

FINGAL MAN GIVES CLUE TO BARTLETT CASE
CAME TO THIS COUNTRY WITH ALFRED BROWNThos. Charles With Brown
and Bartlett Worked at
Hagersville TogetherEMPLOYED ON
M. C. R. STEEL GANGAdvertiser Given Most Tangible
Clue in the Mystery By Com-
panion of Dead Englishman.

If the story told by Thomas Charles of Fingal, is true, then The Advertiser is able to give what is probably a definite clue to the whereabouts of the famous Alfred Brown, the man who is supposed to have cashed the forged order for Bartlett's money.

Charles is employed by a farmer named Allen Hamilton, on a farm about a mile east of Fingal, which is about eight miles west of St. Thomas. This morning Charles came into the mill owned by Mr. J. A. Young, of Fingal, and in conversation, the Bartlett case came up. They discussed it some time, and Charles made the remark that he thought he knew something of the case. An advertiser was produced, and Charles said he was confident that he knew both Brown and Bartlett.

All Came Out Together.
He declared that he came out to this country with four other young Englishmen, named Bartlett, Baker, Brown and Martin. They were employed together for some time, but separated. The last time Bartlett and Brown were together was in Hagersville, where they worked on a cement contract.

Mr. Young called up The Advertiser and told the above story.
This clue is the most tangible of any yet given, and corroborates the Watford story that Bartlett had several companions, among whom was the man supposed to be Brown.

They were employed while in Watford on cement gangs.
Mr. Charles' Story.
Mr. Charles readily consented to be interviewed by The Advertiser.
"I knew Bartlett, Brown, Baker and Martin, very well," he said. "We all came over on the same boat about two years ago. When we came to Canada we knocked around at different places in Western Ontario. Up till August last we worked on the Michigan Central with the steel gang laying rails. Brown and Bartlett were friends of mine, but they frequently quarreled. In August we separated. I went to St. Thomas, and I heard Brown went to Buffalo. I had heard afterwards that Brown was at Watford as also were Baker and Martin.

Describes Brown.
Alfred Brown was a man about 29 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, hair of a medium color, neither dark nor light, with a florid complexion and a fresh look in his skin. He weighed about 160 pounds. Brown was considerably addicted to drink and was very ugly at times. I don't know Martin's first name, but Baker's first name was Alfred. The last time I heard of Baker he was in Brantford, living at 44 King street. That was in August after he left the steel gang. We all boarded in Hagersville with a Mrs. Nickel, who kept a boarding-house there.

"After reading the descriptions in The Advertiser of the man who cashed the forged money order for Bartlett's wages, I am convinced that it tallies with the Alfred Brown I knew.

"I am willing to give whatever information I can to the police, and I have already told my story to Mr. J. A. Young, a mill-owner here, who showed me a copy of The Advertiser."
"Either Baker or Brown, I don't know which, had a number of tattoo marks on his arms, and some of them were similar to those I have on my own. On my arms are tattooed 'Hands Across the Sea,' being hands clasped. The figures of three women, my initials, three roses and a Union Jack. If they are not on Bartlett's arm, they certainly are on Brown's.

Brown's Whereabouts.
"As I have said, Brown, Bartlett, Baker and Martin all came over on the boat with me from England, but I do not know from what part of England they came. I myself am from Crumlin in Carlyle, in the north of England. (Continued on Page Eight.)

EGERTON ST. CROSSING IS BAD
ACTIONS RESULT AGAINST CITYCitizen Who Tripped On It the Other Night and Was Injured
Will Seek Redress—Ald. Rose Has Taken the Matter
Up and Will Have It Remedied.

While crossing the Egerton street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway, the other evening, Wm. J. Marsh, 66 Egerton street, tripped over a broken plank, breaking his nose and injuring his arm. He will be laid up for some days.

He threatens to sue the city for damages, and Ald. Rose, who is acting mayor today, was notified of the pending action.

In company with Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick, he investigated the crossing, and has come to the conclusion that it is a dangerous one.

