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## Whole Countryside Around Beamsville Up in Arms Over Villainous Assault Committed Last Night on Young Girl

### Waylaid While on the Way Home From Work and Beaten Insensible With a Picket Torn From Fence; Author of Outrage is Suspected and is Being Kept Under Surveillance.

The whole countryside around Beamsville and Clinton is aroused to a pitch of indignation over a villainous outrage which was committed last night upon a young girl of the vicinity. County officers from that district came to the city this morning brought news of the affair, and they said the outrage was so heinous that if it were not caught there may be an attempt at a lynching.

The victim of the outrage is Ida, a 16 year old daughter of Arthur Beamsville, a farmer living about a mile from Beamsville. It has not yet been learned whether the girl has recovered sufficiently to tell who her assailant was or whether she recognized him. She was taken to her home.

## Day Past When Canada Will Stand For High Protection

### Ottawa Tory Paper Slams at Montreal Gazette's Latest Proposal as to Raising the Tariff Walls

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The Morning Journal, in a leading editorial, says: "The farmers were the first to propose a new so-called 'national party' Canada, and now some of our fine Tories are suggesting another, and are godfathered by The Montreal Gazette, whose ideas of a political party is high protectionism—we know nobody would be so vulgar as to call it hog protectionism. The Journal has expressed a view that the greatest national danger at present is the upset of the protective system, but we are free to express our opinion, also, that any increase in the scale of the present tariff, or any lessening of the British preference, or any obstruction to free trade, would be a national calamity. And that is the kind of injury which would be likely to follow the success of any political party or organization much favored by The Montreal Gazette and its special interests."

Senator MacLennan, having published an elaborate proposition for a political party, The Gazette eulogized the idea. As there is nothing in Senator MacLennan's proposition which is not already the principle of practice of the Unionist Government—not a word which would not appear reasonable and fitting and warranted if uttered by a present member of the Unionist Government—the paper asks why The Montreal Gazette is eager to pat the Senator on the back. The answer is obvious.

## VETERAN ALDERMAN WHO SPENT BILLIONS LEAVES JUST \$1,000

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—For many years newspapers of Chicago have rallied and thundered at "Ed" Cullerton as one of the "gray wolves" of the council, if indeed he was not the leader of the rapacious pack.

Other men, not branded as "gray wolves," came into the council poor men and went out because their vast business interests demanded all their attention. And they built up these great interests in a very few years. Friends of Cullerton say he gave away everything but a bare living to poor people in his ward and the probe of his estate seems to bear out this assertion.

## VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS HAS ARRIVED IN ST. CATHARINES TO-DAY

### Says There is No Danger of a Strike If the City Shows Any Disposition to Be Reasonable, Says Mr. J. B. Dalphond to The Evening Journal.

J. B. Dalphond of Montreal, Vice President of the Association of International Firefighters, arrived in the city today. He is at the New Murray.

## County Asked To Pay More To Collegiate

A delegation from the St. Catharines Board of Education composed of Chairman A. H. Trapnell, W. B. Burgoyne and F. N. Rutherford yesterday afternoon waited on Lincoln County Council asking that the County pay more towards the maintenance of county pupils at the Collegiate Institute.

The county now only pays 80 per cent. of the cost of its pupils and the delegation requested that the county pay 100 per cent., or full cost. It was pointed out by the members of the delegation that the arrangement is rather an unfair one to the city in view of the crowded conditions at the Collegiate.

The law states that 80 per cent. is the figure but it was pointed out that the County Council could very easily increase its grant to the school.

Chairman Trapnell intimated that the collegiate might refuse to any longer accept county pupils because of the limited accommodation.

It is expected that the County Council will bear part of the expense of building the new collegiate which will cost about \$50,000.

### WATCH YOUR STEP

Tomorrow is Friday the thirtieth. Just watch your step that's all.

## Merritton Youth Badly Hurt When Caught in Cogs

Albert Willard, a young man belonging to Merritton, was painfully injured last night at the Lybster mill where he is employed. It is understood that in endeavoring to fix something in the machinery he became caught in the cog wheels and the side of his body was badly lacerated.

Dr. Vanderburg was called and attended the injured youth and he is getting along as well as could be expected, at his home.

The doctor said the injuries were not likely to prove fatal.

### THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Several shallow depressions exist on the continent this morning. While pressure remains highest on the British Columbian coast. Some light local snow falls have occurred in the western provinces and local snow flurries from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces but on the whole the weather has been fair.

### FORECASTS.

Mostly cloudy with some light snow falls and flurries today and on Friday. Not much change in temperature.

organized?" was asked.

"We have 40,000 members in 226 cities," he replied.

Mr. Dalphond will confer with the Fire and Light Committee of which Ald. F. H. Avery, labor alderman, is the chairman. Ald. Avery is quite ready to deal with the official, but what way the other members of the Council will look at it remains to be seen.

Mr. Dalphond said there was not much likelihood of the members of the brigade resigning.

## ROYAL BANK OPENS NEW BRANCH HERE

The Royal Bank is going to open a branch office at the corner of Niagara and Geneva streets in the building that is at the apex of the Geneva, Niagara and Church street block. When this is opened there will be thirteen branch banks in St. Catharines and a loan and saving company. They will be as follows:

Imperial Bank three, Commerce, two; Royal two; Bank of Toronto; Bank of Montreal, Union Bank, the Sterling Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia Dominion Bank, and the Security Loan and Savings Company. This total of fourteen is larger in proportion to the population than ninety nine per cent. of the cities and towns of Canada.

