INFANTICIDE VERDICT AGAINST MOTHER

Soldier's Wife Says Child Fell on Floor as Soon as Born.

"We find that Baby Henderson came to his death by the act of the mother, Grace Laverna Henderson, as shown by the evidence, and consider the mother guilty of infanticide." This was the verdict returned last night at the morgue, inquiring into the death of a child born to Mrs. Henderson, the body of which was found in a decomposed condition deposited in a chimney hole at 438 Euclid avenue.

The jury were sent out twice, the second time for the purpose of amending their original verdict, which was non-committal and was objected to by Coroner C. W. Clendenan, who conducted the inquest. Crown Attorney Richard Greer prosecuted for the crown, and W. B. Horkins represented the accused. William Henderson, husband of the prisoner, who recently returned with the 75th Battalion, and his little 2-year-old daughter were present.

During the length of the investigation he sat beside his wife, whose arm rested lovingly around his neck. It was very evident that the couple were strongly attached to each other and that the faith of the soldier husband had not been severly shaken by the unfortunate circumstances occurring in his absence. Mrs. Henderson remained composed while the various witnesses gave evidence. Her lawyer, W. B. Horkins, waived all preliminary evidence so that she did not take the stand to give evidence in her own defence. A sworn statement with her signature attached and which was drawn up, presented by Inspector Miller, of No. 11 division, constituted a part of the evidence. It continues as follows: "I gave birth to a male child early on the morning of June 7. Shortly after the child was born it fell out of my arms on the floor. It commenced to cry and I took it up and rolled it up in a quilt and put it in a suitcase (it was crying at the time). I did not look at it again for two or three days. I then took it out and rolled it in newspapers and put it in a chimney in the room. The father of the child is Corporal Harman and my husband was coming home with the 75th Battalion on June 8th, and I wanted to get rid of it before he arrived." Signed, Grace Laverna Henderson.

Warned Prisoner.

In presenting this statement Inspector Miller informed the coroner and jury that he had warned the prisoner that any evidence would be used against her and that she need not answer any questions unless she wished to.

Mrs. Vera Kelly, 75 McGill street, was the first witness called. It was at the direction of her husband that she had informed the police of the body being at 438 Euclid avenue. She stated that she had known Mrs. Henderson before she came to the city and used to visit her frequently at her flat on Euclid avenue. It was a week after the death of the infant that Mrs. Henderson had confessed the whole facts to her and shown her the body of the child, which was deposited in a suitcase. The witness positively stated that Mrs. Henderson had told her that at its birth she had hit the baby's head on the floor and that it had cried once, after which she had wrapped it in a quilt and put it in a suitcase. Despite a strict cross-examination by prisoner's counsel, she still maintained the truth of the statement. The first intimation she had had of the occurrence was on Saturday morning, June 7, when she had called at the home of the accused. "There was blood on the carpet and when I asked her how it got there she stated that she had fallen downstairs," said Mrs. Kelly.

Corroborates Wife.

Dr. Robert Dwyer, who conducted the post-mortem examination, said that he was unable to find any marks of gross violence on the body of the child, and that it was his opinion that it had fallen to the floor at birth. He stated that there was evidence of this. "How Mrs. Henderson ever escaped with her life without receiving the required medical attention I cannot say," said the doctor, adding that even if the child had lived after striking the floor it would have bled to death.

Asked by Crown Attorney Greer in regard to the signed story of the woman, Dr. Dwyer stated emphatically that he did not take any stock in that. He said that here was a case of a woman's frightened attempts to conceal a painful situation, and what she probably meant was she didn't like anyone to know she had been careless and had let the child drop on the floor. The witness concluded by saying that he could not say as to whether asphyxia, concussion or hemorrhage had been the cause of the infant's death.

Grace Henderson appeared in the police court yesterday charged with murder, and was remanded until the 20th inst.

CARS STILL DISAPPEAR.

