

Seventh Veterans Dine Today on 25th Anniversary of Departure for the Riel Rebellion

JOHN PRODGER IDENTIFIED BY HIS VICTIM MISS FRANK "THAT'S THE MAN," SHE SAYS

Photograph Shown Her by The Advertiser Was First Identified—Later the Prisoner Was Brought Before Her and Identification Was Complete.

PRISONER DID NOT SAY A WORD

Grew Extremely Nervous When the Woman Pointed to Him—Aged Lady Showed No Hesitation Whatever, But Identified Him on the Spot.

Miss Elizabeth Frank positively identified a photograph of John Prodger, shown her by an Advertiser reporter this afternoon, as the man who on Tuesday afternoon made a most brutal attempt to murder her.

When The Advertiser man was taken to the sick room, Miss Frank raised herself slowly in her bed, and, after adjusting her glasses, looked carefully at the picture for about a quarter of a minute.

"That's the man," she said without the slightest note of hesitation. "I remember the face perfectly, and particularly the expression about the mouth."

Again she looked the picture over, and again she said: "That's him. He was very broad across the shoulders, and had curly hair."

The effort of sitting up so long proved wearisome to Miss Frank, and she lay down again, and removed her glasses. She then asked her sister, Mrs. Rudd, to look at the picture, and when she had done so, said again most positively: "That is the man."

Wearied by the exertion of sitting up and of talking so much, Mrs. Frank then closed her eyes.

Mrs. Rudd has been in constant attendance upon her sister since yesterday.

NOT SO WELL TODAY. Miss Frank was not so well this morning, and her condition is still very serious. Her head is wrapped up in immense bandages, and she suffers considerably at times.

Shortly after the visit of The Advertiser, John Prodger was taken over to the Frank house by Detective Egelton and Down, Dr. George Wilson was also there. The bedroom was made as light as possible, and Prodger was brought in.

PRISONER EXCITED. He was excited and was extremely nervous. Miss Frank raised herself, and looked him over carefully, and then said: "That's the man."

"No, I'm not," shouted Prodger, angrily. "You're mistaken." Prodger became very nervous, and Miss Frank repeated her statement that he was the man who shot her. He was then taken away, and taken back to the jail. The prisoner said nothing on the way back.

POLICE ARE CERTAIN. Chief Williams stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the police are absolutely certain that they have the right man. "We were sure before he was seen by Miss Frank," said the chief, "and now that she has identified him positively, there can be no doubt about it."

Chief Williams stated that Mrs. Kennedy had told Detective Thomas Nickle that when Prodger came in on Tuesday evening, he told her his hat had blown under an automobile, and that was why he was wearing an other.

To The Advertiser last night, Mrs. Kennedy said Prodger told her his hat had been run over by a street car on Adelaide street.

MAY BE MURDER CHARGE. Should Miss Frank, the victim of the shooting, succumb to her injuries within the year, the perpetrator can be tried on a charge of murder.

There has been some discussion around the city regarding the time limit in such cases, but the law for years has stipulated that a death as the result of injuries inflicted within a year can be avenged with the death penalty.

It will be remembered that at the time of the murder of Harry Phair, the detective (who died within six weeks), by Burke and Wilson, the charge against the pair was murder, but when the aged William Clark was beaten in his home where he lived alone in the North End some twelve years ago, his death resulted a few days over the year, and a charge of manslaughter was laid against Prodger and McInnis, who served long terms each.

The murder of Clark was committed under similar circumstances to the attack on Miss Frank.

The old fellow lived alone and was reputed to be worth considerable money. He was attacked at his home by two men, and was brutally beaten by the thugs, who demanded money.

PRODGER A MAN OF FEW WORDS BUT VERY BAD MAN TO HANDLE

Comes of Family Noted for Physical Strength—Was Quiet When Sober and Bothered No One—Is Said To Be a Maniac When Drunk.

John Prodger, the man arrested by the police on suspicion of being the perpetrator of the shooting, was a very respectable man, and the mother is still living in the city with her daughter.

As a boy he went to school at the old Waterloo street and Horton street schools. Both institutions have since disappeared, Chalmers Church occupying the site of the former, and Brenner's cigar factory the other.

