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LONDON MAN WAS MURDERED IN A RUSSIAN PROVINCE!

James MacGarvey Was Killed and His Wife Seriously Wounded

A TRAGEDY OF THE OIL FIELDS

Mr. McGarvey Had Been Having Trouble and Had Had a Body Guard.

Mr. J. W. Scandrett received a cablegram at noon today stating that Mr. James MacGarvey, for many years a resident of this city, and his engineer had been murdered at Grozny, Russia, and Mrs. Julia MacGarvey seriously wounded.

No details of the affair were given.

The cablegram was sent by Mr. Albert MacGarvey, of this city, who about three months ago went to Grozny to assist his brother in looking after some oil properties that he had there.

Mrs. MacGarvey, wife of Mr. Albert MacGarvey, is in the city at the present time visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scandrett.

She stated to The Advertiser that Mr. James MacGarvey had been in the Grozny oil district, which is situated in the Caucasus Mountains, for some time.

Had Had Trouble.

Word received from him recently indicated that he had been having quite a lot of trouble, owing to the hostility of the natives. Not long ago Mr. MacGarvey wrote that he had found it necessary to have a body guard accompany him wherever he went, owing to the threats made by the natives.

About three months ago his wife, Mrs. Julia MacGarvey, who had been residing in Ealing, London, England, went to Grozny.

The dispatch states that she was very seriously wounded in the attack that was made, but is expected to recover.

Mr. James MacGarvey was 60 or 65 years of age, and is a brother of Mrs. Dr. Westland, of Saranac Lake, formerly of this city.

He has another sister, Mrs. VanAlstyne, of Winnipeg, and a brother, William H., who is in Vienna, Austria.

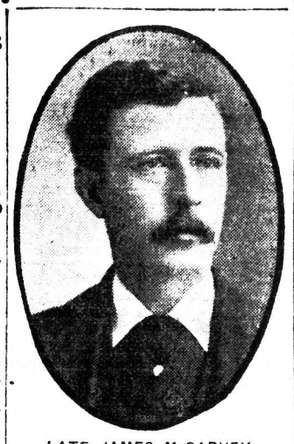
Lived in Poland.

Mr. MacGarvey formerly lived in Poland, but a few years ago, when the Grozny oil fields were opened up, he moved to that part of Russia, and had been very successful.

There are several English-speaking residents in Grozny, mostly of whom are Canadians, and it is said that bad feeling has existed between them and the inhabitants for some time, and that outbreaks have occurred before.

In one of the last letters received from Mr. MacGarvey, he stated that he found it necessary to have his properties guarded night and day, and that it was unsafe to venture out unarmed.

Grozny is one of the oil provinces of Russia, and is situated near the Caucasus Mountains in Caucasian Russia.



LATE JAMES McGARVEY, London Man Who Was Murdered in Russia.

CHILD WAS ALMOST CHOKED TO DEATH

Little Girl, of East London, Put Mother's Ring in Her Mouth.

The little 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Spencer, of Ontario street, had a remarkably close call from being choked to death yesterday. The child was playing with one of her mother's rings and put it in her mouth and tried to swallow it. The ring fortunately stuck in her throat, but before it could be gotten out the baby was nearly strangled.

COLONEL WOOD SECOND OFFICER

Will Rank Next to Col. MacLean on Coronation Contingent.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—It is reported that Col. J. W. Woods, commander of the Governor-General's Foot Guards at Ottawa, will rank next to Col. H. H. MacLean, in command of the Canadian Coronation Contingent. He will command the unmounted division.

Lieut.-Col. Victor A. S. Williams will command the mounted division.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has renewed for a year the contract with Pickford & Black for a steamship service between St. John and Halifax and the West Indies. Tenders for the new service recommended by the imperial commission of trade between Canada and the British West Indies, will be called by the British Government, Canada contributing to the cost of the service.

GUESTS OF THE GREYS.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The dowager Countess of Arran, accompanied by her daughter, Lady Winnifred Gore, Lady Beatrice Cecil and Miss Butiell, who are guests of their excellencies at the Government House, are sailing from New York on the 8th of March.

SCOTTISH RITERS MEET IN CITY

The Annual Reunion of London Local Lodge of Perfection Today.

DEGREES EXEMPLIFIED

Masons Here From All Over Ontario and Some From As Far West as Winnipeg.

