

# WATCHMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH WHEN CAR CRASHED INTO SHANTY AT RECTORY ST. G. T. R. CROSSING

### Aged Timothy O'Leary Killed as He Sat in His Chair With the Levers of the Derails in His Hands.

## MOTORMAN OF STREET CAR HURT FATHER AND SON WERE INJURED

### A Dozen Passengers Had a Miraculous Escape From Death When Freight Train Backed Into a Loaded Ottawa Avenue Car—An Inquest Has Been Ordered.

**KILLED.**  
Night Watchman Timothy O'Leary, 674 Ontario street, INJURED.  
Motorman J. A. Facey, 10 Redan street.  
Joseph E. Wyckoff, 20 Hyatt avenue.  
Max Wyckoff, his son.  
**PASSENGERS ON STREET CAR.**  
Mrs. Wiggins, 467 Hamilton road.  
J. E. Wyckoff and son Max, aged 4 years, 20 Hyatt avenue.  
J. E. Wilton, Wilson avenue.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn, Hill and William streets.  
William Floyd, his wife, and two children.  
Conductor Charles Honsberger.  
**LOCATION.**  
Rectory street crossing of Grand Trunk.  
Cause—Freight train backed into Ottawa avenue street car.  
Time—8:52 p.m.

Night Watchman Timothy O'Leary of the G. T. R. was killed. Motorman J. A. Facey, of the street railway, was painfully injured. Mr. Joseph E. Wyckoff and son Max were hurt, and a number of other passengers on the car had marvelous escapes from instant death. When a freight train, in charge of Conductor Stoner and Engineer Sharpe, of Allandale, backed into an Ottawa avenue car last night shortly before 9 o'clock at the Rectory street crossing of the Grand Trunk. That any of the passengers on the car escaped death or serious injuries at the least is a matter of wonder to every person who visited the scene of the accident.

Coroner Ferguson took charge of the remains of Watchman O'Leary, and ordered an inquest. The freight train had just pulled in from Allandale, and the engineer had received orders to back up, in order to shunt the cars into the siding in East London.

Watchman O'Leary was at the time in his shanty attending to the signals and switches. The Ottawa avenue car, north bound, came up to the deraill at the south side, and received a signal to go ahead. As the car got onto the crossing, the freight train, headed west from the west. The caboose hit the front end of the street car.

It was swung around, and dragged up the track for twenty or thirty feet parallel with the Grand Trunk tracks.

The caboose and three other cars were derailed by the impact, and the former crashed over the watchman's shanty, where Mr. O'Leary was working.

**CRUSHED LIKE A PAPER BOX.**  
In an instant the little house was crushed like a paper box. Mr. O'Leary was sitting in a chair at the time the accident took place, with the levers in his hands. His neck was broken and he was otherwise badly mutilated.

In the meantime the passengers on the street car were in a most terrifying position. They had been dragged up the track for 50 feet amid the grinding and crashing of breaking steel and wood, and with broken glass flying all about them.

Conductor Honsberger, who was in the rear of the car, saw the crash coming and jumped.

Motorman Facey was pinned for a short time in the vestibule of the car, but managed to make his escape, how he does not know.

When the car stopped it was lying at an angle parallel with a freight car, the trucks having been pulled from under it.

Passengers had no time in tumbling out of the windows and doors. They all got away safely, with but minor bruises.

Little Max Wyckoff was hurt the worst of the passengers. He was sitting near a window at the front of the car with his father when the crash came, and his face was painfully cut.

**BODY UNDER THE WRECK.**  
As soon as possible Dr. Mullan was called, and the ambulance summoned. A search revealed the body of Mr. O'Leary under the wreckage, and he was removed as soon as possible. When Dr. Mullan arrived, it was found that death had been instantaneous. Near his side was found his watch, which had stopped at 7 minutes to 9, the time of the accident.

A pathetic feature of the accident was the fact that the dead man's son, Mr. Michael O'Leary, is night foreman at the Rectory street yard. He was working as usual when the crash came, and was one of the first to reach the wreck of the little shanty where the train had crushed the life out of his aged father. Not a moment was lost by him in getting the men at work to attempt a rescue if possible. He was one of the first to see his dead father, and immediately gave instructions for the notification of the relatives.

