

D. J. McLEAN, NOTED POSTAL OFFICIAL HERE, DIES TODAY

Popular Official Spent Thirty Years in Service — Was Postal Superintendent.

DEATH IS SUDDEN

Duncan J. McLean, district superintendent of the postal service, passed away at the family residence, 209 Ridout street, this morning after an illness extending over several weeks. Mr. McLean had been suffering from bronchial pneumonia, and of late had showed considerable improvement. On awakening this morning he ate a hearty breakfast and members of the family remarked on the noticeable change for the better. A few hours later he was seized with a heart attack and died almost instantly.

Mr. McLean had been in the employ of the postoffice department for over 30 years, and during that time his rise to his present position came as the result of many years of faithful service. Only a year ago he was made superintendent, rising from the position of inspector, which he held for a number of years. Born in Quebec 41 years ago, Mr. McLean had resided in London for the past nine years.

Gifted with a pleasing personality, he made friends with all, and it was with deep regret that the staff of the local postoffice learned this morning of the death of one whom they had held in high esteem.

He was a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church, and during his residence in London attended St. Andrew's Church.

He is survived by two sons, Duncan at the Hollinger Mines, David, two daughters, Mary and Alice, all at home. Mrs. McLean predeceased him a number of years ago. No other relatives live in Canada, although several reside in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, although the body will be taken to Bridgeburg on Monday, where interment will take place.

1924 TENNIS SEASON OPENS IN CITY TODAY

Public Utilities Putting Finishing Touches on Courts in Various Parks.

AA tennis nets for which the Public Utilities Commission is responsible in the various city parks are going up this afternoon. This is the first move springwards by the commission in the matter of their recreation activities. The outdoor tennis courts are being put in place. A meeting of the playground committee will be held early next week to decide on the season's program. The question of a supervisor for the playgrounds for the year will be discussed and some arrangement as to the appointment come to, in view of the approaching warm weather. Several candidates are understood to have sent in their applications for this post.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TAKES PLACE TODAY

Interest of Students at University Reaches High Pitch.

The election of officers of the students' council, the literary society and the men's arts club takes place today at the University of Western Ontario. The balloting provided a great deal of excitement for the students, most of whom have been working night and day to further the cause of their favorite candidates.

In the students' council, Grant Wiley was elected prefect by acclamation, and now great is the interest that centers about the election of either Miss Eunice Moorehouse or Miss Flo Macdonagh for sub-prefect. For secretary-treasurer the students will decide between Harold Garbutt, Helen Hughes, and Gladys Ferrier, for treasurer, Harold Newell and Dick Bowen.

In the men's arts club Dr. K. P. R. Neville was elected honorary president by acclamation. The following have been nominated: President, H. Blackwell, N. Andrews; vice-president, Geo. Ron, Allan Grant; secretary, G. Mitchell, A. Charles, G. Simpson.

In the literary society, Les Gray was elected president by acclamation. Other nominations were: Vice-president, Lillian Kingsborough; Grace Gibbard; second vice-president, Mary Wilkie, Stuart Brownlee; secretary, Jean McIntosh, Helen Garbutt; treasurer, Reg Appleyard (acclamation).

MESSENGERS FLEE VISIONING REPETITION OF BANK HOLD-UP

Montreal Bank Carriers Stalled by Automobile Parked in Subway.

SEEK POLICE HELP

Stationary Car Found To Be One Used For Fixing Overhead Wires.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, April 3.—Messengers of the Bank of Hochelaga who were held up, fired at and robbed of \$142,288 on Tuesday afternoon in the Ontario street subway received a shock this afternoon at 1:45 when their collection car with \$150,000 aboard, approached the same spot where the holdup had occurred.

Some distance ahead and directly in their path in the subway they sighted an automobile athwart and blocking the tunnel road with four men standing around. It was stationed in the same spot where Tuesday's murder and robbery occurred.

The bank car immediately turned in its tracks and came back to the bank's branch at Fulham street, where the messengers at once called for police protection. Nine constables and two police lieutenants were rushed to the spot. They found the stationary automobile to be one belonging to the Bell Telephone Company engaged in repairing wires. The bank car then proceeded on its course.