The annual reunion of the members of London Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites commenced today at the Masonic Temple, representatives being present from all over Ontario as well as a few from points as far west as Winnipeg.

All degrees from the fourth to the eighth were exemplified before noon luncheon, which was served at the Temple. Twenty-three candidates were on hand today.

Tomorrow London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix takes charge, and will complete the business of the reunion by tomorrow evening.

Those Present.

Those who registered today are: Senator Wm. Gibson, Beamsville; J. W. Shaw, Clinton; Chas. A. Saunders, Goderich; John B. Hunter, Goderich; Wilson Herald, Goderich; Mr. Allworth, Windsor; Geo. B. Hollier, Tillsonburg; Thos. H. Manley, Sarnia; T. S. Ruttan, Woodstock; W. J. Wyles, Woodstock; Geo. Kinney, Ballymote; A. C. Hunter, Goderich; J. M. Speers, Woodstock; R. G. Thompson, Glencoe; J. G. Laddell, Brantford; C. T. Midgley, Woodstock; W. E. Thompson, Winnipeg; Geo. Francis Union; E. Zimmerman, Harrow; W. R. Boyce, Harrow; Ed. Webster, Kingsville; R. A. Somerville, Hamilton, and Geo. H. Leslie, Toronto.

MUST NOT USE CITY CLERK'S NAME

Request of the North Midland Railway Refused by Mr. Baker.

MAY BE ANOTHER VOTE

There Has Been So Much Delay That It Is Not Likely Clause Will Be Allowed in City of London Bill.

City Clerk Baker today received a letter from Mr. T. H. Luscombe, barrister, of the North Midland Railway, stating that the company had no desire to cause trouble by the inserting of the famous advertisement in the Ontario Gazette and a local paper, and asked permission to continue the insertions so as to conform with the law in case the city council decides to go ahead with the agreement, and insert a clause in the City of London bill, which is coming up before the Legislature.

Mr. Baker has replied that he must, in view of a resolution passed by the council, absolutely forbid the use of his name on the advertisement, and that if the company desires to go ahead with the publishing of the ad. it will have to obtain the consent of No. 1 committee in order to use the city clerk's name.

It was said at the city hall today that there is not much likelihood of the city asking the Legislature to insert a clause in the bill for the Midland people, as there is a decided feeling in the council in favor of taking a vote on the proposition to guarantee the bonds.

As a matter of fact, there is said to be no time to go ahead with the proposition this year, as there has been so much delay one way and another, that the City of London bill is now printed, and there appears to be slim chance of having the Legislature allow the insertion of two clauses—one for the city hall sale and the other for the bonds guarantee—in the measure at this late date.

It looks like another vote on the bylaw.

Critically Ill.

Miss May Hague, daughter of Canon Dyson Hague, is very critically ill as a result of a serious operation which she underwent recently. Miss Hague was only taken ill on Sunday, and this afternoon grave fears were entertained for her recovery.

OPEN VERDICT IN C. P. R. WRECK CASE

Inquest Into Recent Snowplow Collision at Guelph Junction.

THE EVIDENCE VARIED

Testimony of Crews Regarding Weather on Night of Accident Conflicted—Differ About Signals Given Also.

"Owing to the conflicting evidence of the train crews on weather conditions and semaphore signals, we were unable to locate the blame. We find that death was accidental."

Campbellville, Feb. 23.—An open verdict was returned by the jury, which, under Coroner Dr. H. A. McColl, of Milton, investigated the accident at Guelph Junction, in which Section Foreman H. Weymark and Sectionman Gilbert Jones, of London, lost their lives on Feb. 14.

Brakeman's Story.

Henry Barnes, rear brakeman of the snowplow, swore that on one of the semaphores the light was indistinct, owing to the high wind. Other witnesses said that the light of the semaphore had been quite distinct, and that the semaphore board should have been made visible by the searchlight of the incoming engine.

The train crews came from London. The snowplow ran head-on to the locomotive of the freight train standing on the main line. According to the witnesses the plow had the right of way and the engine of the train was caught while shunting some cars. All the witnesses, except Arthur J. Kelly, conductor of the freight, and a brakeman, testified that the night was decidedly stormy, and the crew of the snowplow swore that the deceased men on the plow were responsible for keeping a lookout ahead. Both the inner and outer semaphores were set against the incoming train by the brakeman of the freight train.

A Heavy Storm.

