

### FORGOT FLYER WAS ABOUT DUE

Said Witnesses at Geo. Mason Inquest Before Coroner Boyce

#### FATALITY ACCIDENTAL

Much Evidence Given By Railway Men at Police Court Last Evening.

Coroner Dr. Boyce's jury last evening after sweltering through a three hour session in the police court room brought in a verdict that Geo. W. Mason came in his death in a purely accidental manner as a result of being struck by No. 1 G.T.R. flyer on Wednesday afternoon last in the east end yard. No blame can be attached to any employee of the railway company.

The evidence all went to show that three men at least by a lapse of memory failed to think of the approach of the flyer and walked across No. 1's right of way and of these one was the deceased.

Conductor Thos. Parsley of No. 1 saw nothing of the accident. The speed at the place of accident was 25 or 30 miles per hour, the usual rate. Engineer J. E. Hislop of Brockville, who was driving No. 1 declared his train was in proper working order.

"There were two men who ran across and they got clear. Just as I looked ahead again, I saw a man falling all fours on his face on the ground clear of the track. He had apparently been struck by the pilot."

"I had first applied the brakes east of the semaphore in Graham's cut to test them out. The train was running about 25 or 30 miles per hour. The minute I saw the man fall, I applied the brake in emergency and I stopped the train in its own length. The bell was ringing and the whistle had sounded. Nothing could have prevented his being hit."

"Have you been free from accidents?" asked Crown Attorney Carnew.

#### His First Accident.

"This is the first man I ever struck I am very sorry the accident ever happened."

Dr. W. J. Gibson, who was called, testified that when the victim was carried into the baggage room, he was still breathing. He was pulseless and a bloody froth was issuing from his mouth. "I left the man lying to die and made no minute examination. He was unconscious. He died in ten minutes after my arrival. I waited until the coroner arrived."

Wilfry Spry, brakeman No. 1, also testified.

#### Fireman Saw Men Cross.

H. F. Smith, fireman on No. 1 said "The men came from the west end of the caboose standing south of the west main line and crossed ahead of the engine. When I saw them first, it made me take notice. They were about fifty feet ahead. Then I saw another man jump from behind the van, step on the eight foot strip between the two main lines and then step in front of the engine. He was about 30 feet behind the others. We were right on him. I yelled to my mate as loud as I could. I did not see any of the men until they came past the van. They appeared to be running to get across in front of the train."

#### Conductor Rigby

John Rigby, conductor on a through freight, stated that his brakemen were George Mason and James Hill. "We were at the yard office waiting for our train to arrive about 2.50. Mr. Alexander got the switch list and marked it to switch the train. It is my duty to check the train and I followed Mr. Alexander who went west across the main line to his engine north of the westbound main line. Just for the moment, I did not notice anything coming. Perhaps I forgot for the moment. I got on the rear end of the yard engine. Then I heard somebody shout. I think it was Mr. Hill calling Mr. Mason. I looked and saw him step between the rails. He seemed to stop and then jumped to the north, but was struck by the engine.

"I never heard the engine until I saw it. As soon as I saw him fall I rushed to him.

"He was coming across the track to get the freight ready."

"Was there anything to stop the view towards the east?"

"There were a caboose and two cars perhaps on the eastbound line."

"Were you or any of the men in the caboose?"

"We had not been in there at all, we had come behind it from the yard office."

"Was there any reason any of you would be in such a hurry to get across the track? You could have gone slowly and looked for it?"

"I suppose we could have."

Brakeman Hill shouted to Mason,

John M. Traasch, G.T.R. constable and Mr. John Thompson of the Thompson Furniture Co., also gave evidence.

James Hill, headbrakeman of the freight 495 testified that in front of the yard office door, a caboose and two crippled cars stood. After John Alexander got the switch list he went to the engine in the north yard. Conductor Rigby followed about eight or ten feet behind Alexander. Hill followed about five feet in the rear and deceased was at Hill's heels.

"Forgot Train Until Too Late.

"If you had looked, you could have seen No. 1," asked the crown. "We forgot. I saw it when it was too late," said Hill. "When I first saw No. 1 she was about 70 feet from me. I was just about the north rail. My mind just recollects that No. 1 was due. I looked and saw it coming. I crossed and turned around and shouted 'Mason look out, there's No. 1.' He was between the rails about 40 feet from the engine. He made a jump to the north. He did not make it. I saw the engine strike him."

"I heard nothing, the bell, the train, or the whistle at the east end. Mason was a sober, careful, industrious man who never took any chances."

