

DEATH ACCIDENTAL VERDICT OF JURY

Thomas Wright Is Exonerated
From Blame in Death of
Mrs. Smale.

An investigation by a coroner's jury, meeting at the police station last night, into the death of Mrs. Walter Smale, who was struck and killed by an auto driven by Thomas Wright, 950 Princess avenue, on Monday night, revealed that rainy weather conditions were partly responsible for the mishap. The driver of the car was exonerated from all blame.

The accident happened at the driveway entrance to the Centennial Methodist church on Dundas street east. Mrs. Smale was walking along the sidewalk, about to enter the

church to attend services, when the motor car turned in from the street and struck her. The front wheels passed over her body. She was taken to a nearby hospital, where she expired soon after her admittance.

Witnesses stated that Mr. Wright's car was travelling at an exceptionally slow rate of speed, that his lights were on, and that he turned with caution from the street to the sidewalk.

Mr. Wright stated that he saw nothing of Mrs. Smale until the front fender of his car was practically touching her body. He was unable to stop his car before the front wheels had passed over her chest.

Dr. A. S. Duncan testified that Mrs. Smale died at the hospital from internal hemorrhages.

The jury's verdict was as follows: That Mrs. Beatrice E. Smale came to her death in London on Monday, December 8, by being struck and run over by an auto driven by Thomas R. Wright. Weather conditions on that night were such as to render an accident liable to happen, and under the circumstances the jury exonerates the driver of the car for blame for the fatality.

The witnesses included Isabel

Navigation On Lakes Closed As Boats Clear Port Arthur

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Arthur, Dec. 12.—Sixteen vessels carrying an estimated total of 3,754,000 bushels will clear from the head of the lakes before midnight tonight, the time of the official closing of navigation for the 1924 season. Elevators are working at capacity to load all ships before the insurance expires.

It is not likely that any vessel will be sent out after midnight tonight without insurance, although the sailing conditions are better than at any time in the last three weeks.

Seven ships will take on a million or more bushels and will winter at the head of the lakes. The government wireless station will close for the season when the last boat carrying wireless is out of range downbound.

Wright, Dr. A. S. Duncan, Thomas Judd acted for the crown.
Interviewed after the inquest, Crown Attorney Judd stated that no charge would be laid against Mr. Wright.

COUNCIL DECIDES FOR EQUALIZATION

Move For Readjustment of
Taxes During Coming
Year.

LIDLAW RETAINED

Middlesex county council concludes the final session of the year at 10 o'clock last night with the passing of a number of bylaws embodying legislation approved of during the week.

Probably the most important matter of business to be referred to the 1925 council was the resolution of D. Lewis and A. McGugan, which provides for a new equalization of county assessment. The movers of the motion held that the present equalization is not in proportion to the actual values, and recommended that it be put on a proper basis next year, both as to total assessment and as to the proportion of each township assessment. The councillors passed the resolution without a dissenting voice.

On Immigration.
The council will memorialize the department of immigration on the motion of A. C. Hodgins and Austin Winter, asking that greater care be exercised in the admission of immigrants to Canada, pointing out that in the opinion of the council many immigrants now admitted were constitutionally unfit and became a burden on the country from a financial standpoint.

The council went on record as being satisfied with the present method of appointing school trustees, and were not in favor of one board of trustees for all the township schools. The motion was introduced by A. L. McDougall and Duncan McCallum.

The members also approved of the resolution expressing appreciation of the work done by the suburban area commission during the year.

Seek Provincial Grant.
The warden and clerk were authorized to sign and submit to the minister of public works for Ontario the petition of the county showing the amount spent on the county highway system this year, and requesting the payment of a grant, the amount of which will be estimated by the percentage of the cost of the work of construction and maintenance of highways as shown in a statement to be prepared in accordance with the highway improvement act.

County Engineer Charles Talbot told of the operation costs of the suburban area roads during the year, and stating that suburban roads were responsible for the large government grant.

J. W. Laidlaw was reappointed as hospital trustee, and asked to make a more thorough examination of the records re county patients in the hospitals.

Mr. Laidlaw thanked the councillors for his reappointment. He stated that he appreciated the confidence shown by the council, and would do everything in his power to further the interests of the county in hospital work.

Constable Busy.
High Constable Wharton appeared before the council and stated that as he had been working 18 hours a day for the last three weeks in connection with county police work, he had been unable to prepare a written report for this session of the council. He promised a full report of the year's activities at the January session.

County Clerk John Stuart in addressing the council, declared that the high constable had practically saved the county the amount of his salary in fines collected that were payable to the county.

