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## ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Investigating Bridant's Conduct To His

FORCED PILLS UPON HER

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Edward Bridant, the French-Canadian barber, was put on trial yesterday morning in the assise court, on the charge of murdering his wife Agnes, by furnishing her with noxious drugs and instruments for the purpose of procuring an abortion. Chief Justice Meredith is presiding; G. T. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., of Hamilton, is crown prosecutor, and the accused is defended by R. S. Nevville.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Callan, sister, the first witness, told of a visit she made to the Bridants in April, 1906, when they resided at 23 Temperane street. They had only one room. He was continually insisting on his wife taking pills. Both she and her sister were in an expectant mood. Bridant also wished witness to take the pills. Both refused. On one occasion, Bridant tried to force a pill down his wife's throat. At the age of 17 on May 2, 1905, she was married secretly. She and her sister had worked for a time on a steamboat. She denied that their conduct had been improper in any way. Witness admitted knowing Charles Driscoll, who is now doing time in the Central, but denied that her sister had been too friendly with him. She never heard of Driscoll being the cause of the trouble between Bridant and his wife.

wife.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, with whom the Bridants roomed in Temperance street, testified that she heard the young couple quarrelling several times, and heard him advising his wife to take rills of some kind.

Mrs. Josie de Grey, a tenant in the Bristol house, told of having called a doctor at Bridant's request. Witness thought he did all he could for his wife.

Mother's Evidence.

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The next witness was Mrs. Villiard of Kingston, mother of Mrs. Bridant. She gave her evidence in a straightforward manner, and remained calm, until Mr. Neville mentioned the man Driscolt. Then she became somewhat excited, and denied ever knowing him. She denied emphatically that Mrs. Bridant ever carried on a correspondence with him, or had a private letter box where she used to get letters from him. She described with tears in her eyes the scene at her daughter's deathbed.

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When they saw there was no hope for Mrs. Bridant the priest was sent for. He received her confession, anointed her, and prepared her for dooth.

death.

After the priest left the house, Mrs. Bridant said, "Mother, I am dying, I want you to take care of my little child." She then asked the mother to kneel by the bedside and repeat the Lord's prayer. Witness did so, the dying woman repeating the words of

dying woman repeating the words after her, but before the "amen" was reached Mrs. Bridant was dead.

Witness never saw Bridant abuse his wife. All she knew was what she had been told. Her daughter told her once that Bridant had struck her and knocked her insansible.

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When asked by Mr. Neville "if she had any hard feeling against the prisoner," Mrs. Villiard replied, she "never wished him any harm, but could not be expected to have a friendly feeling towards him after the manner he had abused his wife."

Mr. Neville intimated that the priest would be called as a witness for the defence.

Doctors Testify.

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Drs. Rose and Winnett were also called. The latter said Mrs. Bridant told him she had purchased the medicine herself from Mrs. Miller (Dr. De Vass), and took it herself. The accused also told witness that he did not know she had done anything like that.

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# C. W. & L. E. Railway Must Strengthen The Aberdeen Bridge

Edward City Council at a Committee Meeting Decide That the Company Must Live Up to Their Agreement, or They Will Get No Money From The City - Council Spend

Two Hours in Discussion But Succeed in Reaching No Other Definite Decision.

### MATTER OF SECURITY IS BONE OF CONTENTION

Nothing of much importance was accomplished at committee meeting of the whole City Council last night. The Council did not even come to any decision with regard to the \$35,000 loan to the C. W. & L. E. Railway Company, other than it appeared to be the general opinion that no portion of the loan should be paid over to the company until such time as the Aberdeen bridge is strengthened according to the specifications in the by-law.

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There was a full attendance of the members of the Council, and City Solicitor O. L. Lewis was also present. Previous to the meeting Mr. Lewis was asked if he had any written recommendation to make the Council with regard to the matter. He said that he had not. He was at the time busy perusing and making notes on the railway by-law.

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CAME TO NO UNDERSTANDING. It was expected that the committee meeting would not last more than ten minutes, but it was after ten o'clock before the aldermen finished discussing the matter. The members talked for over two hours without coming to any unanimous understanding. The City Solicitor had no new recommandations to make to the Council.