Charles Kelleher, conductor of the snowplow, was in the cupola when the crash came. The orders were to cross the freight at Guelph Junction. The storm was heavy, and the flying snow and escaping steam did not give him much chance to see his whereabouts. He saw a reflection of a headlight on the engine, and at once opened the conductor's valve, throwing on the air brakes. The speed of the plow at the time of the shock was ten or fifteen miles an hour.

George H. Griffiths, brakeman in the cupola, did not see the lights of the semaphores, though looking out for them.

Wilfrid Weller, engineer of snowplow, swore that Weymark had not whistled for three crossings before reaching Guelph Junction, though supposed to whistle for every one. The average speed of the plow was about twenty miles an hour.

Conductor Kelly said that the freight train had used the main line under protection against the incoming train. He did not know that it was a snowplow, or he would have waited until it arrived before opening the switch.

John Gartley, engineer on the freight train, saw the reflection of a headlight in the distance, and whistled. He then busied himself about other duties and did not notice the snowplow till it struck his engine.

This concluded the evidence.

SHOCKING INCIDENT

Vice-Regal Party Obliged to Walk Through Streets of Montreal.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Feb. 23.—When His Excellency Earl Grey, Countess Grey, with Lady Evelyn and Lady Sybil Grey arrived here today from Ottawa to attend the skating competitions here, by some oversight there were no carriages at the station.

The vice-regal party took the mishap in good part, and began their way to Lord Strathcona's residence on foot. They later secured sleighs and completed their journey in comfort.

Dr. Hutchinson Improves.

The condition of Medical Health Officer Dr. Hutchinson is reported to be much improved this afternoon. The doctor is still confined to his bed, but is regaining his strength rapidly.

THE WEATHLR.

Tomorrow—Fair.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—8 a.m.

Today—Strong westerly winds; fair.

Friday—Strong westerly winds; snow flurries, but mostly fair, and much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	46	36	Cloudy
Calgary	36	8	Clear
Winnipeg	34	12	Clear
Port Arthur	30	18	Cloudy
Parry Sound	36	8	Fair
Toronto	30	14	Clear
Ottawa	24	4	Fair
Montreal	24	4	Cloudy
Quebec	20	0	Fair
Father Point	20	4	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

The general distribution of pressure is much as it was yesterday, with the barometer lowest over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and highest over the Northwestern States.

The weather is fine with a nearly uniform temperature throughout the Dominion.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

The barometer was highest last night over the Northwestern States and lowest over the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather yesterday was fine throughout the Dominion, except that light local snowfalls occurred in Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 12—34; Attin, 32—56; Prince Rupert, 30—46; Victoria, 38—46; Vancouver, 30—44; Kamloops, 2—30; Battleford, 22 below—14; Calgary, 4 below—36; Qu'Appelle, zero—30; Winnipeg, 4—24; Port Arthur, 14—30; Parry Sound, 10—38; Toronto, 13—16; Ottawa, 6—24; Montreal, 8—24; Quebec, 4—20; St. John, 8—26; Halifax, 4—24.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East—Strong winds; fair and moderately cold.

TWO FIREMEN THROWN FROM THEIR SLEIGH

Men of No. 5 Company Had a Lively Experience on Adelaide Street.

While going to a fire at the south end works of the McClary Manufacturing Company last evening at 5:45, two of the firemen of No. 5 company, Messrs. Ferguson and Huston, were thrown from the sleigh, but were uninjured.

The accident occurred at the corner of Adelaide street and Ottaway avenue, and the chief claims that it was caused by the sleigh slewing against the rails of the street railway, which at this point are said to be very high and dangerous. The sleigh was smashed.

The blaze proved to be a small one, a dust box in the polishing department having caught fire.

Later an overheated motor melted a plug of the internal fire protection plant, and when the water was seen running another alarm was sent in. No damage resulted.

MRS. JAMES McGARVEY, Wife of London Man Who Was Killed in Russia.

A STARTLING INCREASE IN JUVENILE CRIME HERE

Chief Says Many Boys Appeared in Police Court Last Year.

ADVOCATES USE OF "THE BIRCH"

According to the Police the Morals of the City Are at a Low Ebb Among the Young.

At a meeting of the police commissioners held on Tuesday afternoon Chief Williams submitted a report dealing with the crime that has occurred in the city during the last year.

"The most startling fact," he told the commissioners, "is the very serious increase in juvenile crime, there having been no less than 79 boys who have appeared on 92 charges. Some of the charges were of the most serious nature."