A Bad Crossing.
"The accident to young Marsh happened on account of the trains on the road," said Ald. Rose. "It was at night, and there were some cars on the track, completely shutting out the electric light. Marsh, of course, could not see the walk, and conse-

quently tripped, as there were three planks missing. He was badly hurt. This crossing is very dangerous, and should be fixed. When the lights are shut off, as they usually are, when there are trains on the tracks, the crossings cannot be seen, and there are accidents happening at this crossing as a result. I heard of a lady who fell there a night or so ago, and was painfully injured. I understand that she, too, will bring action against the city. The Grand Trunk has been notified many times about this crossing, and it is time something was done. There are seven tracks at this street, and several of them are very bad. If suits are entered, the Grand Trunk will have its attention forcibly drawn to the conditions prevailing there."

The Clarence street crossing of the G. T. R. is also in very bad shape now.

COLORED MAN WAS ACQUITTED
CHARGE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWNHad Been Collecting Funds for Proposed Woodstock Institute, and
Showed That He Was Honest—An Apparent
Case of Misunderstanding.

The case of John G. Taylor, who was charged by Rev. Richard Hackett with collecting money for the colored church here and applying it to the Woodstock Industrial Institute, was disposed of by Magistrate Love at noon, and Mr. Taylor was honorably acquitted.

A person who had subscribed \$5, which was alleged to have been for the church, was present, and produced cards showing that the money had been subscribed for the Industrial Institute of Woodstock.

Mr. Crossley, manager of the Bank of Commerce in Woodstock, showed that the money Taylor had collected was deposited in the bank in the decision.

manager's name, and not in Taylor's, as had been alleged.

Charge Withdrawn.
In view of these facts, the crown withdrew the charge against Mr. Taylor.

Magistrate Love stated that while he had no evidence at all against Mr. Taylor, he considered the project a chimerical one and thought the public should investigate thoroughly before investing in it.

A committee has been arranged, of which Mr. Hackett is a member, to look after the matter, and in the meantime Mr. Crossley states that he will hold the funds pending their decision.

Marine Dept. To Be Reorganized
Minister Brodeur Not To ResignHas Warmest Support of His
Colleagues in Remedying
Defects.

Ottawa, March 27.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, characterizes as absolutely untrue the report sent out from Ottawa today to various newspapers that he would resign his portfolio in consequence of the criticism of his department made in the report of the civil service commission.

Mr. Brodeur has no intention of resigning, and he has the warm support of all his colleagues in the Government in the efforts he is now making to remedy the recognized defects in the organization and administration of the department, inherited from his predecessors in office and from the old Conservative regime. The staff and methods of conducting departmental business criticised most severely by the commission have long been a trou-

blesome legacy left to the present minister. Since he assumed the portfolio he has been earnestly endeavoring to bring about many reforms. The reorganization of the system of accounting in the department by specialists of high repute last year was the first step in this direction, and was undertaken long before the commission made any investigation. The minister has now under way a thorough overhauling of every branch of the department, a readjustment of offices, officials, etc.

Lieut.-Col. Gourdeau's retirement as deputy minister on superannuation and the appointment of a new deputy will be followed by other important changes in the departmental staff.

As promised by Mr. Brodeur in the Commons yesterday, there will be a searching inquiry into all the allegations of wrong-doing in the administration of each branch of the marine and fisheries service, but whether this inquiry will be made by a royal commission or in some other equally effective manner has not yet been determined.

Synod of Hamilton and London
Meets in This City on Monday NextGoverning Body of Presbyterian
Church in Canada—Import-
ant Business.

The Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock, and the opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. M. Martin, B. D., minister of Caven Church, Exeter, the retiring moderator.

The synod is composed of all the ministers in the Presbyteries of Ham-

ilton, Paris, London, Chatham, Sarnia, Stratford, Huron, Maitland and Bruce, together with an elder from every congregation within these bounds. It numbers nearly 600 members, but in all probability not more than 150 will attend.

Covers Dominion.
It is one of the seven synods which cover the whole Dominion from ocean to ocean. In the Presbyterian system the synod is the third of the four church courts which superintend the religious life and work of the people. The session, composed of the ministers and elders, has the oversight of the affairs of the individual congregations. (Continued on Page Nine.)

