

STANTON FOUND GUILTY ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Former Resident of St. Marys Is Indicted by Winnipeg Jury For
Slaying of John Penny On Night of
December 19, 1921.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Nov. 12.—John Stanton, a former resident of St. Marys, Ont., was found guilty late this afternoon by a jury in assize court here of the murder of John Penny.

The jury had been out for four hours. The trial lasted three days, during which the courtroom had been crowded by spectators, mostly women. Stanton will be sentenced at the conclusion of the assizes.

When the verdict was announced, disorder reigned in the courtroom for some time. A woman fainted. Stanton was obviously not prepared for the verdict, and shrunk back in the prisoners' dock, exclaiming: "I don't know why I should have to carry the entire burden."

He covered quickly, shook hands with a friendly spectator and was led away.

Extraordinary precautions were taken during the trial to guard against a possible attempt at escape. Stanton figured in the recent break from the provincial jail, in which five prisoners made a getaway. He and two others were recaptured several days later.

John Penny, an aged man, was murdered in his home on Young street, on the night of Dec. 19, 1921. The top of his skull had been beaten in with a blunt instrument and his head wound in a sheet. Some diamonds and a quantity of money which he kept in a bureau drawer in his room were stolen. The murder created a sensation because of its brutality and the age of the victim. Stanton was one of the five prisoners who recently broke out of the provincial jail here, but were recaptured several days later.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

Former Officers of London
Methodist Organization
Are Returned.

The former officers of the London district of the Women's Missionary society of the former Methodist church were unanimously re-elected at yesterday's convention, held at the Wellington street United church. They are Mrs. W. G. Young, London, superintendent; Mrs. W. R. Vance, Ilderton, assistant superintendent, and Miss Minnie Hawkins, London, secretary-treasurer.

Miss Lillian McVicar missionary on furlough from India, was the speaker at the evening session. Miss McVicar gave a very vivid description of some of the quaint cities of India. She told, too, of the mission work being done in the districts about Indor.

She spoke of the need of missionaries to India. In speaking of Indor Miss McVicar told of the educational work being done there. She mentioned the Normal school, where native girls were being taught to go out among their own people as teachers.

In closing, Miss McVicar told the

Oldest Resident Of Chatham Dies

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Nov. 12.—Hiram Prior, colored, Chatham's oldest resident, passed away at his home, 178 Wellington street east. He was 102 years old. Mr. Prior was 40 years of age when he came to Chatham from Kentucky, and has lived here continually for 57 years. He was well known and highly respected in the community. Surviving are two daughters and three sons.

women her reasons for longing to return to the mission field. It was not that she had a greater love for India than Canada, not that she loved the people there more than Canadians, but she had a message, she said, for the people of India. It was such a privilege, she stated, to have the opportunity to serve and to carry out the greatest commandment, "Go ye into all parts of the world and teach all nations the gospel of Christ."

A splendid little play was presented by the Wesley United church circle. It was entitled Dollars and Diana, and was very cleverly presented. During the evening solos were given by Mrs. George Young and Mrs. F. Webster, and a splendid quartet number was given by members of the choir.



JOHN STANTON, former St. Marys man, found guilty on a charge of murdering John Penny at Winnipeg.

DETROIT RIVER BRIDGE PLANS NOW APPROVED

C. N. R. Engineer Believes
Bridge Only Solution of
Traffic Problem.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Nov. 12.—Plans for construction of an international bridge to connect Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Ontario, have been approved in a report submitted by Col. C. N. Monsarrat, consulting engineer for the Canadian National Railways. Announcement to this effect was made by Joseph A. Bower, vice-president of the New York Trust Company, whose proposals concerning the bridge were supported at the recent Windsor meeting by a special committee of businessmen. He quoted Colonel Monsarrat as asserting a bridge would be the logical solution of the problem of handling traffic across the Detroit river.

The engineer's report also approved the estimate of \$16,000,000 as comprising a careful, adequate and fair estimate of the cost of the bridge as described in the plan.

PROVINCE MAY ESTABLISH FARM FOR FEEBLE-MINDED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 12.—The Ontario government has under consideration the introduction of legislation at the next session of the legislature which would provide the necessary machinery for the establishment of a farm colony for feeble-minded persons in the province. Premier G. H. Ferguson intimated today.

AGED LONDON MAN SUES FOR \$50,000

Charles Anderson, 83, Seeks
Use of Half of Wife's
Estate.

