

WYOMING BANDITS CAPTURED

London Police Capture Four Accused of Robbing Wyoming Bank

London, Ont., May 21.—A seven months' persistent quest for four daring bandits who raided the Bank of Toronto, at Wyoming Village, on October 20 last, and carried off \$14,000 in cash, culminated Saturday night in a sensational round-up by provincial police which it is claimed by authorities, accounts for the four participants in the robbery. The men arrested, all Londoners, are: Ed. A. McMullen, 345 Prince Avenue, mechanic, age 28, single; George Anderson, 60 Palace street, C.P.R. fireman, aged 28, married; John Yohn, 414 Pall Mall street, cigar maker, aged 27, single; William Ayres, 817 Maitland Street, painter, age 28, single.

Manager Lambert, of the bank; Elliott, the teller, and a boy from the village, named Tyler, who saw four men sleeping in a school near the village on the day of the robbery, were brought to London yesterday. According to the police, these witnesses were taken to places frequented by the suspects and identifications thus secured resulted in the Saturday night round-up. This afternoon the Wyoming trio went to the county jail again and, the police allege, verified their opinions.

As the crime occurred in Lambton County, the prisoners will be transferred as soon as possible to the county jail at Sarnia, and they will be brought to trial in that city.

The money has not been recovered, but the police are following a report that it was divided, buried in Hamilton, and subsequently removed. McMullen carried \$323 in cash when apprehended. The others had little or no money.

The provincial police have been working on the case for several weeks, and in the final stages of the round-up, had the assistance of Pinkertons from Toronto, who were acting for the insurance company which indemnified the Wyoming bank.

The inability of one of the robbers to keep his counsel is said to have been the beginning of the chain of events leading up to the capture. Certain clues were received some weeks ago, and quite recently a London girl, alleged to be a friend of one of the men, told another youth that she had a secret. She passed the word along, and in the next stage it reached the Crown Attorney. The girl, and another who later came on the scene, furnished much valuable information.

There is some uncertainty as to whether a reward stands for the arrest of the robbers. The Canadian Bankers' Association bulletined a standing offer of \$5,000 in every bank in Canada for the arrest of such bandits, but that offer was not made until some time after the Wyoming incident. It is reported, however, that the girls who furnished information are disposed to share in the fruits of victory if any are available.

Captures Effectuated

It is understood that the prisoners have been shadowed for some time, and the provincial officers were fairly well aware of their whereabouts upon last night. Action came at 10.30 at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide Streets, when Provincial Officers Palmer of London, and Atkin of Sarnia, in a car driven by one of their deputies hailed McMullen's machine, in which Ayres and another man were riding. The McMullen car stopped close to the curb and, as the officers pulled over to them, McMullen suddenly engaged his machine and attempted to make a break. The detectives' chauffeur out-jockeyed him and the cars jammed against the curb. At the instant Palmer and Atkins sprang to the running board of McMullen's machine. McMullen, who was driving, instantly drew a revolver and attempted to fight. He was handcuffed and overpowered after a sharp struggle and a flash of guns, while Ayres collapsed in the rear seat. The third man, who was probably unaware of what was happening, and who, the police say, is not wanted for the robbery, fled, and was not interfered with. The prisoners were taken at once to the county jail and the officers proceeded to a house on Horton Street, between Clarence and Wellington Streets, where Yohn was visiting a lady friend. Officer Palmer entered and took his prisoner without resistance. In the meanwhile Anderson was driving in his own automobile. The provincial officers' machine picked him up near his own home on Palace Street and followed him to his own door. As he stopped he was taken by surprise and offered no fight.

Anderson alone admitted any police record. He recently served thirty days for a breach of the O.T.A. and last summer he was in the toils for some days as a result of trouble at Port Burwell. A farmer, who was set upon by robbers, made a search of the spot next morning with an Elgin constable and found a cheap watch which had been dropped by one of his assailants. The watch was sent to London and identified by a local jeweler as one which had been loaned to McMullen while his own railroad watch was being repaired. McMullen claimed that the watch had been stolen from his vest pocket in a caboose at Port Burwell, and he was discharged.

The men are charged with having robbed the Wyoming branch of the Bank of Toronto on Thursday, October 20, obtaining about \$10,000.

Just at closing time, three o'clock, four men entered the Wyoming bank. One of the quartet approached the teller and asked for change for a \$5 bill. As the teller prepared to give him the change, the other three pulled handkerchiefs down over their faces and drew guns.

