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More Evidence at Kingston
Penitentiary.NO CRUELTY PRACTICED
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But Not in Any Way
as Punishment.

[Canadian Press.]

Kingston, Dec. 4.—When the prison reform committee resumed its session today, Dr. Edwards, M.P., exploded the expected sensation by stating that since the last session, one of the convicts, Rose, who gave evidence against Guard Frederick Ingledew, had confessed that his statement was untrue, and that what he had said was "a frame-up" between him and Overveer Wilson, of the hospital.

It was announced that this would be inquired into later, and the committee then resumed their sessions, inquiring into the conduct of Deputy Warden O'Leary.

It was intimated that Jones and Bonnar, two of the western desperadoes, would be called to give evidence. Their evidence will probably be in regard to the much talked about "bosing" treatment alleged to have been administered to convicts.

Guard Was Called.

Reuben Bryant, guard for 18 years, was called in the charge against the deputy warden of persecution and showing discrimination. Witness declared that seven years ago he was suffering from a sprained wrist, which made it a hardship for him while he might have been given a job with an assistant. Witness could not have carried on his work had he not been "handy" with his left hand. The chairman and Mr. Downey ruled this evidence out, stating that witness in his condition should not have been on duty.

Were Not Cruel.

"If there is any place where there is need of two-listed men," said Mr. Downey, "it is in this penitentiary." Witness told the chairman he had never seen a man given a "tubbing." He had seen men given cold baths, but did not consider this treatment cruel. On being pressed by Dr. Edwards, the witness admitted there was harshness in the penitentiary used for strapping men down. He had assisted in "tubbing" the convicts' heads under water. The warden, deputy, or surgeon, were not present at any time he took part in the "tubbing."

Not For Punishment.

To Mr. Whiting witness said the convicts given "tubbing" were on the insane ward. The bath was not given for punishment, but for their own benefit. He did not think it hurt them. He thought it did them good. The straps were only used when the convicts refused to get in the tub. Some were very noisy. Witness regarded this penitentiary as a dumping ground for insane convicts. This treatment was given to quiet them. He did not know of any convicts outside of the insane ward being given "his treatment."

Chairman Objects.

The chairman objected to the investigation, calling it "a frame-up." He served as a guard seventeen years ago, and a lively passage at arms followed between Dr. Edwards and the chairman over the way the investigation was being conducted. "You can't bluff me," said Dr. Edwards hotly to the chairman. The latter stated that Dr. Edwards persisted in interfering with the investigation, and said he would cause a whole lot more before he was through.

Guard Mills said he had been given his walking ticket, but he did not know what for.

Wesley Babcock, an ex-guard, told of convicts being tubbed for assaulting an officer.

He had not seen men given a cold bath as punishment. He had heard of prisoners in the isolation wards being "hosed."

Saw Convict "Hosed."

James Madden, ex-keeper, recently appointed acting steward, told of seeing a man given the hose in a cell about twelve years ago. He was given the treatment as punishment while he had his clothes on. After getting the treatment the convict had told him he did not mind it. The hosing did not knock the man down.

Peter M. Beaupre, a guard, swore that Dr. Phelan had given him a written order ten years ago stating that "tubbing" as a punishment would not be tolerated. Mr. Phelan ordered him to see that this rule was carried out, and witness said he would. Asked about the hosing, witness said there was a hose, but it did not amount to much. There was not enough pressure to extinguish a candle. "It was all a farce," added the witness.

ASK ALL TEACHERS
TO STOP SMOKINGMoose Jaw School Board Planned Also
to Censor Women's Waists.

[Canadian Press.]

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 4.—The city school board last night passed a resolution requesting the teachers not to smoke going to or from school or on school property.

The board considered the appointment of a censor of waists of women as worn by the older girls attending school, but finally decided that this matter was outside their jurisdiction.

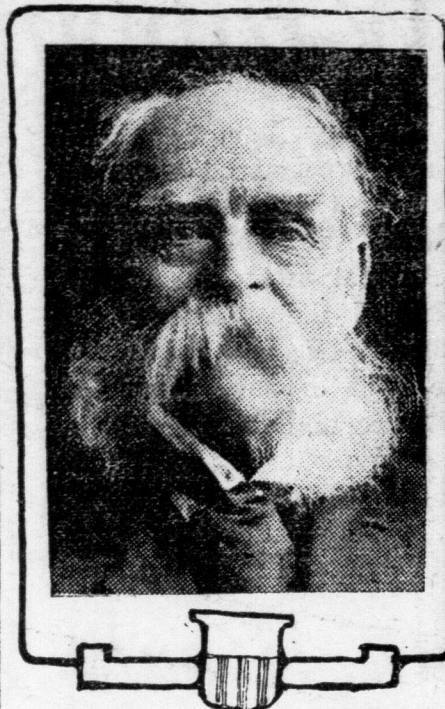
Pioneer Whose
Family Unites on
79th Birthday

Photo by Henry.