John Alexander, yard foreman said "The checkers had been let off to go to the picnic, I checked myself. I started across and was followed by Rigby and his two brakemen. I saw the engine hit Mason. I heard the bell ringing.

"I was of the opinion the men knew the train was coming. I think the men followed in order to get a ride on my engine, otherwise they would have been compelled to walk a quarter of a mile."

Peter McPherson, brakeman saw the men crossing. Mason hesitated as if not to cross, then stepped on the track and looked and made a spring as if he were trying to escape.

Mr. Thos. McRae of the G.T.R. legal railroad department represented the railroad at the inquest.

### FUNERAL OF EX-ALD. P. FLAGLER

Large Number of Citizens Attended Obsequies of Late G.T.R. Engineer.

The funeral of the late Philip Flagler, ex-Alderman of the city took place on Sunday afternoon from his late residence, Bleeker Ave. to St. Michael's church, where Rev. Father Kiggins, officiated at a solemn service. The church was crowded with friends of the departed G.T.R. engineer, and the cortege which left for St. James cemetery was very large. The pallbearers were Messrs. D. Deacon, R. Brown, J. R. Davis, R. Snell, T. Daly and T. Collins. Those attending the obsequies from outside points were—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Doherty, Ottawa, Ont., Mr. Jas. McAlpine, Mrs. Pat McAlpine, Marysville, Ont.; Mrs. Jno. Doyle, Lonsdale, Mrs. M. Killorn, of Marlbank, John, Annie and Regis Killborn, of Marlbank, Mr. F. Flannigan, Mr. Geo. Clendenning, Brockville, Mr. A. J. and Oswald Briens, Montreal, Mrs. Jas. Cassidy, Stoco, Mrs. W. P. Rush, Stoco, Mrs. Courne and daughter, Stoco, Mr. M. Byrnes, Mr. Thos. Keegan, Mr. Jas. Lynch, Mr. M. Lynch and Mr. Jas. Garrett, of Erinville, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fitzpatrick of Napanee, Mrs. T. J. McGurn, Marysville, Mrs. John Flagler, Mrs. S. Thompson, Miss Alice Flagler, Mrs. W. Young, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hart, Stoco, Mrs. Matheson, Napanee.

Spiritual offerings were contributed by—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Doherty, Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rush, Stoco, Mrs. W. J. Morrison, Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. M. Burns, and family of Erinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Napanee, Mr. and Mrs. T. Keegan, Erinville, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cassidy, Stoco, Mr. M. Meehan, Mr. and Mrs. N. Reuban, Mr. and Mrs. D. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. C. Orrill, Miss M. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sutt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kelley, Mrs. T. Brown and family, Mr. W. Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. V. Lynch, Mrs. Frechette and daughter, Mrs. M. B. Lynch and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Flagler, Knights of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. A. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McAlpine, Mr. P. J. Lynch, Mrs. John German, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watkins, Mrs. P. Flagler and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bremner, Mrs. H. German.

### HOG ATTACKS LITTLE GIRL

Six-Year-Old Daughter of James Seeneey of Rawdon Has Narrow Escape.

(Special)

STIRLING, Aug. 5.—The six-year old daughter of James Seeneey, a farmer who resides on lot 21 of the First Concession of Rawdon, about three miles west of this village, was on Thursday morning savagely attacked by a large sow and narrowly escaped death.

The little girl had apparently been playing with the litter of small pigs and this had aroused the anger of the mother hog which threw the child down and began to tear her face with teeth and tusks.

The lusty cries of the youngster brought help from the house and the irate animal was beaten off.

Medical aid was hastily summoned from Stirling and an examination revealed the fact that the child's jaw had been broken and the lacerations were very serious. It is expected, however, that the patient will recover and not be badly disfigured.

### ADVOCATES OLD AGE PENSIONS

Mr. Thos. Sullivan Gives His New Steam Yacht A Striking Name.

Mr. Thos. Sullivan, the sage of West Belleville, has just completed the building of a steam yacht which is a credit to himself. Recently a representative of The Ontario had the pleasure of inspecting the boat and it is no exaggeration to say it is a dandy. It is run by steam and can make 12 knots an hour. He has named it "Old Age Pension."

As our readers know, Mr. Sullivan has been a strong advocate of Old Age Pensions for many years and has tried on different occasions to induce the local members of Parliament towards bringing this most important issue to a head. In naming the yacht "Old Age Pension" his desire is to keep it in the mind of the public. In Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain they have an old age pension fund and Mr. Sullivan thinks that Canada should be in line also. The Ontario's wish is that Mr. Sullivan may enjoy many seasons on his yacht and may live to see his hopes realized.