Prodger's father, the late John Prodger, was a very respectable man, and the mother is still living in the city with her daughter.

Some History. The father of the family was a member of the Twenty-third Welsh Fusiliers, which regiment was wrecked on Lake Erie about 50 years ago, and nearly all were drowned. Prodger was a survivor.

He came to London from Port Stanley, and for over 40 years worked on the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways.

He was a man of powerful physique, but known as one who minded his own

TWO MEN KILLED. August 6, April 7.—In a wreck on the Georgia Railroad this morning near Berzila, two men were killed, and one white man and four negroes seriously hurt. Misunderstanding of orders is said to have been the cause.



THE ABOVE IS A PICTURE OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SEVENTH REGIMENT AT CLARK'S LANDING, IN THE NORTHWEST.

The top row, reading from left to right, is as follows: Lieut. Drew Chisholm, Lieut. Thomas Hesketh. The next man highest up is Lieut. Faine, afterwards Col. Faine. The two standing together are Lieut. Gregg and Lieut. Alf Jones. Then follow in order on the top row: Lieut. Charles Cox, Capt. Frank Peters, Capt. Thos. Tracy, Chaplain Ball, Surgeon Niven, Lieut. Chas. Bagan, Assistant Surgeon Campbell, Capt. F. H. Butler, Lieut. Harry Bapty. The three men to the left between the two lines are Capt. Dillon, Maj. Thos. Beattie and Capt. Ed MacKenzie. The bottom row from left to right are: Surgeon Fraser, Lieut. J. K. H. Pope, Col. A. M. Smith, Col. McKay Williams, Col. W. M. Gartschore, Capt. G. M. Reid (Adj.), Maj. McMillan (Paymaster), Q-M. Sergt. J. B. Smythe.

MISS FRANK STILL IN DANGER SUFFERS GREATLY FROM SHOCK

Sedatives Have Been Administered Constantly by Dr. Geo. H. Wilson, Who Is in Attendance—When She Is a Little Stronger John Prodger Will Be Taken Over for Identification.

Miss Frank, the victim of Tuesday afternoon's shooting affray, is in much the same condition, and has been sleeping quietly ever since yesterday afternoon. She was in such a condition from shock that for some hours it was almost impossible to keep her quiet.

At times she became quite excited, and wished to get up and walk about, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that she was kept in bed.

Sedatives Administered. Dr. George Wilson, who is in attendance, administered sedatives, and ever since early yesterday afternoon Miss Frank has been sleeping quietly.

Dr. Wilson states that Miss Frank is doing well, but is not out of danger, as complications may develop at any time.

As soon as Miss Frank is strong enough the police will take Prodger over to the house and see if she can identify him.

PRODGER REMANDED A WEEK APPEARED COOL IN COURT

Charge Read to Him That He Attempted to Murder Miss Elizabeth Frank—Prisoner Had No Lawyer—A Man of Remarkable Appearance in the Cage—Chief Feels Sure He Is the Man Who Did the Shooting.

John Prodger appeared before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning, and as the prisoner stood up when his name was called, the magistrate read to him an information, stating that he was charged with shooting with intent to kill, and did shoot Miss Elizabeth Frank at her home on Tuesday afternoon.

Prodger was unrepresented, and Crown Attorney McKillop, who will conduct the prosecution, stated that he was not ready to go on and asked for an adjournment until April 14. This was granted.

Neatly Dressed. Prodger was neatly dressed in a brown suit and wore a brown tie. On the whole, he took matters quietly, but his eyes roved about the room unceasingly as he encountered the eager gaze of the large crowd in the spectators' box.

When his name was called he rose and leaned against the bars of the cage and gripped them tightly.

His general appearance is one that would not easily be forgotten. His hair, which is tinged with gray, is inclined to be curly. The face is a strong and heavy one, with a determined jaw.

As such as possible Prodger got out of the court room and was led away to his cell.

FIRST OF SEASON. Bracebridge, April 7.—The Muskoka Lakes Navigation and Hotel Company's steamer Orlo has arrived in port from Gravenhurst, being the first boat of the season. This is about a month ahead of former years.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER. FORECASTS. Toronto, April 7.—8 a.m. Today.—North to northwest winds, fresh to strong during the day; generally fair and cold.

