W. B. Meredith for the motion; J. B. McKillop contra.

Burgess vs. Burgess.—This was an application for an order of administration by the court of the estate of John W. Burgess, deceased. The applicants allege that the estate is not being wound up and the debts paid as required in the meantime to proceed with the winding up. G. N. Weekes for the motion and T. H. Bartlett contra.

In the matter of Gladys Myers and others, infant children of George A. Myers, deceased, an application under the insurance act to receive certain insurance moneys and to administer the same on behalf of the infants. The mother having predeceased the father, an order was made appointing a local trustee company trustees. U. A. Buchner for the motion.

## FREIGHT PILES INTO FREIGHT BRAKEMAN IS FATALLY HURT

Fast Through Train on Michigan Central Thunders Into Local Standing on Main Line at Waterford and Two Members of Crew Are Badly Injured.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, April 9.—In a rear-end collision last night at Waterford, last night, shortly before midnight, between Michigan Central freight, Engineer Oscar Foss and Brakeman Thomas Jeffries, both of St. Thomas, were badly injured, and it is feared the latter will not recover. The trains in the mix-up were a local freight and a fast freight, both west-bound. The slow train had stopped to take water, and was standing on the main line, when the second train, a fast through freight, came thundering along. Before its speed could be lessened it had crashed into the caboose, which fortunately was empty at the time.

The impact was terrific, and seven cars were derailed, while the locomotive was badly wrecked.

Engineer Foss was at the throttle, and when the collision caused the steam gauge to explode he was badly scalded about the face and hands. One of the brakemen of the train, Thomas Jeffries, was on the engine at the time, and was also terribly injured by the scalding steam and hot water, and so badly injured that his recovery is in doubt. Both men were brought to the hospital here for treatment.

Fireman Maloney was working in the tender at the time, and was buried beneath the coal, but he escaped serious injury.

## WILLIAM DUNLOP WAS GIVEN FOUR MONTHS

Watch Thief Was Sentenced This Morning by Judge Macbeth.

William Dunlop was this morning sentenced to four months in the Central Prison for the theft of a gold watch a week ago Sunday from Mrs. Mary Beattie, 273 Clarence street.

Dunlop is a distant relative of Mrs. Beattie. He came to her house to board. She went to the Central Prison on Sunday night in question, and returned after church, found that her boarder had decamped with a valuable gold watch. The case was placed in the hands of the detectives, and Dunlop was arrested next day trying to sell the watch.

His story of how he came by the watch was apparently a fabrication, and in sentencing him Judge Macbeth said that he did not believe a word of a man trying to sell it and took it away from him.

Dr. Macarthur was called and examined regarding the prisoner's sanity. The evidence was to the effect that the man was perfectly sane and knew what he was doing.

## BUILDING PERMITS STILL IN DEMAND

Building permits are in demand as usual, but there is not any likelihood that the amount issued in April of 1910 will reach the fine total of last year.

There were \$177,000 worth issued that month, but that is rather a high mark to reach, especially in view of the fact that there are no large buildings to be erected.

So far this month the sum of \$46,305 has been issued. The majority of the permits are for houses running in value from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Among the latest issued are those to F. C. N. Shaw, for a 1-story brick veneer house on Victoria street, to cost \$1,250; H. Crowdy, 1-story frame on George street, to cost \$800; Thos. McKimley, 1-story frame on the Hamilton road, to cost \$800; T. H. Jones, a 2-story and attic brick residence on Duchess avenue, to cost \$2,200; and D. J. McLeod, 2-story brick on Victoria street, to cost \$5,000.

## LOCAL ORCHESTRA HIGHLY PRAISED

Maurice Poure and His Players Acquired Themselves Creditably in Toronto.

Londoners Well Pleased—What the Toronto Papers Have to Say of Poure—One Calls Him the Canadian Creator.

Londoners, who heard the Maurice Poure orchestra in Toronto last night, are loud in their praises of the London organization.

"I was truly proud of it," one lady told The Advertiser, "I, of course, was friendly to the local people, but I believe it was the opinion of all present the orchestra acquitted itself admirably, and was a credit to this city."

Here is what the Toronto morning papers have to say: The Globe: At last night's stage in the competitions for the Earl Grey musical and dramatic trophies the greatest interest of the evening was centred in the performance of the Maurice Poure Orchestra, of London, Ont. This orchestra gave a vigorous rendering of Beethoven's overture to "Egmont," and followed it with a very creditable performance of Grieg's "Peer Gynt" suite. The conductor, Mr. Maurice Poure, concentrated the interest of the audience upon his picturesque methods of direction. His style of conducting was a combination of the methods of the late M. Julien and Creator, but the remarkable virility and suggestiveness of his management of the baton distracted attention from the music. The results obtained from this orchestra, a large proportion of the members of which were young ladies, were remarkable and were generally praised by the lovers of orchestra music in the audience.

Mail and Empire: The principal entrant in the musical competition was the Maurice Poure Orchestra, of London, a recently-formed organization, which, while not measuring up to the standard set by the Ottawa orchestra, gives promise of developing into an efficient body of musicians. In addition, (Continued on Page Eleven.)

## FOSTER-MOTHER MAKES THREAT TO KIDNAP LITTLE CLARA DALLAS

Hamilton Woman Says Children's Aid Shelter Is "Only a Two-Story" Affair—Local Authorities Will See That She Does Not Succeed in Her Alleged Intentions.

