

## MURDERER TELLS OF ESCAPE RODE RADIALS TO AVOID POLICE

Electric Car Lines Took Him To Connaught, Where He  
Shipped On the Shenango for Port Stanley

### IS CONFIDENT THAT NO JURY WILL CONVICT HIM

Still Says He Is Glad He Killed His Father-in-Law—Sneaked Up  
Behind and Shot Him in the Back—Taken To  
Pittsburg on Wednesday Night.

Detective Cole, of the Pittsburg police department, arrived in the city last night and took John Scott, the negro murderer, captured here by Detectives Nickle and Rider, back with him.

A couple of local men accompanied Detective Cole and his prisoner to the station, and while they were waiting for the midnight express, the detective gave out the story of the murder.

#### STORY OF THE MURDER.

"Scott is well known to the Pittsburg police," he said. "But not in any criminal capacity, for I have never known him to be in any trouble."

"He was a regular attendant at the policeman's gymnasium, and was known as one of the best rubbers in the city."

"He was most popular with all the men and no one ever thought he would be guilty of such a cold-blooded crime."

#### SHOT IN THE BACK.

"As far as we can learn his stepfather, Davis, had him arrested, and when liberated, Scott procured a revolver, and went to his home."

"He was told that Davis was upstairs dressing."

"When Scott entered the room Davis was standing in front of a mirror, arranging his tie, and Scott approached him unawares, and before he could turn placed a revolver against his shoulder and fired. The bullet pierced his heart, and Davis died instantly."

#### GLAD HE MADE A GOOD JOB.

Scott listened to the recital unmoved.

"That is right," he said, "only I did not know I had killed him. I am glad I made such a good job of it."

"You had us all guessing as to where you had gone for a day or two," remarked the detective.

This seemed to please Scott immensely, and he then outlined the manner in which he got away.

#### THE ESCAPE FROM PITTSBURG.

"I thought the matter over, and concluded that all the trains would be watched," he said, "so I made up my mind to travel by street car."

"I came direct on the radial roads from Pittsburg to Connaught, where I boarded the Shenango and came over to Port Stanley on Saturday morning."

"No one asked me a question until the detectives arrested me on Richmond street."

#### INTENDED REMAINING HERE.

"I intended staying in London. However, when I am tried in Pittsburg, I don't think any jury will blame me for what I did when they hear how he treated my mother."

Scott was taken to Buffalo, where he spent the night in one of the jails, and will be taken on to Pittsburg today.

## Thaw Howled Like an Animal Sent Wife 85 Pounds of Beef

New York, Jan. 15.—Per August Weber, the former Thaw butler, who yesterday testified to various incidents in the life of Harry Thaw during the early months of 1903, was recalled to the witness stand when the trial was opened today. He was asked by Mr. Littleton of the defense if Thaw's actions as he observed them while employed in the Washington and Philadelphia homes impressed him as rational or irrational. "Irrational," replied the witness promptly.

District Attorney Jerome then began his cross-examination.

He had the witness repeat several of the incidents he related yesterday afternoon, and was asked if he con-

sidered a \$5 tip from Thaw an irrational act.

"It seemed queer, for what I did," said Weber.

The witness declared that Thaw was not dissipated, and seemed healthy when he knew him, but always was nervous and excitable.

Christopher Baggan, steward of the New York Whist Club, was recalled to give the dates of Thaw's visits to the club in 1904, 1905 and 1906. Mr. Jerome brought out from the witness the fact that he was able on each of these occasions to play bridge whist with the best players in the club.

Raymond A. Brown, a music publisher, was called to the stand.

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## SOUTH HURON CAMPAIGN OPENS STRONG SPEECHES FOR MR. McLEAN

Candidates Discuss Issues at  
Big Joint Meeting at  
Hensall.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hensall, Jan. 15.—At the nominations here today for the vacancy in the Dominion House of Commons, Mr. M. Y. McLean, editor of the Seaforth Express, was selected to be the Liberal standard bearer, and Mr. Henry Horton, farmer of Tuckersmith Township, received the nomination at the hands of the Conservatives. After the nominations, a large joint meeting was held in the large inclosed sheds of the Methodist Church at which about 700 electors were present. The meeting was very orderly and there were few interruptions. Both candidates were warmly received.

