

# York County and Suburbs of Toronto

## DEFECTIVE TIMBER CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

### Jury's Verdict Regarding Death of Four Riveters at Cooksville.

## WOOD CROSS-GRAINED

### Find Steel Company Liable for Failing to Provide Proper Material.

COOKSVILLE, Dec. 14.—The inquest into the death of the four riveters who were killed by the collapse of a scaffold here on Saturday, was concluded this evening before Coroner Dr. Sutton. The jury found that a defective piece of timber was responsible for the accident. The verdict was as follows: "That Andrew Webster, John Bowler, George Warner and Hugh McKenna came to their death from a defective piece of timber on the scaffolding on which they were working, which broke and caused the men to fall to the ground. We find the company in charge of the work, the Toronto Structural Steel Company, liable for failing to furnish a proper plan and suitable material for the scaffolding." C. Whitman, foreman of the gang of the Toronto Structural Steel Company, when examined by Crown Attorney W. H. Weir, would neither admit nor deny that there had been some conversation between himself and Andrew Webster regarding the safety of the scaffold around the new water tank of the Ontario National Brick Company.

Giving expert evidence regarding the safety of the structure, Mr. Fuller of the city architect's department produced a piece of wood to prove that some of the timber used was cross-grained, and therefore unsuitable for the purpose. Consequently he did not believe that the scaffold had been safe. Superintendent Percy Fleming of the Ontario Brick Company was present.

A. D. Armour of the firm of Armour & McKee, who were the architects of the factory of Andrew Webster, one of the men killed.

## FIVE CANDIDATES TO CONTEST WARD ONE

### Ex-Ald. Yeomans Latest Arrival in the Field—Interesting Contest.

Now that ex-alderman Yeomans has announced his intention of running in ward one as an aldermanic candidate, there are five in the field. Alderman W. H. Hiltz, A. E. Walton, W. D. Robinson, W. E. Orr and Mr. Yeomans. Great interest is being taken in the general election of aldermen, and the candidature of Mr. Orr who was endorsed by the Beaches Association, the East End Ratepayers' Association, the East End Trades Union, and the East End Trades Association. They claim they are entitled to have a man from their district in council and are working hard to make his election a certainty.

## SPROULE LODGE L.O.L. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

### Candidates for Board of Control and Mayorality to Speak at Norway.

Sproule Lodge, L.O.L., No. 2253, held the following officers last night at St. John's Parish House, Norway: Worshipful master, W. Rolfs, Sr.; deputy master, C. Nelson; chaplain, W. C. Rolfs; recording secretary, H. Strickland; financial secretary, W. J. Sargent; treasurer, W. Hueston; director of ceremonies, H. Hamilton; lecturer, W. Macleod and second-lecturer, G. Sargent.

County Master A. A. Gray, president of the past master's jewels to W. Rolfs, past master for 1914.

District Master Elliott and District Lecturer Board were also present.

A mass meeting of the East End Ratepayers' Association will be held on Thursday in St. John's Parish House, Norway. Candidates for the majority and board of control will be invited to deliver addresses.

An excellent program has been arranged at which aldermanic and board of education candidates will be invited.

## BALMY BEACH

The Balmy Beach branch of the Red Cross society are holding a bazaar for night and all day Wednesday in the Masonic Temple, Balsam avenue. Mrs. Hendrie will open the bazaar at 3 o'clock tonight. The hall has been tastefully decorated by the ladies of the branch and a large number of booths erected. An excellent program has been arranged and the committee expect a crowded house.

## LAMBTON MILLS

The young ladies of Lambton Mills will hold a bazaar and sale of work in the school house on Saturday afternoon next, Dec. 19. The proceeds to be devoted to the patriotic fund. The arrangements are being made by Miss Dorothy Vipond, daughter of the rector of St. George's Church, Islington.

## FAIRBANK.

Under the auspices of the Women's Association, an enjoyable social evening was held in the new Fairbank Presbyterian Church last night, the pastor, Rev. T. A. Watson, B.A., presiding.

Congratulatory speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. Taylor, Oakwood; Rev. H. J. Young, St. Hilda's, Fairbank; Rev. Mr. Colbeck, Baptist Church, Fairbank; Rev. Archer Wallace, B.A., Methodist Church, Fairbank; while the speaker of the evening, Rev. W. M. Teggart, Wychoway Presbyterian Church, representing the Toronto Presbytery, conveyed the congratulations of that body.

A program of vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, Mr. Rogers and others.

Oak Hall, Clothiers, will be open every evening until 10 o'clock from now to Christmas.