At the local office of the Children's Aid Society it was stated that every precaution will be taken to see that the child referred to is not interfered with. She was formally and legally handed over to the society by the magistrate. Since then a message was received from Montreal, apparently from the little girl's father, asking the authorities to hold the child until he was again heard from, but it was off the stage of the Unique, a five-cent theatre here, that the little one was removed some time ago.

Hamilton, April 9.—A legal battle may be fought over Clara Dallas, the pretty little golden-haired singer, who was taken off the stage of a London theatre by officers of the Children's Aid Society, after complaints had been received about her appearing behind the footlights in male attire. Mrs. Polly Grier, the guardian of the child, after vainly attempting to take "her baby" from her, last night that the father, Albert Dallas, of 449 St. Antoine street, Montreal, intended claiming it, declared that she would fight to a finish any attempt to take the child from her. Mrs. Grier lives at 45 King William street. She told a strange story of the child's career.

"Of course she is my baby," she said. "They tried to kidnap me, and I stole her, and that I am not a proper person to care for her. But she is mine, and I will have her. When they put her out at some foster home I am going to kidnap her. They have no right to keep my baby from me, have they?"

Was a Great Favorite. Before going to London the child appeared at a moving picture house here. She has a remarkably sweet voice and vivacious manner, and provided a great favorite with patrons of the house. Night after night the audience showered flowers and money on the stage when she appeared.

Then a London theatre made her an offer, and Mrs. Grier took her there. While she was away one night the Children's Aid inspector marched on the stage and took possession of the child.

"They had it all cooked up," said the woman. "I told them that I was a hard-working woman, that I gave every attention to my little girl, and that I would see her never went on the stage again if they would let me have her. They refused, though. Inspector Sanders said he might give her back to me in a month or two. I wrote him when I got back here, but he never replied. If I was in London she would not be in the hands of ten minutes. It is true."

Continued on Page Eleven.

## A COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE SANITY OF ROSS

Convicted Murderer of Percy Parkinson To Be Examined by Three Specialists and Report Made to Department of Justice.

North Bay, April 9.—A sensation was sprung in the assize court yesterday morning when T. W. McCarty, counsel for Walter Ross, the convicted murderer of his chum Parkinson, introduced a motion asking the court to look into the question of the condemned prisoner's sanity. Counsel said that from his conversations with the prisoner from time to time he had reason to believe that Ross was insane when he killed his partner. In the motion he asked the court to appoint Dr. Bruce Smith, and Dr. J. Milton Cotton, of Toronto, who were present during the trial, to conduct the examination into Ross' sanity. Crown Prosecutor George Tate Blackstock objected that the matter was one for executive consideration, but Mr. McCarty, who considered for a precedent, quoted the Dilloa case at Montreal, where a commission had been appointed to examine the prisoner's sanity.

Chief Justice Mulock, after referring to the Dilloa case, appointed as a commission the two specialists named, and added the name of Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson, chief coroner of Toronto. The commission will report their findings to the chief justice, who will forward them to Ottawa for executive consideration.

In the meantime, however, Ross will receive sentence in the usual way at the close of the assizes.

## IS MR. WM. MULLINS SLATED FOR BIG JOB ON GRAND TRUNK

It Is Rumored That He Is to Succeed E. H. Fitzhugh as Third Vice-President—Story Says That the Latter Is to Retire Within a Short Time.

It was stated to The Advertiser today on excellent authority that Mr. William Mullins, formerly with the Grand Trunk in this city, and now manager of the Costa Rica Railroad, in Central America, is to come back to Canada very shortly and take the position which Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh now occupies as third vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. Fitzhugh, it is said, will retire. It is well known that Mr. Mullins stands very high in the estimation of the Grand Trunk officials, and has made a splendid reputation for himself as a railroad man. His friends here have not yet heard anything definite regarding the matter, but it was stated to The Advertiser that it will be announced officially very shortly.

## ALLOWED THEIR DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE

Four Farmers Appeared Before Squire Chittick and Were Fined. For farmers from the township of Westminster were up before Squire Chittick at the courthouse this morning for allowing their dogs to run at large unmuzzled. Their names are: Harry Carruthers, Andrew Nichol, John Munroe and Paul Currier. They were each fined \$2 and costs for the offence.

## METER RATES DECLARED TO BE EXORBITANT

Use of the Machines Is Thereby Discouraged in London Say the Real Estate.

At last night's meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association reports were received from various members regarding the alleged exorbitant rates that the water commissioners are charging for meters, and as a result of statements made a committee will shortly wait upon the commissioners, and ask them to adjust matters.

It was stated that the present rates, instead of encouraging the use of meters, have the utmost tendency to discourage them. One instance was cited when a member of the association was formerly paying 90 cents for water. He wanted a meter put in, and since it has been installed his bill is \$3.75. This, it is claimed, is not because a particle more water has been used, but because of the exorbitant rates that the commissioners are charging.

## A Flat Rate.

In "Cleveland," said one of the members to The Advertiser, "there is a flat rate of 5 1/2 cents per 1,000 gallons. This makes water exceedingly cheap there, and there is certainly room in this city for a big reduction, and we intend to take the matter up with the commission at once."

At a meeting held some weeks ago Commissioners Darch and Pocock spoke very strongly of the need of a readjustment of the meter rates here, and the matter was left over for further investigation.