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THE KINRADE INQUEST TO CONTINUE MONDAY

After Friday's Adjournment—Revolver Not Found—Two More Important Witnesses.

HAMILTON, March 17.—(Special.)—All hope of closing the Kinrade inquest on Friday evening has been abandoned, and it is now proposed to adjourn after hearing the medical testimony Friday evening, and probably some other witnesses, until Monday afternoon, and to continue the enquiry until all the evidence that the police have been able to gather is submitted. Unless there are developments it is likely the enquiry will be kept open for some time in the hope that new evidence may be secured.

The police to-day failed to find any trace of the revolver in the sewer pipe leading from the Kinrade home. It was found that there was no trap, so that there is no obstruction between the house and the sewer.

Miss McLellan, 94 Herkimer-street, says that she saw Mrs. Kinrade leaving her home on the afternoon of the murder at about 3.20. She remembers the time because she was waiting for a friend to call. It had been arranged that the friend was to call at 3 o'clock, and she was 25 minutes late. Miss McLellan says she saw Mrs. Kinrade leaving the house a few minutes before the friend called.

Mrs. Rudd, 76 Charles-street, who claims to know the Kinrade family well, says she saw Ethel Kinrade pass the corner of Charles and Jackson-streets at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the murder.

A Clue at Buffalo.

A Niagara Falls, N.Y., special says: "Canadian detectives were in the city to-day in search for a young man who is believed to be able to throw some light on the murder of Ethel Kinrade in Hamilton. He was not located, however. It is understood that he was on intimate terms with both Ethel and Florence Kinrade before the tragedy, and had several times been at their home, calling on the younger sister. What further connection he had with the case or what his name is could not be learned to-night. However, it is understood that the man so much wanted by the Canadian authorities at present was a railroad employe, and that he is now in Buffalo."

A despatch from Sarnia says that John McDonald, under arrest in Port Huron on the charge of vagrancy, and who claims to have escaped from the Kingston Asylum for the Insane, has written the following letter to the sheriff: "Having escaped two weeks ago from the Kingston Asylum, I have decided to confess it all, for the truth will come out anyway. I was in the Toronto Asylum for some time, and some time ago was sent down from Toronto to Kingston for five years. I was known at Kingston as John Wilson, but at Toronto as John McDonald. I was in Hamilton the day the officer was shot, but could not hear about it, as I took the train."

An Offer of Land.

Joseph Pym and William Turner offered the parks board this evening enough land to connect the mountain driveway at the end of Concession-street with the roadway at the head of James-street. The board will inspect the property. A new deer has been purchased for the Dundurn Zoo.

St. Patrick's Day was marked by several entertainments held this evening by the various societies. Rev. Canon Cody, Toronto, spoke in the Conservatory of Music to the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society on "Social Life in Ireland One Hundred Years Ago." The Ancient Order of Hiberians held an entertainment in the Grand Opera House. The program was put on under the direction of John Hackett. St. Patrick's Club held an oyster supper in the C.M.B.A. Hall.

Needa Harris, Pearl Quackenbush, and Gertrude Gentle, three girls from Toronto, were arrested to-night on the charge of being drunk and disorderly at Bennett's Theatre.

John Missa, 557 North James-street, was locked up on a warrant this evening charging him with cutting and wounding a fellow Italian, Todor Biselifm.

Hamilton Delegation.

The following were appointed by the standing committee of the Niagara Synod this morning to attend the consecration of Bishop Sweeny on March 25: Dean Houston, Archdeacon Clark, Adam Brown, and T. E. Leather. It was reported that many of the clergymen of the diocese had been given salary increases, a number of the small stipends being brought up to the $700 minimum.

Dr. Warren C. Ryckman, Maxwell, Ont., and Miss Ethel, daughter of W. G. Moore, were married this afternoon.

Samuel Goldberg, proprietor of the Pioneer Hotel, was fined $100 in police court this morning for selling after hours on Saturday, March 6. Constable Lentz was the complainant.

A special session of the city council will be held Thursday evening to consider terms for the annexation of a large tract east of Sherman-avenue and south of Barton-street.

The Normal, Picton and Sophia-street schools, which will be formally opened next Friday by Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, will be thrown open for inspection of the public from 2 till 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Andrew Rodjyk, whose husband was murdered, is reported to be dying in Chicago.

Harry Cowan and Miss Eleanor Smith were married this afternoon at the residence of Rev. Neil Leckie, Londesborough.