OIL MEN WILL FIGHT INCREASED TAX ON GAS

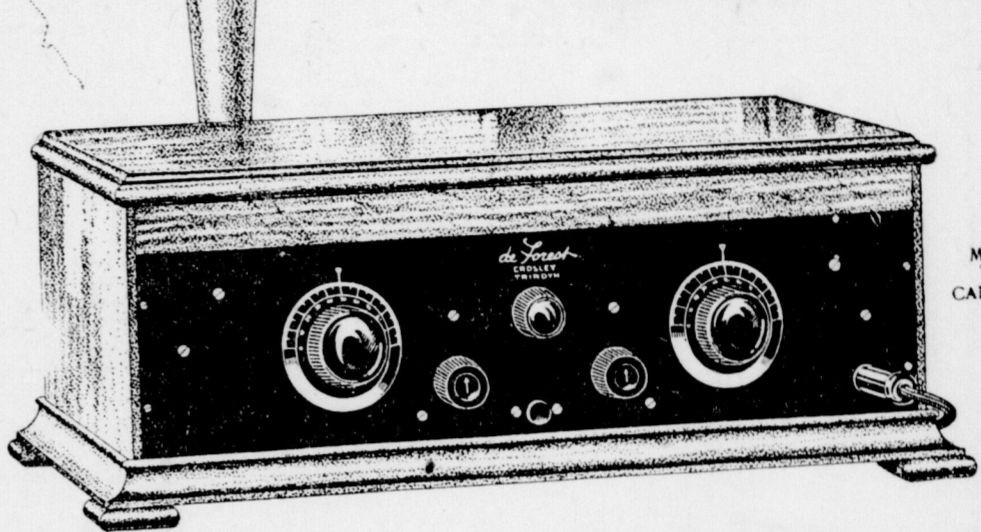
U. S. Producers and Distributors Anxious To Protect Motorists.

By ROBERT T. SMALL,
Special to The Advertiser.
(Copyright, 1924.)
Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 12.—As a result of the informal conferences held here during the meeting of the American Petroleum Institute, the oil producers and distributors of the country have decided to make an aggressive fight against a further increase of state taxes on gasoline.

Some states already are assessing a tax of three cents a gallon, and a few of these are proposing to raise it to four. The tax burden is being borne without any great complaint at the present moment, because of the low price of gasoline, but the oil companies feel they will be heavily assailed. Therefore, while they do not want to stand the tax, which is always passed on to the consumer, they feel the industry owes it to the motoring public to do all it can to keep the tax within reason.

WILL TAKE CHARGE.
Brigadier McAmmond of the Salvation Army headquarters here goes to Exeter today to take charge of the Sunday services of the Army corps there.

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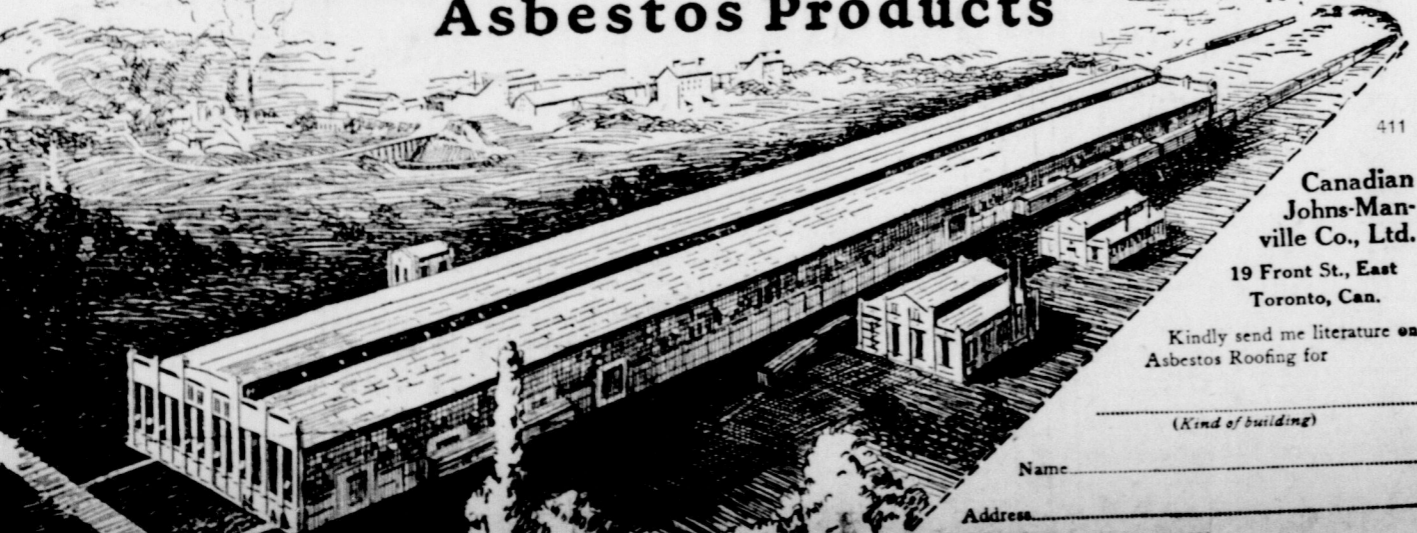
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PARLIAMENT MEMBERS RETURN FROM S. A. TOUR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, Dec. 12.—Senator H. J. Willoughby of Moose Jaw, Dr. B. McLaren, of St. John, and W. B. McQuarrie, M.P., New Westminster, returned from a two months' tour of South Africa, New Zealand and Australia aboard the R.M.S. Makura last night. These three members of the dominion house were delegates with the British empire parliamentary association, and left last June with five other Canadian delegates to participate in the British empire parliamentary association's tour of South Africa.

U. S. SENATE IS EXPECTED TO RATIFY RUM TREATY

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 12.—Early ratification by the Senate of the new treaty with Canada for the suppression of smuggling is expected. Following favorable action by the Foreign relations committee yesterday, Senator Borah, the committee's chairman, today laid the treaty before the senate. No serious opposition to ratification is anticipated.

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