Friday.—Fair, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Victoria 40 40 Rain. Winnipeg 40 44 Cloudy. Port Arthur 40 44 Fair. Port Hope 40 44 Fair. Parry Sound 40 44 Cloudy. Toronto 40 44 Cloudy. Ottawa 40 44 Rain. Montreal 40 44 Snow. Quebec 40 44 Rain. Father Point 40 44 Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES. Since yesterday morning the depression has continued to move slowly eastward, causing rain in Quebec and showers of rain or snow in Ontario.

The weather has become much cooler in Ontario.

In the West cool conditions prevail generally.

BOY THROWN FROM LOAD HAD HIS WRIST BROKEN

Stephen Dann, of Bryanston, Met With Painful Accident Today.

While driving on a load of hay on King street this morning, Stephen Dann, son of George Dann of Bryanston, was thrown off the load, and his wrist was broken. He was otherwise unharmed, but will recover very shortly.

Young Dann with his cousin, George Dann, were driving along King street, and when opposite the central fire station the front wheel of the wagon came off, upsetting the load. Stephen Dann fell over the front end, and in putting out his arm to break the fall, the wrist snapped. Frie Chief Aitken drove the lad to Dr. Moore's office, where his injuries were dressed. George Dann slid off the load and was uninjured.

DROPPED DEAD. Plattsville, April 7.—Mrs. J. K. Curry, wife of Postmaster Curry, dropped dead in Neal's store last night here.



JOHN PRODGER, CHARGED WITH HAVING ATTEMPTED TO MURDER MISS FRANK.

CALL EXTENDED TO REV. SHIELDS

Jarvis St. Baptists, Toronto, Were Not Unanimous on the Subject, However.

SOME OBJECTION OFFERED

It Was Stated That Some People Do Not Approve of All of Mr. Shields' Methods in Church Work.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 7.—Jarvis Street Baptist Church last night voted to extend a call to Rev. T. Shields, of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, London.

The vote stood at 136 to 30. A considerable number of those present did not vote.

The vote was an open standing one, a motion to have it taken by ballot having been defeated. It was only secured after two and a half hours of discussion, which it is said, showed a wide difference of opinion, a number of the younger people of the church holding out against their elders on the floor.

Spirited Debate. The debate is reported to have been a spirited one, and when it was over the vote displayed that there were differences of opinion among families, husbands and wives and parents and children freely taking opposite sides.

It is only fair to say, however, on the part of those who objected to Mr. Shields, that they promised, if outvoted, to stand by the church, and do what they could to promote its welfare.

After it was all over differences were largely forgotten and harmony prevailed.

Unanimous Report. The pulp committee presented a unanimous report in favor of Mr. Shields, and glowing tributes were paid to his successful work in London and other fields where he has labored.

He was spoken of as a most impressive preacher, a man with a message and record as an organizer, church upholder and peacemaker, that was excelled by no other preacher in Canadian Baptist pulpits.

His previous pastorates have included Dutton, Delhi, and Wentworth Street Church in Hamilton.

It is understood that the chief objection raised against Mr. Shields was that he sometimes used alleged sensational topics to attract crowds to his services.

A suggestion was made that the call be made unanimous, but it was felt after some discussion, that the best course was to let Mr. Shields know exactly how the vote stood.

The church, which is one of the oldest and most influential in Canada, has now been without a pastor for about a year. Rev. Dr. H. F. Perry having left for Vancouver last May.

The salary Mr. Shields is to receive will be \$4,000. His present stipend at Continued on Page Eleven.

MANY BRAVE BOYS OF 1885 HAVE CROSSED THE DIVIDE DEATH LIST A LENGTHY ONE

Interesting Story of the Whereabouts of the Officers and Men Who Helped Suppress Riel's Rising Twenty-Five Years Ago—Big Banquet Will Be Held at the Tecumseh Tonight.

A quarter of a century ago today the Seventh Regiment (then battalion) departed for the Northwest to take part in the quelling of the Riel rising in that country.

Tonight the veterans will celebrate the occasion by a reunion and banquet at the Tecumseh House. There will be visitors from all parts of the country, and it is expected that fully 70 veterans will take part in the exercises today.

