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WEATHER CUTS RAILWAY PROFIT

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CALL FOR TENDERS

Passenger and freight traffic on the London and Port Stanley Railroad witnessed a considerable falling off during May of this year in comparison with the same month in 1923, according to reports presented at the session of the L. & P. S. Commission today. In May, the number of passengers carried fell away 11,582, and there was a decrease of 6,291 tons in freight tonnage. General Manager Richards reported that June traffic had been only fair, while July was picking up appreciably, and would possibly be as good as last year.

Traffic this year, after a bad start, is growing better steadily. Yesterday was good compared to last year, and there were 500 hitches among the crowd. The incline railway and bathing house were not being patronized so well because of cold holiday weather. However, the picture show and cafeteria were now showing good profits and steady patronage.

General Manager Richards' report given at the commencement of the meeting, showed the following comparative figures for the month of May in 1923 and 1924:

	1923	1924
Passenger.....	\$19,225.51	\$17,296.51
Freight.....	25,336.81	19,199.40
Miscellaneous.....	1,769.84	150.17

Operating expense for May of last year was \$42,680.61. In May of this year operating expense amounted to \$23,602.91.

Gross profit for the month last year was \$3,666.60, while this year it amounted to \$563.73.

Passenger traffic for the month last year amounted to 66,410, and for the same month this year was 54,828. Freight tonnage last year was 36,567, for the month, and this year was 25,009 less during June of this year than for the same month last year.

Bad weather was blamed for the falling off in traffic and income recommended for improvement.

Tenders will be called for to provide for the purchase of copper wire for a new despatch line between London and Port Stanley. This wire will cost somewhere around \$1,200, and is necessary.

Mr. Richards said, because of the strain on the old commercial wire, an iron line. The latter will not last much longer, and commercial despatchers will be moved over on the old despatchers' copper line and the iron line used for direct Port Stanley wires. A special board meeting will be held when tenders are available and immediate construction of the new line is thought necessary.

It was announced that changes had been made in half-rate regulations, so that no loophole was now provided for children of the family and over 14 and 15 had been checked up at the Port Stanley end trying to get transportation on half-fare train. The matter had been cleaned up, and between two and three dollars a day was being charged.

Some controversy had been caused during the visit of the Ohio Bakers' Association recently. The visitors had been told they could get 50-cent tickets out of Port Stanley to London and return. This was explained as an error on behalf of the Cleveland box manager and not because the visitors had been notified by the L. & P. S. that no low rate existed from the Port Stanley end of the line. The Ohio visitors had, however, expressed great pleasure with the cafeteria and other arrangements.

No final report on the success of Sunday music concerts on Inverness Heights was given, though two concerts yesterday had doubled the incline traffic.

HARD WORKING BIDDIES PICKED FROM FLOCKS

H. H. Alp Conducting Poultry Culling Demonstrations in Township.

The poultry culling demonstration to be conducted in Middlesex County all this week went away to a good start today when Demonstrator H. H. Alp showed the farmers of London Township how to pick the hard-working, producing hens from the lazy biddies on the farm of Joseph Dockett, concession 7, this morning.

In the afternoon Mr. Alp visited the farm of Thomas Armitage, concession 4, Bidolph Township, where another large crowd was informed of the art of culling the good hens from the bad members of the flock.

Tomorrow the farm of J. E. Bycraft, Lobo, will be visited in the morning and that of F. Bignall, Delaware, in the afternoon.

R. A. Finn is accompanying Mr. Alp on his trips.

WORKMAN'S ARM BROKEN WHEN CAUGHT IN BELT

Norman Bates, 55 High street, an employee of the McClure Newspaper Syndicate, was painfully injured this morning when he had his arm caught in a belt and broken in three places between the wrist and elbow.

He was taken to Victoria Hospital for treatment and was then sent home. It is not known when he will be able to return to work but his injuries will not permit him to use his arm for several months.

NEW LIGHT ON HISTORY REVEALED BY STUDENTS

One States Sir Isaac Brock's Body Used To Make Razor Strops.

NEW TYPE OF UNION

Another States Warden of County Elected by House of Reeves.

Who finds the study of history interesting?

Examiners of the entrance papers recently handed in have found a wealth of real humor which has helped to relieve the daily grind with the blue pencil.

Sir Isaac Brock comes in for new prominence, and the inside done on county elections is revealed for the first time.