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## TO OPEN SOUP KITCHEN IN CEDARVALE DISTRICT

### Organization Work Completed at Meeting of Committee Yesterday.

## PRESENTATION TO REEVE GEO. SYME

### Oakwood Associations Pay Tribute to Good Work Accomplished.

## ILLUMINATED ADDRESS

### Is Retiring From Council, But Still Interested in Public Affairs.

Oakwood Ratepayers' Association held a most successful smoker and concert in Oakwood Hall last evening. The building was packed to the doors, and amongst those present were J. Lee, Warren, Reeve George Syme and members of the York Township Council, J. M. Warren, Cecil Roy, James Syme, Mount Dennis, Victor and Stanley Butt, Fred Chaplin, and others. The program was presented with a handsome merrill by the members of the Oakwood Ratepayers' Association, President William Jarvis making the presentation.

William Jarvell, president of the Oakwood Liberal-Conservative Association, presented an illuminated address to the reeve on behalf of the association, referring to his long connection with township affairs and the good work he had accomplished.

Did His Best.

Reeve Syme, in expressing his appreciation of the gifts, said he had performed his duties to the best of his ability during the five years he was a member of the York Township Council, and paid a tribute to the members of the community with him for the good of the community.

Reviewing his work during the past five years, he said he was of the opinion that there was little use for small municipalities growing up around the City of Toronto. "I spend money in that way," he said, "and it is not a benefit in the future." He stated that the mayor was willing to supply water to the township, and it was now just a question of details. The council having submitted a plan to the city, if the water mains are large enough the city will supply water at cost price. If the water mains are required to be put in, the township will have to pay the extra cost. The ultimate end of the matter, however, said the reeve, "is to be annexed to the city."

Regarding street lights, the speaker advised the people to use the hydro, as the lighting of the streets could be done by the lighting question in the township is a bigger proposition than we thought.

In conclusion, Mr. Syme said that it was his intention to retire from public life and devote more time to his private affairs, although his interest in public affairs would be of a general nature. He accorded an ovation by the audience, who said "God bless you, Reeve, and don't forget."

The other members of the council also delivered short addresses.

## WARD SEVEN ALDERMEN WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

### W. H. Weir, Who Made Good Showing Last Year, Will Also Be a Candidate.

The Young People's Association of St. John's Church entertained the branch of the A.Y.P.A. at St. Paul's, Runnymede, in the parish house, Dunlop street, last night. After an excellent musical program the young people enjoyed a social evening with games and refreshments.

The early closing hour among West Toronto merchants is temporarily suspended until after the Christmas season, and the stores will remain open each evening until Christmas. The Wednesday afternoon closing is also discontinued until the new year.

There is considerable conjecture in Ward Seven as to the candidates for the approaching municipal elections. It is not probable that such a strong contingent as contested the aldermanic honors last year will again offer themselves, on account of the lack of great issues and the general satisfaction which has been expressed in the ward's present representatives during the year. Aldermen Ryding and Whetter, it is understood, are again in the running and W. H. Weir, a candidate who made a good showing last year will also contest the position.

Death of H. C. Lewis.

The death occurred yesterday of Harry Cecil Lewis of 583 Annette street, following an attack of acute pneumonia. The late Mr. Lewis was 34 years of age and is survived by a widow and three children, two of whom are at present in the Isolation Hospital and the third in the Hospital for Sick Children. The funeral takes place this afternoon to Prospect Cemetery.

## TODMORDEN

### The Todmorden Conservative Association will hold a euchre party and social in St. Andrew's Hall, Pope avenue, tomorrow night. Two fine big turkeys are the first prizes in the euchre contest.

## WASHINGTON IS IN A QUANDARY

### Col. Goethal's Request for Destroyers Has Created Delicate Problem.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Col. Goethal's reiterated request for destroyers for enforcing neutrality laws in the Panama Canal zone was the subject of conferences today between Secretary of War Garrison, Counselor for Lansing of the state department and Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of the navy's bureau of operations. No decision was reached, and it was indicated tonight that the result of the delicacy of the questions involved and the scant information furnished by Col. Goethal's report several days before any action was taken.

Secretary Garrison received a cablegram from Col. Goethal, Mr. Garrison said in Col. Goethal's judgment misuse of the radio communication within canal waters and the necessity of preventing in case of the zone as a base of supply by belligerents, required the presence of swift moving war vessels.

Use of Radio Outfits.

At present the officials appear to believe that the Governor of the Panama Canal already has at his command ample power to enforce the neutrality laws and all of the regulations for the use of the canal.

Regarding the alleged use of radio outfits by British collars within the canal waters, the officials are trying to ascertain the extent to which this has been done. So far only one instance is said to have occurred and it is suggested that a warning against the repetition of the offence will be sufficient, without invoking a display of force.

Farwell to Volunteers.

The entertainment was in the nature of a farewell to the members now training with the second contingent at the Exhibition grounds.

The company was represented by Bro. Goodwin.

The annual election of reeve and councillors will take place on Monday, January 4, 1915, nominations being made on Monday, December 28.

Reeve J. J. Harrison announces his intention of seeking re-election, and it is reported that he may have as competitors E. Eliand and ex-councillor C. Coxhead.

