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JARDINE UNCONCERNED, PLEADS NOT GUILTY BLACKSTOCK IN SCATHING ARRANGEMENT

Trial of Alleged Slayer of Lizzie Anderson Opens at Goderich.

CROWN'S STORY OF BRUTAL CRIME

Father of the Dead Girl Weeps When Telling Story of Finding Mutilated Body.

[Canadian Press.] Goderich, April 12.—The trial of Edward Jardine, charged with murdering Lizzie Anderson last September, opened here today.

Notwithstanding the stories that the prisoner had just fresh and was worn to a shadow, Jardine looked anything but the morose man he is said to be. He sat in the box calmly chewing gum and stolidly gazing at the crowd which sat around him. His face was unshaven, showing a growth of a week, perhaps, but his hair, which he always wears long, was carefully brushed. If the strain of six months in jail and the charge of murder, which has been hanging over him since the coroner's jury finding on Oct. 7, has told on him physically, it is not apparent.

Mr. Justice Falconbridge is presiding at the trial. Mr. George Blackstock, K. C., of Toronto, is performing the duties of crown prosecutor. The prisoner's counsel is Mr. L. T. Daney, of Goderich. Also present in the courtroom are Mr. Bruce Smith and Dr. Clark, both of Toronto, and Detective Greer.

The indictment. County Clerk Daniel McDonald read the indictment against Jardine, charging murder, murder and kill Lizzie Anderson on or about the 20th day of September.

"Do you plead?" asked the clerk. "Not guilty," said the prisoner, before the clerk had done speaking.

"Yes," said Jardine, and sat down. A True Bill. The grand jury in a true bill, charging Edward Jardine with the murder.

The empanelling of a jury took 20 minutes, the fact of a challenge being made by the crown.

Mr. George Blackstock whispered to one of the jury.

"He says," asked the judge sternly. "He says his heart is weak."

"He says his heart is weak," said the judge, and Mr. Blackstock looked as if a great weight had been lifted from his shoulders.

"This is one of the saddest cases in the annals of crime in Canada," began Mr. Blackstock in opening for the crown. "It is a case of every degree of viciousness and depravity."

Witnesses Excluded. Mr. Blackstock had gone far in his recital of the facts relating to the gruesome murder, when the prisoner's counsel, Mr. Daney, interrupted, to ask the judge that all witnesses be excluded.

"It is unusual, but I will allow it," said the judge.

The evidence of the witnesses left empty half the seats in the courtroom and permitted a few of the disappointed crowd standing outside the court in the rain to enter.

When Mr. Blackstock resumed he went over the events of the night on which the girl was murdered. At some point the judge, on the objection of the Anderson family to find the girl, and what is alleged to have occurred at the Jardine home.

The horrible details of the finding of the girl's body four days after her disappearance by the cellar of an abandoned house, just outside the fair and the girl's mother, who her father and his friends found the naked body of his daughter with her throat cut.

Alleged Confession. Jardine said that the last time he had seen Lizzie Anderson she had been in the company with a stranger.

"The crown will show you," said Mr. Blackstock, "that all efforts to find the stranger have failed, and we will try to prove that the mention of this stranger was a ruse or trick to divert suspicion from himself."

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PREMIER MAY CANCEL TRIP AND BRING ON ELECTIONS

If Opposition Should Be Too Unreasonable After Easter Holidays Sir Wilfrid Might Not Attend the Imperial Conference or Coronation.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has passage to England booked for May 12, and his mind is made up to go for the purpose of attending both the Imperial Conference and the coronation. However, if the Opposition come back from their constituencies after the Easter holidays too full of fight, it can be con-

TOOK HIS LIFE WHILE DESPONDENT

Mr. John McDonald, Formerly of G. T. R. This City, Shot Himself at Sarnia.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, April 11.—John McDonald, for nearly forty years a conductor on the Grand Trunk, and until six weeks ago residing at 262 Simcoe street, London, was found dead in Bayview Park about 8 o'clock this evening, with a bullet wound in his head.

A 32-calibre revolver was found lying within a few inches of the dead man's hand. One cylinder was empty. Coroner Hayes was immediately summoned and viewed the remains.

The evidences of suicide were so manifest that he considered an inquest unnecessary. The relatives of the dead man were notified at once.

McDonald was born at Point Edward, a short distance beyond where he took his life. He was the son of Mr. William McDonald, of that village, and when quite a young lad took to rail-roading. He lived here for the most part of his life, and the family were well and favorably known.

A quiet, reserved, taciturn man, he made few friends, but he was very popular with those with whom he was intimate.

Lived in London. About three years ago he removed to London, taking a run on the Stratford. (Continued on Page Nine.)

TAVISTOCK HOLD-UP WAS A FABRICATION

Ticket Clerk Confesses That He Made It Up Himself.

[Canadian Press.] Woodstock, April 12.—Charles Shibley, the Grand Trunk ticket clerk at Tavistock, confessed to Constable Fred Hill that the story of the holdup on Monday was a fabrication. Shibley said he bored a hole in the wall and forced a bullet into it to substantiate his story of the shooting. It is not likely that any action will be taken in the matter.