## GOLF "PRO." DEAD

NASHUA, N.H., Feb. 12.—Jack Blair, a well known Scottish golf professional formerly connected with clubs in Toronto and Ottawa, died here yesterday. Blair was brought from Scotland as professional and club maker by a Toronto club, later going to Ottawa. For the past two years he has been "pro" at the Nashua Country Club.

show. The little girls and boys who compose the troupe are sweet and pretty and what they do is simply marvellous for children of their age. Their show is dainty and bright and you would just like to sit there and see it all over again. That's the way it appeals to one man anyway.

## PEOPLE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DANCING DURING FLU EPIDEMIC SAYS DR. HASTINGS, TORONTO

### Points Out That One Boy or Girl Going to a Dance May Cause a Whole House- hold to Be Stricken With the Disease; Bad to Dance When Disease Beginning

"I have too much regard for the intelligence of the people of Toronto to feel that it is necessary to issue an edict against dancing," declared Dr. Hastings, Medical Health Officer of Toronto, in reply to an enquiry as to whether he intended to prohibit public functions of this character during the influenza epidemic.

"It people would only think they would realize the danger and act accordingly," he continued. "One boy or one girl who goes to a dance may cause the whole household to be laid up with influenza within 48 hours, and probably one life at least would be sacrificed, simply to gratify the desire for one or two hours' entertainment in the evening."

"Moreover, young men and young women should bear in mind the danger to themselves, if they cannot think of others in the same hours. If they go to a dance when the disease is just beginning with them, as no doubt many of them do, their vitality is very materially lower, they have decidedly less resisting powers to exposure, cold and so forth; yet they take off a heavier garb and put on a very light and sparing garb, while the exertion of dancing will cause them to perspire much more freely than if they were in good physical condition, and, therefore, predisposes them to a cold afterwards, which would result in the converting of what would otherwise have been a mild case of influenza into one of pneumonia or broncho pneumonia."

### Won't Close Schools.

Neither does the M.O.H. intend at present closing the schools. "I have taken the stand that children are de-

cidedly safer in the schools," he declared. "Schools have an organized medical and nursing service and the children are under the direct supervision of nurses and doctors. There is little or no danger of children attending schools carrying the germ of the disease to other pupils unless they are incubating it themselves, inasmuch as the germ of influenza does not live long outside the human body."

### 192 Deaths.

There have been 192 deaths in Toronto during February from influenza and pneumonia, including 118 from the former and 74 from the latter complaint. Deaths from other causes during the same period total 184, so that over 50 per cent. of the 376 deaths so far this month are due to the epidemic, which in January had claimed 100 victims.

The Burnside Home, which has been set apart for influenza cases suffering from complications, has now only one spare bed. Nursing help is required urgently for that institution, as well as for homes. There now are over 750 families under supervision in Toronto and one district nurse yesterday had to turn down 50 calls for assistance, as no help was available.

The Red Cross Bureau had 36 calls for nursing aid in homes yesterday, but were able to answer only 16.

## Public Library Board Organizes For the Year With William Erskine As New Chairman

A regular meeting of the Public Library Board was held on Tuesday evening with the following members present, Messrs. Erskine, Robertson, Nicholson, Watts, Hesson and Hetherington. The chair was taken by Librarian Briden and on motion of C. A. Hesson, seconded by D. C. Hetherington, Wm. Erskine was elected chairman for 1920, his second term in that position.

W. Briden was re-appointed Secretary on motion of W. J. Robertson seconded by C. A. Hesson, it was resolved that the standing committees for 1920 be constituted the same as in 1919, except that Mayor Lovelace take the position on the Committee previously occupied by J. M. Elson, Mayor for 1919. The standing committees are therefore as follows, the first name in each case being chairman.

Finance Committee: A. M. Watts, D. C. Hetherington, Mayor Lovelace.  
Book Committee: W. J. Robertson, D. C. Hetherington, W. Erskine.  
Building and Grounds Committee: E. C. Nicholson, C. A. Hesson, A. M. Watts.

Library Extension Committee: C. A. Hesson, E. C. Nicholson, W. J. Robertson.  
Mr. S. K. Watt was appointed Treasurer of the Board on motion of Trustees Hesson and Watts.  
A letter was read from the Secretary of the Local Council of Women

expressing the thanks of the Council for use of room in the Library for the monthly meetings.

Mr. Nicholson reported the order of ten tons of coal for Library use and the purchase of a table and book-truck for the Juvenile Department.

Mr. Robertson reported for the Book Committee the purchase of some books as per list submitted, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Watts presented the first report of the Finance Committee, recommending payment of salaries and accounts as submitted in the report and the report was adopted.

On motion of Trustees Watts and Hesson, the Treasurer was instructed to request from the City Council an interim grant of \$2000, pending the passing of the estimates.

The Librarian's report for December and January showed a circulation 2339 adult books in December and 2331 juvenile, total 4670; in January 3239 adult and 1622 juvenile, total 4861. Receipts from fines and cards in December \$37.05, in January \$44.26.

The annual report for 1919 was read as follows: volumes withdrawn or lost, Adult 169, Juvenile 196, total 365; volumes added, Adult 430, Juvenile 932, total 1362; volumes in Library, Adult 8626, Juvenile 3997, total 12623. The circulation for the year was, Adult 31716, Juvenile

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