

PRODGER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL WILL COME UP IN SEPTEMBER

Magistrate Love Holds That Evidence Adduced Is Sufficient to Warrant His Commitment—Prisoner Was Quite Cool and Evidently Was Not Surprised at the Decision—His Friends Say He Will Put Up a Strong Defence.

"Upon the evidence before me, I commit you for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction on a charge of shooting Miss Elizabeth Frank, and shooting with intent to kill, at her home on April 5 last," said Magistrate Love to John Prodger at the police court this morning.

Prodgers trial will probably take place some time in September. He was represented by Mr. W. R. Meredith. Mr. Meredith explained the situation to Prodger, who stood up in the cage when his name was called.

The prisoner took the matter quite coolly, and was evidently prepared for the court's decision.

He looks well and is getting stouter.

The police say that Prodger is a model prisoner, and has not given the slightest trouble since being arrested.

No Application for Bail.

Crown Attorney McKillop stated to The Advertiser that Prodger or his counsel has not yet made application for bail. He is at liberty to do this at any time before Magistrate Love or a judge.

"No application has been made before me," said Magistrate Love. "And if it were, I should refuse it, under the circumstances."

"Prodger faces a sentence of life imprisonment if he is found guilty," said Crown Attorney McKillop, to The Advertiser. "I have no idea what line of defence he will make."

Prodger's friends say that he will put up a strong defence, despite the evidence which has been brought forth.

SHAM BATTLE IS CALLED OFF OWING TO DEATH OF THE KING

Col. Hodgins, D. O. C., of This City, Has Been Notified From Ottawa and Will Carry Out the Orders—Military Parade On Day of Civic Memorial Service.

Col. Hodgins, D. O. C., has received instructions from headquarters that the sham fight and tactical exercises which he had arranged for Victoria Day will, owing to the King's death, be postponed.

"The sham battle will not be held before fall," said Col. Hodgins. Representatives from the different troops comprising the garrison here will attend the special memorial service which will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20.

This is Too Bad. Had the arrangements for the sham

battle been carried out the day would, from a military standpoint, have been one of the biggest that London has had in many years. It was the intention to bring the 15th Hamilton, 21st Essex Fusiliers and 24th Chatham regiments here.

The forces were to have been divided into two parts, "Reds" and "Blues," and one was to have occupied a position and defended it against the attack of the others.

Col. Hodgins is of the opinion that this class of work is very much needed among the men and is of great practical value to them.

MAYOR WRITES THE PERE MARQUETTE

Asks Why the Company Seeks Consent of City to Operate Sunday Cars.

LOOKS LIKE BROAD HINT

City Council Does Not Want to Get Tangled Up in Row Which Railway Commission Can Settle.

The Pere Marquette may run cars to Port Stanley without waiting for the consent of the city.

Mayor Beattie, in a recent letter to Superintendent Pyatt, asked him the question "Why does the company ask the consent of the city to run Sunday cars?"

This hint, as mentioned before, explains the attitude of the city, making it rather clear that there is no desire on the part of the council to become entangled in the question.

On all sides the wisdom of interfering with the problem is doubted, as it is understood to be a straight question to be settled by the Dominion railway commission. There is no certainty that the city has any power in the matter.

Will Sit Tight.

It was stated today by a man in close touch that the Pere Marquette would sit tight and wait until the commission had finally disposed of the London and Lake Erie trouble.

If a favorable verdict is received, they will run cars to Port to compete with the London and Lake Erie.

"If the Dominion railway commission has jurisdiction in one case they have in the other," said Mayor Beattie. "It is merely a question of law."

IS BORDEN GOING TO CANADIAN PACIFIC?

Montreal Had a Rumor That He Was To Be Chief Solicitor.

[G. N. W. Service.]

Montreal, May 12.—"I do not think the Hon. R. L. Borden has the slightest intention of leaving politics," was the reply of Mr. A. R. Creelman, chief C. P. R. solicitor, and a new member of the board of directors, when asked today what he thought of the report that the conservative leader was to retire from that position and become chief C. P. R. solicitor.

Mr. Creelman added: "I do not think that any suggestion has been made to or by him that he should become connected with our company. I am still general counsel of the company, and have not heard of any intention on the part of the company to relieve me of my duties. My election as a director of the company does not interfere with my work as head of the legal department."

THE SENATE VACANCY.

Ottawa, May 12.—It is understood that the senate vacancy caused by the death of Senator Ferguson, will be filled by the appointment of L. E. Prowse, M. P. for Queen's, P. E. I.



JOHN PRODGER, Committed for Trial on Charge of Shooting Miss Elizabeth Frank With Intent to Kill.

PORT BURWELL HARBOR INSPECTED

C. P. R. Officials Went Over the Ground, It Is Understood, On Wednesday.

MOVE HAS SIGNIFICANCE

It May Be That the C. P. R. Will Direct Its Coal Business to Port Stanley and Secure the L. and P. S. R.

No new developments in connection with the Canadian Pacific's policy of expansion have been made known during the past day or two, but the officials of the road are working on big plans, which will be explained in a short time.