Private Detective Wells, writing from Vancouver, B.C., announces that he will flood Hamilton with 10,000 letters giving full details of the Barton murder investigation.

The man who was killed on the railway tracks near Waterdown has been identified as John Bilekma, a Pole.

The government has appointed James Sturdy as license inspector of Hamilton in the place of Detective Bleakley, who resigned.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN THE LIFE OF CHARLES LAMB.

This Hamilton mystery recalls the terrible incident in the life of Charles Lamb, when his sister Mary, in a sudden fit of insanity, took her aged mother's life. The story of the "Gentle Elia" setting aside his own hopes and desires and devoting himself to the care of his unfortunate sister are of the most pathetic in literature. Alfred Ainger in his Life of Lamb thus narrates the tragedy:

This year, 1795-96, was indeed a memorable one in the annals of the brother and sister. The fortunes of the Lamb family were at low ebb. They had removed to lodgings in Little Queen-st., the mother a confirmed invalid and the father sinking gradually into second childhood. Charles had been temporarily under restraint, and Mary Lamb, in addition to the increasing labor of ministering to her parents, was working for their common maintenance by taking in needlework. It is not strange that under this pressure her own reason, so often threatened, at last gave way. It was in September of 1796 that the awful calamity of her life befell. A young apprentice girl, who was at work in the common sitting-room while dinner was preparing, appears to have excited the latent mania. Mary Lamb seized a knife from the table, pursued the girl round the room, and finally stabbed to the heart her mother, who had interfered in the girl's behalf. It was Charles Lamb himself who seized the unhappy sister, and wrested the knife from her hand, but not before she had hurled in her rage other knives about the room, and wounded, tho not fatally, the new almost imbecile father. The Times of a few days later relates that an inquest was held on the following day, and a verdict of insanity returned in the case of the unhappy daughter.

Lamb's account of the event is given in a letter to Coleridge of Sept. 27:

"My Dearest Friend,—White, or some of my friends, or the public papers, by this time may have informed you of the terrible calamities that have fallen on our family. I will only give you the outlines: My poor dear, dearest sister, in a fit of insanity, has been the death of her own mother. I was at hand only time enough to snatch the knife out of her grasp. She is at present in a madhouse, from whence I fear she must be moved to an hospital. God has preserved to me my senses—I eat and drink and sleep, and have my judgment, I believe, very sound. My poor father was slightly wounded, and I am left to take care of him and my aunt. Mr. Norris of the Bluecoat School has been very kind to us, and we have no other friend; but, thank God, I am very calm and composed and able to do the best that remains to do. Write as religious a letter as possible, but no mention of what is gone and done with. With me the 'former things are passed away,' and I have something more to do than to feel.

"God Almighty have us well in His keeping."

BREVITIES.

Fifth Ward Conservatives will meet in Euclid-avenue Hall to-morrow evening, when R. R. Gamey will speak.

Mrs. Mary Ann Tidy, on Aug. 9, 1907, was hurt by a car at corner of Queen and Yonge, when the car started suddenly, causing her to sustain serious injuries, and got $3000 damages from the Street Railway Co. The company took the appeal to Ottawa, and yesterday the appeal was dismissed.

The Wellesley Old Boys who attended the school between the years 1898 and 1908 are requested to note that the annual banquet takes place on Friday night next at the St. Charles.

Complaints have been made to the police of the conduct of certain of the larger newsboys at the Union Station. The police have been gathering names.

Harris Rubein, a baker, in rear 9 West Queen-street, has been summoned to appear in police court to-day, charged with selling bread containing impurities, to wit, one cockroach.

Harry Parkinson, whose real name is George Phud, a Barnardo boy, left the employ of Mrs. Gayley of Barrie and walked to Toronto. He has been handed over to the Barnardo Home.

MRS. BEHAN SHOT.

A wire from Cheyenne, Wyoming, was received by the police last night asking them to notify Frederick W. Behan or his parents that his wife was shot and killed there Sunday last. No such name as Frederick W. Behan appears in the directory.

Three Young Men Arrested.

Detective Moffat yesterday gathered in William Hardy, 22 years, 13 Vanaulay-street; Walter McNab, 21 years, son of the caretaker of the Majestic Theatre, and Fred Riley, 19 years, 17 Cameron-street, charged with theft of brass journals from the C.P.R., and sheet lead from some person as yet unknown. They were selling the goods when taken.

