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AROUND THE CITY.

From Yesterday's Last Edition.

—Detective Rider is back on duty today.
—The Y. M. C. A. directors meet tomorrow night.
—Sergeant Crawford and P. C. Corsey are laid up with the grip.
—The new St. Thomas Y. M. C. A. will be dedicated on Friday.
—The Y. M. C. A. provincial convention will be held in Kingston from Feb. 1 to 10.
—Rev. J. H. Hector, the Black Knight, will address the men's meeting in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon.

—A magnificent reception was last night tendered Dr. Oronhyatekha, supreme chief ranger of the I. O. F., by the people of Galt.

—E. W. Smith, proprietor of the Jubilee Rink, guarantees there will be no water on the ice to interfere with the championship hockey game with Stratford tonight.

—So far, applications have been received by the crown lands department from fifteen South African veterans from Ontario, claiming the 160-acre farm which has been offered by the Ontario Government.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Burnett, of Toronto (formerly of this city) celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday last at their residence in Toronto. A large company of relatives and friends were present and a choice repast was partaken of. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett received a large number of handsome presents, among them a silver tea service from the members of the family.

—On Thursday evening, Jan. 17, in Crofton Hall, lovers of music are promised a delightful treat. Miss Patterson and Miss Chaplin, of the St. Catherine's Music Club, have kindly arranged an artistic programme for members of the club and their friends in this city. London's favorite, Mr. H. Ruthven McDonald, will assist these young ladies. Several other members of the club will also take part.

—A very interesting evening was spent at the High Street Mission on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of recitations by Mr. Albert George, several selections from a large concert photograph by Mr. S. Lancaster, and some patriotic songs by ten small boys. The lion of the evening was Mr. Ernest Ward, one of our returned heroes from South Africa, who gave a very interesting account of his trip, and some of his experiences while on service for Queen and country. He was warmly greeted and roundly cheered. At the conclusion of his remarks he was presented with a beautiful bouquet by little May Richman, a wee tot of three summers. Mr. Charles Pratt acted as chairman.

"ME AND MOTHER."

The "Me and Mother" company will be offering at the London Opera House, Saturday matinee and night, and comes well recommended by the press of other cities. It is a strong melodrama with many stirring situations. The scenic effects will be elaborate.

MEME ALBANI

Canada's illustrious prima donna, Madame Albani, will pay her native country a professional visit, making a tour of the Dominion early in the spring. Accompanying Madame Albani from England will be her own company of artists, under Mr. Harriss' direction.

POLICE COURT.

Joseph E. Campbell was charged with assaulting his wife at the police court this morning. His case was enlarged until tomorrow.

James Taylor was charged with a similar offense by his wife, Mary Ann Taylor. Adjudged for a week. Two drunks were discharged.

ALTERATIONS COMPLETED.

The well-known ticket offices of C. P. R. and the Dominion Express Company, on the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, have been altered to give more space to carrying on the routine work of both departments, which was considerably cramped before on account of about one-half of the space being devoted to the public. The counter now runs lengthways, giving the public plenty of space to transact business, and adding greatly to the appearance of the office. The walls have received a handsome tapestry finish, while the woodwork is all quarter-oak, the counters being laid on marble of about three inches in height. The Express Company is at the back part, and the cashier is inclosed in a handsomely designed ironwork. The completion of the alterations is certainly a credit to both corporations. Both Mr. W. Fulton and Mr. H. P. Sharpe, the agents, will now be better able to handle the steadily increasing business.

PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

Three Doctors' Verdict on Robert Bond Five Years Ago, Yet He Lives Today.

Mount Brydges, Ont., Jan. 14.—Five years ago the Provincial Provisions Institution, of St. Thomas, paid a total disability claim to Mr. Robert Bond, of this place. Mr. Bond had Bright's Disease. The doctors had given him up and three physicians examined him for the institution and pronounced him "totally and permanently disabled and incurable."

He commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and soon regained his health and strength. He is quite well today and the old gentleman enjoys nothing better than telling about it. He says: "I owe my life to Dodd's Kidney Pills. I never would have had the pleasure of seeing the old century out and the new one in but for this wonderful remedy. It's five years ago now since they said I couldn't live a month. Yet here I am."

RAN OVER A BURNING BRIDGE.

Barstow, Cal., Jan. 15.—The Santa Fe overland No. 8, San Francisco, for Chicago, last night ran over a burning bridge at Siberia, 70 miles east of here, and all the cars were derailed. The engine alone remained on the track. The passenger coaches maintained their upright position, and no one was injured.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the help of any purgative medicine to complete the cure. Give it a trial and be convinced.