## VOLUNTEERS ENTERTAINED BY MIMICO ORANGEMEN

### Very Successful Concert Under Auspices of Sir Edward Carson L.O.L.

Sir Edward Carson L.O.L., No. 2515, Mimico, held a very successful concert last night. The attendance was over 100, and the performance of the minstrel troupe under the leadership of Will Borrowman was much enjoyed. Bro. Douglas Davidson, J. P., occupied the chair, and refreshments were served under the direction of a committee composed of Bro. Kennedy, deputy master; W. Bro. King, Humble, About 80 of the young people remained for the dance. A hearty note of thanks to Sir Edward Carson of Mimico Industrial School for the use of the table ware, was passed.

## DEFECTIVE GRATE CAUSED FIRE

Fire damaged a house at 88 Clifton avenue, owned and occupied by William Thom, to the extent of \$400 last night. The damage, the contents amounted to about \$30. The cause of the fire is said to have been a defective grate.

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## MOTORISTS WORRY TAXES MAY GO UP

### Government Must Soon Decide Whether to Adopt Horsepower System.

## TIME GETTING SHORT

### If Authorities Decide on New System, Must Say by New Year's.

Motorists throughout the province are becoming a little anxious concerning the likely size of their fees for the year 1915. It is uncertain yet whether the government will follow the recommendation of the highway commission and institute a horsepower system, or whether the matter will stand over for a year allowing the license department to pursue the ordinary course. Premier Hearst was not in a position last evening to state what would be done but the proximity of the new year on which all licenses are renewed will call for an early decision.

Officials Don't Know.

The Ontario Motor League officials do not expect that the change will be affected this week and point to the fact that the old forms are being issued. It is recognized however that the government way wet see fit to

## SEARCH FOR CLUES OF WHITBY SLAYER

### Police Still Baffled in Investigations Into Shooting of William Stone.

## LABORERS SUSPECTED

### Italians to Be Questioned by Michael Basso—Victim's Funeral Held.

Several clues were investigated by the provincial and county police at Whitby yesterday in an attempt to trace the murderer of William Stone, the Grand Trunk night telegraph operator at Whitby station, who was shot early Saturday morning. So far the officers of the law have been baffled in securing any tangible evidence of the assassin. Several Italian laborers employed on the government farm and town sewer received the attention of the authorities, and Michael Basso, official interpreter, went to Whitby from Toronto yesterday to commence enquiries into the truth of the report that one laborer had a revolver the day before the crime with a calibre corresponding to the calibre of the revolver that shot William Stone.

Search For Plances.

The police are also endeavoring to trace the Port Union young woman to whom, it is reported, the murdered man was engaged to be married. Stories of

## BOYS FOR GERMAN ARMY PASSED THRU BRUSSELS

### Great Movement of Troops is Reported in Direction of Antwerp.

## DEAD FROM COLLISION

### SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Dec. 14.—Prestman Stanley Austin, 32, is dead, and engineer Nelson Pritchard is severely injured as a result of a collision of a train with a freight car on the Algoma Central Railway.

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AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—A number of German recruits ranging in years from thirteen and a half to seventeen passed thru Brussels yesterday, proceeding in the direction of Flanders.

A large body of exhausted Uhlans and Hussars from the region before Ypres yesterday defied thru Schaerbeek on their way to the rear.

The Telegraf has received reports of a great movement of troops on Saturday in the direction of Antwerp.

## SHOT FIRED FROM WINDOW

### It has been definitely established by a further investigation of the clothes worn by Stone on the night of the murder that the shot must have been fired from the ticket window, as there would have been powder marks on the cloth around the hole made by the bullet had the shot been fired at close range, which would have entailed the assassin being inside the ticket office. There are no traces of burns or powder marks on Stone's clothing.

## FRENCH AND RUSSIANS FIGHT WITH SERBIANS

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ROME, Dec. 14.—Both French and Russian infantry are fighting in the armies of Serbia and Montenegro, according to a despatch from Prague to The Giornale D'Italia.

A despatch from Cetinje declares that the Montenegrin army has again crossed the frontier into Bosnia and again occupies for several miles the railway line which runs from Vitehrad to Sarajevo, having captured the former town, taking a number of prisoners and a quantity of food and clothing.

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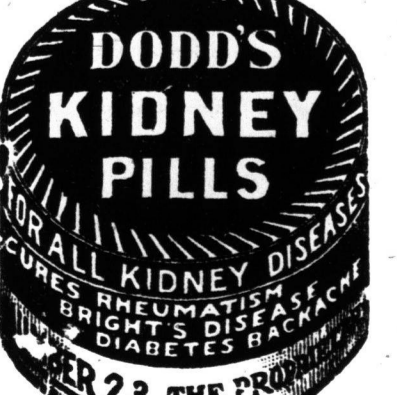
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