Motor thieves are still operating in Toronto, despite the heavier sentences imposed. Somebody yesterday got away with a Ford touring car, bearing the number 22123, and belonging to Alex. Pringle.

WILL OPEN BRAZIL BRANCHES.

Rio de Janeiro, June 18.—The Royal Bank of Canada and the Yokohama specie bank of Japan are soon to open branches in several cities of Brazil.

THE "HERB" LENNOX PICNIC

The annual Herb Lennox Picnic will be held at Jackson's Point on Wednesday, the 16th day of July next. This year's picnic promises to be bigger and larger than ever—be sure and keep this date open.

GIVEN THREE MONTHS.

Harry Balsam, found guilty of stealing stamps from a pillar box, was sentenced to three months at the Jail Farm by Judge Morson in the county court yesterday.

G. W. V. A. CAMPAIGN

Kitchener, June 16.—Plans were completed here tonight for a one-day campaign in behalf of local veterans who are endeavoring to secure permanent quarters for the local branch of the G. W. V. A.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

DANFORTH

"HARD TIMES AND HOW TO CURE THEM"

W. A. Douglas of Tax Reform League, Advocates Single Measure.

"Hard Times, and How to Cure Them" was the subject of an interesting address given by W. A. Douglass, B.A., of the Tax Reform League, at a slimly attended tent meeting held at the corner of Danforth and Fenwick avenues last night. Frank Barber occupied the chair.

The speaker in his opening remarks pointed out the enormous increase in land values during the past years in the city of Toronto. He instanced the case of Yonge street land which at one time was purchased at $1.00 a foot, and is now valued at $10,000 a foot. In the centre of the city during the last hundred years the land has increased ten thousand times in value. Not so the buildings, they have long since disappeared. It is true that whatever man produces must be consumed or worn out. Then it must be reproduced, but with the value of the land it is different. It abides forever.

Does not this allow the owner of the favorite site to escape all burden of providing for the support of government while the industrial classes must provide not merely everything necessary for government, but also for the support of the luxurious homes of the land owners," said Mr. Douglass, adding that if we are to impose taxation with equity we must remove it from the products of industry.

BOARD OF EDUCATION "PARASITE POLICY"

"We have arrived at a time in Toronto at which parasite policy should be eliminated from the board of education in regard to the payment of retiring officials," said Albert Hanna, secretary Danforth Ratepayers' Association to The World yesterday.

"This most unscrupulous policy of paying hangers-on without earning their money must be classed with the I. W. W. It is a daring piece of business to take the ratepayers' money to pay a retiring official $2,000 a year after receiving a fine fat salary for so many years previously. The prodigality of spending the hard earned money of the citizens of Toronto will not be tolerated at the election in January next."

"The Danforth Ratepayers' Association's policy is on record to annihilate all pensions of city officials, board of education and exhibition directors," said Mr. Hanna.

RATEPAYERS NUMBER TWENTY-THREE BODIES

According to the statement of D. McCarty, secretary, the central council of York Township Ratepayers' Association has 23 ratepayers' organizations in good standing affiliated with the council, 18 ciing in the west and 5 in the east end. There is only one local ratepayers' association between Bathurst street and the Don river and it is the intention of the central council to organize at least two more distinct associations in that territory in the near future.

PLAINS ROAD SCHOOL PICNIC.

The arrangements for the picnic of the Plains Road School, to be held at Thorncliffe Flats, Don Mills road, on Saturday, June 28, are well under way. A program of sports has been arranged and a baseball match will be played. Mr. Cummings and Councillor J. A. MacDonald have furnished tents to the committee in charge and summer refreshments will be supplied. The minister of education, the minister of agriculture, Inspector Jordan and W. F. Maclean, M.P., have been invited to the picnic, to which all the boys and girls of S. S. No. 7 are looking forward to eagerly.

HYDRO ERECTING POLES.