W. R. HARDING.

POLICE STOP
CRUEL RACEDrivers Had Lashed Horses Over
Thirty-Two Miles of Bad
Roads.

\$2,000 HAD BEEN WAGERED

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Just as two jaded horses were staggering homewards last evening after a gruelling 32-mile race over mud-coated roads from Montreal to Terrebonne and return, two officials of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, dramatically blocked the progress of the steaming, exhausted steeds, and placed the two drivers of the ill-used animals, Cleophas Robillard and G. F. Dubreuil, under arrest.

Two thousand dollars, it is estimated, was at stake on the race, while the event was heavily bet on. Parts of the course were lined with automobiles and rigs, the onlookers doing all they could to harass the S. P. C. A. officers, who chased the racers in a high-powered car.

The horses, both of which were splendid animals, were in a terrible condition from exhaustion and lashing, the mud-covered buggies indicating the condition of the roads they had been compelled to race over.

RIFLES FOR IRISHMEN
WILL BE FORBIDDENProclamation To Prevent Ship-
ments of Arms For Use
in Rebellion

[Canadian Press.]

Dublin, Dec. 4.—The importation of arms into Ireland is about to be forbidden, according to the newspapers here which declare that the issue of a proclamation to that effect may be expected in a day or two.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, is here in conference with the Earl of Aberdeen, the lord lieutenant, and the result it is thought will be that the Government will take this first step against the plans of rebellion of the followers of Sir Edward Carson, the Irish Unionist leader.

PARLIAMENT MAY
MEET JANUARY 8Date Not Definitely Set, But Generally
Favored by Ministers.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It was stated here today that Parliament will be called to meet on Jan. 8. The Government has not finally fixed this date, but a majority of the ministers favor it, and the call will probably go out within a few days.

WILL SETTLE STATUS
OF WATER COMMISSIONMeeting Tomorrow Will See Solution
of Vexed Legality Question.

The interesting question of the relationship of the waterworks and hydro departments is to be solved at the meeting of the water commissioners Friday afternoon. The commission, in accordance with the vote last January, ceased its administration of the water department at the end of November, and it has been questioned whether or not it has power to go ahead with the control of the hydro department. The affairs of the hydro department are now in the hands of the finance committee of the city council.

FOUND GUILTY

Stock Broker Took Stock Deposited as
Security For a Loan.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Albert James Boyd, stockbroker, was today found guilty by Judge Bazin of stealing stock of the Dominion Glass Company to the value of \$9,800, deposited with him as security for a loan, by A. M. McGregor. Boyd sold the stock to McDonnell & Gowans, brokers. Boyd is wanted on charges of obtaining money by false pretences while operating brokerage houses in Texas, Kansas, Morgan, Texas, and St. Louis, Mo.

INCINERATOR BREAKS DOWN;
UNABLE TO CONSUME REFUSEFaulty Construction of Machinery Foisted
on City by Graham Ring Causes Two
Days' Shutdown—No Repair Parts Here.

Mayor C. M. R. Graham's own pet hobby, the incinerator, was shut down on Tuesday and Wednesday, only to be opened Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock after temporary repairs had been made to it by local mechanics.

The fans were almost completely out of business, ball-bearings have gone to pieces, and a number of other parts have played out. It is questionable whether the city will have any redress from the company which supplied the plant, because of the agreement railroad through the council by the Graham clique.

No Repairs in Canada.

The incinerator was manufactured in England, and as far as the local authorities are able to ascertain, no parts or repairs are kept in Canada. The plant, costing approximately \$40,000, and purchased at the instigation of Mayor Graham, has been in operation only since June. It is pointed out that even if the supplying company makes good the several parts which have already gone to the bad, that after this has been done the plant will probably be in a similar or worse condition a few months hence. Then with the guarantee expiring next June, the company will be able to laugh at London with its \$40,000 expended for a plant that present appearances may, to say the least, prove unsatisfactory.

Heating Bill Added.

At the time Mayor Graham insisted on the purchase of the plant and succeeded in getting away with his suggestion, it was given as a favorable argument that the plant would heat Victoria Hospital. On the recommendation of the installing engineer, \$7,000 should be spent on new boilers to retain any steady pressure of heat in the building.

The incinerator was a legacy to the present board of works, but Chairman B. W. Bennett has been trying to make the best of the situation. At the time the plant was purchased, Ald. Bennett wanted it located next the railway tracks so that the city might save the expense of hauling coal for its consumption, but even this was opposed by the Graham ring.

THIRTEEN DROWN
LOSS A MILLION
IN TEXAS FLOODRain Still Falling Heavily and
Much More Damage Is
Feared.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Food Is Being Hurried to Suf-
ferers as Quickly as
Possible.