DOHERTY RECALLS MOVE TO SUMMON PETER SMITH

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the Home Bank, the witness identifying the initials on the checks. "I notice the checks running pretty close together for the Toronto and Ontario payments. Were these figured on the basis of one per cent?"

Col. Price also questioned the witness as to the entry on June 19 for \$2,000, which, he said, did not appear in the debit and interest account. Other payments were: Sept. 21, \$3,000; Oct. 4, \$2,000. "Apparently the voucher is missing," said the provincial treasurer. "Is this in your handwriting?" "It is initialed by myself and paid on Oct. 4."

The next item was dated Oct. 8, 1922, and was of \$1,000. The suspense account was in Calvert's writing, the interest account slip by Chapman.

Then they came to 1923, a check dated Dec. 20, 1922, not having gone through until Jan. 4.

At this stage Col. H. D. Lockhart, Gordon, partner of liquidator G. T. Clark, came in and whispered to Col. Price for a moment, then left. Refers to \$3,000 item.

On April 3 there was an item of \$3,000, which seemed to have been actually paid on April 6.

"On the same debit slip is the payment on account of City of Toronto deposits," commented Col. Price, "though the date for that is April 6. On June 7 there was an item of \$2,000."

"When did Mason take it?" "About May 10."

"How did he get this?" "I took it up to his house."

"Was he in bed?" "No, he was sitting up. He was capable of doing business."

"Yes, he was directing the bank's affairs."

"Another record was of July 11, and a \$2,000 payment." "That was marked against remittance account."

"Why?" asked Col. Price. "Calvert said it was much the same in effect as the suspense account."

"Did you make any appointments for Mason when he was ill?" "Not just at that time."

"Any other times?" "Yes; he once asked me to have the provincial treasurer come to see him."

Miss Gertrude Virtue, who was secretary to J. C. Mason, general manager of the Home Bank, was the next witness. She produced her personal office diary which showed appointments between Hon. Peter Smith and Mr. Mason. Usually the item merely was "Hon. Peter Smith," which Miss Virtue said was simply a reminder to Mr. Mason. (The item started in the diary of 1921).

There were six or seven items with Mr. Smith's name in 1921. Then there was one on Sept. 7, 1922, which simply read "Hon. Peter Smith."

Mr. Price pointed out that on that day Mason got money handed to him for interest on provincial deposits.

Smith's Visits Frequent.

"How many times was Mr. Smith in Mr. Mason's office?" asked Mr. Price.

"Dozens of times. He was always expected and never came except by appointment," said Miss Virtue.

On Sept. 27, 1922, Mr. Mason got \$2,000 in legal from the bank in payment of interest on provincial deposits, and according to the diary there was an appointment to see Mr. Smith entered that day.

Another item in Mr. Mason's own diary for March 1 read, "11 a.m. Hon. Peter Smith." On that day \$4,000 was paid to Mr. Mason as interest on provincial deposits. About fifteen other items concerning Hon. Mr. Smith were in this diary.

Mr. Price pointed out that the committee was anxious to know if Mr.

British Mails

The next mails for Great Britain and Europe will be closed as follows: Monday, April 7, at 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter only, via S.S. America from New York, April 9.

Wednesday, April 9, at 3 p.m.—Parcel post and newspapers only, via S.S. Montrose from St. John, N. B., April 11.

Thursday, April 10, 3 p.m.—Newspapers only, via S.S. Marlow from St. John, N. B., April 12, 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter only, via S.S. Olympic from New York, April 12.

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Treasurer Bell Outlines How Taxes Will Be Spent

City Treasurer James Bell submits his first official statement showing how the 1924 tax levy of \$2,298,224.98 is slated for expenditure.

Of this amount, the total school expenditure will be \$974,823.91, not including the University of Western Ontario, however.

On every \$100 worth of assessment the ratepayer will pay \$3.47 on the new rate of \$4.66 mills.

