

FLORENCE KINRADE'S MOTHER ON THE STAND;
DETECTIVE TELLS OF INTERVIEWING FLORENCE

Important Witnesses at Last Night's Murder Inquest, But Police Are Still Completely Baffled and No Solution in Sight.

Contradictory Statements Made By Mrs. Kinrade

Police Officer Relates Story Told Him By Florence Immediately Following the Shooting of Ethel, Which Differs Radically From Statement Made By Her When On Witness Stand—Ernest and Gertrude Kinrade and Neighbors Give Evidence.

Hamilton, March 11.—Another phase of the Kinrade mystery was presented to the coroner's jury last night, and the startling portion of the evidence was presented toward the close of the session. The last witness examined was Detective Blakey, of the city staff, who was assigned to the case from the start, and who gave a very lucid, intelligent and convincing account of his conclusions and his reason for reaching them. He related various interviews he had had with Florence Kinrade, explaining the variations of her accounts of the affair, and expressed the conviction that the girl had been moved after she was shot, as only in that way could the presence of the pool of blood under the small of the back be explained. This pool he had found a bullet and a tooth, indicating that the girl had fallen forward, whereas when the body was found she was lying on her back. He clearly intimated his opinion that Ethel was sitting in a chair when shot, preparing to go out, as she was at hand of her rubber and furs close at hand would indicate.

Family Relations Harmonious.
The early part of the evening was taken up with the examination of Kinrade, the daughter Gertrude, and the son, Ernest. The mother showed marked signs of the terrible experience through which she had passed, and her face being lined with lines, and her physical condition very weak. She gave her evidence very clearly, however, and her daughter was almost pathetic in the bright and straightforward way she spoke of the family relations. The son also gave evidence clearly, and the testimony of the entire family has held together completely, all tending to show that the most harmonious relations existed among them.

A number of neighbors also gave evidence relating to the tragedy, and the claim that the Kinrade family was a very quiet one, that lived almost entirely to itself.

What Florence First Said.
Mrs. Hickey, who lives across the road from the Herkimer residence, and to whose house Florence fled after the tragedy, declared that the first words were, "Ethel has been shot, shot six times." She also was certain that Florence when she entered her house was wearing her hat.

Dr. McNicol disposed of the theory that the girl had been dead for some time before she was found, by his long period of time before she was found, and a number of up of the evidence presented so far fails to indicate that the crown have any great surprise to spring on anything to offer beyond throwing doubts on the thug theory. The affair becomes more mysterious the more it is probed and is still enshrouded in as great a mystery as on the day of the murder.

The Mother Testifies.
Mrs. Isabella Kinrade, mother of the murdered girl, the first witness called appeared to be in a very bad state of health. To Mr. Blackstock she said she had been married in Hamilton, 21 years ago. She gave details as to the birth of her daughter, Ethel, Florence, Earl and Gertrude, and said the relations between the members of the family had been always affectionate. There had been no estrangements whatever among the children, or between herself and her husband. Ernest had married about six years ago, and the family liked his wife well enough, they being all friendly together. They thought the wife was rather young, and would have preferred that he had not married, but they got along pleasantly.

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POINTS IN THE
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Mrs. Hickey, to whose house Florence ran after the tragedy, testified that Florence's first words were, "Ethel is shot, is shot six times." She also said that the girl had on her hat when she arrived.

Dr. McNicol said Florence's story to him, told almost immediately after the tragedy, was that a man forced himself into the house, and threatened her with a pistol. She struggled with him for the weapon, and Ethel, hearing the noise, came downstairs, screamed, and was shot.

Inspector McMahon testified that when Mrs. Kinrade came to the house, and complained of the tramp she was perfectly collected.

Detective Blakey, who went up to the house where the alarm was given, described the position of the body. There was a chair near the window with a pair of lady's rubbers near it. If Ethel had been shot sitting on the chair her head would probably fall where the pool of blood was on the floor. When Mr. Kinrade arrived he said in excited tones as he passed: "I just expected something like this would happen."