Chris Holland to Come Back.

Chris Holland will come back to Toronto to face more than a dozen charges of uttering forgeries on Toronto banks. This was decided by the United States extradition commissioner at Philadelphia, where he has been held for weeks.

The papers have been sent on to Washington, but Holland, according to the American statute, cannot be given up for 15 days. Detective Mackie has gone to Washington to complete the extradition.

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DISAGREEMENT ENDS TRIAL OF SWITCHMAN

Stand 7 to 5 for Acquittal of Jos. McGuire, Held Responsible for Loss of Three Lives.

BRANTFORD, March 17.—(Special)—The trial of Jos. McGuire, the Grand Trunk switchman indicted for criminal negligence and manslaughter, ended to-night in a disagreement by the jury, which stood 7 to 5 for acquittal.

Justice MacMahon traversed the case to the next assize court, but it is not thought likely that the crown will again press for conviction.

Grand Trunk officials and employes gave evidence, blaming the prisoner for the Mount Vernon wreck, in which three were killed, on account of his neglecting to protect the yard engine, which he sent out to assist the freight train up grade, from an outgoing train. The specific rule of the company stated that he, as yard foreman, would be held responsible for the safe return of his engine.

The prisoner, testifying in his own behalf, partially admitted blame, but his neglect, he said, had been due to pressure of work, which diverted his attention, while the train slipped out unnoticed.

Judge MacMahon charged strongly against McGuire, who had, in a signed statement to the Grand Trunk officials, admitted his responsibility on the day of the wreck last October.

N. F. Davidson, K.C., of Toronto, was crown prosecutor, and W. S. Brewster, K.C., defended the prisoner.

German Offer Will Be Withdrawn.

PEKIN, March 17.—The overtures made by the German Asiatic Bank in the matter of loaning $15,000,000 for the construction of the Canton-Hankow Railroad, which were accepted by China, have aroused such formidable British and French opposition that it is expected to-day that the German offer will be withdrawn.

Kenora's Y.M.C.A. Building.

KENORA, March 17.—(Special.)—The magnificent new Y.M.C.A. building here will be formally opened Wednesday, Mar. 24, when Vice-President William Whyte of the C.P.R. will turn the building over to the association. C. J. Hicks, senior international secretary, of New York, delivers the principal address for the association.

For Theft of Plumbing.

John Wardrobe, 100 East Front-st., was arrested yesterday by Detective Armstrong, charged with theft of the plumbing from four houses in the east end of the city.

Vessel Goes North.

CHATHAM, March 17.—The steamer City of Chatham has been sold to the Soo and Thessalon Navigation Company of the American Soo.

What will be the most brilliant society audience seems likely to assemble at Massey Hall on Monday evening week, March 21, to welcome Emma Eames of grand opera and New York social fame. Madame Eames will be heard in several numbers, revealing her exquisite voice to the highest advantage, and she will be assisted by Emilio de Gogorza, the best known of all American baritones, outside of grand opera. The sale of seats begins next Monday morning at Massey Hall.

Lady Mary Elcho, Hon. Hugo Charters and Miss Charters are staying at the Queen's.

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RUNAWAY TRAIN PLUNGES THRU MONTREAL STATION

Kills Four Persons in Ladies' Waiting Room—Engineer and Fireman Had Been Hurled From Cab and Will Likely Die — Damage is Estimated at $150,000.

MONTREAL, March 17.—(Special.)—Several persons killed and many injured was the outcome of a terrible accident at the Windsor station this morning, when the Boston and Maine train, shortly before 9 o'clock, hurled itself thru the stone walls of the station, plunging into the waiting rooms and spreading the wildest terror and consternation.

No one in the runaway train was killed, all the fatalities occurring in the waiting rooms, into which the engine plowed. Two of the dead were little girls, who were waiting with their parents for an outgoing train.

The accident has features unique in railway annals. After an investigation held in the C.P.R. offices shortly after the accident Vice-President D. McNicoll gave out the following explanatory statement, based on the examination of witnesses:

"While the night express from Boston was approaching Montreal this morning a plug blew out of the engine boiler between Montreal Junction and Westmount Station with a loud report. The plug was on the side of the cab, where the fireman sat, and he was at once enveloped in scalding steam.

"The fireman at once concluded that something serious had happened and jumped from the cab window into a snow bank. He then got up and followed the train, walking along the track, and found that Engineer Cunningham had also jumped from the cab about half a mile farther on. He, however, found that the engineer had not been so fortunate as himself in jumping, and that he was lying unconscious beside the track with a fractured skull.