WILL IS A FORGERY!

Close of the Complicated Sifton Will Case.

Jury Returned a Verdict in Fifteen Minutes.

Justice Robertson's Charge to the Jury.

More Expert Evidence Given, Corroborating That of Previous Experts.

Yesterday's proceedings in the Sifton will case finished the putting in of evidence, and the case was submitted to the jury just as the sound of the factory whistles proclaimed the hour of noon. The evidence put in during the morning consisted of that of an expert, who corroborated that of the preceding experts, and the lawyer who drew up Joseph H. Sifton's will in 1889. The balance of the morning was taken up with Mr. Hellmuth's summing up of the evidence and the judge's charge to the jury.

The first witness called was James Bowman, of this city. Mr. Bowman testified that during the past eight years he had been called as a handwriting expert on a number of occasions. He had examined the signature of J. H. Sifton on the disputed will on at least three occasions, and had also examined the genuine signatures of J. H. Sifton. The signature to the disputed will was not that of the man who had written the other signatures, but was written by a person who had written the body of the disputed will. Witness had heard the evidence of the other experts and agreed with all their statements. Mr. Bowman then proceeded to read out the reason for the statements he had made. He had measured the letter "i" in proportion to the rest of the word "Sifton" on both J. H. Sifton's signature and the signature to the disputed will. He found the proportion of the former to be seven one-hundredths, and in the latter twenty-eight one-hundredths. The letter "i" in the body of the will and in the signature to the will was almost identically the same size. The length of the signature to the will and the same name in the body of the will was identical. The writing of the signature to the will and that of the genuine signature was entirely dissimilar in character.

The evidence of Mr. Edmund Meredith, Q.C., was put in, it having been taken yesterday afternoon by a commission, owing to Mr. Meredith's illness. Mr. Meredith identified the signature of Joseph H. Sifton to the will drawn in 1889 by witness for the deceased, and witness also identified his own signature and the signature of one A. R. Thompson as attesting witnesses. After the execution of the will it had been filed away in the office of witness, until after the death of J. H. Sifton last year.

Mr. Hellmuth announced that this closed the case for the plaintiffs. The judge, Mr. Justice Robertson, then called three times for each of the defendants who had not appeared. Edgar Morden and Mary McFarlane. There was no answer.

At the judge's request John James Sifton was recalled and asked what was the age of his brother, Joseph H. Sifton at the time of the latter's death. Witness said the deceased was 55 years old on May 22, 1900, a month before his death.

Mr. Hellmuth then began his summing up of the evidence before the jury. He opened by expressing the regret of the plaintiffs at the action of the defense in withdrawing from the case, as his clients had come prepared to prove their case in spite of all the efforts of the defense. Mr. Hellmuth said there were only two theories to account for the action on the part of counsel for the defense. One was that they had been so instructed by the defendants, the other that they had been convinced that their clients' defense was a fraudulent one. The second theory was not tenable in the case, which had come before the jury. There remained only the first, which showed that Morden was afraid to face a jury. Perhaps counsel for the defense had considered that a verdict for the plaintiffs secured without opposition would not have the same weight with the public that one secured in spite of the defense's efforts would have. Had Morden and his wife come and told their story in their own defense, the plaintiffs had witnesses prepared to combat their evidence.

Mr. Hellmuth asked the jury to declare that the will made in 1889 was the true will of the late J. H. Sifton, and that the will produced by Morden was not signed by J. H. Sifton, but was a forgery. They were not asked to say who had signed the disputed will, but merely to say that J. H. Sifton had not done so.

Mr. Hellmuth said that never in the history of the law courts of Ontario had a case involving the authenticity of a piece of handwriting been so clearly placed before a jury. The greatest experts on the North American continent had been procured, and were unanimous in their opinions that the will was only a clumsy forgery.

Mr. Hellmuth closed by placing special stress upon the evidence of the banker, the lawyers, the bank and loan company employees, the brothers and the neighbors of the deceased, all familiar with his signature, were also unanimous in their opinion that Joseph H. Sifton never signed the disputed will. He asked that the jury find a verdict in accordance with the facts that had been laid before them.

Mr. Justice Robertson, in opening his charge to the jury, warned them not to allow anything they had heard, outside of the evidence to weigh with them in reaching their decision. He dwelt on the determined and desperate efforts that had been made to postpone the trial. Continuing, the judge said there was no doubt as to the authenticity of the will executed in 1889 by J. H. Sifton, and witnessed by Mr. Edmund Meredith, Q.C., and R. W. Thompson, and if no subsequent will was made by J. H. Sifton it would have been the bona fide will of the deceased. But the defendants claim that on the morning of June 30 the deceased had made another will, in which he appointed Edgar Morden executor. This will is the one disputed by the plaintiffs. His lordship drew attention to the fact that the plaintiffs did not postpone charge Morden with forging the will but only alleged that the will was a forgery.