Mr. McLean's Fine Run.

Mr. McLean, the Liberal candidate,

is making a splendid contest. He is one of the most widely-known and most highly-respected men in the riding of South Huron, and his candidature is meeting with great support. His election was assured today, and from all quarters came the most encouraging reports. He has thoroughly covered the riding and has done great work. The north portion of the riding is strong in support of Mr. McLean.

The Conservative candidate, Mr. Henry Horton, is not widely-known in the constituency. He is a farmer living in Tuckersmith Township. He is not backed by the solid support that lined up behind the late member, Mr. E. B. Gunn, and can make little or no inroads in the northern part of the constituency where Mr. McLean is particularly strong. He is just an ordinary speaker, and has but a slight grasp of public questions. He is making a strong canvass, however, and is also holding a number of meetings.

Long List of Speakers.

The nomination meeting today was Continued on Page Two.

## Are Preparing To Fight Local Option

Last summer the hotelkeepers of Western Ontario became alarmed at the inroads local option was making throughout Western Ontario, and adopted measures to combat the growth of the temperance idea.

A fund was to be raised to fight the agitation, and every hotelkeeper was assessed \$20 each to continue the fight.

Some time ago circulars were sent out calling for the contributions.

London hotelkeepers, among the first, received this notice.

The responses were not liberal. So far as can be learned only 3 of the 28 hotelkeepers in London sent down their contributions of \$20.

Another circular is said to be in course of preparation urging the members of the association to produce the funds for the campaign which is inevitable.

The growth of local option has produced a disquieting effect upon the officers of the association, but the hotelkeepers themselves do not appear to be vitally interested in the matter.

## North End Loop Will Be Built Manager King Speaks of Proposal

If the Wellington Street Line Remains Proposed Route Must Be Changed.

There is a strong probability that the London street railway will agree to the building of the proposed loop for the north end.

But that it will be built according to the plan formed at the last joint meeting of the street railway and No. 1 committee is a different proposition.

Manager King was seen by The Advertiser this afternoon and discussed the matter.

"I think there is a strong probability that the proposed loop will be built this year, unless financial conditions should grow worse," he declared.

"Of course, if the Wellington street line is not moved, the loop will not be built down Colborne street, as it would be too close to Wellington street, and would not be good business for the street railway."

A better service. "My own personal feeling in the matter is that it would be much more advantageous to have the Wellington street railway run north on Richmond street. A better service would result, and better time could be made."

"Slowing up for the curves, on the Wellington street line takes fully four minutes of the time. If the line were direct this time could be saved and a much better service would result. That is my own personal feeling on the question. A different route will have to be worked out. If the Wellington street line is left unchanged."

The matter will come up at the annual meeting of the street railway company to be held here early in February.

## London Cigarmen Meet Tomorrow To Consider the Tobacco Measure

Delegates Pleased With Reception Accorded Them at Ottawa.

A meeting of the cigar manufacturers of London will be held tomorrow afternoon, when Messrs. John McNeel, R. C. McDonald, of Line, McDonald & Co., and Joseph Nolan, of McLeod, Nolan & Co., who recently visited Ottawa and protested, on behalf of the

cigar manufacturers of London, against the passing of the proposed bill regarding stamps for Canadian cigars, will report on the result of their mission.

The London delegates represented the largest interests in Canada, outside of Montreal, and they say that their claims were listened to with a great deal of attention by the Government.

It is understood, however, that at tomorrow's meeting the necessity of the cigar men taking prompt and concerted action will be urged strongly.

## Citizens Want Fire Hall To Remain Petitions Are Being Circulated

To Keep the East End Station Where It Is Now Located.

The fear of the removal of the East London fire hall is causing considerable discussion in the East End, especially among the merchants of that section, and already petitions are being circulated by them, protesting against the removal of the present fire hall. It is understood that these petitions are being widely circulated, and are being signed by a number of people.

