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**HAMILTON HAPPENINGS**

**EXPRESS ROBBERY CASE IS BEFORE JURY TO-DAY**

**Suit for \$25,000 Against Russian Dancers Stands—Reid's Death Investigated by Police.**

HAMILTON, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The winter session was opened this afternoon by Justice Teetzel. The important cases on the list attracted a crowd which filled the court room, but no progress was made in any of the big cases. The grand jury have only one bill to consider, the charge of theft against Chlman and Acheson in connection with the sensational Canadian Express robbery last September. After hearing some of the evidence in this case, the grand jury adjourned at 5 o'clock this afternoon and will take up the case again to-morrow morning. It will probably be to-morrow afternoon before the grand jury decided whether or not a true bill has been made against the accused.

The most important case reached by the court this afternoon was the \$25,000 damage action of Robert Shiverick against Mikala Mordkin and the Russian Imperial Ballet Company, for injuries received by the plaintiff while a spectator at a performance of Mordkin and Pavlova in the Grand Opera House here a year ago, when the blade of a sword used by Mordkin flew from his hand and struck Shiverick in the head, inflicting a wound which nearly proved fatal, and which it is alleged has permanently injured him. George Lynch-Staunton, on behalf of the defendants, asked that the case be postponed until the March session, on the ground that an amendment to the plaintiff's statement of claim virtually created a new action, which the defendants were not prepared by reason of the fact that they had not had a week to read in Australia. Justice Teetzel thought that the evidence which Reid might be able to give, could be obtained from other sources, and set a week from Wednesday as the trial date.

The damage action of Cunningham v. the M. C. Railway, for injuries at Waterloo, received by the plaintiff while in the performance of his duties, on April 30, 1911, was in progress when court adjourned this evening.

Suspicion of foul play in the death of J. T. Reid, which occurred at the City Hospital last night, has been aroused by a statement made by Reid shortly before he expired, that he had been assured while on his way from work last Thursday. When admitted to the hospital Reid was supposed to be suffering from an infection of the throat, which was thought to have caused a lump on the back of his neck.

Just before his death Reid stated that the lump had been caused by a blow which he received when assaulted. He died without giving any further particulars of the assault. When informed of the circumstances, Constable McNeil ordered an inquest into the man's death, which was begun this morning, and which will be continued on Jan. 13. The police are investigating.

**Tenders for Bond.**  
The policy of selling the \$800,000 odd debentures, which the city at present desires to place on the market, to the highest bidder, rather than to have them handled by one financial concern, was adopted by the board of control this morning.

Benjamin Brass, 70 years of age, was found wandering around the yard of his home this afternoon, in the snow and biting cold wind, without any clothing, except a pair of trousers, and was taken to the city hospital, where he is now in a critical condition. His feet and hands are frozen, and it is feared they will have to be amputated. The aged man lived alone in a little house on High-street.

Rev. H. B. Ketchen Moderator, of St. Paul's, returned yesterday from the Hamilton Presbytery for the next six months, at the bi-monthly meeting of the Presbytery in one of the meetings of St. Paul's Church this morning.

Carl Fries, an employe of the Deerpark, who lives at 30 Ruth-street, was struck by a street car at the corner of Barton-street and Birch-avenue late this afternoon, while returning from his day's work. He was severely injured, that he had to be removed to the city hospital. It is feared that his skull is fractured.

**DR. McCULLOUGH BACK.**  
Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, provincial medical health officer, returned yesterday from New York, where he has been investigating the latest methods for water filtration and other matters of sanitation.

**Erving Girl Goes to Mercer.**  
Neither the Salvation Army, into whose care she was given two weeks ago, nor the girl's mother, are able to do anything effective with Marlon Gray. At the way of moral reform, wherefore she went from police court yesterday morning to spend four months in the Mercer.

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**BRANCH LIBRARIES SHOULD GET GOVERNMENT GRANT**

**Toronto Board Will Appeal to Legislature—Increase Responsibility of Officers.**

The Toronto Library Board believes the public libraries of the city are not receiving sufficient government aid. At a meeting of the board at the College-street library last night it was decided to appoint a deputation consisting of Messrs. Gash, Huestis and Chief Librarian Locke to wait on the proper committee of the Ontario Legislature, to see if the amount of government aid given the Toronto libraries cannot be increased. Under the present Libraries Act, \$200 is given every municipal library in the province, or \$250 if there is a reading room in connection.

"In this manner," said Member of the Library Board Gash, "any little 'one-horse' library receives only \$50 less from the government than the public libraries of this city. We shall ask that each branch here be given \$250, just as if it were the only library in the city. Whenever we take over a library in an outlying district which is not maintained by the city, the grant to this library then ceases, as the institution becomes only one of our city system. But it is easy to see how greatly our expenditures are increased in this way."

The same deputation will also wait on the board of control and a committee of the legislature in reference to obtaining a change in the Ontario Libraries Act, which will provide for the vesting of all properties and real estate in the library boards of every municipality in the province. The object of seeking this change is to remove all doubt as to the matter of real estate titles.

The board of control will be asked to concur with the proposition before it is put up to the legislature. The John Ross Robertson collection of paintings will soon be opened to the public at the library. The painting of the portrait of John Hallam, founder of the public library system in Toronto, will take place in the near future.

Chief Librarian Locke was not present at the meeting as he is attending the Library Congress at Chicago. The board recommended the following additions to the library staff: Miss M. J. H. Harper, Miss Minnie McFadyen, Edith C. Jamison, Alfreda Corey and Florence Lacey.

The circular on Spruce-street bill, which was handed over to the library board by the city council, will soon be opened as a branch library for the people of East Toronto.

**SIDELIGHTS ON BUSY CITY LIFE.**  
**A Barnard Boy and His "Quarter"—**  
Bishop and His Cheque.

On the last Saturday of the old year in Toronto as a city, was preparing to spend a long week-end of reunion and social enjoyment, a rugged boy of fifteen years approached the door of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives on King-street. As he came nearer he was seen to fumble in his pocket. Opening his hand he held a small, heavy, quarter of a dollar. "Disappearing as suddenly as he had come, he was heard to say: 'What's your name, my boy?' 'Perceval Thurbow.' 'Where do you live?' 'I belong to the Barnard's Home on Peter-street.' 'Well, you are a good boy, and you are going to be a fine man.'"

Beginning to find prosperity in the land of his adoption, and having known what suffering himself, the boy was moved to share his first earnings with other unfortunate.

To the same office came a brief note from the Bishop of Ontario, Bishop's College, Kingston, sending his gift of \$100.

These are two of the many incidents which show widespread interest in the "Canada's Greatest Charity"—The Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives—which ever has open doors to receive the needy sufferers from the dread "White Plague."

**SPECIAL SALE SQUARE PIANOS.**  
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