ITALIAN NAVY SHOOT UP CAMP

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Ont., March 28.—There was excitement in Embro village last night, when an Italian laborer, named Tonie, got on the warpath, and tried to shoot holes in the cook of the C. P. R. construction camp, No. 2. Charles Johnston is the name of the cook. He got drunk during the day, and when he went to the camp devoted his energy to teasing Tonie. Finally the

Italian followed him out of the tent and fired three shots at Johnston at close range. Owing to his excitement, none of them took effect. Tonie immediately ran east through the darkness, and the two village constables started after him. He is not yet captured. It is said that most of the laborers at these camps, three in number, engaged in construction work on the Embro and St. Marys Railway, carry arms.

ASK CITY TO SHARE THE COST
OF 7TH'S TRIP TO QUEBECOfficers May Do So, Provided Rumor From Ottawa Is True That
the Militia Dept. Will Pay For Transport and
Keep of Only Half the Regiment.

Local officers have received absolutely no information regarding the statements that only half of the city regiments will be taken to Quebec to take part in the celebrations.

Col. Peters, D.O.C., stated to The Advertiser today that he had heard absolutely nothing from official sources regarding either the Quebec trip or the holding of a camp here this spring.

The general impression among the members of the Seventh is that no more disastrous step towards the complete disorganization of the whole company could be taken than to only send half the regiment to Quebec.

Such a move would result in the most intense dissatisfaction, and many of the oldest members would undoubtedly drop out were such a step taken.

The men and officers are unanimous in the opinion that either all should go or none at all, and they would far sooner miss the trip entirely than to only take a portion of the regiment and cause discontent and disruption among the others.

City Bear a Share.
It has been suggested that the city might bear a share of the expense, if necessary, in sending the whole regiment to Quebec, but this is a mere suggestion and will not take definite shape until the final orders have been received from headquarters, and not then unless only half the regiment is ordered to Quebec.

The Seventh officers are with the men, and if necessary are prepared to make the strongest representations to headquarters that the whole regiment should go.

Local Jobbers Well Satisfied
With Spring Trade Thus FarRepeat Orders Are Numerous
and Prospects Are
Good.

Local jobbers appear to be very well satisfied with the manner in which retailers are taking on supplies for spring and early summer requirements.

While the demand is not, perhaps, as heavy as it was a year ago this time, many buyers who came to this market earlier in the year are now sending forward repeat orders for goods.

The number of orders placed is larger than was the case last year, but the amount of goods called for in these orders is smaller.

Jobbers are confident that with an early spring buyers will find that they are a long way short of the goods that will be needed.

Prospects Good.

Many are counting on the belief that retailers will have to buy heavily later on to take care of spring and early summer orders. The talk of a poor demand and accumulating stocks seems to be altogether unfounded in many instances, as jobbers have not much on hand from which special offers can be made.

There seems little doubt that the late buyer will find much trouble in getting his wants filled when he does come into the market.

Jobbers state that buyers seem to have lost sight of the fact that, while they have been holding to a very conservative policy, jobbers have been doing likewise.

All stocks have been held down to well within the limit, and the jobber is not any more anxious to take on fresh supplies than the retailers have been.

This means that stocks in many of the wholesalers are by no means large even if the demand has not been fully up to that of last year.

FLIMFLAMMER WAS FOILED
TRIED TO CASH BAD CHECKBought Pair of Shoes in Cook's and Attempted to Work Off Paper
On Imperial Bank, Signed "F. D. Moore"—
Police On the Trail.

Yesterday afternoon a well-dressed stranger walked into the J. P. Cook & Co.'s shoe store on Dundas street, and asked to look at some shoes.

Finally selecting a \$2.50 pair, he asked the clerk whether a check on the Imperial Bank would be accepted.

The clerk replied that he would speak to Mr. Edward Cook, one of the firm, about the matter, and did so.

Mr. Cook said that he would send a boy down to the bank with the check, and that if it was all right he would accept it.

To this the stranger agreed.

"Flew the Coop."
However, before the boy came back the would-be purchaser made a bolt for the door and disappeared.

The lad returned shortly afterward, and announced that there were no funds to the credit of the party in the bank.

The name on the check was "F. D. Moore."

Detectives Rider and Nickle are working on the case.

It is believed that a number of local businessmen were victimized, but are keeping the matter a secret.

The man was about 35 years of age, smooth shaven, and carried a satchel. The clerk who waited on him says that he became suspicious when he saw the expression of the man's face.

He was squinting horribly evidently with the intention of disguising his real expression.