His lordship referred to the manner in which counsel for the plaintiffs had prepared their case, and said that the expense to which they had gone in bringing five experts and other witnesses

was an evidence of the plaintiffs' inherent belief in the honesty of their claim. The judge then went on to show the value of the evidence of the experts. He also placed stress on the testimony of the bank employees and accountants, which he always considered valuable evidence in a case of this kind. He referred to the fact that the specimens of Sifton's signatures produced showed little or no deviation throughout ten years.

His lordship then reviewed the alleged circumstances surrounding the making of the disputed will, and spoke of the extraordinary action of Sifton in secreting it in a seed drill, according to Morden's story. If he had had any confidence in the man he had just appointed his executor, would he not have left it in his custody?

It would have been more satisfactory all around had the defendants appeared and showed the honesty of their claims.

After considering all the evidence, the jury should say whether or not the will produced by Morden was or was not a forgery.

The case went to the jury at 12 o'clock.

The Verdict.

The jury returned in about fifteen minutes with a verdict for the plaintiffs, finding the will made by Joseph H. Sifton in 1889 to be genuine and the one produced by Edgar Morden to be a forgery. They also awarded the costs of the action to the plaintiffs. The judge then entered judgment in accordance with the verdict.

EAST MIDDLESEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting Held—Election of Officers—Satisfactory Reports Presented.

The annual meeting of the East Middlesex Agricultural Society was held yesterday in the interim sessions room at the court house. There was a large attendance of members, and great interest was manifested in the proceedings.

The chair was occupied by President Wm. Moore. Secretary Chas. Trebilcock submitted the secretary's report, which was adopted. It referred to the loss sustained by the society in the death of Mr. John Laidlaw. The year had been a very successful one for the agriculturists. The Western Fair had been a highly successful exhibition. The report recommended that the members of the society purchase agricultural implements only from such manufacturers as exhibit at fall fairs.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. R. Oke, showed a satisfactory financial condition. The receipts totaled \$462.52, the disbursements \$321.69, and the balance, \$330.83, was handed over to the Western Fair Association.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. Moore (re-elected by acclamation); first vice-president, Allan Bogue (re-elected by acclamation); second vice-president, John Kennedy (re-elected by acclamation). Directors—For London township, Chas. Trebilcock, R. Oke, Wm. Fleming. For Westminster township—James Murray, H. Shore. For West Nisour—J. Hobbs, Geo. Scatcherd. For North Dorchester—R. Vining, J. Durand. Directors to Western Fair Board—Messrs. Moore, Bogue, Shore, Kennedy, Trebilcock, and Scatcherd. Resolutions were passed by the association—Messrs. Hobbs, Vining and Fleming. Auditors—E. Ironsides and F. Elliott.

JUDGE E. FOUNTAIN

Successor to the Late Judge J. A. Ouimet, in Quebec, Appointed.

[Special to The Advertiser per C. P. R.] Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16.—Raphael E. Fontaine, of St. Hyacinthe, has been appointed a judge of the superior court of the Province of Quebec, to take the place of J. A. Ouimet, deceased. Judge Fontaine is situated in the district of Richelieu.

DEFAULTER ALVORD GETS 13 YEARS

Another Crooked Teller Under Arrest—Was in the Continental Bank of New York for Twenty-Seven Years.

New York, Jan. 16.—Cornelius L. Alvord, jun., the defaulting teller of the First National Bank, was today sentenced to the penitentiary for 13 years. The teller had been in the bank for 27 years and received a salary of \$1,800 a year. Bank Examiner Charles A. Hanna went to the Continental Bank Saturday to look over the books. Mr. Alvord complained of not feeling well, and he guessed he would go home. He did, and a clerk was put in his place. It was not long before the clerk discovered something which led him to notify the bank examiner, and the shortage was disclosed.