HEARING LAID OVER
Court Will Convene in Toronto
in Two Weeks—
Lawyers Clash.

All evidence, except that of Mr. Justice Fisher, who will testify for the defence, has been submitted in the action of Charles E. Anderson, 83, who asks Mr. Justice Lennox, presiding at the supreme court, to declare that he is entitled to half of his wife's \$100,000 estate in London, being managed by the Canada Trusts Company for her since 1921. Mrs. Anderson is blind and physically and mentally incapable of managing her affairs.

As it was impossible to have Mr. Justice Fisher come to London to testify, court will convene at Toronto in two weeks' time to take his evidence as to the signing of documents in his office here before his elevation to the bench.

Yesterday afternoon's session was enlivened by several sharp clashes between J. M. McEvoy, K.C. counsel for plaintiff, and D. L. McCarthy, K.C. for the defence. Mr. McEvoy considered that all evidence regarding some checks given for rent had not been properly brought out, and submitted such as being the case. This ruffled the calm of the Toronto lawyer, who remarked heatedly: "You think you're funny, don't you?" "Not half as funny as you are, and not half as rude," rebuked Mr. McEvoy benignly.

Built Four Cottages.
The evidence of the aged plaintiff went to show that he had built four cottages on Elizabeth street, and seven stores on Dundas street, on property owned by his wife. He had always shared in the rents, he declared, until the Canada Trusts company had been appointed a committee to look after his wife's estate in 1921.

The tenor of his evidence was all to the effect that he had done the building, while his wife supplied the land.

Mr. McCarthy showed Mr. Anderson affidavits which went to show that the plaintiff himself had been instrumental in having the Trusts Company appointed as committee of his wife's property. Anderson denied this indignantly, declaring the documents to be a forgery, whereupon counsel for the defence said he would call witnesses to prove Anderson's signature. The

plaintiff denied that he had been dependent on his wife.

Anderson sold some race horses, and Mr. McCarthy wanted to know what he had done with the proceeds.

"I used it for this lawsuit," declared witness.

Horse Races Uncertain.

"Nothing is more uncertain than a horse race or a lawsuit," he declared. At this juncture, Mr. McCarthy put two defence witnesses in the box to prove Anderson's signature to the affidavits, before mentioned. Mr. Justice Fisher will be the third witness.

R. M. Winslow, trusts officer of the Canada Trusts Company, said the affidavit showed changes in his handwriting made at the request of Anderson.

"How long was it after that that you put the old man out of the Trusts Company office?" asked Mr. McEvoy. "Did you put him out?"

A—I put him out.

Q—Wasn't he injured as a result? Didn't he have to go to the hospital?

A—I don't know about that. He threatened outrageous things, murder, etc.

Q—You had him up on a warrant, didn't you?

A—It was done.

"Yes it was done," acquiesced Mr. McEvoy.

Gordon Tennent also gave evidence to the effect that the signature of Mr. Anderson to the affidavit was genuine.

Paid Rent To Anderson.

The plaintiff's case then continued with the examination of a number of tenants of the Andersons in London East, who all swore that they had paid the rents to the plaintiff and never to his wife.

John Hayman, veteran contractor, declared that real estate on Dundas street east in 1875 was worth about \$20 per foot.

Robert Stevenson told of working for Anderson in 1896. He had no dealings with Mrs. Anderson.

Others who gave evidence before court adjourned were Percy Chamberlain, W. H. Saborne, Albert J. Denny, J. Armour, Thomas Fawkes and E. Shaw.

D. H. Porter, who gave evidence as to the present value of the property, some \$100,000, was sharply reminded by his lordship for keeping the court waiting some 20 minutes.

"It is an outrage for you not to be here," said the judge. "You have lost the valuable time of a great many people, even as compared with your own valuable time. However, I won't fine you this time."

Mr. Porter begged the court's pardon and apologized.

**WINDSOR NOT LIABLE FOR
BACK TAXES, STATES MAYOR**

Windsor, Nov. 12.—Commenting upon the provincial government's demand for back taxes of admissions alleged to have been charged by sports organizations using Wigle park, Mayor Frank J. Mitchell said today that the city was not liable and that Toronto authorities wouldn't get a cent out of Windsor. "They inspector might just as well stay in Toronto," said his worship, "he is only wasting his time coming down here."



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