The main point at issue is that with regard to the security which the railway company shall give for the \$35,000 loan. The by-law states, "that the C. W. & L. E. shall give the security of a trust company satisfactory to the Council, or shall furnish such other security as shall be satisfactory to the Council," It will be readily noted that the option offered is quite a broad one, and that the matter of what security the company shall give is left pretty much in the hands of the Council.

A MATTER OF SECURITY.

The offer made by the railway company is that the city take as security \$45,000 worth of their—the railway company's—bonds. This security is not by any means satisfactory to a number of the members of the Council.

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The one point on which the members of the Council came to an unanimous decision, was that no portion of the loan should be paid over to the C. W. & L. E4 until the strengthening of the bridge is completed. This the aldermen believe to be a matter previously decided by virtue of the specifications in the by-

The Council decided that it would be advisable to have the Railway committee hold a joint conference with the officials of the C. W. & L. E. The matter of the loan and the scourity demanded will be discussed, and the Railway committee will afterwards report to the whole Council. It is understood that the Railway committee will afterwards report to the whole Council. way committee will on the occasion of this joint conference, make it plain to the C. W. & L. E. that the \$35,000 will not be paid over til the strengthening of the bridge is committed.

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The mat er of the security is clus-The matter of the security is clusting considerable friction among some of the members of the Council, who hold that there are others of that body who are disposed to be too lenient with the company in this research.

WANTS REGULAR MEETING. a number of the members of the Council—two, at least,—are of the opinion that This very important matter should not be taken up at committee meetings, but should be thoroughly discussed at an open meeting of the City Council, when meeting of the City Council, when the press and public may have full copportunities of discovering the individual opinions of the members on the question. One member declared this morning that he for one would attend no more committee meetings held to discuss the security which the railways shall offer. He says that nothing can be accomplished at these meetings.

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There is a probability that the railway question will come up for open discussion, at the regular meeting of the Council Monday evening, when each of the members will have an opportunity of expressing his equinons, and the public will know where they stand. At any rate, the report of the Railwey committee and the final decision of the Council and the individual stand taken by the members will be closely watched, as this is a matter in which the rate-payers are vitally interested.

## WESTERN CITY 92 \$200,000 IN DEBT

Installation Of I. O. O. F. Officers Conducted By The Grand Lodge officers of Wallaceburg

The officers of Western City Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F., were installed on Monday evening, the 21st inst., by D. D. G. M. Bro. J. Furtah and his staff, of Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120, Wallaceburg, as follows:

N. G.-N. Pritchard.
V. G.-D. D. Hanley.
Rec. Sec.-Hugh Gallager.
Fin. Sec.-R. A. Chrysler.

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Treas.—Geo. H. Willard.
War.—W. A. Chrysler.
Con.—M. McCornock.
O. G.—C. S. Bowers.
I. G.—A. L. Brown.
R. S. N. G.—S. A. McCornock.
L. S. N. G.—H. Winegarden.
R. S. V. G.—N. C. Gibson
L. S. N. G.—H. Winegarden.
R. S. James Pritchard.
L. S. S.—Geo. Kennedy.
Chap.—John Taylor.
Organist—T. V. Challinor.
Physician—W. R. Hall, M. D.
Bro. Furtah and his staff are certainly up-to-date in their work, every man having his part of the ceremony memorized thoroughly so that not a hitch occurs from start to finish. In fact the work seemed to be perfect.
The officers of the Lodge all had their reports prepured so as to cause no delay on their part, so that everything went off like clock work. After cosing the Lodge the brethren wended their way to Bro. Bowers' restaurant, where refreshments were served, after which they enjoyed themselves with speech making and song until about 11.30, when all went' home highly pleased with the evening's proceedings and proud of their connection with such a noble fraternal organization.

Western City Lodge, No. 93, has made rapid strides during the past term as regards adding to its membership and finances.

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McGee of Montreal Has Got Away With Friends' Money, Too.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—The defalcation of W. J. McGee, secretary-treasurer of the People's Mutual Building Society, will, according to the latest computation, total up to the vicinity of \$200,000.