Only one member of the staff had any intimation of the hold-up. Ronald Brown, the junior in the bank, saw the men approaching and, fearing that all was not right, left by rear door as the men entered the front, taking one of the guns with him. He spread the alarm and attempted to rouse the villagers to action, but without success. Despite the warning which Mr. Brown had given, the bandits were enabled to ransack the bank for some 10 minutes, and leave practically unmolested.

The four men ransacked not only the teller's cage, but the vault, where they obtained the greater part of their loot. They forced the manager to open the safe at the point of a gun.

When the men had completed their almost leisurely search of the premises they left the building by the rear door, cutting across a couple of vacant lots to a side street, where they made their getaway. Mr. Brown who had stayed in the vicinity of the car, fired several shots at the men as they drove away. One of the bandits stumbled as he was about to enter the car, but whether he was struck by a bullet it was impossible to tell.

When the bandits left Wyoming they headed east in the general direction of London and barely escaped encountering the London police, who had been notified and were patrolling the roads to the west of the city.

At the time it was believed that the men had used a car stolen from the garage of R. T. Wright, at Thorndale, on the night previous to the robbery. The car was later fished from the Niagara River, near Chippawa, a total wreck.

It is expected that the men will be taken to Wyoming for preliminary hearing, but it is not known when this will be.

The alleged Wyoming bank robbers were taken to the county jail at Sarnia by motor on Tuesday and placed in custody of Lambton officials. It is expected that the men will be taken to Wyoming for preliminary hearing on Friday.

WANSTEAD

Mrs. George Leach is leaving for the West shortly to visit her son, Chester.

Mr. Jas. Armstrong, Wanstead, is in St. Joseph's Hospital London, taking treatment.

The local basketball team have been practicing for the first game of the season at Mandaumin on Tuesday, May 23rd.

The Wanstead U. F. O. are intending to share with the Kertch Club on May 24th with the day of sports that is being prepared.

Great surprise was expressed in this vicinity at the capture of the hold-ups who looted the Wyoming Bank. Better still get the Murrell Bros.

Mr. Russell Anderson and his sister Irene, accompanied by Mrs. John Brereton, Mrs. Alvin Alexander and Mr. Bert Minelli of Galvary church motored to London on Wednesday to attend the Young People's Convention at the Adelaide St. Baptist church.

The return game between the Wyoming and Wanstead baseball teams

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was played Monday night and the local team proved themselves quite at home, defeating the villagers by 11-8. Arrangements were made for a game on Saturday but was postponed on account of wet grounds.

ARKONA

Seed Corn, Sugar Cane, Millet on hand.—Brown Bros.

Mr. Gus Murray has accepted a position in the Standard Bank.

Mr. George Fuller is installing a Radio station in Fuller Bros. store. Dr. Woods attended the Dental Convention held in Toronto last week.

Mrs. James Byreley of Sarnia, spent the weekend with friends in the Ark.

Mr. Ed. Dickinson has commenced work on his new residence on King street.

Mr. Eames of Hamilton is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Russell.

Mr. Hawkins of London renewed old acquaintances in the Ark one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Smith are spending the week with their daughter in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Everest of Port Huron are renewing old acquaintances in the Ark.

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Mr. Edward Pressey and family of Strathroy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pressey.

Arkona merchants will close on Wednesday afternoons during June, July, August and September.

Mr. James Evans and family motored to Durand, Mich., where they will spend the present week with relatives in that city.

Mrs. Burnard Morningstar who underwent an operation in London hospital some time ago, is recovering at her home here.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest George had the misfortune to break his leg while playing in the yard last week.

Mr. R. H. Wilson was nominated as councillor to fill the vacancy caused by R. E. Wilson (resigned). Mr. Wilson was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Delos Utter met with a painful accident last week when sliding down a tree, a pitchfork which was leaning against it ran into his leg.

Recently the community supper netted over \$50 towards the Soldiers' Memorial which is to be unveiled July 1st, the first day of the Arkona Old Boys' Reunion.