### HOME AFTER LONG JOURNEY

Mr. A. Burgoyne's Trip to Minneapolis—Had No Breakdowns.

Mr. A. Burgoyne, Mrs. Burgoyne, and daughter have arrived home after a month's delightful motor trip to Chicago and Minneapolis. The journey covered about 3,000 miles. On his way to Minneapolis, Mr. Burgoyne made an average of 230 miles per day for six and a half days in his seven passenger Studebaker touring car. He did not have one breakdown on the entire journey of three thousand miles. While in Minneapolis, the party were the guests of Mr. Joseph Burgoyne, 4114 Madison street, and other relatives.

### LOOKING UP A PROSPECT.

Members of the Cobourg Town Council and the Board of Trade were in Toronto this week, interviewing a prospective purchaser of the Provincial Steel Co., buildings. If the deal goes through it would mean a big thing to Cobourg, as the concern is a large and going enterprise.

### SNEAK THIEVES AT WORK AT COBURG.

For some time past sneak thieves have been at work throughout the town and several houses have been raided and in nearly every case articles have been the objects sought by this "hungry" mortal. In several cases clothes lines have been stripped but "cats" appear to be his long suit. Last Saturday night one house was relieved of a leg of lamb, a chicken and a dozen bananas, and a few nights previously a ham was mislaid from another house. The victims have a fair idea as to who the culprit is, and a term on Sam Ferguson's "diet for invalids" will likely be his reward if he persists in his midnight prowling.—Sentinel-Star.

### HOT WEATHER ASSAULT.

Saturday afternoon the Police Court was occupied with a charge of assault preferred by one Jewish junk dealer against another. The parties had a dispute about some dealings between them which ended in a fight. The accused seemed to have rather the best of the fight, but the Magistrate said, as one witness put it, "they were like a pair of game cocks" he would not impose a fine. After the close of the evidence the parties were permitted to settle.

W. Carney for the Crown, F. E. O'Flynn for the private prosecutor; W. C. Mikel, K.C., for the accused.

### TOP OF THUMB TAKEN OFF

Peculiar Accident to Mr. Young in Harbor on Saturday Afternoon.

A machinist named Mr. Young was motorboating on Saturday afternoon on the bay and in landing was the victim of a peculiar accident. The boat was still under motion at the dock and he attempted to stop it by placing his hand on the beams of the landing. Unfortunately his thumb became caught between the beam and the moving boat with the result that the top of the thumb was cut off. He was driven to the surgery of Dr. Tennent where the wound was dressed.

### SETTLEMENT WAS MADE

Magistrate Bedford of Deseronto, held court in Belleville on Friday in the case of the charge of false pretence against E. J. Barnhart. The accused had got some mantle lamps on credit to sell. The amount was \$53.00. The case was settled by the defendant making restitution of the \$58 and paying costs of the criminal proceedings. W. Carney for crown, W. D. M. Shorrey for private prosecutor and W. C. Mikel, K.C., for accused.

### HORSE AND BUGGY STOLEN

Mr. John Fitzgerald of the second of Thurlow had a horse and a top buggy stolen from his premises last night. The horse was a three year old, dark iron grey in color, with white hind feet.

### AUTOISTS FINED.

Three autoists were fined in police court yesterday, two for reckless driving and the other for leaving his car with unlighted lamps.

### FINE SERMON BY MANITOBA PASTOR.

The Rev. W. E. Egan of Manitoba Methodist Conference, son of the Rev. J. Egan of this city, preached in the Tabernacle Church last evening to a large and appreciative congregation. The sermon was a strong, searching presentation of gospel truth.

Mr. Egan is a fine speaker with a clear-cut, forceful delivery. His services were greatly appreciated.

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See Window Tonight

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## STORE CLOSURE WEDNESDAYS AT NOON DURING AUGUST

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### Watch This

## Space Wednesday For the Most Important 3 Day Sale of Trimmed Millinery We Ever Announced

## The RITCHIE Company Limited

**TWO MONTHS IN JAIL**  
Percy Wining of Marmora was charged before Judge Mills this morning of assault and doing damage to real property. He was found guilty on the first charge and sentenced to two months dating from July 28th and was acquitted of the other charge.

**MILITARY NOTES**  
Lt. Col. Putman was in command of the 155th Battalion during the absence of Lt. Col. Adams in Picton.

Captain Dodds, chaplain of the 155th Battalion has gone to Wellington to take part in the second anniversary of the war. On Sunday Captain Dodds will speak in Picton at a big recruiting meeting. Mrs. Dodds accompanied the Captain.