Here are some of the most amusing answers on the history paper: Walpole was the only survivor of the South Sea Bubble.

Sir I. Brock was killed at Queenston Heights. His body was terribly mutilated and tradition says that his skin was used to make razor strops.

The warden of the county is elected by the house of reeves.

The feudal system stated that England and Scotland were united.

George Stephenson made the first steam engine at Toronto, Ont.

Walpole was one of the Fathers of Confederation.

Hon. George Brown lived in the 19th century.

George Stephenson said that the engine would make walking expensive.

The Ontario government has control of dog licenses, marriage licenses and roads.

DISTRICT SALVATION DIVISIONS CHANGED

Rearrangement Announced Today Affects Thirteen Corps in London Area.

There will be a change in the London and Stratford divisions of the Salvation Army. The shakeup involves thirteen corps, and is the result of proposals made by Commissioner Sowden of headquarters, Toronto, to the international headquarters.

That body has altered the suggestions of the commissioner, and the changes will go into effect at once.

Changes are looked upon as important by officers of the army, instead of the headquarters, being carried out at Stratford, as is the case with the new formation division.

The new headquarters will be in Windsor. This will bring the London and Stratford division into the London division.

It is expected that the change, which affects London, Stratford and Windsor, will be completed by September. Officers will be changed about. Major Bivers of Stratford is leaving, having been appointed to the men's social department in Montreal.

Staff Captain Bristow has been appointed as his successor at Stratford, with changes in staffs will probably follow.

STRAWBERRIES ARE UP AT TEN CENTS A BOX

Light Receipts Increases Price of Fruit on Toronto Market.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 14.—Lighter receipts resulted in firmer prices for strawberries on the local fruit market this morning, quotations ranging from 9c to 10c per box. Very few cherries arrived during the morning.

White & Co. report the following wholesale prices at noon today:

Strawberries, 9c to 10c; gooseberries, sixes, 75c; eleveens, \$1.00 to \$1.15; green peppers, sixes, 90c to \$1; cauliflowers, standard, \$2.25 to \$2.75; flats, \$2; the city of London, eleveens, \$1.75 to \$2; Leamington tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.50; No. 2, \$2.50 to \$3; cucumbers, hothouse, \$2; green peas, eleveens, 65c to 90c; sixes, 55c to 65c; beans, 30c; carrots, 30c to 35c; onions, green, 15c to 20c; celery, 60c to 75c; new potatoes, \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel; watermelon, 75c to 85c; cabbage, \$2.50 per crate, 90c to \$1 per bushel.

YOUTH WHILE INTOXICATED REMOVES CAR'S BATTERY

A local youth, while under the influence of liquor on Friday, walked into a neighbor's garage and calmly took away the battery from his motor car and put it in his own where it was recovered by detectives later on.

The young man pleaded guilty in court today and was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Gladman, although the crown attorney, Albert M. Budd pointed out that in his opinion it was a case for suspended sentence. His record up until the present has always been of the best.

The owner of the battery was not home. The city's chief of police would be satisfied if the battery were properly replaced in his car. This he father of the young man promised to do.

IRISHMEN ARRIVE

Two young Irish immigrants arrived in the city this morning and were taken by R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture to Clondrobo, where they were placed with the farmer anxious for some help for the harvest.

First Preaches, Later Swims

Associated Press Despatch.

Boxford, Mass., July 14.—The congregation of the West Boxford Congregational Church yesterday listened to an address from the pulpit by Miss Ethel B. Bletchley, bob-haired woman swimmer, then went down to Stiles Pond and saw her in exhibition of the swimming strokes which brought her world's records and national championship.

HEAVY SILK TRAINS MAKE RECORD RUN

Reach Buffalo in Less Than Five Hours—Record At Transfer.

Sarnia, July 13.—Four million dollars' worth of silk went out of Sarnia yesterday in two special trains bound for Buffalo, which made record time on the trip. The first train, with Engineer Norwood of Sarnia at the throttle of engine No. 5598, Conductor Fitzgibbon, and in charge of Superintendent W. J. Pigott of Stratford, made the trip in 4 hours and 41 minutes, while the second train, with Engineer Westcott at the throttle, did it in 4 hours and 13 minutes. Conductor McLellan of Sarnia was on this train and Superintendent C. Forester of London in charge. At the tunnel here the time limit for delivering each train from the United States side to the care of the C.N.R. was twenty minutes, and trains were ready in 18 and 15 minutes respectively.