"From the evidence of the fireman, it is concluded that it was what is known as a washout plug. The engine is so badly wrecked that it is impossible to guess what happened to it. But from the evidence of the fireman, Louis Craig, that is the inference gathered. In his statement Fireman Craig said: 'Something blew out with a bang. I thought it was a sheet in the firebox, and jumped without turning to see what was the matter when I felt the hot steam coming around me.'

"The steam was evidently flying in the fireman's direction and he was enveloped in it, and had to jump from the window."

When asked how it was that the engineer was able to hold to his engine for a half mile before jumping, and overlooked applying the brakes, Mr. McNicoll said he did not know, and it might never be known.

The train crew, realizing the speed at which the train was going, applied the brakes, but too late to prevent the engine over-running into the waiting room.

When the Crash Came.

The train dashed into the station at a speed of over 20 miles an hour. Speeding along track 7, which ends at the wall of the ladies' waiting room, the engine ripped thru the wall as tho it were cardboard and careened thru the room, dragging with it the heavy coaches crowded with passengers. The engine smashed its way thru the second wall and across the general waiting room, ripping up the tile flooring and opening a gap thru which the truck of the baggage car fell to the floor below.

The outside wall facing Donegana-street yielded to the impact of the pilot of the engine, and a shower of masonry clattered to the street below.

The victims were in the waiting room, in which the engine was left standing erect, but twisted into an almost unrecognizable mass of iron and thickly plastered with dust and fragments of stone.

A curious spectacle was to be seen on Donegana-street. A whole section of the wall had collapsed and thru the breach could be seen the relics of the baggage car, high above the street level in a mass of beams, stone and twisted iron. A caboose was suspended in mid-air from the mass of wires and cable which hung over the walls.

It was very fortunate that there were not many persons in the waiting room at the time, as the outgoing trains hadn't begun to collect their crowds. There were about 15 persons in the general waiting room, while in the ladies' waiting room, close to the wall nearest the track, sat a little girl waiting for the train. There was little warning of danger. A tremendous crash stupefied them and in a moment the air was filled with flying pieces of stone and metal.

Thousands Crowd Around.

In a few minutes ambulances, policemen and firemen were hurrying to the station. The news soon spread, and ten thousands of people flocked to the place.

The injured were borne out on stretchers as soon as they could be reached, and were removed to the General, Notre Dame and Royal Victoria Hospitals.

Three of One Family Dead.

A very sad feature of the wreck is that three of the victims belonged to one family. Mrs. W. J. Nixon and her two little daughters, aged 8 and 12 years, were in the ladies' waiting room and perished almost in the twinkling of an eye under an avalanche of stone and metal. They probably hadn't more than a second's time to realize what was happening, as death must have been almost instantaneous.

Mrs. Nixon was the wife of a C.P.R. train despatcher, and was waiting to leave the city on an outgoing train.

Mabel Murdoch, a girl in the ladies' waiting room, was hurled thru the northern door and picked up unconscious 30 feet away. She was not severely injured.

Among the injured are Don Gariepy, the oldest hotel porter in Montreal. His legs are broken.

It is estimated that the damage to the C. P. R. may reach $150,000. The engine is a complete wreck.

Some graphic stories of the wreck are told by passengers. P. Galipean of Farnham, Que., says that as far south as Dorie it was realized that something was wrong, but no danger was feared. When nearing the station at Montreal the train simply flew along, but no one was frightened until the platform at Windsor-street flashed past. Next moment the crash came. A slight grade gave impetus to the runaway.

First Serious Accident.

The Windsor station was built over 20 years ago, and this is the first fatal accident to occur. It is an elevated station, the trains entering on a level with the second floor of the station. Had the train come in on any other tracks the results wouldn't have been so serious, as the train would have had to cross a wide vestibule.

The depot is a fine grey stone building, with train sheds running east and west. The total cost of the structure was several million dollars. West of the station the tracks are carried on a viaduct.

The Grand Trunk had a somewhat similar catastrophe at its Montreal terminal, Bonaventure Station, about seven years ago, when the Boston express ran over the stop block and hurled itself against the solid walls of the station.

A.O.U.W. GRAND LODGE

Proceedings at Opening Sessions of 31st Annual Meeting.