Speaking of the matter to The Advertiser today the chief stated that he thought the most effective way of stopping juvenile crime in London was to adopt the birching system.

"It has always worked wonders wherever it has been introduced," he said. "The boys fear it far more than they do a sentence in jail. I think it would be a good plan to birch some of the older prisoners, too."

A Special Report.

Chief Williams submitted a special report on the juvenile cases, in which he showed that last year 51 boys, under the age of 16, were proceeded against. Out of this number there were 41 convictions, seven were discharged, and no evidence was offered against three. In all there were 79 charges against these boys. Of boys over 16 and under 18, eleven were proceeded against, of whom ten were convicted and one discharged. There was one charge laid against each of the eleven, and in one case three charges were laid.

The List.

Altogether there were 280 boys and five girls proceeded against. Of these 72 were charged with being disorderly, 38 with malicious damage to property, 55 with stealing, 39 with riding bicycles on the sidewalk, 14 with bathing in the river contrary to the bylaws, 11 with breaking and entering stores or houses, 12 with truancy, 7 with carrying firearms, 4 with assault, 7 with trespass, and 10 with vagrancy. Four girls were charged with vagrancy, and one with stealing. Of these charged, 107 were convicted.

Chief Williams' report shows that there was a considerable increase in the general crime of the city. In all 2,861 persons were proceeded against, as against 2,455 the previous year, an increase of 318. Of the 2,861 there were 2,642 men and 160 women, as compared with 2,246 men and 119 women in 1909. Of those who appeared last year, 1,973 were Canadians, 271 English, 105 Irish, 131 Scotch, and 78 Americans.

1,100 Drunks.

During the year there were exactly 1,100 drunks, of whom 1,052 were men and 48 female. In 1909 there were 998 males and 37 females. In 1908 there were 1,120 males and 38 females.

During the year, 245 men and 18 women were disorderly, as against 279 males and 6 females the year previous. Altogether last year there were 158 convictions for disorderly conduct.

The figures show that the muzzling regulations, which went into effect early in the year, were productive of great revenue, no less than $652 having been collected.

Altogether 292 persons were summoned for allowing their dogs to run without muzzles, and of this number 326 were fined.

The Indian sisters were vigorously prosecuted, and the report shows that 139 of them were prosecuted, of whom one was a woman, and all the rest men. There were 134 convictions.

Common assault cases numbered 65, with 38 convictions. There were 16 cases of assault and wound, and 15 convictions.

Vagrancy Charges.

During 1910 there were 47 vagrancy charges laid, of which 10 were against women. There were 70 cases of stealing and 58 convictions.

Bicycle riders who insisted upon riding upon the walks enriched the city to the extent of $177.

CHAS. R. ROBERTSON DEAD IN ENGLAND

The Manager of C. A. P. and Brother of Mr. John Ross Robertson.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Word was received in the city this morning of the sudden death last night at Brighton, England, of Charles R. Robertson, brother of John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the Toronto Telegram, and manager of the Canadian Associated Press, from pneumonia.

Charles Robert Robertson, youngest son of the late John Robertson, wholesale drygoods merchant, of Toronto, and last surviving brother of J. Ross Robertson, was born in Toronto, Nov. 8, 1849. Mr. Robertson was educated at Upper Canada College. He entered the newspaper field 25 years ago as special correspondent in London for the Toronto Telegram. On the formation of the Canadian Associated Press in 1902, Mr. Robertson was appointed general manager.

ELORA PASTOR RECEIVES CALL

King St. Presbyterian Church Invites Rev. W. R. McIntosh.

IS UNANIMOUS CHOICE

Will Prove a Worthy Successor to Rev. James Rollins in East End Edifice.

At a very enthusiastic and representative meeting of the King Street Presbyterian Church congregation held last evening, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of Elora.

Rev. T. H. Mitchell, moderator of the London Presbytery, occupied the chair. The congregation first voted on their choice of the several ministers that had been heard, and it was found that Mr. McIntosh and Rev. MacDougall Hay, of Ottawa, had the largest number of votes.

A vote was taken on these two, and Mr. McIntosh received the majority.

It was then moved and seconded that the majority rule, and the vote was made unanimous in favor of Rev. Mr. McIntosh.

The meeting was a very friendly one, and although a good fight was made by the minority for their choice, they very graciously decided in favor of the majority in making the call unanimous. It was agreed that the new minister's salary will be $1,400 per annum, with four Sunday holidays.

