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Eight Unexplained Crimes In Toronte
Since 1837.

Is Hamilton in danger of losing
first place to Toronto in the matter
of unsolved police mysteries?

Many anxious citizens of Toronto
are alarmed at the fact that there
are on the police books two recent
murders in that city, one unsolved
shooting, and the disappearance of a
prominent millionaire citizen.

That there is no cause for alarm
and little room for criticism of the
city and county police in all these
mysteries is the claim of prominent
city police officials and lawyers. A
complete list of unexplained and unpaid murder mysteries in Toronto
since the year 1887, shows eight. In
every one of them, that element of
chance which always enters into the
relation of crime versus police, was
extraordinary. Against eight mysteries in thirty-three years in a city
the size of Toronto, there is to be
credited the solution of hundreds of
murder cases and crimes of violence.

In two of the murder cases, the
names of the suspected murderers are
known. The fact that both victims
and both suspects are foreigners adds
to the problem, for a foreigner has advantages of escape and security owing to the clannishness and secrecy
of foreign races. On November 19
last, Joe Camandi was killed by a
man who struck him on the head
with a shevel in a sandy works. Glo
Mastrionini is wanted for this. On
September 24 lest, Joe Berclidio was
shot, and Frank Lombardo, a wellknown Toronto Italian, is wanted in
this case. The next mystery is about
the only real mystery of recent years.
On September 25, 1918, the year before, Dio de la Salandra was shot in
the railroad shops at the foot of Spadina avenue. No trace of the murderer has ever been found.

The two chauffeur murder mysteries are real mysteries, and both
occurred in the county on the outskirts of the city, and therefore come
under county police. But both victims were Toronto me who drove
out to the outskirts, as it were, to be
murdered. The Toronto police assumed some of the burden in both
cases.

On November 5

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On November 5 last, John G. Rownd, a chauffeur, was found murred in his car out at Leaside. On
ly 26, 1917, two years before, Caren Lapello or Ross, another chaufur, was found murdered and wrapd in a blanket beside his car out
Swansea.

dealing with these undenned, detacned crimes.

Among other old unsolved mysteries in and around Toronto are those concerning Hugh Hassan, found murdered on the Humber in August. 1913; Frank Malatto, murdered, Nowaburt, 1917; John W. Dick, who was punched by an unknown man on King street in October, 1911, after the Argonaut-Tiger rugby match, who died; and away back. Frank Westwood, shot, 1894; Rachel Ferguson, murdered at the entrance to the Don Jall in 1894; Joseph Priestman, murdered at the Exhibition grounds in 1887, and Jane Speers, the old charwoman, found murdered apparently from motives of robbery,

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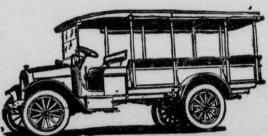


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