J. Prevost Mason, third teller of the Continental Bank, New York city, is in Ludlow street jail, charged with embezzlement. Mason was arrested late last night on the specific charge of stealing \$3,000 by means of false entries. The peculations foot up \$12,000 in all, according to the Fidelity and Casualty Company, which was on Mason's bond for \$10,000. Mason is 48 years old, and lives with his wife and children at 22 East 12th street, Washington avenue. He was with the bank 27 years and received a salary of \$1,800 a year. Bank Examiner Charles A. Hanna went to the Continental Bank Saturday to look over the books. Mr. Alvord complained of not feeling well, and he guessed he would go home. He did, and a clerk was put in his place. It was not long before the clerk discovered something which led him to notify the bank examiner, and the shortage was disclosed.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

New York, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Harriette Rehan, mother of Ada Rehan, the actress, died at her home in Brooklyn today. She had been ill only a week and her death was due to bronchitis. Miss Rehan is confined to her bed with an attack of the grip and has not yet been notified of her mother's death.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—Wm. P. Fishback, 22, of this city, formerly of the United States court here, formerly editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and one of the best-known attorneys in Indiana, died today, aged 72.

Nuremberg, Jan. 15.—Johann Faber, founder of the Faber lead pencil factory, is dead.

ITCHING, BURNING, CREEPING, CRAWLING Skin Diseases relieved in a few minutes by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly, and cures Tetters, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eczema, Urticaria, Blisters, and all Eruptions of the Skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in all Baby Humors, Irritation of the Scalp or Rash during teething time. 25 cents a box. Sold by C. McCallum & Co.,—129.

HELPFUL ADDRESSES

Given at This Morning's Session of the Western Ontario Dairymen—Meeting Largely Attended.

The dairymen's convention was continued at the Opera House yesterday, when a number of helpful and interesting addresses were made. There was a large attendance.

"Care of milk for cheese making" was the first subject, and was handled by Mr. J. MacHorne. The paper advocated keeping the cow in a healthy state. The cow should be given none but the purest food and water. One should not give a cow water he would not drink himself. Food has a great effect on the flavor of milk. How necessary it was to avoid feeding food that will taint milk. Turnips should never be fed to cows. All foul weeds in pastures should be cut down before the cow is turned into the field.

Milk should be kept in as small quantities as convenient. Milk should be down to 75° F. before it is left. This was especially so in very warm weather.

Mr. Wadell led in the discussion, and also advocated the cooling of milk, which is to be sent to the factory. He also emphasized the necessity of pure food and water, and added pure air.

"Preparing starter," by Mr. Moses Knechtel, was the next paper. The "starter" is a very important factor in connection with cheese making, being used for the purpose of developing lactic acid and controlling the flavor of cheese. In preparing a "starter" it is first necessary to procure a mother "starter," which can be obtained by selecting good milk of good flavor and allowing it to sour. In all cases it is advisable to pasteurize the "starter." It is necessary to have suitable cans in which the milk can be easily heated and cooled. He would prefer having two cans, one sitting inside the other, and care should be taken to have the same properly soldered and cans kept perfectly clean. Select the desired quantity of good milk, say 100 pounds, and add about 20 to 35 pounds of good water. Then heat to 160° or 165°, keeping the milk in motion while heating. Keep it at the desired temperature for 30 minutes, and stir it occasionally. Do not cover during this period. Then cool to 75° or 76° as quickly as possible, and add the mother "starter" about 6 to 7 per cent, and thoroughly stir. It should then be covered up and put away, and not disturbed until required for use. Skim about one inch off the top, and break it up thoroughly before using by pouring from one vessel to another. When thus pasteurized they would have no difficulty whatever in having a good-flavored "starter," so long as they took good care of it. Mr. Bell led in the discussion.

Mr. Archibald Smith then read an interesting paper on "Experimental Stations," which were started at Milverton last summer. He set forth the results of various experiments made at the station. The speaker also read a short paper on "The disposal of sewage at factories." The method he advocated was the sub-surface system by means of diagrams. At the close of the paper the speaker answered a number of questions put by different members of the convention.

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GRIP IN NEW YORK

IS BAD AS POSSIBLE

In the Opinion of Dr. Shady—A Gloomy Prediction.

New York, Jan. 16.—Dr. George F. Shady said in an interview regarding the prevalence of the grip in this city.

"The grip is just as bad as it can be in New York, and the pneumonia is worse than the grip. At a conservative estimate there are now 100,000 cases of grip in New York city. The duration of the disease is not very long, three or four days, but it will grow worse. Two weeks from now the type will be more virulent. It is doing its work now. It is leaving its victims weakened. The present epidemic has a catarrhal tendency. It predisposes the patient to pneumonia and lung troubles."

Dewey has grip in Washington. Rev. Father O'Leary, Catholic chaplain of the First Canadian contingent, died at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Quebec, suffering from pneumonia and threatened with pleurisy.