His dishonest operations cover a period of competitions like the second se

period of something like ten years, and not only the society but a large circle of personal friends will suffer

One well-known restaurant keeper will lose \$15,000 advanced at different times to McGee.

Property held by McGee, to the nominat value of some \$50,000, has been turned over to individual members of the Building Society, presumably to cover that concern's losses.

The 2-Cent Rate.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—A point of considerable interest to travelers on electric railways has been brought before the Municipal and Railway Board, and the decision of the board establishing the two-cent a mile principle is the result. Complaint was made against the Woodstock, Thames Vallev & Ingersoll Electric Railway. against the Woodstock, Thames Valley & Ingersoll Electric Railway, charging that excessive rates had been levied between Beachville and Moodstock and Beachville and Ingersoll. The board concluded that the intention of the act clearly was that no matter where a passenger boards a car, if the distance traveled is three miles, he should pay five cents. If he travels a distance exceeding three car, it the distance traveled is three miles, he should pay five cents. If he travels a distance exceeding three miles, the two-cent a mile rate comes into force for the distance actually traveled.

Will Now Use Force.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—The City Council at its special meeting yesterday morning approved the motion of the Board of Control to have the City Engineer ask the aid of the police in compelling the Toronto Railway Co. to restore the Winchester, Bathurst and Arthur lines to the routes ordered by the City Engineer. The board of police commissioners will meet this morning. The order, if carried out must come from them. Will Now Use Force.

Latin and Greek are dead land guages, and from present indications they will soon be joined by Golf.

# BELL WAS NOT RUNG

Firemen Nearly Run Into Shunting Freight On Centre St

KEELEY'S CLOSE SHAVE

While on the dead run to the fire on Baxter street this morning, the firemen met with a number of mishapa, which came nearly resulting in some of them being injured.

Driver Sandy Holmes had just let his team out on the full gallop, and the truck was tearing over the pavement at a mad rate, when a shunting freight backed onto the C. P. R. crossing. The team were quite close

ment at a mad rate, when a shunting freight backed onto the C. P. R. cossing. The team were quite close to the crossing, and Mr. Holmes saw that if he hesitated a smashup was inevitable. So he urged his horses over the crossing, and the truck barely passed over the last rail of the track in the nick of time. The hose wagon, which always follows the truck, was delayed for some time by the freight.

At the sharp turn on the corner of Centre and Park streets, the firemen had another close shave. The wheels of the truck slipped on the pavement, and the vehicle was within an ace of overturning. Driver Holmes was thrown from his high seat to the ground. Fireman Coyle was also throws off the wagon, but he managed to pick himself up in time to run to the horses' heads and stop them.

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Fireman James Keeley had a narow escipi from injury also. He was 
running along William street in response to the alarm, and narcowly 
missed running into the same shunting freight which came near demolishing the ladder truck. He came to 
such an abrupt stop that he fell on 
his right knee, scraping the skin from 
quite a portion of the shin.

It is alleged that the shunting train 
did not ring the belt at either crossing. The firemen who were on the 
truck say they did not hear it, and 
Fireman Keeley says that if the bell 
had been ringing, he would not have 
met with his mishap.

#### LAID AT REST

The funeral of the late John R. Snell took place yesterday afternoon, and was very largely attended, the deceased being one of our most wide-

Delegations from Gourt Hope, No. 6244, M. D. F., and the A. O. U. W., were present to do honor to the dead. The deceased was a member of the A. O. F. for about 18 year, and was associated with the Workmen as Recorder for several years. The deceased wis at life-long Liberal in politics and took a deep interest in the topics of the day. The pall-bearers were chosen from the members of the Workmen and Forester lodges.

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

The Young Men's Literary Society of St. Joseph's Church met last evening and elected officers for the year as follows:

President-E. Gerber. President—E. Gerber.
(Viot-Pres.—J. Zink.
Treas.—Jos. La Port.
Asst. Treas.—Jos. Taylor.
Secy—Geo. Taylor.
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