Officials are naturally proud of the showing. The shipment from Japan sails landed at Seattle, delivered to the C. & N. W., and at Sarnia taken over by the C. N. R.

Masonic Picnic.

The monster Masonic picnic will be held at Crinnian's Grove on Wednesday, July 23, under the auspices of the four Sarnia lodges, Victoria, No. 56; Liberty, No. 419; Tuscan, No. 437, and St. Paul, No. 601. Surrounding lodges have been invited to attend.

Lake Travel Heavy.

The S.S. Noronic left Saturday noon with more than four hundred passengers, bound for Detroit. From Detroit who went down to the usual picnic at Lake Huron Park and the balance came in the afternoon from Toronto. Lake travel is now at its heaviest.

TRAVELLERS' REQUESTS PROMISED ATTENTION

Deputation Receives Favorable Reply on Bankruptcy Act Suggestion.

The deputation from the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada that waited upon Ernest Laflamme, minister of justice, in Ottawa last Friday in regards to certain amendments to the bankruptcy act concerning commercial travellers received a favorable reply. Mr. Laflamme told them that the act would be considered over thoroughly at the next session of the house and the amendments they suggest would be considered carefully by the department of justice.

The men who went to Ottawa from this city were George T. Hair, secretary of the Ontario Commercial Travellers, and A. E. Cowley, a director of the same organization.

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

Chief Williams reported to the mayor today that he had purchased a span of horses for the patrol wagon from a London Township farmer for about \$400.

"Silk" bargains Friday morning: French Shantung silk, with cut suits; Tamaline silks and Taffeta silks. Regular prices were 50c to 65c per yard. Friday only 25c a yard.—Adv.

Ex-President Paul Kruger of the Transvaal, leader of South Africa's Boer forces, died yesterday, an exile in Switzerland.

The fire rigns have been weighed on the C. N. R. scales, and the council is now trying to figure how practical use can be made of the "white elephant," the 7,500-pound aerial truck.

Baseball is said to be making steady progress under the Southern Cross among the people of Victoria and New South Wales.

CHIMNEY FIRE.

There was a small chimney fire at the home of James Gillian, 368 Grey street, this morning. The blaze was extinguished with chemical, little damage being done.

Potato Curio Shown At Sarnia

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, July 13.—W. A. Birdsall of Sarnia Township, at the market on Saturday, was showing an interesting bit of vegetable to his customers. In a small sealer he had a piece of potato which he had planted and from which he had obtained 30 new potatoes all large enough to sell.

Mr. Andrews of the agricultural department could not locate the species in any botanical books at his disposal and is forwarding the specimen to Prof. J. E. Hewitt of the O. A. C.

Mr. Simpson stated it was the only plant he had on his farm and was anxious to find out all he could about it.

FOUR VIOLATIONS AMUSEMENT TAX

Charges Laid Against Aylmer Man by Provincial Inspector.

FINES ARE ASSESSED

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, July 13.—Charged with making four violations of the amusement tax act, T. E. H. Thompson, proprietor of the movie house in Aylmer, was fined \$25 and costs on each charge, making a total of \$100 and costs, by Magistrate Maxwell in Aylmer on Saturday afternoon. The charges were laid by Provincial Inspector Hill. Thompson was charged with refusing to make returns to the government, for not collecting the tax, tickets, and for not collecting the tax.

Ivan Martin Wanted

The local police were asked today by the Hamilton department to locate Ivan Martin, who, it is stated, was a railroad engineer in this city. His brother, William Martin of Hamilton, a retired engineer is seriously ill. Ivan Martin has not been located, and his name is not in the city directory.

Travels Stopped.

Duncan McMillan, aged 23, who was found early Saturday morning sitting on the curb on Talbot street, was taken to London today. McMillan was arrested by P. C. Grant, and when taken to the police station it was learned that he had come from Scotland early in the spring, and had lived in Port Stanley until Friday, when, with but 25 cents in his pocket, he started to travel. He came to the city on the last L. & P. S. car on Friday evening, and immediately went into a local restaurant, where he hid his cap behind the radiator and put on a felt hat and went into the streets again. The authorities have communicated with the immigration department, and it is likely that the young man will be sent back to his parents in Scotland.