REAL ESTATE MOVING WELL IN LONDON NOW

Assessment Commissioner Grant Is Hopeful Regarding the Outlook.

Real estate is moving well this year, the values being particularly good. There is a healthy tone, Assessment Commissioner Grant reports, and he looks for a steady improvement in values.

During the month of March there were 24 transfers. The assessed value of the property was \$55,148, and the consideration \$125,965. The assessment was 87.5 per cent of the consideration.

In March, 1910, there were 38 transfers. The assessed value of the property was \$54,143, and the consideration \$107,625. The assessment was in this case 74 per cent of the consideration.

"There is a very healthy tone in real estate," said Assessment Commissioner Grant. "Property is moving well, and good prices are being paid for it. London looks all right for the present time."

TWO GRASS FIRES

Brigade Were Kept Busy for a Time on Tuesday.

The fire department had two runs yesterday, grass fires keeping them busy. About 4 o'clock the brigade went to Grey street, and later No. 4 company was called to St. James street.

There was no damage in either case. He added that the jury must carefully weigh all the evidence, and be convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt.

The first witness called was Mrs. Massey Anderson, the mother of the dead girl, a rather frail-looking woman, past middle age, dressed in mourning. She was very nervous, and Mr. Blackstock had a good deal of (Continued on Page Eleven.)

SCHEME TO COVER THE CITY WITH PAVEMENTS IS NOW ON

Local Improvement Committee Intends To Go About the Matter in a Scientific Manner, Says Ald. Richter.

The local improvement committee of the city council has not finished their work, although the council have decided to make the property owners pay the whole cost of walks, curbs, gutters and roads.

It is now the intention to outline a scheme for covering the city with pavements. A meeting will be called within a few days, probably as soon as the finance committee have the rate struck, and the whole problem will be gone into thoroughly.

"We have only commenced the work," said Ald. Richter. "It is the intention to have reports on the various kinds of pavements in use at the present time. We will obtain all information, as to cost, durability, suitability for certain kinds of work, in fact, everything pertaining to pavements will be secured."

"Then a report will be given us regarding the city, whether the various streets are of such a nature, or what they are, and a recommendation as to the kind of pavement most suitable to the needs of every district in the city."

Pass Bylaws. It is then proposed to pass bylaws limiting the kind of pavement to be used in each district. These bylaws will be similar to the fire limits bylaws. You know, it is impossible to construct a certain kind of building within certain limits. The same principle will apply to local improvements.

MERCHANTS TELL OF MANY THEFTS

Petty Stealing From Stores Results in Loss of Thousands Annually.

London merchants, seen by The Advertiser today, state that the average citizen has absolutely no idea of the amount of petty shoplifting that is going on in the city. With none of them, of course, are able to give anything like accurate estimates of what they lose every year, all agree that the total loss from such thefts in London runs into many thousands of dollars.

"A store like ours," said one dealer in small articles, "we suffer particularly. With thousands of small things displayed we simply cannot tell how many are lost. It is enough to know that it runs away with a good percentage of our profits. We keep a staff of special store detectives, constantly on the watch, and it is surprising the number of cases they unearth. Still more surprising, however, is the number that, no matter how vigilant they may be, they cannot catch. Take on a Saturday rush, when hundreds of people are thronging the counters, that is an ideal time for the shoplifter. Women can slip things off a counter and under a cloak or into a shopping bag almost without being seen. Some of the busy clerks, for some time we had trouble with two or three particular women, but after we suspected them we tried them so closely that apparently they have given up the idea of getting anything more from our store, for they have not been in for some time."

Boys Blamed. "What surprises me," said another merchant, "is the number of thefts small boys succeed in making. In a store like mine, where quantities of goods are most attractive to boys, are shown, and also lots of articles to take to men and women, we find continually that small boys are missing. No one who has never tried it has any idea of the task it is to try and catch these boys. It is not only the small boys, but also the boys in the store where a lot of small articles are on display that the shoplifter gets away with."

A leading drygoods merchant stated that he has experienced the greatest loss during the Christmas shopping season, when immense crowds were in the store all day long.

Store Detectives. "We keep a force of special store detectives for the detection and prevention of goods stolen. Lately we have had such a very few of these boys, but the police state that very few of such cases are reported to them usually—only if some person happens to be caught taking some article of more than usual value."

"Very few merchants will bother to report any of the small cases that they encounter," almost continued, "said one of the Advertiser. Generally they let the party go with a warning, and give him or her description to the store detectives, and then if they ever come in again they are watched very closely."

CHECKER CHAMPION NOW IN LONDON

Alfred Jordan, of England, Is Ready To Meet All-Comers.

Mr. Alfred Jordan, the English checker champion, arrived in this city today, accompanied by Mr. Tensdall, editor of the Canadian Checker Player, of Chatham, and will be at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon and evening. Mr. Jordan is willing to meet all who desire matches.

The chess games at the Y. M. C. A. last night resulted as follows: after three new members were allotted partners: Davis won 3 and lost 1 with Harvey. Wilson won 1 and lost 1 with Atkinson. Gray won 1 and lost 1 with Gale. Youngs won 2 and drew 1 with Henshaw.