The East End is serious about this matter, and will enter a vigorous protest against the removal of the present hall. It is expected that the petitions will be signed and ready for the council at its meeting Monday night next.

Voted for New Halls.

"When we voted for the fire halls bylaw, we did not know that the re-

moval of the present hall was thought of, declared an East End man this morning.

"We think that a fire hall is needed in the southeast portion of the city, and that is what I wanted to support, as I think it is necessary."

The present East End hall should be fixed up, and made up to date, we need it, and there is going to be an awful row if it is removed."

New Hall Wanted.

"The people of this city rely on Chief Clark," declared a well-known citizen this morning, "and if he says southeast portion, the people in this city will not offer an objection, for his judgment is good."

"I know he will not remove the East End hall, but for fear that some of the aldermen may think it should be done, we are going to send in a large petition against it. That ought to help some."

"Build a new hall in the north and southeast ends of the city, and leave the other halls alone."

## Rev. J. G. Inkster Unanimously Called To First Presbyterian Church Pulpit

No Other Name Considered—A Sketch of Mr. Inkster's Career.

A special meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian Church was held last evening to consider a question of extending a call to Rev. John Gordon Inkster B.A., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

Although it was a stormy night, there was a very large attendance of members. The name of Mr. Inkster was the only one proposed, and the decision to call him was unanimous and exceedingly cordial.

The matter now has to be placed in the hands of the presbytery, which meets on Tuesday next.

Mr. Inkster is a native of the Orkneys, and came to Canada as a boy. He attended the high school in his country, graduated from Toronto University, and went to Scotland to attend the theological school in connection with the University of Glasgow.

When he had taken his degree, he accepted a pastorate in Bristol, England, where he remained for four years. Returning to Canada, he was engaged by the Presbyterian College of Montreal for the work of raising funds for its new endowment, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Inkster is about 36 years of age and unmarried. He has special qualifications as an organizer, is a strong man in the pulpit, and has an attractive personality.

## Magistrate Love Favors Amendment Regarding Weapons and Foreigners

Would Be a Help To the Police and Would Prevent Crime.

"The proposed amendment to the Immigration act will, if it becomes law, be most useful," said Magistrate Love to The Advertiser this morning.

"The amendment provides for the searching of foreigners, as soon as they arrive in this country."

"Nearly every one of these people are provided with long knives and very often with other weapons."

"No one knows they have these things concealed about them until there is a fight, when the almost inevitable result is that blood is shed."

Police Records.

"The police records show that there have been an unusually large number of assaults made with knives during the last couple of years, and as a result the attention of legislators has been drawn to it."

"Fortunately few cases of this kind have occurred here, but in every in-

stance we have taken away the knives from those who owned them."

"It is also proposed to detain those found carrying any special dangerous weapons, and make an investigation into their previous character, and if it is found to be bad, deport them."

A Useful Measure.

"This will be a most useful measure also, and will rid the country of many undesirable persons who would otherwise be allowed to live here."

"Many foreigners soon learn that Canada is a country where they do not need to carry weapons for defense, but there is always a certain number of persons who not only carry knives but use them when the slightest offers."

"TERRIBLE TURK" BEATEN.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 15.—Chas. Hackenschmidt, of Iowa, defeated Ali Manogaff, the "Terrible Turk" in straight falls before a large crowd at the Olympic Athletic Club last night.

Hackenschmidt secured the first fall in thirteen minutes, and the second in 27 minutes. Both were the result of a croch hold and half-nelson.

## SAYS HE IS BIGAMIST WANTS PUNISHMENT

Cheerful Hallucination of Wm. Webb, of Westminster.

William Webb, of Westminster Township, appeared before Squire Chittick at 1 o'clock this afternoon on a charge of insanity.

Webb was annoying the residents of Nilstown when arrested several days ago.

He asserts strongly that he has three wives, and that he should, therefore, be punished for bigamy.

Webb will likely be committed to the asylum.

## OFFICER DOWN ON ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Mr. Weir Says He Will Take No Notice of Any of Them.