Already the Boys of the Old Brigade are spinning yarns and recounting experiences of the olden times.

The menu card for the banquet has been so arranged that it will recall many of the leading incidents in the journey to the west, and stories of great and gay will be told of London's soldiers.

"Auld Lang Syne." It will be a pleasant affair, although there is a sad side to the reunion. There are many pleasant memories, and the boys who are gone will be given their tributes along with the living.

A comparatively large number of the officers have passed to the Great Beyond.

Major McMillan, paymaster of the regiment, afterwards judge at Cayuga, is among the number.

Chaplain Ball, father of Police Magistrate Ball, of Woodstock, is also dead, and the kindly advice of the veteran minister will be greatly missed.

Quartermaster-Sergt. J. B. Smythe, known of later years more familiarly as Squire Smythe, has passed away.

Lieut. Charles Cox has also gone, and Lieut. Payne, afterwards Col. Payne, Toronto, died some years ago.

Of the other officers, Col. Williams, senior in command, is at Outlook, Saskatchewan, attached to the Mounted Rifles, and is apparently good for many years' service.

Col. A. M. Smith is in the wholesale grocery business in London, and retains an active interest in affairs military in this district.

Col. Gartschore is also in the city, manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, and is still proclaimed by

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FRANK HOME HAS BEEN TARGET FOR ATTACKS OF BURGLARS

Old Story of Thirty Years Ago Brought to Light—Attempt Was Made to Rob the House When Three Girls Were Left There Alone.

Old residents of the neighborhood point out that this is not the first time that an attempt was made to rob the Frank home, on the Wellington road.

About thirty years ago, the three girls, Libby, Ann and Jane, were alone in the house.

It appears that all the men were away on business, and that there was a considerable amount of money in the possession of the ladies, who were intending to bank it the next day.

The girls were aroused shortly after midnight by someone trying to get in the front door. Then, attempts were made to enter the windows.

A Trying Time. Furniture was piled against every window and door, and the front door, in addition, was secured by a bar.

For hours the burglars worked away persistently, and took no notice of the screams and shrieks of the women.

Finally the marauders attempted to pull away the bricks at the side of the door, so as to remove the big bar.

It was then that one of the girls, located an old double-barrelled gun, and fired it off. Some neighbors heard the report, and the screams of the women, and after a siege of several hours the frightened females were relieved.

Y. M. C. A. ACQUIRE FINE GROUNDS FOR ATHLETES

Situated in South London Near the Powling Green.

The London Y. M. C. A. has acquired a fine piece of property for an athletic grounds in connection with the athletic association recently formed.

The situation is just behind the London Rowing and Bowling Club on Becher street, at the Forks. The property comprises from two to three acres.

The intention of the Y. M. C. A. is to use it solely for association purposes. The grounds will be used for a Y. M. C. A. baseball league, a tennis court will also be put down, while arrangements are being made to run a summer camp under canvas.

LITTLE RUTH SINGER CAME FROM MONTREAL

Parents of Tiny Dancer, Taken From a Local Stage, Have Been Located.

[G. N. W. Despatch.] Montreal, April 7.—Ruth Singer, the 10-year-old girl who was taken from the stage at London, Ont., at the instance of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, is a daughter of Albert Dallas, 419 St. Antoine street, this city. The girl's right name is "Clara Alice Dallas. The Dallas family say they can explain everything, and that they will reclaim the child. The girl was given to Mrs. Geyer of Toronto, in infancy to keep.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS FELL OFF IN MARCH

Figures Completed by Mr. Grant Not Up to the Usual Standard.

Real estate transfers of the month of March show a considerable falling off as compared with the same month of 1909.

This year in March, 88 permits were issued, the assessed value being \$84,142 the consideration \$107,633, the assessment being 75.1 per cent.

For the same period last year there were 120 permits issued, assessed value, \$119,765, consideration \$149,497, the assessment being 80.1 per cent.

During the first quarter of the year there have been 186 transfers, assessment \$221,673, for a consideration of \$289,239.

Last year there were 260 transfers for the same period, the assessed value \$225,068, and the consideration