Another Transformer.

The purchase of another 750-kilowatt transformer to help take care of the rapidly increasing power load was recommended at the regular monthly meeting of the Hydro-Electric Commission, Manager E. H. Coughlin, was authorized to secure prices. The new transformer will be installed at the substation on St. Catherine street.

Long Freight.

A train over a mile long and comprising 125 empty refrigerator cars, said to be one of the longest freight trains, left London today for the division of the C. N. R. at St. Thomas this morning from Buffalo to Windsor. The trip from Buffalo to St. Thomas took less than eight hours.

Home For Reunion.

Rev. Harold Young, B.D. of Peterborough, son of Rev. Dr. W. R. Young of Toronto, formerly of First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, will occupy the pulpit at First Church on the Sunday of the week of the Old Boys' Reunion.

Knowlton-Laidlaw.

The marriage of Annabelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Laidlaw of Sarnia, took place at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday, July 10. Rev. T. C. France officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin with a headpiece of orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of pink and white carnations. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Helen Moedinger, dressed in pink organdy and lace. A wedding dinner was served immediately following the ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw. The bride's friends of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton left on a wedding party for London, Niagara Falls and points east.

ANDREW JOHNSTON MAY NOT RECOVER

Victim of Gravel Pit Accident Still in a Critical Condition.

The condition of Andrew Johnston, who was seriously injured last Thursday, when he was struck by a horse, is determined to go over the Hospital authorities this morning. He is much the same. He suffered a broken back, three broken ribs, a fractured leg, and other injuries that are serious. His condition is critical, and hospital authorities hold little hope for his recovery.

He was caught in a slide of gravel while working in a gravel pit on Wharfedale road, in Manor Park. He had no warning of the avalanche of gravel that swept down upon him, and it had buried him completely before he had a chance to reach safety. When found by men working on the other side of the pit and who had noticed his continual absence he was completely covered with the gravel and was scarcely breathing.

MAGNIFICENT SPECIMEN OF THISTLE IS FOUND

Alex. Simpson brought a species of Scotch thistle to the department of agriculture this morning, that would make even Sergeant McDonald and Chief Birrell of the police force swell up with pride on the day of the Scotch picnic.

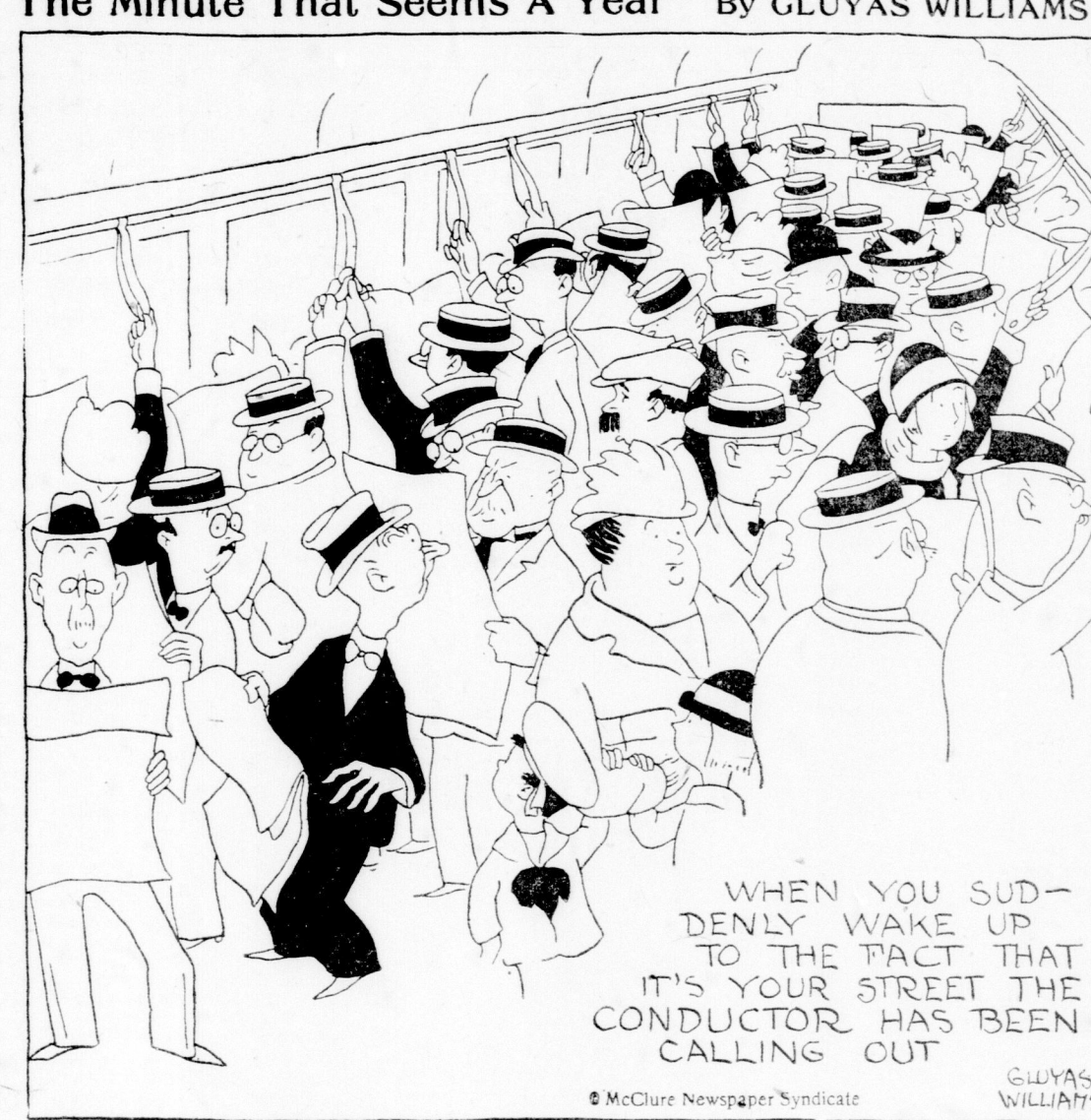
The thistle looks very much like a purple aster, but has two sharp rows of regulation spikes close to the stem.