Richardson won 2 and lost 1 with Gill. Howells lost 2 with Betts. The club is progressing very favorably.

CHAS. E. BLANCHARD DEAD

Was Formerly a Well-Known Resident of London.

Word was received last evening by Mr. Thomas Blanchard, of this city, announcing the death in Winnipeg of Mr. Charles E. Blanchard, formerly of London, deceased for some time from Bright's disease, and his demise was not unexpected.

The late Mr. Blanchard was a native of London, having been born here 55 years ago. For many years he was accountant at the Tecumseh House, later leaving for Winnipeg, where he had since resided. He was prominent in society work in London, being a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330.

He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Miss Edna, a public school teacher of Winnipeg, and Miss Gladys, at home. Three brothers, Thomas and James, of this city, and George, of Konoia, also survive. Interment will be made at Winnipeg on Thursday.

ALL-ALASKA SWEEPSTAKES

Named After the Arctic Region, A. A. (Scotty) Allen, driving the dog team, entered by Mrs. C. E. Darling of Berkeley, Cal., won the All-Alaska Sweepstakes, coming into Nome last night after covering the 412 miles to Nome and return in 81 hours and 40 minutes.

BABY OF INFANT IN RIVER FOUND BY BOYS WHILE FISHING

Coroner Has Not Yet Decided Whether to Hold an Inquest.

POLICE TRYING TO UNRAVEL MYSTERY

Little One Dr. McLaren Says Had Only Been Dead a Day.

While fishing along the banks of the Thames at foot of Thames street this morning about 11 o'clock, Lorne Finch, of 344 Thames street, and Jack Rainon, of 280 Thames street, fished out a paper box containing the body of a new-born baby.

The baby was well formed and had been carefully wrapped up in a newspaper and tied around with string, and then placed in a shoe box. When found the newspaper was quite dry, although the box was soaked pretty well through. The boys noticed the box first floating down about four feet from the bank, and pulled it in with a stick to see what it contained.

Upon learning they at once went to the gas office near by and notified the police. The body was taken to the gas company's office and later to Smith, Son & Clarke's, where it was viewed by Coroner McLaren.

Dr. McLaren this afternoon stated to The Advertiser that he judged the child had been dead only a short time, not more than a day at the outside. He has not yet decided whether or not an inquest will be held.

The detectives have secured portions of the shoe box in which the body was found. The front part bears the label of the "Italia" Shoe, size 4 to 4½, No. 10, and sale mark No. 766.

This is the only one of any kind that they have to work upon.

HILLSBURG BANK MAN STRANGELY DISAPPEARS

Was Going to Toronto When Last Seen—His Accounts in Good Shape.

[Canadian Press.] Hillsburg, Ont., April 12.—The mysterious disappearance of William Dunlop, local manager of the Union Bank, has caused the biggest kind of a sensation in this neighborhood, and systematic search is being made for the missing man far and near. A week ago he told his wife he was going to Toronto, and he was seen boarding the train. Since then he has not been seen or heard of. His wife and two little children are greatly worried.

His accounts at the bank are in good shape. The detectives have secured portions of the shoe box in which the body was found. The front part bears the label of the "Italia" Shoe, size 4 to 4½, No. 10, and sale mark No. 766.

NO RUSH AT PRESENT, BUT PEOPLE ARE BOOKING

Crush on the Atlantic Will Be Occasioned By the Coronation.

Londoners appear to be travel-bent this season to such an extent that local steamship agents are looking for a record season, and while the ships are filling, no person need worry, especially about excessive charges. The proper method, they claim, is to enjoy their holiday at some village a few days ago, but according to annual travellers, who have been "through the mill" before, no person need worry, especially about excessive charges. The proper method, they claim, is to enjoy their holiday at some village a few days ago, but according to annual travellers, who have been "through the mill" before, no person need worry, especially about excessive charges.

Several people who contemplated taking a trip to Europe this summer have rearranged their dates in order to be in England in June, but a great many are arranging for accommodation after the big event. In fact, some have booked as late as October.

A RARE OLD PICTURE

"The Last Supper" May Now Be Seen in Nordheimer's Window.

What is believed to be a rare old master, painted in Spain in the year 1522, is exhibited in the window of the Nordheimer Fine Art and Music Company, Dundas street. It is a picture of "The Last Supper," and the name of the artist, although faintly traced in letters to the right of the picture, also bears the date mark "1522."

It was first discovered in an old church in Mexico, and later was mysteriously stolen, being cut from its frame, and all efforts to locate it failed. It was afterwards rediscovered by chance in an old curiosity shop in New Mexico.

While bringing it home it was again stolen, but was recovered by the railway company and returned to the owner.

The picture will remain on exhibition for a few days, and has already created considerable interest among local art enthusiasts and connoisseurs.

CUMMINS BANKRUPT

New York, April 12.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against Wm. J. Cummins, president of the Carnegie Trust Company, and now under indictment. The liabilities are given as \$5,000,000, and the assets as worth \$400,000.