Truant Officer Weir has a grudge against anonymous letters.

Of late he has been receiving a large number, complaining of all sorts of things. He has formed the resolution that he will listen to no more advice contained in anonymous communications, as his experience leads him to believe that there is little in them.

Mr. Weir reports the children attending school very well.

## FOUR WORKMEN KILLED

Dynamite Explosion Kills Russians Working on the Transcontinental.

Kenora, Jan. 15.—Four men were killed in a dynamite explosion yesterday. The accident took place on Thompson & Egan's sub-contract of the National Transcontinental, north of Hawk. The four were part of a station gang employed in taking out a small rock cut. The explosion was a premature one, and took place while seven of the gang were at work. Two were thrown out of the cut, but were killed by the shock. Two others were blown to atoms, and the remaining three suffered serious injuries. The station gang were all Russians, and in the excitement and terror of the moment the survivors were not able to give the names of those killed.

## BOTTOM TORN OPEN

A New German Cruiser Ran Aground in the Baltic.

Kiel, Jan. 15.—The new German armored cruiser Scharnhorst, an aground near Buell last night, while engaged in evolutions. It is reported that a hole 100 feet long was torn in her double bottom.

Three of the cruiser's stockholds immediately filled with water, and it was necessary to close the collision bulkheads in order to prevent her from sinking. Under her own steam, the cruiser entered the Imperial docks here, where she will undergo repairs.

## BLACK HAND EXPLOSION

New York, Jan. 15.—An explosion, which the police attribute to the "Black Hand," occurred early today in a tenement house in East Twenty-ninth street, shattering the front of the building, breaking windows in nearby buildings, and almost causing a panic in the wards of Bellevue Hospital, which are located on that side of the hospital towards the building where the explosion occurred. No one in the building was seriously injured. The explosion seems to have been directed toward the family of Pietro Onarato, a coal and wood dealer, who with his wife and three children, live in the building. Onarato states that Dec. 15 he received a letter, signed "Black Hand," in which he was directed to place \$10,000 on the grave of a certain Italian, in a Brooklyn cemetery, within a month, on penalty of being killed, with all his family.

## THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 16—8 a.m. Today—Strong northwest winds; fair and colder.

Friday—Southwest winds; fair and moderate cold.

Local Temperatures

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 34.5; lowest, 15° below zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary ..... 38 20 Cloudy

Winnipeg ..... 20 10 Fair

Port Arthur ..... 2 -12 Cloudy

Parry Sound ..... 0 0 Clear

Toronto ..... 22 20 Snow

Ottawa ..... 14 -4 Snow

Montreal ..... 35 0 nSnow

Quebec ..... 12 -2 Snow

Father Point ..... 4 -6 Snow

Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The area of high pressure which appeared over the Western Provinces yesterday, accompanied by a cold wave, has moved southward, and the temperature has risen again throughout the west.

The disturbance which was in Wisconsin yesterday is now centered near Quebec, and will pass quickly eastward.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 14 below—10 below; Atlin, 23—33; Victoria, 28—44; Vancouver, 28—39; Kamloops, 25—31; Edmonton, 14 below—25; Prince Albert, 23 below—18; Calgary, 2 below—33; Regina, 14 below—zero; Minneapolis, 5 below—zero; Port Arthur, zero—14; Parry Sound, -4—20; Toronto, 24—36; Ottawa, 4 below—4; Montreal, 4 below—4; Quebec, 14 below—zero; St. John, 4 below—6; Halifax, 6—24.

## \$1,224,031 IN REAL ESTATE CHANGED HANDS IN PAST YEAR

Dealers Say They Regard the Figures as Most Encouraging—Slight Falling Off Is Noted, However.

The real estate returns for the year are in, and while they are somewhat lower than last year, both in amount of consideration and in number of transfers, the returns are most encouraging.

The year 1906 was a phenomenal one in real estate deals.

In 1907 there were but twelve less transfers than in 1906, and the amount of difference in the considerations for the properties amounts to \$250,235.