The Ontario Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., opened their 31st annual meeting yesterday. S. B. Morris, G.M.W., presided and made these appointments:

Assistant grand guides, Geo. Burns, Ingersoll; W. N. Irwin, Toronto; W. H. Clark, Stouffville. Assistant watchmen, N. Ludy, Rodney; D. A. Esdale, Ottawa. M. A. Dames of Bowmanville was appointed press representative.

A motion by Judge McWatt of Windsor to change the system of electing officers to that in vogue in the Masonic order, viz., all names on the one ballot paper, was rejected.

The proposal of the laws committee to reduce representation to grand lodge to one delegate for each 400 members in a district, was overwhelmingly defeated, without much discussion.

H. Y. Farr, Brockville; E. F. Drake, Ottawa; J. A. Hosher, Cayuga; J. S. Davis, Eglinton; W. J. Parkhill, Midland, were appointed committee on salaries.

Grand Recorder M. D. Carder was made a member of the organization board.

A proposal to issue $2500 and $3000 policies was voted down.

Dr. J. Milton Cotton, grand medical examiner, in answer to a question for a reason why so many members die of cancer—48 last year—acknowledged the medical profession are still unable to assign the cause. There were double the number of deaths from apoplexy as from tuberculosis.

J. Lockie Wilson gave a report of a committee appointed to report on the statement of the reserve board for 1908, in which he said: "We congratulate our order on its splendid reserve fund, which earned in interest alone $40,677 last year, and, after providing for all death claims reported, and adjusted, there is $285,042.95 in the beneficiary fund, while the cost of management was only 4 1-2 per cent."

MYTHS AND MYTHS

Rev. Dr. Taylor's Pointed Remarks at Bible Society Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Parkdale branch of the Bible Society was held at Cowan-avenue Presbyterian Church last night. President E. B. Biggar was chairman.

Rev. Dr. Taylor of Cooke's Presbyterian Church said there were preachers who spread disunion by speaking lightly of the Book of Genesis as a myth. When a preacher spoke of a myth, he would like to know if the word was intended to define a classical myth or the myth of the man on the street.

Speaking of the work of the Bible Society, he expressed doubt whether the Christian church would ever be one in organization, creed and platform; but in the Bible Society they were able to unite in a common cause, worthy of their highest efforts.

EARL GREY'S SHIELD.

Terms of Competition by the Cadet Corps of Canada.

OTTAWA, March 17.—(Special.)—A challenge shield will be given by the governor-general to that town or city of 5000 people or over, or the county in any province not having a town of 5000 inhabitants, which can show the greatest portion of cadets to its municipal or county population on May 24, 1910.

The shield will be held by that cadet corps of the winning city, town or county which upon inspection by the D. O.C. or other selected military officer shows the greatest proficiency in military drill and rifle shooting.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

The Cornwall Board of Trade will urge the Dominion Railway Commission to enforce the protection of the Pitt-street crossing of the G.T.R., which is dangerous. They will also ask that the O. & N. Y. and C.P.R. be compelled to give better connections at Finch Junction.

Albert Baxter of Melvin's Settlement, Winchester Township, shot a big black bear the other day. He was after a load of wood when his dog located the bear.

Thomas Valliere, aged 16, of 63 Reid-avenue, while making a box in the Barchard & Co factory yesterday afternoon, put his left hand too near a circular saw. A finger was sewn and bandaged at St. Michael's Hospital.

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation have applied to surrogate court to be declared guardian of Miss Gladys Jamieson, daughter of the late Philip Jamieson, aged 19.

Mrs. Eliza Robinson, injured by getting off a moving street car, lost her action in the assizes to recover damages from the company.

For robbing church poor-boxes, Gustave Davis and Laws Pallas were yesterday sent to prison for six months.

For the first time in the history of the city the morality department of the police force set a high-browed constable in every theatre on Monday night, to pass upon the propriety of the various productions.

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RURAL MAIL DELIVERY SHOULD BE EXTENDED

Hon. Mr. Lemieux is Told That He Hasn't Gone Right Way About the System.

OTTAWA, March 17.—(Special.)—J.E. Armstrong (Lambton) discussed free rural mail delivery in the motion for supply to-day.

The P.M.G., he said, had tried to make it appear that the routes already inaugurated had proved very expensive, while as a matter of fact only 44 routes had been opened with an extra cost of only $663, or $15 for each route, and the postmaster-general had not closed the post offices which the delivery system had made unnecessary.