A Splendid Choice.

In speaking of Mr. McIntosh, Rev. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had known him for a good many years, and had attended college with him.

"I have no hesitation in saying that you will find in him all that you desire in a minister," he said. "He has mental ability and possesses great tact. I know that he is better than he appeared last Sunday, when he preached before you, as it is a very difficult thing for a minister to do himself justice when he knows he is preaching in view of a call. Mr. McIntosh did not apply for this place. We asked him to come, but he would rather have stayed at home. He is greatly satisfied with his present charge, and if he decides to accept this call I hope you will fall stand by him, and be as loyal to him as you can."

Mr. F. W. McLaren was elected to sustain the call for the congregation before the next meeting of the London Presbytery.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Cape Race, Feb. 22.—Steamer Angelina, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg, for New York, was in wireless communication with the Marconi station here when 1,215 miles east of Sandy Hook at 11.45 p.m., Feb. 22. Dock about 9 a.m. Sunday.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Arrived: Ottonian, from Portland.

London, Feb. 22.—Arrived: Chelford, from Mobile and Newport.

Manchester, Feb. 23.—Arrived: Cuban, from New Orleans.

RETORT EXPLODED IN FACTORY THREE MEN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Bad Explosion at Noon Today at the Works of the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flakes Company on Grey Street—Building Was Badly Shattered.

Three men had a miraculous escape from death today at noon when the immense retort on the upper floor of the Battle Creek food factory on Grey street, near Adelaide, which is used for toasting the corn flakes, exploded with terrific force, which blew the retort clear through a brick wall.

Three Englishmen were working in the room with the retort at the time, and but for the fact that they were standing to one side, would have been instantly killed.

One of them, Harry Armstrong, was right beside the retort when the explosion occurred. He escaped with only slight injuries.

The other men, beyond being scalded with the steam and hot water, were not seriously injured.

The entire room was littered with corn flakes, pieces of the retort and brick and mortar from the walls.

The floor was flooded with the suddenly released water and steam, with which the retort had been heated.

On Top Floor.

The explosion took place on the topmost floor of the big food factory. Had it occurred on a lower floor an entire side of the building would probably have collapsed.

As it is the upper corner of the factory is now hanging in imminent danger of falling.

The large retort, one side of which was blown out by the force of the explosion, after passing through the brick wall, hung partly by the pipes and other connections, and partly balanced on the larged wall of the story below.

The glass was blown from all the windows in the toasting room, and the explosion was heard for blocks away.

No. 5 fire department responded immediately on hearing the explosion, but found that there was no danger of a further accident or of fire breaking out.

Littered With Debris.

The lane and yard in the rear of the food factory, and the back yards of the adjoining houses which front on Adelaide street, were also littered with bricks, broken woodwork and mortar.

The employees of the food factory were terrified by the sound of the explosion, but were quieted as soon as the real nature of the accident became known. Had the retort been blown in the opposite direction by the explosion, it would have passed through an interior wall, into a room where there were other workmen, and the men in the toasting room would undoubtedly have been killed if they had been struck by the flying retort. As it was, the steel side of the retort was blown out, and hurled dangerously close to the men in the immediate room.

The Damage.

It is not known at present just what amount of damage was caused by the explosion. The loss to the building will be serious in itself, and the toasting apparatus will have to be replaced.

The managers of the Corn Flake Company claim that the damage to the factory will be remedied at once, and that they will only be slightly inconvenienced while the building is repaired and toasting apparatus is replaced.

This is the second accident in the food factory this week. On Monday fireh roke out in the upper portion of the building, destroying a large quantity of corn, and entailing further damage through the flooding of the factory with water.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC EXPENDITURES

The Public Accounts Committee Would See Vouchers.

NUMBER FOUR THOUSAND

Liberal Member Asks Permission to Go Through Commission's Books.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Sam Clarke, of West Northumberland, formerly the financial critic of the Opposition, led the attacking party in the public accounts committee of the Legislature, today.

This session, as last, the Liberals on the committee are demanding all particulars of the expenditures of the hydro-electric commission. One request made at the last meeting of the committee for a return means the securing of four thousand vouchers. The hydro-electric office staff is now endeavoring to collect them for a prompt presentation to the committee. But they will do well if they have them ready by the next meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Elliott wanted all the vouchers in regard to an item of $2,100 in the hydro-electric commission's accounts, and then proposed that he and some other members of the commission be allowed to go into the office of the commission and get such information as desired.