In connection with the lighting of the district, the Hydro are now erecting poles and stringing wires on Salmon avenue, in the Woodbine Heights district.

DUST NUISANCE ABATED.

York Township Council is now carrying out various works of improvement in the east end. A new culvert has been placed at the foot of Barker avenue and the dust nuisance has been abated in several places by oiling the roads. Woodbine avenue has been oiled for some distance.

B.Y.P.U. ANNUAL PICNIC.

Danforth avenue B.Y.P.U. annual picnic will be held at High Park on Saturday. Mrs. V. T. Towers, president, and committee have arranged a fine program of games and sports, among other attractions.

SCARBORO

WARD EIGHT PICNIC.

Word Eight Liberal-Conservative Association is holding its annual picnic and games at Scarboro Beach athletic park on Saturday afternoon, June 28. Over 40 events have been arranged including games for returned soldiers and children. Special facilities are being provided and a large contingent of soldiers from the military hospitals in Toronto will be present as the guests of the association. Sir William Hearst is expected to attend and give a short address.

NORWAY

WANT WOODBINE AVE. PAVED.

A petition is at present being circulated among the residents of Norway hill for signatures, by a representative of a paving company to have Woodbine avenue, from Gerrard street to Kingston road, paved. "The residents should refuse absolutely to sign same until the civic authorities grade the road," said J. Lennox, a prominent member of Ward 8 Ratepayers' Association, to The World yesterday, who added that his association stopped the paving when a similar attempt was made some time ago and will stop this latest attempt.

EARLSCOURT

CITY MAY PURCHASE ROYCE PROPERTY

Mayor Favors Project to Turn Estate Into Public Park.

Earlscourt is excited over the possibility of the city council purchasing the Royce property here for a public park. It is understood that Mayor Church, who is especially interested in Earlscourt, favors the purchase.

To The World, Alderman Brook Sykes, for ward 6, said: "I have tried many times to interest the board of control in the Royce property as Earlscourt, with its teeming thousands, needs an open space more than any other section of the city, and I shall still continue to back the movement until we secure it."

The land covers some thirty acres and is in every way an ideal location for a public park after improvements have been made.

Lt.-Col. G. C. Royce has promised the use of the grounds to the 1919 fall fair committee in September.

Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE BASEBALL FIXTURES

Baseball is going strong in the northwest district. The Y. M. C. A. League announces the following games to be played on Appleton avenue grounds unless otherwise arranged.

Senior: Exhibition game—Oakwoods vs. Dufferins, 7 p.m., Thursday, June 19. Practice, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, June 21.

For Y.M.C.A. Cup.

Midget—Eaglets vs. Moose, 7 p.m. Friday, June 20; Tigers vs. Monarchs, 4.30 p.m. Saturday, June 21; Moose vs. Black Knights, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 21; Eaglets vs. Black Knights, 7 p.m., Monday, June 23; Moose vs. Monarchs, 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 25; Tigers vs. Eaglets, 7 p.m., Friday, June 27.

Bantam—Games as per schedule posted. To be played 4.30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

NEW MASONIC LODGE.

A new Masonic lodge was instituted last evening to be known as the Oakwood Lodge A. F. and A. M., in York Masonic Temple, Yonge street and Eglinton avenue. R. W. E. A. James officiated, assisted by other lodge grand officers. About 100 chartered members sat down to a banquet and several new names were proposed for membership from the Earlscourt district. After the banquet a social hour was spent. The new lodge will have its habitation on St. Clair avenue in the Oakwood block.

IN MOST BIG BATTLES.

Comrade J. W. Mowatt, a returned man who saw active service with the 8th C. G. A., has taken a position at a store on St. Clair avenue. He was in France for 20 months and participated in most of the big battles from Hill 70 to Passchendaele. He was with the army of occupation when it entered Germany. Mowatt is a member of the G. W. V. A.

WHY WYANDOTTES WIN.