His statement follows:

On each \$100 of Assessment.	Whole City	Amount	Mills in Dollar.
Public and separate school rate	\$974,823.91	\$974,823.91	14.3024
Collegiate Institute rate	162,981.11	162,981.11	2.5087
Technical High School rate	98,538.39	98,538.39	1.5182
Total school rate	1,236,343.41	1,236,343.41	18.3293
Police department	22,000.00	21,973.24	.3386
Mothers' pensions	15,427.29	15,408.53	.2375
Board of health	32,524.14	32,484.58	.5006
Public library rate	46,000.00	45,944.95	.7089
Parks fund rate	20,000.00	19,975.67	.3079
Playgrounds	15,150.00	15,131.57	.2332
County Middlesex roads	879,550.98	878,481.19	13.5384
Debtenture rate	653,763.18	652,998.09	10.0220
Other purposes mun. council			
Total	\$2,298,224.98	\$2,298,224.98	44.2556
Less receipts other than taxation	\$132,596.83	\$132,435.56	2.0410
Less receipts to pay deb. charges	\$504,819.85	\$504,269.84	7.7704
Total	\$637,416.68	\$636,641.40	9.8114
Net rate	\$2,240,808.30	\$2,241,583.58	34.4442
Patriotic tax on deb. issues, etc.	\$14,842.75	\$13,969.07	.2153
Total	\$2,255,651.05	\$2,255,542.65	34.6595

ANNEXED DISTRICT.

Public and separate school rate	Amount	Mills in Dollar.
Collegiate Institute rate	\$31,735.34	2.2204
Technical High School rate	10,628.97	1.5754
Total school rate	\$42,364.31	14.3024
Police department	119.97	.0026
Mothers' pensions	26.76	.0041
Board of health	35.56	.0054
Public library rate	55.95	.0085
Parks fund rate	24.53	.0037
Playgrounds	18.43	.0028
County Middlesex roads	1,069.79	.1629
Debtenture rate	736.09	.1125
Other purposes municipal council		
Total	\$49,128.09	15.3398
Less receipts other than taxation	161.27	.0024
Less receipts to pay debtenture charges	614.91	.0091
Total	776.18	.0115
Net rate	\$48,351.91	15.0000
Patriotic tax on debtenture issues, etc.	\$73.68	.0011
Total	\$48,425.59	15.2153

"LIT" OF CENTRAL HIGH HOLDS FINAL SESSION

Varied and Entertaining Program Presented in Auditorium This Afternoon.

The last meeting of the season of the Central Collegiate Literary Society was held this afternoon in the auditorium and had an ambitious program. In the absence of Charles Foulkes, the president, the chair was taken by Ross Miller for the first half of the program, and Harry Hayman for the second half.

The program included a violin solo by Howard Jarry, accompanied by Jack May; a reading by Nan Kellman; a dance by Doris Smith; a ukulele and guitar offering by Garnet Stephen and Harry Sletten; a musical solo by Ruth Benton; and a play, "Cinderella," given by the pupils of Miss McCann.

The meeting was held under the guidance of the English teachers in the college, who are Miss Margaret Uren, Miss Alice Keelo, Miss Edna Holland, Miss Dorothy McCann, Miss McKay and Frederick C. Jennings.

MINISTERS WOULD AID 3 CONDEMNED MEN

Sheriff Tells All Prisoners Seem Satisfied With Rev. Quintin Warner.

Several city ministers who have had the spiritual welfare of Sid Murrell, "Slim" Williams and Clarence Topping at heart, have telephoned Sheriff Cameron, asking if there was anything they could do for the condemned men who are scheduled to hang on April 10.

The sheriff instructed them that Rev. G. Quintin Warner had been looking after the men for some time, and that they appeared to be quite satisfied with him.

William Murrell, father of Sidney, was anxious to have Rev. R. M. McAllister, of the Pentecost Mission, visit his son and visited Mr. McAllister in the matter. The latter did not call up the sheriff himself, but a city constable, a friend of the minister, talked to the sheriff and met with a refusal.

Sheriff Graham, when interviewed, stated several ministers had telephoned him and he had given the same answer to all, namely, that the men were quite satisfied with Mr. Warner.

MIDDLESEX MOTORISTS MINUS NEW LICENSES

There are a number of motorists in Middlesex County who are traveling the roads equipped with 1923 license plates