[Canadian Press.]

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 4.—The rainfall continued today in the flood districts of Central Texas, adding to the menace of high waters, which already have cost thirteen lives and about \$1,000,000 property damage. The area of overflowing rivers spread rapidly last night, the most important new point affected being San Antonio. The floods today covered portions of nearly every county from San Antonio northward almost to the Panhandle, and from this point eastward to include all the important cities of North and Central Texas. Houston, Beaumont and Galveston alone were not threatened.

Thousands Homeless.

The homeless numbered thousands, but inasmuch as they were divided in small groups throughout the flood territory no serious relief problems were presented.

At Belton, where part of the town was cut off by water, baskets of provisions were propelled on telephone wires to flood victims.

South Bosque, near Waco, reported that the rise which did not reach there until yesterday came in a wall of water about ten feet high. The residents had been warned.

Near Marlin 175 passengers on a Houston and Central Railroad train were marooned all night. The flood water rose over the rails until it occasionally lapped the lower steps of the coaches.

The Marlin overflow is from the Brazos River bed. It is estimated that the Brazos is ten miles wide at some points. Marlin is five miles from the river.

Thirteen Drowned.

At Waco, where several thousand persons were driven from their homes by the Brazos flood no loss of life had been reported.

Foundations of the cemeteries stopped burials throughout the city. Floating mills turned out scores of boats to rescue the marooned and salvage property.

The flood's death list is:

At Belton, five members of the Polk family; at Brownwood, D. Lyton; at Dallas, B. F. Lay; at Grand Prairie, Manley; at High Bank, near Marlin, two negroes; at Austin, three unidentified men.

At Fort Worth, on Trinity River, yesterday's apparent relief from flood conditions changed this morning when a dangerous new rise set in.

ARRESTED MRS. PANKHURST
BEFORE SHE COULD LANDPolice Took Her From the Steamer in Special Boat and Avoided
Disturbances Planned by Militants Who
Wanted To Save Her.

[Canadian Press.]

Plymouth, England, Dec. 4.—Contrary to expectation, there was no disturbance when Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, was arrested on board the steamship Majestic on her arrival from New York today.

Mrs. Pankhurst was transferred to a tug, which had been chartered by the police, and was taken to Devonport dockyard.

The police officers boarded the Majestic as soon as the liner had anchored and shortly after noon.

The police tug, with the prisoner and officers on board steamed off directly from Devonport. Everybody except officials was excluded from the Government dockyard and Mrs. Pankhurst landed without incident.

Two motor cars were waiting in the dockyard, and the small party, consisting of the prisoner and a number

of detectives, entered the vehicles and started off immediately in the direction of London.

A body of militant suffragettes had congregated in the meantime in Plymouth, and after parading the streets with a band at their head, marched to the docks.

The police authorities feared that the militants might start a campaign of window-breaking when they learned that their leader had been spirited away.

Bodies of suffragists were on guard outside the prisons in the southwest of England, to which it was thought Mrs. Pankhurst might be taken. During the night at Bristol the women who took sentry duty in relays outside the jails, while they were seated on their campstools, were attacked by a hostile crowd, and several people were slightly hurt in the struggle.

HYDRO-WATER SITUATION
CAUSES CITIZENS TO ASK
WHAT GAME IS IN THE AIRCity Hall Manipulation of Department Separation Cloaked in
Mystery—Only One Chance For Bylaw To Be Resub-
mitted and That by Rush Action Without Consideration.

DIVORCE DEPARTMENTS, SAYS ALD. RICHTER

What sort of hole-in-corner game is being played in connection with the separation of the waterworks and hydro-electric departments?

That is what the people of London are asking. They have been ready to hear both sides of the question with an open mind since the plea has been made that they were not in their right minds when they took such a decided stand for the separation last January.

Friday Last Chance.

Friday night is the last night for the decision to submit a proposal to the ratepayers that they annul the stand they took in the matter one year ago. A special committee was appointed to deal with the report of Engineer John M. Moore, who was asked more than three months ago to appraise the value of the hydro and water department. This committee

has not yet met and unless it meets tonight there will be no recommendation for the finance committee tomorrow night.

Bylaw To Be Rushed

Why this holding off? Is it the intention to rush a bylaw through at the last moment without a proper consideration of the new scheme? Will the people not be in their right minds again?

The main argument advanced by those who oppose the separation, and would take a reactionary stand, is that the people of London did not know what they were doing when they voted for the separation. But did not Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. Philip Pocock take the stump against the proposal at the last election? Surely, they must have enlightened the electorate in one way or another! And if

it is true that the people had not "sufficient information" have they any more information on the subject at present?

What Is There to Hide?

Without committing themselves as to the respective merits of either side, citizens are asking why this peculiar method of legislation is being adopted. WHAT IS THERE TO HIDE? WHY NOT COME OUT IN THE OPEN?