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The Minute That Seems A Year

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



WHEN YOU SUD- DENLY WAKE UP TO THE FACT THAT IT'S YOUR STREET THE CONDUCTOR HAS BEEN CALLING OUT

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ST. THOMAS BOY DROWNED WHEN FIVE PERISH IN WEST

Esquimaux Naval Officer and Cadets Caught in Pacific Blow.

ON SAILING PRACTICE

Bodies Have Not Yet Been Recovered Save That of Lieutenant's Wife.

Canadian Press Despatch. Victoria, July 14.—A tragedy involving the deaths by drowning of a gallant naval officer, his equally gallant wife, and three young enlisted apprentices from the naval barracks at Esquimaux was the toll exacted by the elements here Saturday evening.

The victims were: Lieut. C. R. Watson, 34, of Edmonton, whose parents now reside in Wichita, Kansas; his wife, Aimee, 27, a native of Ireland; William Nelder, 17, South Vancouver; Henry C. Fletcher, 17, 138 Balaklava street, St. Thomas, Ont., and Geo. Williams, 17, of William street east, Toronto.

Lieut. Watson left Esquimaux Saturday afternoon with his apprentices for sailing practice and was home-ward bound when, in a rising wind, it is thought that the center board drop keel became entangled in thick kelp, which arrested the boat's way and caused her to upset, throwing the occupants into the water.

Mrs. Watson's body was found about 300 yards off Clover Point and taken ashore by the Esquimaux police. Other bodies have not yet been discovered, but the search is being continued.

Trip Over Falls Sure, Says Bobby

Leach To Use Rubber Ball in This Attempt.

Canadian Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, July 13.—Bobby Leach, according to his latest statement, is determined to go over the Horseshoe Falls in a rubber ball. Leach says he will make the trip before July 26 or on August 5.

He now says that Escaumcuf, a position on the part of the authorities, he will be dropped from an aeroplane into the stream near the Ontario power plant on this side and allow himself to float over the cataract.

"MAD COW" IS FOUND CHEWING SERENELY

Inspector Puzzled at Antics of Bovine—Thinks Moon-shine Cause.

Inspector George Tustin of the Humane Society received an S. O. S. from the town of Essex on Saturday that a "mad cow" had upset the entire community and would be kindly hustled down and destroyed the animal.

The inspector filed his "pudge jumper" with gasoline and departed in a hurry, only to find the bovine contentedly chewing her cud, as the town's "gentle as a kitten."