Mrs. Isabella Kinrade, mother of the murdered girl, said that she left the house at 3 o'clock, and did not know that anything had happened until she saw the commotion in front of the house.

Gertrude, the youngest member of the family, and Ernest, the eldest, testified that their sisters never quarrelled. Neither saw or heard of firearms in the house, or heard of Florence bringing a revolver with her from the south.

THE KINRADES
BARRED FROM HOME

Detectives Had Keys and Would Not Permit Family to Enter.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Ont., March 12.—The Kinrade family has been locked out of its own home ever since the members returned from Toronto. This was the statement made by Thomas Hobson, Mr. Kinrade's solicitor, at the inquest last evening. He said that the police had refused to hand over the keys, and complained to Crown Attorney Washington. Mr. Washington thereupon wrote an order to the police, directing that the keys be handed over, and this will be done today. The police deny that they refuse to hand over the keys.

No Animos.
Mr. Kinrade granted an interview to a reporter last evening. He said he wanted it distinctly understood that he bore no animosity to the detectives, which was one of the statements made by Mr. Blackstock, the Toronto lawyer, at the first session of the jurors.

"Does it look as though I bore any animosity to the detectives, when I handed them over the keys of my house to help them solve the place?" Mr. Kinrade said. "When I was in Toronto Detective Miller came to me alone and got the keys. I handed them over without any hesitation, showing my confidence in them, for this would have given some one else the chance to get into the house and make it appear that Florence used it."

Mr. Kinrade complained about the sensational manner in which the press had treated the case. He said that he had lived all his life in Hamilton, and was entitled to better treatment at the hands of the papers, which, he said, took chances on having to pay damages for printing so many untrue statements about the family.

"The papers evidently made lots of money and increased their circulation over this case and decided to take chances," he said. He further stated that he was considering the advisability of entering suits for libel against the majority of them. Every paper, he said, had been saved, and in the near future he will read them carefully and decide what to do. Mr. Kinrade thinks that his daughter Florence fainted, which would account for her not having a clear remembrance of the details of the shooting.

The inquest will likely be finished tonight. The doctors will testify this afternoon and the other fourteen witnesses tonight.

MR. ESSERY APPOINTED
Will Attend the Orange Triennial Council at Liverpool.

St. Thomas, March 11.—At the Orange Grand Lodge here today a resolution to pay \$400 as the expenses of Grand Master E. T. Essery, K.C., to the triennial council held July in Liverpool, was twice referred to.

The grand master would not accept it, as he would not be put in the position of a beggar. The item finally passed.

CAMP AGAIN
FOR LONDON

Official Word Has Been Received.

DATE IS NOT YET ANNOUNCED

Officers Are All Said To Be Favorable to This City Now.

Official word was received from Ottawa this morning that the district military camp will be held in London this year. The date has not yet been fixed.

It was officially announced this afternoon that the camp will be held as usual, and that all the regiments will attend as formerly. In anticipation of the camp coming here this year the board of works, in their estimates last night, included \$210 for incidentals.

Officers Favorable.
The officers would for a number of reasons like to see the camp held in London. Smith, the adjutant, went beyond any doubt that moving the supplies for such a large number of men entailed a very large expense and much trouble. The supplies had to be all brought back to London again, and this was another big bill of expense and caused much time to be lost in collecting them, and trouble in moving them back.