Mr. Lemieux had gone about the thing extravagantly. He wanted 6000 letter boxes and went to the United States for them. The cost, including delivery, was $5, while the average price paid by the United States was less than $3 equipped and delivered. The minister had picked out a few routes, laying down a rule which was unfair and which discriminated in favor of special localities. Mr. Armstrong claimed that millions of people of Canada could be provided with a free rural delivery without any serious tax upon the country.

Mr. Thornton (Durham) made his maiden speech. He did not think the existing routes were sufficiently comprehensive. It did not meet the case that such delivery should be established on 160 miles in his county, while 1500 miles of road along which people lived were not reached.

Mr. Lemieux paid Mr. Thornton the compliment of saying he was quite an acquisition to the house, especially to the other side. The P.M.G. declared that he still held the opinion that free rural mail delivery was too expensive to be adopted generally, but he had been investigating the star route system in vogue in the United States, and when he made his campaign speech at Niagara Falls with the prime minister he had announced that the experiment would be made. Surely that was not a bribe to the electors, as the farmers could not be expected to be influenced, because the government was only doing its duty. The system that Mr. Armstrong was anxious to have adopted here had cost the people of the United States last year $34,000,000.

OBITUARY.

Albert E. Nash died suddenly of heart failure. He did not come down to breakfast and on investigation he was found on the floor, dead. He was an accountant, 49 years of age. His widow and two children survive.

At Frankville, Leeds County, Dr. M. L. Dickson, due to an acute attack of appendicitis, from which he had suffered for a few days. The disease advanced so rapidly that an operation could no be performed. Dr. Dickson was 45 years of age and had spent almost his whole life at Frankville, where he was born. He is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Rev. J. Oliver, and one child.

Near Wingham, James Kirton, pioneer of Turnberry Township, aged 91.

At Cobourg, George A. Mercer, a corporation employe, of blood poisoning from scratches on his leg.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Hon. Joseph Martin will be the guest of the Canadian Club at a special luncheon to-morrow at 1 p.m.

Rev. Mr. McConnell, Roslin, has declined the call to St. John's Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg.

Mayor Douglas of Vancouver was entertained at luncheod by Mayor Oliver yesterday.

Sir Hugh Graham of Montreal is in London, Eng.

Rev. R. B. Grobb of Port Hope, who is to become curate of the Church of the Epiphany, Parkdale, was presented with an address, suit case and desk.

William G. Self, late tenor soloist at Westminster Presbyterian Church, has been appointed tenor soloist at Knox Presbyterian Church, Spadina-avenue.

The many friends of Mrs. Walter R. Nursey will learn with regret that she lies at her residence, 499 Ontario-street, dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Defence is Good.

GALT, March 17.—(Special.)—In the judicial enquiry into charges of graft against Town Foreman Davidson, the defence to-day disproved several of the charges and threw doubt on the weight of others. Davidson's son testified he had heard his father call Sole back to get his pay for work done on the farm and for which he was said to have made the town pay. The enquiry was adjourned.

He Was a Stranger.

William Scott Dunn, 172 West Adelaide-street, 35 years, English, went to the premises of Joseph Harrison, a plumber, 608 Yonge-street, and asked to wash his hands. While inside he pocketed a comb and was found with his hands in the pockets of a coat not his own. Constable Linton was called and arrested him, charged with theft.

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TAX RATE 18 1-2 MILLS

Mayor Says Certain Improvements Must Be Deferred for a Year.

"The tax rate will be 18½ mills."

This was the assurance given by the mayor after a private meeting of the board of control yesterday to consider what to do as a result of the city council's refusal to have debentures issued for widening the Dundas-street bridges, providing new northern stables, and building a new bridge over the Don at Winchester-street. These items totaled $92,000, or nearly half a mill on the tax rate.

The controllers cut the Gordian knot by deciding to let the bridge-widening and the stables stand over for a year, leaving only $15,000 for the Winchester-street bridge. To assure 18½ mill rate they estimated the revenue from water services at $25,000 more than originally figured, owing to the adoption of the scheme to charge 50 cents per room instead of 25 cents per room, and 25 cents per inmate.

TAKING THEIR TIME

Special Committee on Blake Charges May Meet Again Shortly.

A member of the special committee of Toronto University board of governers, on the recent charges made by Hon. S. H. Blake, said to The World last night that the committee had not been called since the meeting of the board last Thursday, but he expected to receive a notice for a meeting in a few days.