Messrs. A. and J. Bennett gave an interesting address at the Oakwood poultry meeting on the avenue last night, on Wyandottes for show and utility purposes. They also brought with them a number of special Wyandottes that had been exhibited and won prizes. A vote of thanks was passed by the members.

PROPOSED G.W.V.A. HALL.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Earlscourt branch of the G.W.V.A., the question of the new hall came up for discussion and arrangements made for continuing an active campaign.

The site purchased by this branch is at the corner of Elmwood and St. Clair and is one of the best locations in this district.

METHODIST CADETS' OUTING.

Members of the ambulance cadets in connection with the proposed Park Methodist Church are arranging to have an outing on Thursday to Niagara-on-the-Lake. The cadets number about 60 and friends of the boys are also invited.

OAKWOOD

R. W. Bro. T. A. James, D.D.G.M., assisted by R. W. Bros. Rowland, Murphy, White and Sheldon, and other officers instituted the new Oakwood Lodge A. F. and A. M. in the York Hall, Yonge street, on Monday evening. The appointed officers are W. Bro. W. W. Schoales, W. M.; W. Bro. S. B. Gray, I. P. M.; J. H. Tandy, S. W., W. M. Maltby, J. W.; G. P. Richardson, chap.; C. F. Clemens, treas.; T. R. Tennant, sec.; W. Bro. H. E. Reid, D of C.; P. R. Hoad, S. D.; A. R. Jordan, J. D.; W. L. Jackson, I. G.

The Oakwood institution and installation of officers was the occasion of a pleasant evening and the lodge starts out under favorable auspices.

LEASIDE

ST. CUTHBERT'S SHOWER

Under the auspices of St. Cuthbert's Women's Guild, a shower and entertainment was held in the parish hall last evening. Owing to the intense heat the attendance was not large. Mrs. J. Wilkinson, president, presided, and the proceeds will be devoted to the new church building fund.

Rev. J. M. Lamb, rector, who has been ill for some weeks is slowly regaining health.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEET.

The York county council held two brief sessions yesterday, the morning session lasting from 12 until 1 and the afternoon session from 2 until 4 o'clock. The question of transporting soldier guests to the county reception at Aurora was discussed but no decision reached regarding the matter. The good roads program was broached during the afternoon session, but no discussion obtained. The council attended the Woodbridge U.F.O. rally en masse later in the day, but will meet in the council chambers this morning.

INSURGENCY DURING BUDGET DEBATE

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Sir Robert Borden replied that the purpose of the bill was to make Canadian naturalization uniform with that of the United Kingdom. The provisions were framed with that purpose and did not depart in any important respect from the provisions of the imperial act of last year. It was extremely important that the proposals should be carried into effect at the earliest date.

The bill was read a first time.

Westerner to Support

H. C. Wright, Battleford, continued the budget debate. He said, believing that the budget promised a measure of relief, he proposed to support it.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wright's speech, the Speaker asked if the house was ready for the question. He was about to put the question when Mr. W. D. Euler arrived in time to save the debate from collapse. Mr. Euler stated that he was opposed to the budget and entirely in sympathy with a large part of the amendment altho it went a little further than he would wish to go.

He intended to vote both against the amendment and against the budget.

Mr. Reid, of Mackenzie, regretted that the government had not brought down a budget which western members could accept in full. On principle, he was compelled to vote against it. He would therefore vote for the amendment because the rules of the house would not permit a sub-amendment.

Mr. McCoig thought that the agriculture department had not been as active in production as it should have been. The duty on agricutural implements had been so high in the past, said Mr. McCoig, that few of the implements were brought into Canada. Therefore, production was impeded, and the revenue of the country was not increased.

Sir Thomas Follows.

Sir Thomas White, following Mr. McCoig, emphasized the fact, that the increase in Canada's national debt was due entirely to the war. He declared that of all nations, which had been in the war, since the beginning, Canada's financial condition was the best. The nationall debt of the Dominion at the end of the present year, woud be about two billion dollars.