Rev. Father McKeon, rector of St. Mary's Church, was summoned, and broke the news to the family. There was great excitement for a time, as it was reported that a red-headed man, whose name was unknown, was talking to Mr. O'Leary a moment before the accident, and that he, too, was in the wreckage. A search was instituted for him, but no signs of the man could be found. In all probability he left some time before the accident.

Mistaken signals are apparently the cause of the accident. Both Motorman Facey and Conductor Honsberger, of the street railway, claim that they received orders to go ahead. The deraill was set properly for them, it is claimed, which would set a signal against the freight.

## \$1,000 REALIZED FOR THE LOCAL SANATORIUM

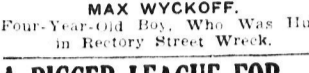
Good Work of Ladies on Tag Day in London.

The returns of the young ladies engaged in the tagging for Byron Sanatorium, which are being received by the treasurer today, are considered very satisfactory, and it is expected that the proceeds of the day will amount to over a thousand dollars. Miss Marion Smith, of Ingersoll, who volunteered her services, and who acted in place of Mrs. Kingsmill, broke the record for the day, with one thousand sales, for which she secured \$108. Last night this was \$18 better than double the record of any other lady who had reported.

## A PAN OF MILK SAVED SIGHT OF A BURWELL STREET MAN

### Mr. R. J. Webb Was About to Apply a Liniment to a Horse's Leg When the Bottle Exploded, Filling His Eyes With the Burning Liquid

Mr. R. J. Webb, a teamster, residing at 273 Burwell street, was the sight of his eyes, following an explosion of chemicals in his stable this morning. It will be alone due to his presence of mind in groping his way to the house and bathing the optics in milk. His left eye is quite badly affected as it is, while his right eye is also painfully burned.



MAX WYCKOFF, Four-Year-Old Boy, Who Was Hurt in Rectory Street Wreck.

## A BIGGER LEAGUE FOR LONDON IN 1912

### Class "B" Ball May Be Played Here Owing to Good Support.

Business Manager John R. Minhinick, of the London baseball team, returned to the city today with the team after a short trip on the road, during which he visited Toronto to interview Mr. McCaffery, of the Maple Leafs. The support that Londoners are giving "Class C" ball, but a few weeks after the inception of the league, has caused baseball men to pay greater attention to the situation here, and there is now a movement afoot to organize a "Class B" league for the city.

## SONS OF SCOTLAND WILL CONCLUDE TODAY

### Delegates Are Busy With the Proposed Amendments to the Constitutions.

In all probability the annual meeting of the Sons of Scotland, which is being held in Hyman Hall, will conclude this evening. All day today the delegates have been busy electing officers and discussing proposed amendments to the constitution.

## THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fine. Today—Fair. Wednesday—Moderate variable winds, fine and cool. Thursday—Moderate variable winds, fine and cool. WEATHER NOTES. The area of low pressure which was in Northern Ontario yesterday has passed away to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the barometer is now rising over the Great Lakes.

## MR. F. S. MEARN'S OF TORONTO WAS ELECTED AS GRAND CHIEF

### Rev. Dr. McCrae Defeated in a Splendid Battle—Vote Stood 105 for Mr. Mearns to 100 for Dr. McCrae—Meeting of Sons of Scotland.

Grand Chief F. S. Mearns, Toronto, Grand Chaplain—A. C. Gordon, Toronto. Secretary—Lieut.-Col. D. M. Robertson, Toronto (communication). Treasurer—Alex. Hay, Toronto (communication).



MR. FRANK S. MEARN'S, Of Toronto, Elected Grand Chief of the Sons of Scotland.

## FATHER AND LITTLE SON HURLED OUT OF CAR WHEN CRASH CAME

### Thrilling Experience of Mr. Joseph E. Wyckoff and His Little Boy Max, Aged Four, in the Wreck at Rectory Street Crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway Last Night.