General Manager H. J. Glaubitz says that it would be folly to separate the departments. He says there are many ways in which the two departments work together, and that there is now and will be a greater saving of labor with joint operation.

Separation Is Essential.

Ald. J. G. Richter says that the separation is essential to London along the lines of his "city manager" idea. He believes that there should be a head engineer to control the streets. He says that the water commissioners tear up newly-laid pavements, and that there is friction in hundreds of instances. He says the hydro department on non-peak load hours uses power that costs hydro nothing, to pump water, and that the water department is charged \$28 a horsepower, when the hydraulic pumps might be used without cost. He contends that the hydro department is making thousands of dollars out of the water department for power that does not cost the hydro branch one cent. He wants to see how the two departments would show up when each is placed on its own merits. He says that the separation of the departments would mean that there would be practically nothing left for Mr. Glaubitz to do. Mr. Glaubitz gets \$4,200 a year.

Could Effect Saving.

Ald. Richter thinks that the citizens could effect a large saving for themselves by the separate operation of these departments.

"Where co-operation is possible we have no desire to make a change," he said. "We want to let the light in and to find out the true status of affairs. There is no doubt that proper charges for depreciation have not been made in years. Surpluses, practically taken out of capital account, have been handed to the city. It is time that there was a general survey of the situation. And the most important thing is that the city should have control of its own streets."

Refused to Co-Operate.

"I have no objection to working with the hydro department. It will be right to co-operate where possible. But we offered to co-operate in the case of Mr. Van Cleave, and the hydro commissioners refused to meet us half way. They were responsible for a separation greater than the present separation could be."

Brought About

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DEMAND RESIGNATIONS

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[Canadian Press.]

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Wants to Explain.

The imperial chancellor, aware that even his own supporters were blaming him for the absence of any definite declarations as to how he was going to deal with the authors of the incident, appeared in the Imperial Parliament at the opening of today's session to try and make good for his yesterday's omissions. He declared that Emperor William had expressed extreme displeasure over the occurrences, and had given the general in command at Zabern strict orders that such violations of the law as the clearing of the streets by the military and the arrest of them of civilians, should not be repeated.

Denies Inner Government.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg denied the existence of a secret inner government in Alsace, which overruled the decisions of the recognized authorities as had been reported, and said he must resign instantly if such a thing were true.

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CLAIM GOVT. REPORT IS
MOST UNFAIR TO LONDONFigures Taken From the Whole
District Are Given as Apply-
ing to City.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Dec. 4.—The Ontario Government's report of births, marriages and deaths for 1912 states there were 58,870 births, 28,845 marriages, and 32,150 deaths. The births show an increase of 2,774 over the previous year.

Illegitimate births numbered 1,256, against 1,087 in 1911, of which 72 per cent took place in cities. Ottawa leads in this respect with 861 illegitimate in every 1,000 births.

Toronto has about half that rate. London's ratio is 632, and Hamilton's 253. Of the mothers of illegitimate children 335 were domestics, against 34 factory hands, 12 stenographers, 12 saleswomen, and 15 clerks.

According to the authorities the high percentage of illegitimate births in this city is caused by the fact that the entire district is represented in the returns forwarded to the department at Toronto.

[Canadian Press.]

St. John, N. B., Dec. 4.—George Lifton, said to be from Toronto, a travelling dentist, is under arrest here charged by Helen Raymond, aged 18 or 19, with assault. She said she came here from Toronto, where she knew Lifton was in a delicate condition of health, and found two other girls living in the same house with him. All prepared his meals.

The court remarked that it looked as if a harem was being conducted if the charges were true.

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BANDITS SURROUNDED
In Old Farm HouseFierce Battle Expected With Desper-
adoes Who Killed Bank Manager.

[Canadian Press.]

Morris, Man., Dec. 4.—It is believed that the bandits who shot and instantly killed Manager H. M. Arnold, of the Bank of Montreal, here, Wednesday, are hiding in an old farmhouse near here.

A posse is being organized to try and arrest the men. As they are known to be heavily armed a fierce fight is expected. Northwest mounted policemen have been notified and are hurrying to take part in the case.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning: Highest, 38; lowest, 34.

The official temperature for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 50; lowest, 37.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Forecast.

Toronto, Dec. 4—8 a.m. Fresh west to northwest winds; fair and mild today and on Friday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	42	40	Cloudy
Calgary	62	34	Clear
Winnipeg	58	24	Clear
Port Arthur	40	30	Clear
Perry Sound	38	36	Cloudy
Toronto	50	30	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	32	Cloudy
Montreal	40	32	Cloudy
Quebec	38	28	Cloudy
Father Point	34	30	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Pressure lowest in Newfoundland, while it continues high in the Northwest States.

The weather continues abnormally mild throughout the Dominion.