Col. Matheson would not consent to this. It would take a month to get all the vouchers asked for.

DR. PYNE CLAIMS THE SCHOOLS ARE BETTER

Report Says That Educational Conditions Show Distinct Improvement.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Minister of Education in his annual report, published today, states that educational conditions show a distinct improvement. The average salary, both in urban and rural schools, continues to increase, and boards are hunting better schools. The average salary to male teachers in urban schools was $1,069 an increase of $34, and to female teachers $522, an increase of $26 for the year. In rural schools the figures were $564 and $520 respectively, an increase of $5 for males and $12 for females.

"These," declared Dr. Pyne, "are the highest salaries recorded in the history of the Province."

There were 190 more teachers engaged in the public and separate schools during the year, and 720 more than five years ago. There was also an improvement in the relative number of high grade teachers, those with first and second class certificates increasing by 772, and the third class decreasing by 594. The enrolled pupils in rural schools decreased by 2,997, but the urban increased by 6,078, the present urban percentage being 47.56, compared with only 18 forty years ago.

Continuation schools increased from 128 to 135, with 600 greater attendance.

The high schools and collegiates paid $1,519 average salary for principals, and $1,129 for assistants, an increase of $56. Cost per pupil increased 5.6, and attendance by 1,139.

LIBRARY MEN MEET IN LONDON

Annual Session of the Institute Opened in London This Morning.

SOME OF THE ADDRESSES

Many Matters of Much Interest Were Touched Upon—A List of the Delegates.

The annual meeting of the Public Library Institute of London district opened at the local public library this morning with an attendance of about forty, from Middlesex and East London.

The feature of the proceedings for the first session was a series of seven-minute addresses by Mr. Dougal Gray, Mr. McIntosh, of Strathroy, Mr. Wylie, of Alma, Craig, Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Inwood, Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Springfield, Mrs. Campbell, of Wardsville, and Mr. Howard of Glencoe.

The Addresses.

The addresses dealt with the cost of maintenance, the purchase of books and other matters of interest to the delegates. The discussion was opened before the adjournment for lunch by Mr. Denhoby, of Blenheim, who was brought to this city as an expert on library matters. He told of the methods adopted by the Blenheim board in the selection of books and expressed the opinion that the bulletin issued every few weeks by the provincial association should be compiled by men who read and who are at the same time familiar with the best methods of purchasing. Mr. Denhoby believed that the grants from the county and the government helped greatly in the establishment of the libraries in Kent and expressed the desire that those of Middlesex and Elgin meet with similar encouragement.

Rev. Mr. Durrant, of Melbourne, presided, and spoke of the advantages provided the small libraries through the existence of the association. At least one library had sprung up every district through the first meeting a year ago, he said.

Afternoon Session.

This afternoon addresses will be given by Mr. Walter R. Nursey, Inspector of Public Libraries, Toronto, on "What the Department of Education is doing for the Libraries" by Public Librarian Carson, of this city, on "The Small Library's Objective," by Miss Mae Wilson, of this city, on "The Library and the Rural District," and by A. W. Cameron, of Woodstock, president of the Ontario Library Association, on "The Small Library and its Public." Miss Wilson is the author of "Cumbrian" and writes under the pen name of Allison North.

Among those who have registered are:

The Delegates.

John Anderson, Plumpton; A. Denholm, Blenheim; Wm. Yeandle, Brighton; N. A. Campbell, Inwood; A. W. Hamilton, London; Dougall Gray, Coldstream; Mrs. C. A. McCann, Dorchester; Miss Lydia Tennell, Newbury; John H. McIntosh, Strathroy; Miss Josephine Wylie, Alma Craig; J. D. Barnett, Stratford; Miss E. Campbell, Wardsville; Robt. McAdams, Sarnia; H. V. Zavitz, Coldstream; O. Howard, Glencoe; I. E. Ashton, Mt. Brydges; R. Marshall, W. Bishop Komoka; Mrs. F. A. Shaw, Forest, and others.

Police Commissioners.

The police commissioners organized for the year at a meeting held on Tuesday afternoon. Mayor Beattie was elected chairman, Chief Williams was instructed to obtain samples of material for the supply of clothing for the men, and to call for tenders for the suits. Those who attended the meeting were Mayor Beattie, Judge Macbeth, Deputy Magistrate Graydon, and Chief Williams.