In 1906 there were 1,259 transfers, the largest number in the history of the city, of an assessed value of \$1,147,882, which sold for \$2,033,485.

Last year there were 1,247 transfers, with an assessed value of \$1,224,031, and the consideration was \$1,883,200. This is in itself a splendid record.

#### A HEALTHY ACTIVITY.

The year was not particularly noticeable, because of the movements in real estate, but showed rather a healthy activity along these lines.

"It is most encouraging," said a prominent real estate man this morning. "The returns are but little less than in 1906, which was one of the best ever known in the city."

"Leaving 1906 out of consideration, 1907 is the best, so the report is most satisfactory."

"This city is growing with a strong, healthy growth."

"Values are healthy everywhere. If you will notice the percentage of assessed value to the consideration is less than for some years, showing that the price of property is good—in fact, just as high as it has ever been in London."

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

The business changes during the year amounted to only 42—19 less than last year.

The difference in the consideration amounted to \$145,494, but even at that it is much higher than in other years.

During the month of December, 1907, there were 60 real estate transfers, with an assessed value of \$37,773, for a consideration of \$64,751—a percentage of 58.3.

In 1906, there were 79 transfers in December, with an assessed value of \$100,130, for a consideration of \$149,462—just 67 per cent.

#### TRANSFERS FOR FOUR YEARS.

The transfers for the past four years are given below:

| Year. | Transfers. | Assessment. | Consideration. | Per cent. |
|-------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1904  | 971        | \$1,081,720 | \$1,342,716    | 50.9      |
| 1905  | 1,172      | 1,126,061   | 1,527,400      | 73.6      |
| 1906  | 1,259      | 1,147,882   | 2,033,485      | 71.1      |
| 1907  | 1,247      | 1,224,031   | 1,883,200      | 65.       |

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

| Year. | Transfers. | Consideration. |
|-------|------------|----------------|
| 1904  | 31         | \$302,790      |
| 1905  | 42         | 343,980        |
| 1906  | 61         | 661,569        |
| 1907  | 42         | 516,973        |

## Knocked Down Ex-London Policeman Officer Kells, in Fight

A Citizen Waiting for a Car Refused To Move On and Struck Limb of Law.

A dispatch from Brantford contains the following account of a row with a policeman who was about a year ago on the London police force, though only for a very short time:

"Last evening about 6 o'clock an affair of considerable interest transpired at the corner of Market and Colborne streets. P. C. Kells, one of the new recruits on the police department, became involved in an argument with a man standing at the corner, who stated he was waiting for a street car."

"The officer told him to move and seemed persistent to have his order obeyed."

Landed on Official.

"The result was that the pedestrian took the law in his own hands and administered a blow to Kells, which sent

the latter off his feet in the middle of the road.

"The matter was reported to Chief Slemin, who at once appeared on the scene. The chief discovered that the officer had been imbibing too freely and immediately took him to the station, where he suspended him from further duty. An investigation will be held which will result in the officer's dismissal."

Came From London.

"Kells came to Brantford from London a few months ago and was highly recommended."

"He was a probationer on the force, and it was stated this morning by Chief Slemin that it was doubtful whether Kells would have passed the required examination."

"The affair on the front street was witnessed by a score or so of interested spectators."

"The other officers of the department today expressed themselves as being sore because of the indignity suffered by the department as a whole for an individual breach of the rules, in which they were not concerned themselves."

## Former London Journalist in Court W. H. Greenwood Held for Contempt

Case Hinges On Whether the Ontario Railroad Board Is a Court.

The Toronto Telegram says of Mr. W. H. Greenwood, a former London newspaperman:

If W. H. Greenwood, of the Toronto World, does not go to jail for contempt of court for certain editorials with regard to the Ontario railway board and the Toronto Junction-Toronto Railway dispute, which was recently before it, he will probably have to thank his lucky stars that the board is not a court, and so con-

tempt of that body could not be contempt of court.

To decide whether the Ontario railway board is a court, Mr. Justice Riddell has reserved judgment. He declared that he would not have the slightest hesitation in making the order if similar remarks had been made of himself or of his brother judges of the high court.