Pottersburg Baby Was Still Born
Police Soon Cleared Up MysteryParents Were Unable to Bury
the Corpse in the
Winter

It was discovered yesterday that the body of the baby boy, which was found on Thursday afternoon lying in a creek near a Grand Trunk culvert in the East End, is that of a child of an English immigrant and his wife, who live in London Township, near Pottersburg.

The authorities are fully satisfied with the explanation of the parents that the child was stillborn, and that, being too feeble to bury it, they were granted permission by local physicians to inter it themselves.

The father of the child states that it was stillborn on Feb. 14, and that he tried to bury it in an old burying ground near the city.

The deep snow and the frozen ground rendered it impossible for him to perform the burial properly, and he states that he left the body in a snow-drift, intending to come and get it and bury it later, when the ground was more workable.

A Peculiar Feature.

No explanation can be given of how the body came to be found fully a mile and a half from the place where he left it.

A post-mortem was conducted by a physician yesterday, and it was proven that the child was stillborn, as no air had ever been in the lungs.

This, in addition to the doctor's certificate, which the father was able to produce, and also the identification of the remains by the man, convinced Coroner Ferguson that an inquest was unnecessary, and the body was buried.

A Large Baby.

The doctor who conducted the post-mortem states that the baby was one of the largest he has ever seen, and that it led the authorities to the belief that it was between two and three months old.

The marks on the throat and face are supposed now to have been caused from contact with the box and the dress which the child had on.

Constable Hughes and County Constable Mills are fully satisfied on this point, although at first the marks on the throat caused them to think the child was choked to death.

Interment at Montreal.

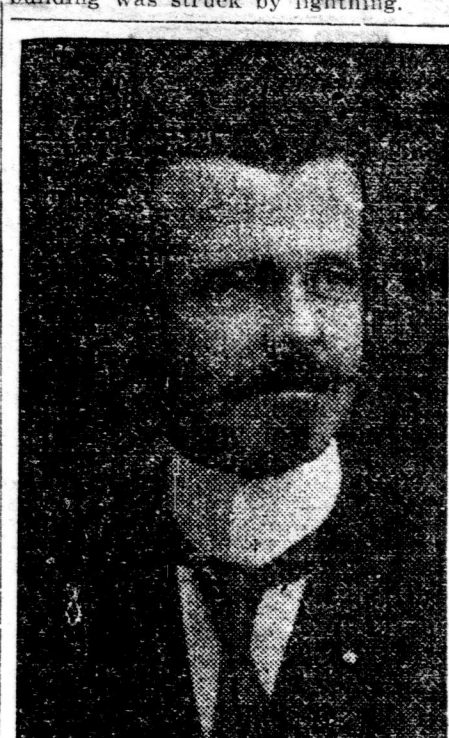
The funeral of Mrs. Julia Kelly was held this morning from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Thos. O'Hara, 769 Waterloo street, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Requiem high mass was sung by Father O'Neil. The remains will be sent to Montreal on the C. P. R. express this afternoon and interment will be made in that city.

SHRINERS SWEAR THEIR FEALTY
MOCHA TEMPLE PROUDLY RAISEDILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE E. R. C.
STRUTHERS,
Oriental Guide, a Shriner Who Has
Done Splendid Service for Mocha
Temple, and Who Was One of
Those Chiefly Responsible
For Its Inauguration.GOVERNOR-GENERAL
OFF FOR BERMUDA

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 28.—Lord Grey sailed today from New York for Bermuda. During his absence from the city Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the supreme court, is appointed administrator in his place. An extra of the Official Gazette was issued with the proclamation today.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
The C. P. R. Depot at Weston Com-
pletely Destroyed.

Toronto, March 28.—The C. P. R. depot at Weston was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$1,500. The building was struck by lightning.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE R. W.
SHAW, M.D.,
High Priest and Prophet of Mocha
Temple.

The Western Municipalities Power Union will hold a meeting in Toronto on Friday.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLD; UNSETTLED.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 28—8 a.m.

Today—Northwest winds; local showers.