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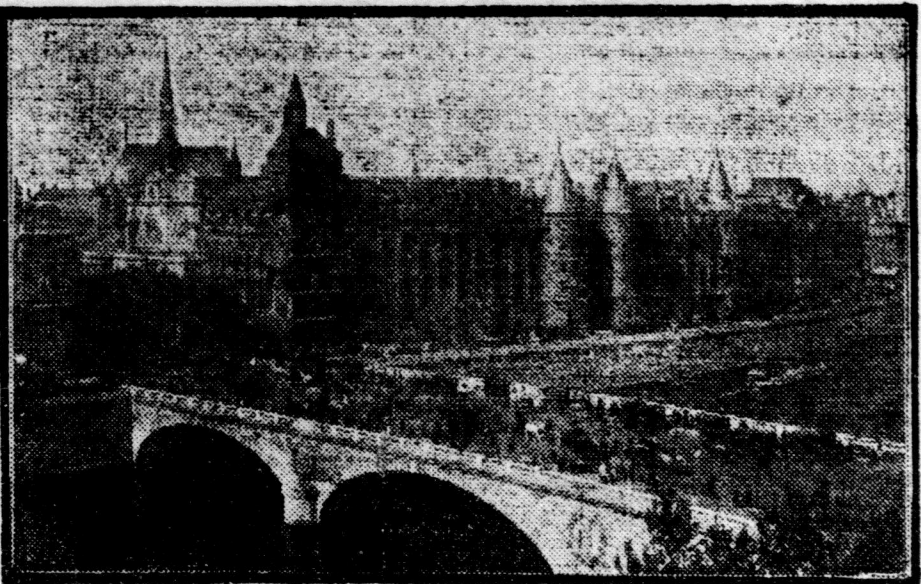
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SARNIA FARMER SAVED EXPRESS
BROKEN RAIL RIGHT AHEAD

Man Saw It, and Succeeded in Flagging the Train in the Nick of Time—Break Occurred Near Perch Creek Bridge—A Real Hero.

Had it not been for the presence of mind of a farmer, Grand Trunk passenger train due in this city at 1:10 p.m. from Sarnia, would certainly have been dithered while running at a high speed a little over two miles east of Sarnia a few days ago.

The train had left Sarnia as usual, and was making pretty good time, when Engineer Thomas Bruce, of this city, noticed a broken rail, whose name could not be secured, standing on the tracks flagging the train. The engineer brought the train to a standstill and was informed by the excited farmer that a piece of the rail about a foot long was broken out.

A Broken Rail.
Had the express struck the break the whole train would have been piled up in the ditch. The crew, composed of Engineer Thomas Bruce, and Conductor Douglas, replaced the broken piece, and after bracing it hauled the train over at a snail's pace, without mishap.

An official who was on the engine at the time, was left to guard the track, and the section gangs notified. The break was a short distance west of Perch Creek Bridge.

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POWER CASE TO
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Mr. J. M. McEvoy Says Bill if Passed Will Be Ultra Vires.

PEOPLE ARE NOT LIABLE

Never Assumed Liability for the Niagara Power Scheme by Their Votes.

The passing of legislation validating the contracts made by the hydro-electric commission with London and the other municipalities will by no means settle this question. A further test of the legality of the contracts and also of the proposed legislation will be made in the courts, and the merits of the case again adjudicated upon, according to Mr. John M. McEvoy, of this city. The case may go to the privy council.

There are many opinions expressed as to the influence of the proposed legislation on the cases now pending. The Smith vs. London case, in which Mr. McEvoy is counsel for the plaintiff, will come up at the assizes opening here on Monday. Whether or not the impending measure will result in the case being traversed to another court, is not definitely known. In any event, the action is creating much interest.

Mr. McEvoy was interviewed on the subject this afternoon, and stated that if the proposed legislation were passed further litigation would result.

A Question.
The question as to whether the liability for debts charged against the property of the municipality to raise the money for the building of a transmission line could be assessed by the commission without a vote of the people has already been considered by Chief Justice Meredith, Mr. Justice Anglin, Mr. Justice Mabee and Mr. Justice Clute, said Mr. McEvoy. "All these judges have made it plain that the liability which the hydro-electric commission is seeking to put upon the ratepayers, is a liability which they have never voted to be willing to assume."

The commission and the Government have at last conceded that they are seeking by the contract to fix upon the municipalities a liability which the ratepayers of any municipality have not yet voted upon. In order to prevent the ratepayers escaping this liability, the bill which Mr. McEvoy has introduced into the House is brought forward. The bill has not yet been passed, but is available to any one for examination, except the power of the Government and their confidential advisers.