The only theory at present at the disposal of the inspector is that the cow ground up some grass on which some moonshine whiskey had been poured. This would account for the lady's actions, he thinks. On the way home the inspector looked over 42 horses in Middlesex and found them to be in splendid condition.

NAME IS DISCOVERED FOR NEW TYPE OF BORER

The borer, brought to Secretary W. D. Jackson of the Western Fair, invading the stalks of some Golden Glow flowers, turns out to be a specimen of the "Papanema Nitela," according to H. F. Hudson of the Strathroy entomological branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, to whom the borer was sent by R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture.

Mr. Hudson writes that he would be glad to get more specimens of the same kind for inflating purposes and exhibition mounts.

BOYS GO TO CAMP

Fourteen boys from London No. 2 Troop, Salvation Army Scouts left for Port Frank, the army camp on Lake Huron on Saturday. The boys were all from the Rectory street citadel and were in charge of Scout Leader Thomas. They will stay in camp for one week and the girl guards will take their place.

BECOMES POSTMASTER.

W. May, district superintendent of postal services, announced today that William A. Campbell will officially become postmaster at Stratford today when the transfer will be made. Mr. Campbell takes over the office of the late David Evans, who was postmaster up to the time of his death about three months ago.

Outing Will Be Held at the Donnybrook Fair Grounds, Dorchester.

Donnybrook fair grounds, Dorchester, will be the scene of an Orange picnic on Wednesday. Under the auspices of Loyal Orange Lodge, District No. 2, there will be sporting events that include four softball games for a purse of \$25.

It has been arranged for prominent speakers to be present for the occasion. A good card of races has been arranged.

The morning parade leaves the Orange Hall at 11:30 a.m., and proceeds to the Dorchester Park where the events take place.

The committee in charge have extended a welcome to their London brethren and friends to be present. It was arranged to have the parade earlier in the morning, but for those who might come by train from London, the committee have decided to make the time of the parade 11:30 a.m. All Orangemen are requested to wear regalia.

J. C. Goarlev, recording secretary, George Chittick treasurer, and J. J. Goarlev district master, compose the committee.

INTOXICATED INDIVIDUALS IN COURT NUMBER EIGHT

Liquor must have been plentiful in some localities in London over the week-end, for no less than eight intoxicated individuals were picked up by the police for disturbing the Sabbath quiet.

All were eventually found guilty in police court today, with one exception. This man was discharged because of illness. His condition was discovered as soon as he was brought to the police station, and he was removed to his place of abode at once.

TWO HENS PROVIDING HIS SUPPLY OF EGGS

G. Colvin, market gardener at Kilmoka, won't need any poultry culling demonstration on his farm. Mr. Colvin has two hens which have laid 315 and 270 eggs respectively in a year.

They are crosses between Leghorns and Wyandottes, and the only two hens he keeps, according to information he gave department of agriculture officials this morning. Mr. Colvin's farm is well known to motorists, many of whom have stopped to admire his poppies, grown from 15 pounds of seed.

LIQUOR CASES ECHO OF SUICIDE

Three Men Appear in Court Following Death of William Hone.

ONE PAYS FINE

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, July 13.—Police Magistrate J. A. Makins had a busy police court session yesterday, when a variety of cases came before him.

Three liquor charges were laid following investigations into the suicide of William Hone of Elma Township. Harry Boyd, who was at Hone's house the night before the suicide, was charged with drinking liquor purchased elsewhere than at a licensed vendor's. He pleaded guilty and was assessed \$400 fine, costs, which was paid. John Rehl, accused of buying drunk liquor in a place it could not lawfully be kept, had his case put down for next Saturday morning.

He is out on \$400 bail. Norman Taylor was also faced with a charge similar to the one against Rehl. He is a constable, and his lawyer, J. Murray of Stratford, produced a certificate from Dr. Murray of Mitchell, stating that the accused was unable to appear in court. The case was enlarged until September 20. Mr. Murray also appeared on behalf of Rehl.

Charge Withdrawn.

The charge of theft laid against Fred McTavish of Stratford was withdrawn. He was accused of stealing automobile parts in Mitchell. The charge of fraud against William Hone, which has been postponed several times already, was again adjourned. William Swaine of Mitchell, who is faced with a charge of jousting, informed the magistrate that he has been keeping up the payments to his wife, ordered by the court. His case was adjourned until October