Sunday—Northerly winds; cold and unsettled.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 42°; lowest, 36.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary..... 8 4 Clear

Winnipeg..... 6 -3 Cloudy

Port Arthur..... 24 10 Cloudy

Parry Sound..... 32 28 Cloudy

Toronto..... 34 30 Cloudy

Ottawa..... 32 26 Cloudy

Montreal..... 32 28 Rain

Quebec..... 24 23 Hail

Father Point..... 20 18 Snow

Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Pressure changes are occurring with wonderful rapidity. The low area which was in Colorado yesterday morning is now centered in Eastern Ontario, and by night will have passed to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The weather continues very cold in the Western Provinces, and unsettled and changeable from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10-30; Atlin, zero-23; Port Simpson, 26-44; Victoria, 32-43; Vancouver, 29-49; Kamloops, 26-44; Edmonton, 2 below-32; Battleford, 6 below-22; Prince Albert, 4 below-28; Regina, zero-24; Winnipeg, 32 below-24; Port Arthur, 2-22; Parry Sound, 20-44; Toronto, 30-36; Ottawa, 24-36; Montreal, 26-36; Quebec, 24-28; Halifax, 30-46.

Pilgrims Gather at Brilli-
ant Oriental Feast
In London.NOTABLE ASSEMBLY
OF NOBLE MOSLEMSCandidates Initiated Into Mysteries
of Inner Circle Amid
Foreign Sounds.

Yesterday was a gala day for the nomads who are charter members of Mocha Temple.

The occasion was one of special importance, in that it marked the inauguration of Mocha Temple, and also because of the fact that the sands were heated for the benefit of no less than 116 candidates.

Early yesterday morning the incoming caravans brought tidings that many nobles were coming from afar to the Oasis of London, in the Desert of Ontario, to take part in the ceremonies attendant on the inauguration of Mocha Temple.

With them came many pilgrims who found the sands hot and the way weary, and who finished the journey tired and thirsty after their long tramp over the desert.

From "Tall Minarets."
Many camels came in laden with the footsore and the weary.

Early yesterday morning the muezzin's voice sounded, calling the faithful to prayer, and in a short time they came forth with the noise of the bulbul and the he-wag.

Clothed in the garb of the east, they wended their way to all the paths leading in from the desert to meet the incoming hordes of swarthy Arabs.

Proudly did they bear aloft the banner of the prophet, guarded by many a flashing scimitar. Many, indeed, were the nobles who journeyed to meet the caravan in which was Imperial Potentate Harry A. Collins, of Toronto, who bore the message from the prophet by which Mocha Temple was created. While the Franks gazed in stupid wonder, each Moslem made his salaam, and the caravan moved in majestic splendor to the temple, where he was greeted by Illustrious Potentate A. L. Davis, of Mocha Temple, and many nobles.

At the Pyramids of London.

Back and forth to all quarters of the Oasis wended the faithful followers of Allah, and greeted all the incoming Sheikhs and Pashas.

When the shades of night began to fall all the faithful were called to the Oasis, where their chief was. Full weary was the way to man.

On the green spot in the desert they found rest. The sandals of many were burnt by the hot simoon, and they found their throats parched.

Many also found the camels hard to ride, and the goats exceeding hard to tame, but they all persevered, and when the voice of the illustrious potentate was raised in blessing it was found that all who had set out upon the journey to the Oasis had found the way in safety.

All the evening there was earnest consultation within the palace groves. Sounds of strife and other weird voices were heard by the unfaithful. Hilarious noises were also noted, and it was foreseen that the way would be very rough, and the sands very hot. However, each was delivered of his troubles, and soon the sounds of revelry would be heard from afar.

Welcomed the Moslems.
At this juncture Ald. Ferguson, one of the nobles, bade welcome to the delegates to the Oasis of London, remarking that the key of the city had been lost somewhere in the sands, and placing the hospital, the jail, the city hall, and other restful places, at the disposal of the nobles of Mocha Shrine and their visitors.

Then the nobles were led through a winding maze in the palace groves, where were spread the tables laden with all things good to look upon.

Gott's milk, camel's milk, pomegranates, rice and many viands were spread there in profusion, and Illustrious Potentate A. L. Davis invited the brave Bedouins to get busy with the viands. And for some time the noble Sheikhs and Pashas did eat and drink right merrily.

There was nothing forgotten, and every noble had his fill. Many served the nobles and ministered to their comfort.

They lavished their hands in water from Janna, and soon the sweet odors (Continued on page five.)

The Ontario Apple Exporters' Association, meeting at Cobourg, defeated by a large majority a motion to abolish the fruit marks act.