TYPHOID VICTIMS. The family of the late Gibson Pelton, near Inverkip, Ont., are in particularly sad circumstances. About one month ago Gibson Pelton died of typhoid fever, and Mrs. Fannie Woods, of Galt, a daughter, came to the homestead to attend the funeral. She also contracted the malady, died, and was buried a week ago Sunday. Monday morning Miss Bertha Pelton, 19 years of age, died at the general hospital, and Mrs. Gibson Pelton and son, Arthur, are at present suffering from the fever. The epidemic is attributed to the use of grossly impure well water.

SMALL-POX AT WATERTOWN. The authorities of the New York State board of health report that the investigation of the epidemic of small-pox at Watertown shows that there are 15 or more cases there.

TO TAX BACHELORS Bill Introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives for That Purpose.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 16.—Representative McFarlane, of Wayne, introduced a bill in the house yesterday afternoon by noticing a bill providing a tax of \$5 a year on bachelors over 30 years of age.

Mr. McFarlane explains that while he himself is 31, and still unmarried, he believes that bachelors should pay something for the boon of single blessedness, and it is his idea to have the tax so obtained turned toward paying the tuition fees of needy normal school students.

THE TEACHER GETS HIS MONEY. Toronto, Jan. 16.—Chief Justice Meredith sustained his reputation for sweeping aside technicalities in a judgment in the division court yesterday. Mr. McPherson, formerly teacher in Uxbridge township, Huron, who had been got rid of because the trustees wanted to engage a cheaper teacher, was suing for \$160 of salary. The school trustees, in their defense, claimed that the school should not pay because the agreement with McPherson did not bear the corporate seal of the board, and was not entered in the minutes. The chief justice instructed the representatives for entering such a plea, and said the law was not so absurd as to defeat justice by taking cognizance of such technicalities. The teacher gets his money.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. Jan. 15. Reported at. From. Ontario.....St. Johns.....Glasgow Penland.....Philadelphia.....Liverpool Tunisian.....Portland.....Liverpool Trojan Prince.....Naples.....New York

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THE MURDER OF JENNIE BOSSCHIETER

Evidence as to the Nature of "Knockout" Drops Given the Unfortunate Girl.

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 16.—Dr. William L. Vroom, of Bergen county, testified that on Oct. 19 he had been notified of the finding of a woman's body at the mills. The body was that of Jennie Bosschietter. There was a cut on the head, and the hands, face and chest were cold. The rest of the body was warm. On the Sunday following the finding of the body the witness, in company with Dr. McNeill and Dr. Ford, held an autopsy. The skull was not fractured. The brain was normal and the other organs were in a healthy condition.

THE "KNOCK OUT" DROPS. Prof. Rudolph S. Witthaus, of New York, said he had been investigating toxicology for 25 years and had written books on the subject. He had analyzed a bottle containing three drops of yellowish liquid, which on analysis proved to be a solution of chloral hydrate, amounting to two and a half grains. This was the bottle found near the spot where the body of the murdered girl was discovered. The witness also said that he had received on Oct. 23, from Dr. McBride, a small jar containing the stomach and kidneys of the dead girl. He had analyzed the stomach, and had found in it five grains of chloral hydrate. This was similar to the liquid he had found in the stomach of the girl. The chloral hydrate was free of embalming fluid. Besides the poison there was little in the stomach. "Has chloral hydrate any other name?" "Sometimes it is called knock out drops."

The witness said that chloral hydrate caused a depressed temperature. Its action is to produce sleep rapidly. There would be nothing unusual in its causing a continuous and profound sleep of three hours. Witness said there was no way in post-mortem examination of detecting the presence of chloral hydrate. It was quickly absorbed in the stomach and intestines and entered the blood and acted on the heart.

Prof. Witthaus was cross-examined by former Judge Hoffman. In answer to the latter's questions he said that the five grains found in the girl's stomach would not have caused death, but there had been indications that there had been a much larger quantity in the stomach, at least ten times as much. He thought he was safe in saying that the drug had caused death.

Other physicians testified that they believed Miss Bosschietter's death was caused by chloral hydrate. Detectives and policemen told of incriminating statements made by death at the time of his arrest. Mr. Emley then submitted his case as complete.

THIRD DAY. The third day of the Bosschietter murder trial opened with interest in the case more intense than on the two preceding days. The state rested last night. Everyone connected with the case was in the court room early today to hear the opening for the defense. The prisoners, McAllister, Death and Campbell, were brought in a few minutes before 10 o'clock, and took their accustomed places near their counsel. The faces of the defendants all bore indications of the strain of the trial. Death looked more de