A few friends met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Ross in honor of her birthday. A very pleasant afternoon was spent which Mrs. Ross, being a "shut-in" enjoyed. After serving lunch, and music on the victrola, all left wishing her all happiness.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Benedict, Saturday, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Alex. Oakes; vice-president, Mrs. R. Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. Seymour Lampman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lucas; treasurer of cemetery fund Mrs. N. Stoner.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. B. Ott, last Friday, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. F. Nelson; vice-pres., Mrs. P. Bears; secretary, Mrs. Alex. Johnston; assistant secretary Mrs. J. L. Brown; treasurer Mrs. (Dr.) Woods; assistant treasurer, Mrs. F. Lamb; pianist, Mrs. Glover Sr. The ladies are purchasing a tray for the church communion service and will redecorate the interior of the church. The past year has been very successful.

KERWOOD

Mrs. Rowe of London visited her niece, Mrs. Seymour Langford. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Morgan and family spent Sunday with friends in London.

The St. Paul's W. A. will meet at Mrs. Robt. Denning's on Wednesday, May 31st, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. McDonough of Copetown was the guest of Miss M. Barnes over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Fuller of the second line south, spent Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson.

The District Meeting of the Women's Institute will meet at Mosa S. S. No. 9, on June 7th. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. Dinner will be served.

The Kerwood Lodge also the surrounding lodges of Odd Fellows will meet on Sunday next at the lodge room and march to St. Paul's church for worship at 3 o'clock.

An At Home will be held in the Methodist church next Thursday evening when all the congregation will meet for a social time and reports of the different societies will be given. Tea will be served at the close of the meeting.

The annual summer meeting of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. de Gex and was well attended. Members and their friends to the number of sixty enjoyed the

INWOOD

Mr. Leslie Armstrong is visiting in Detroit.

Mrs. Jennie P. Warner is visiting in Albion, N. Y.

Dr. S. F. Tichborne is visiting in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Bertha Oakes of Watford is renewing friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Blaikie spent a few days recently in Wyoming.

Dr. and Mrs. McLean and son were in Forest Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Ben Richardson of Kerwood is visiting his son, Mr. R. J. Richardson.

Miss Leitch of Oakdale has accepted a position in Calhoun's Confectionery store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morrison and Franklin left Thursday to spend a few days in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson of Toronto are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. J. P. MacVicar.

The Inwood Baseball team motored to Oil Spring Monday night and were defeated by the Oil Springs team.

Miss Beverly Tichborne, nurse-in-training, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, was home a couple of days last week.

Messrs. W. R. Dawson, Arthur Loosemore and Johnston Vance attended the Shriners' Ceremonial in Windsor last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cade of Mt. Brydges spent a few days in town and attended the funeral of her uncle in Sarnia on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Munro, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Munro attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. John Munro in Sarnia last Sunday.

Mr. Donald MacVicar of Knox College, Toronto, is visiting a few days with his parents at the manse, prior to spending the summer months in Manitoba.

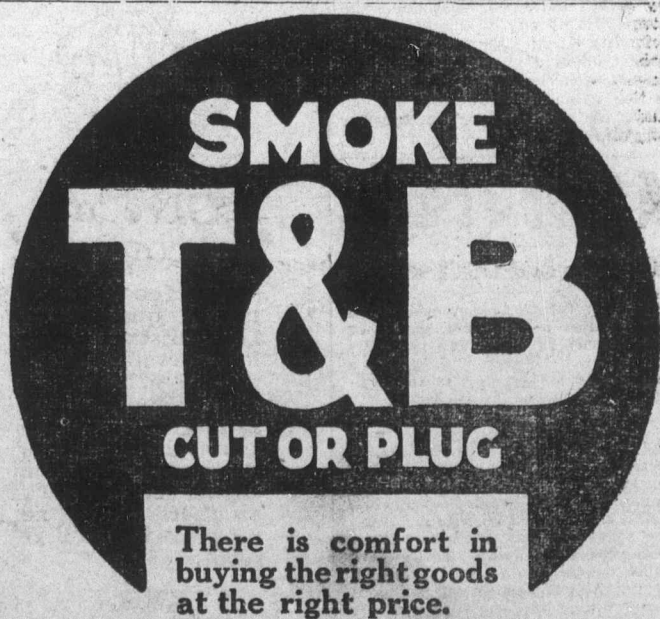
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Johnston motored to Detroit last Friday for a few days visit and also attended the Shriners' Ceremonial in Windsor.

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COATS, REGULAR	\$12.50	FOR	\$8.50
COATS, REGULAR	\$13.50	FOR	\$9.25
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