A conservative estimate of the debt of Great Britain would be about thirty-five billion. The debt of France, was tremendous, and even that of the United States, which had only been in the war for a year and a half, was now about twenty-five billion.

He referred to Mr. McCoig's remarks about the entry of farm tractors, saying that he could not quite understand the position of the member for Kent. Was Mr. McCoig advocating free agricultural implements on the one hand and complaining that the government brought these in free on the other? If Mr. McCoig was complaining about laxity in the administration of the customs department he could understand the position of the member for Kent, but that had nothing to do with the fiscal policy of the government.

Greatness of Victory Loan

Sir Thomas declared that of all the loans floated in the war by any of the belligerents the last Canadian Victory loan was by far the greatest success. An amount of $690,000,000 was raised, equivalent in the United States to fifteen billion dollars. As to the loan being tax exempt, Sir Thomas said that had it not been tax exempt, the country would not have obtained anything like the amount of money it did obtain or would have had to pay a much higher rate of interest.

The minister of finance emphasized the fact that it would probably be three or four years before an efficient organization for collecting the income tax was developed in Canada. There were many difficulties connected with the collection of this tax. To begin with, it was an inquisitorial process. You had to arrive at a man's income if possible and base your assessment on that. Some times it was necessary to delve into his affairs.

Every country adopting this method of taxation had met with similar difficulties. He thought that the adoption of a land tax would not be wise at the present time.

Keep Tariff Intact

Coming to Mr. McMaster's amendment, Sir Thomas said he did not believe there were in the house 20 men who would consider it wise to tear the tariff to pieces, and build it up again at the present time. In a great producing country like Canada duties on foodstuffs, he said, had an almost imperceptible effect, but these duties should bear more likely on the necessities. If the amendment were carried, he said customs collections which would be reduced by $17,000,000 by the proposed changes would be reduced by another 33 million dollars. A vote for the amendment would be a vote in favor of having the revenue of the country drop to fifty million dollars less than current expenses.

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RIVERDALE

COMMISSION SHOULD BUILD TO RENT

"Unless the Toronto housing commission build houses for rent they will fail in their object to house the citizens," said A. Stubbings, Fulton avenue, who claims he was the first to introduce the housing scheme to the citizens of Toronto several years ago, and has made the subject a life study.

"It is impossible," declared Mr. Stubbings, "for any workman with a family at the present time, considering the high cost of living, to pay ten per cent. of the purchase price, equivalent to $350, as a first payment on a home and also to be saddled with the house for 20 or 30 years without permission to sell if he so desired," said Mr. Stubbings, who added that he made enquiries at their palatial office on Bay street yesterday, where four clerks are employed, regarding a loan, and when he made certain suggestions he was informed that the housing commission was not a benevolent institution.

"Every citizen who applies for a loan to build a home should have promut attention and not be kept waiting an indefinite time, and small builders should be allowed to benefit as well as large contractors," he said.

DECIDE TO STRAIGHTEN BROADVIEW CAR LOOP

The works department has decided to straighten out the loop in the Broadview car line from Tennis crescent to Sparkhall avenue at a cost of $8,000, and work will start almost immediately.

DROWNING ACCIDENTAL

The inquiry into the drowning of the three little Italian boys, Ignazio and Lorenzo Simone and Mario Amodeo, 11, 12 and 13 years respectively, who were drowned on Sunday afternoon at the dam south of the Weston Sanitarium, at Mount Dennis, resulted in the finding that death was accidental. Dr. W. J. Charlton of Weston, coroner, was of the opinion that all three boys were victims of cramps from running to the river and jumping in when heated. The body of one of the lads was found in shallow water. All three were able to swim.

ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY OUTING.

The annual picnic in connection with St. John's Presbyterian Church primary Sunday school class was held in Riverdale Park yesterday. A good program of sports was carried out, and games were played. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent.