Superintendent Oberne, of Toronto, and Assistant Superintendent McKillop, of this city, yesterday made an inspection of Port Burwell harbor, and it is understood that the visit has some connection with the proposed improvements in London.

It is admitted on all sides that the Port Burwell harbor has been causing the company some difficulty, and they are desirous of making a change to Port Stanley if such a change can be effected.

East End Loop.

That would give the company room in the city for the distribution of their coal and other freight, and would also assist them greatly in working an east end loop successfully.

The latter proposition is considered one of the most important features of the extensive improvements contemplated by the company in the city. It is no secret that the C. P. R. pay, of \$20,000 or \$30,000 annually in inter-switching charges. This is called tribute, by the officials, to the Grand Trunk for the privilege of handling business in this city.

Save the Money.

The C. P. R. are anxious to save that sum of money, or at least part of it, and give a better and more prompt service. One switch a day does not make for expeditious service, and the delays caused by slow delivery have militated against their business to a considerable degree.

The inter-switching charges, must increase as the business increases.

The C. P. R. formerly handled a considerable amount of Grand Trunk freight from North Bay onward. They were certain of a part of the haul in any event, as the Grand Trunk had no direct route through Canada.

With the G. T. P. nearing completion of this work, and they must come down into the city to get more even footing with the company.

After the Factories.

There are a number of big factories in the east end, and they will increase their output. It costs the C. P. R. \$7 a car to switch McClary goods to their lines. With a direct line to their factory this amount will be saved, and a more prompt service rendered.

The business, George White & Sons, the London Rolling Mills, and a score of other factories there are increasing their facilities for turning out goods, and they will be big shippers to the west for the next few years.

Report To Be Made.

Agents of the company are looking the ground over and a report will be made in the near future.

A union depot is not being lost sight of. In Hamilton the Grand Trunk desire to get down town to the C. P. R. depot. In London the C. P. R. want to get down to the Grand Trunk depot. One may be set over against the other, and a desired improvement to both cities follow.

UNCLE SAM LAUNCHES NEW "DREADNOUGHT"

The Battleship Florida Successfully Launched at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

[Associated Press.]

New York, May 12.—The battleship Florida, the biggest of the American Dreadnoughts built thus far, was successfully launched at the Brooklyn navy yards today in the presence of the Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the naval attaches of all the powers, and a crowd of 50,000 enthusiasts.

The 21,825-ton fighting ship, built to carry the thunder of ten 12-inch guns, glided down the ways to the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner," while the crowd cheered, and hundreds of river craft tooted their noisy welcome.

Battle of Batoche.

Twenty-five years ago today the Battle of Batoche was being waged. The fight, which lasted three days, was commenced on the ninth of May, when General Middleton, at the head of the Canadian troops, attacked Riel's rebels, Indians and half-breeds entrenched in rifle pits, in front of Batoche, and defeated them, thus ending the Northwest rebellion.

SCORES OF ENGLISH MINERS ENTOMBED BY AN EXPLOSION

Trapped in Gas-Filled Pit Near Manchester and Rescue Parties Are Unable to Reach Them, Causing Gravest Apprehension.

Manchester, May 12.—An explosion in the Wellington coal mine at White Haven during last night cut off the exit from the 136 miners who were working below the surface.

Rescue parties succeeded early today in saving four men who had been working at the bottom of the shaft, but were prevented by the gas from penetrating to a point where the other men are imprisoned.

Up to 1:30 o'clock this afternoon no further rescue has been accomplished. Every indication was that the inner workings of the mine were as safe, and there was gravest apprehension regarding the entombed men.

Distracted crowds of relatives surrounded the pit head and the scene was distressing.

As every option taken by Messrs. Hould and Knott has been approved by the company, the money will be paid over in a few days. The price secured by Mr. Brown was \$2,700. The cottage is a large one in very good condition. It is heated by a furnace and is connected with gas and plumbing. The acre of ground is in fine condition. The price secured appears to be based on the average figures named in the different options.

A Big Deal.

Mr. A. King, of English street, who, with his son, owns six cottages on English street and Central avenue, two of which are in the course of erection has been approached by the company and has given an option on the property. A small cottage, No. 956, to the east of

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\$150,000 WORTH OF REAL ESTATE REQUIRED BY THE C. P. RAILWAY

First of the Options Have Been Taken Up—Options Are Held On 25 Houses—Prices Paid Are Very Fair—Syndicate Has Covered the Ground.

The first of the options taken by Mr. Arthur Hould and Mr. Thomas Knott for the Canadian Pacific Railway fell due yesterday, four being accepted. Very fair prices are being paid, it is said, and over \$150,000 worth of real estate is included in the deals.

Options are held on 20 or 25 houses and over 1,500 feet of land fronting on Central avenue, between English street and the eastern end of the street about a block and a half away on the north side of Elias street, between Ontario and Quebec streets, on Quebec street on each side of the railway company's property, and on Middleton avenue, a new street paralleling the C. P. R. to the south.