The proceedings were in charge of Miss Armstrong, president.

FLAGSTAFF MEMORIAL.

A flagpole and standard will be erected on the lawn in front of the Broadview Boys' Y. M. C. A. building, Broadview avenue, in memory of the boys fallen in the great war—members of the branch.

The names of the soldiers are inscribed on a plate at the base of the flagpole.

Nitrogen Plant at Trenton Is Destroyed by a Fire

Special to The Toronto World.

Belleville, June 18.—Fire yesterday morning at Trenton, destroyed the Nitrogen Plant, which was a large building formerly used by the British Chemical Co., and lately acquired by a Chicago firm. The loss amounting to several thousand of dollars, is covered by insurance.

The slogan of the Canadian Trade Commission, "Canada—Product," is to be a guarantee of good quality, fair price, and all around high level.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF YORK

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of York will at a meeting to be held on Monday, the 7th day of July, A.D. 1919, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Council Chamber at 40 Jarvis Street, in the City of Toronto, consider a By-law for stopping up, diverting and conveying to the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company, or its lessees, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, portions of St. Clair Avenue, Florence Crescent, Dundas Street and Scarlet Road, and for establishing as highways in lieu thereof certain lands to be conveyed to the Township by the said Railway Company, descriptions and plans of which portions of highways to be closed and lands to be established as highways are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the said Township of York and are there available for inspection by the public.

All persons interested or whose lands may or might be prejudicially affected by the passing of such proposed By-law are required to attend at the said meeting when they will be heard in person or by Counsel or Solicitor with reference thereto upon petitioning to be so heard.

Dated this 5th day of June, A.D. 1919.

W. A. CLARKE,
Clerk of York Township.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of York, pursuant to the provisions of Chap. 100, Statutes of Ontario, 1916; Chap. 38, Statutes of Ontario, 1917, and Sec. 9 of "The Local Improvement Act," and amendments thereto, intends to construct six inch cast iron water mains of service pipes, together with all specials, valves, hydrants, and other appurtenances necessary to make the said water mains or service pipes complete in the following streets, as local improvements, and intends to specially assess a part of the cost upon the lands abutting directly on the work, namely:—

WATERWORKS SECTION "A."
(Cost to be paid in ten annual instalments.)

1. (a) **Burton Road**, from Spadina Road to Kendal avenue, 650 ft.
(b) **Delevan avenue**, from Spadina Road to Kendal avenue, 690 ft.
(c) **Strathearn boulevard**, from Spadina Road to Kendal avenue, 906 ft.
(d) **Kendal avenue**, from Strathearn boulevard, to Burton Road, 930 ft.
(e) **Montclair avenue**, from City Limits to west end, 760 ft.
(f) **Lonsdale Road**, from City Limits to Spadina Road, 622 ft. 3½ in.
(g) **Thelma avenue**, from Spadina Road to east end, 625 ft.

The estimated cost of the work is $20,000.00, of which $4,900.00 is to be paid by Waterworks Sec. "A." The estimated annual special rate per foot frontage is 24c.

2. (a) **Graham Road**, from Atlas avenue to east end, 325 ft.
(b) **McNab avenue**, from Atlas avenue to Dundurn avenue, 375 ft.
(c) **Dundurn avenue**, from McNab avenue to north end, 380 ft.
(d) **Grimthorpe Road**, from Atlas avenue to east end, 325 ft.
(e) **Humewood Drive**, from city limits to north end, 636 ft.
(f) **Louise avenue**, from Humewood Drive to Rushton Road, 300 ft.
(g) **Normanna avenue**, from Atlas avenue to Ambrose avenue, 500 ft.

The estimated cost of the work is $14,400.00, of which $2,688.00 is to be paid by Waterworks Sec. "A." The estimated special annual rate per foot frontage is 24c.

Dated and published this 19th day of June, 1919.

W. A. CLARKE,
Clerk of York Township.