Those Taken Up.

The four options that have been taken up are those on a large cottage, No. 948, on an acre of land on the north side of Elias street, owned by Mr. W. H. Brown, a story-and-a-half frame house, No. 956, to the east of

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EMPLOYERS GIVE MEN NOTICE TAKE OLD SCALE OR QUIT WORK

Hitch With the Cigarmakers Appears Now at Breaking Point—It Does Not Look as Though the Employers Will Negotiate Further With the Men.

The local cigar manufacturers, or at least some of them, have decided to grapple at once with the strike situation, and have notified their employees that after Friday they are dismissed, and if they want to come back under the old scale on Monday morning they may do so. They will not agree to pay the new rate, but will allow the men to return under old conditions.

Others may follow this example on Friday, thus compelling a walk-out, unless the men are prepared to submit.

This is considered tantamount to a refusal of the manufacturers to deal with the union organizer who is expected in the city this week.

At labor headquarters it was reported that he had not yet arrived, but they were looking for him almost any hour.

AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

A number of manufacturers spoken to today declare that they will not discuss the situation at the present time, but will await developments. However, it was admitted by the firm mentioned above that they had wearied of the constant agitation, and were determined to bring matters to a climax at once.

The union men say little, but they are making preparations for a big strike.

Some of them are looking for positions elsewhere, while others have made preparations to move.

Labor may be imported to the city from outside to work, but the union men declare that cigarmakers are scarce, and it will be impossible to fill the places of the strikers.

OFFICERS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE
TO KING GEORGE THE FIFTH

Crown Attorney McKillop Was Sworn in On Wednesday and Police Magistrate Love Took the Oath This Morning.

Magistrate Love was sworn in as a magistrate of His Majesty King George V. this morning.

He took the oath of allegiance before Crown Attorney McKillop, who himself took the oath yesterday.

Magistrates all through the district, and judges and other officials will also have to take the oath of allegiance to the new King.

All the officers and men of the Seventh Regiment will have to be re-sworn, and this will take place after the King's funeral is held on May 20.

A YOUNG MAN OF ST. THOMAS
COMMITTS SUICIDE AT COBALT

Harold Sharon, While Temporarily Insane, Shoots Himself After Leaving a Note Disposing of His Effects to His Friends.

Cobalt, Ont., May 12.—After writing a short note distributing all his little personal effects to his friends, Harold Sharon got into bed and shot himself through the head in his room at the La Rose mine. Tuesday night he was apparently careless and bade all his old friends at the La Rose mine, where he worked, goodbye, stating that he was going to Porcupine. There is no doubt that he meditated suicide, for he left a note disposing of his effects. To some time at the Nipissing mine office as stenographer, but was later transferred to the La Rose mine. The jury returned a verdict this morning of suicide while temporarily insane.

dress and asked them to break the news gently to her.

When found he was lying in bed fully dressed. There was a revolver in his hand, and with it he had drilled a hole in his head just behind the ear. He had carefully signed two checks just before he died.

Sharon had been in town for about two years. He was about 22 years old and came from St. Thomas, where his home was. He had also lived in California. He worked for some time at the Nipissing mine office as stenographer, but was later transferred to the La Rose mine. The jury returned a verdict this morning of suicide while temporarily insane.

Wild Runaway Dashed Into a Wagon On Talbot Street—Driver Thrown Out.

A runaway on King street, just opposite the market square, caused considerable excitement about half past ten this morning.

For some time no serious results attended the wild dash up King street, but Mr. David Berry, an aged market gardener, of West London, had a most narrow escape.

The horse, which figured in the incident belonged to the London Dray and Transfer, and was being driven by Mr. T. R. Marr.

The animal became frightened on Dundas street, and Mr. Marr was thrown out on the road. The horse continued its mad course, turning up Talbot street and on to King street.

Mr. Berry's rig was standing opposite the weigh scales. The runaway horse headed straight for it, but luckily Mr. Berry saw it coming and jumped out just in the nick of time.

Smashed the Wagon.

The force of the impact smashed the end of the wagon, threw out a bale of hay and scattered the contents of a milk can all over the roadside, plentifully bespattering Mr. Berry.

The horse then continued its run, but was captured a few yards farther up.

Mr. Marr, the driver of the runaway, suffered seriously from the shock. He alighted heavily on the road and was scarcely able to walk. It was feared for a time that it would be necessary to call a doctor, but he was driven home, and no serious results are anticipated.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

At Cape Race—Lusitania, from Liverpool; La Provence, from Havre; K. A. Victoria, from Hamburg; Sardinian, from London.

At New York—Oceanica, from Southampton; Caronia, from Liverpool; Princess Irene, from New York.

At Quebec—Zaandij, from Rotterdam.

At Montreal—Granplan, from Liverpool; At Liverpool—Friesland, from Philadelphia; At Queenstown—Zeeland, from Boston; At Hamburg—America, from New York.

At Trieste—Alice, from New York.

At Plymouth—Adriatic, from New York.