Mr. Joseph E. Wyckoff, brother of Dr. Wyckoff, school trustee, with his 4-year-old son Max, had a thrilling experience. "When the car got to the deraill south of the tracks on Rectory street," said Mr. Wyckoff, "it stopped, and the motorman waited for the signal to come ahead. This was apparently given him, because after a short wait the car started north. We had got onto the rails when I was horrified to see a train bearing down from the west upon us. Before we could do anything, however, we were struck by the freight, and the street car was hurled to the east, down the G. T. R. tracks. It all happened very quickly, and there was an awful crashing and a smashing of timbers and iron, and a smothering of frightened women in the car. Then there was a sudden jolt. I was sitting with my little boy on the front seat at the right, the car being one of those with an aisle down the front, and in a jiffy I felt him being tumbled out of the front door.

## FIRE CHIEF AITKEN CHARGES G. T. R. DELAYS THE FIREMEN

### Alleges that Watchman at Wellington Street Was Not Polite When Addressed on the Subject—Brigade Blocked at Four Streets Going to a Fire.

Fire Chief Aitken, at tonight's meeting of No. 2 committee, will bring up the matter of the Grand Trunk train blocking the street crossings and delaying the fire apparatus on its way to answer alarms. Two nights ago the chief stated to the Advertiser that he intended to raise the gates and let the apparatus by the chief says the watchman was busy when he closed the gate on the hook and ladder truck and kept it down, the chief alleges. "There wasn't an engine or train in sight at the time," said the chief. "It was a deliberate hold-up. This sort of thing has got to be stopped, and I will bring the matter up at the next meeting tonight and see what can be done."

## ROUGH ROADS CAUSE PATIENTS MUCH PAIN

### One Good Thoroughfare Should Be Made to Victoria Hospital.

Local physicians are loud in their complaints about the conditions of the roads leading to the Victoria Hospital, and state that sick people and victims of accidents have suffered the greatest pain and inconvenience lately on account of the holes in the streets. "I think that the engineer and the aldermen who look after the road work should get together, and make good roads to the hospital that could be always used. Say for instance, on Wellington or Waterloo streets to Ottawa avenue, and from there to the hospital. It would cost only a comparatively small sum of money to make the roadway in a smooth condition, and it would be an untold blessing to the hundreds of patients who have to go to the hospital every year."

## CHILD KILLED BY G. T. R. TRAIN

### Train No. 64, which leaves London at 2:45 p.m., on the G. T. R., for Stratford, and which was in charge of Conductor Douglas, struck and killed the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Rump of Childers street, north of Bridges street, a mile or so east of the city. The little one was playing on the tracks and did not notice the approach of the train.

## REYCHMAN GUILTY

New York, June 28.—Joseph R. Reychman, formerly president of the Carnegie Trust Company, was found guilty today of making false statements to the state bankruptcy department. The jury deliberated an hour and a half.

## BOLT HITS TOWN CLOCK

Presford, June 28.—The woodwork on the town clock was splintered by a bolt during an electrical storm last evening, but the clock was not damaged. The barn of James Blackwell, of Douro, was burned, and four cows belonging to Elsiea Beavis were killed.

## MYSTERIOUS MAN IS ACCOUNTED FOR

### The Stranger Who Was Talking With Watchman Fleed After the Accident.

## AFRAID OF THE SIGHT

### Had Been Ill and He Thought Passengers in the Car Would All Be Killed.

The mystery of "the red-headed man" was solved this morning without the assistance of Sherlock Holmes or other prominent sleuths, and while it was feared for a time Tuesday night that he had met death in the wreck at the Rectory street crossing, he escaped injury.

A couple of minutes after the accident, and before any other word of the affair had reached the neighborhood the man turned up at No. 2 fire-hall at the corner of Dundas and Rectory streets.

He told the men there that he had sat and talked with Timothy O'Leary, the victim of the wreck, and had escaped himself by the narrowest margin. The street car had stopped south of the railway crossing and proceeded slowly onto the tracks, according to the man's story. The man before the freight bearing down upon the car and for that reason he made no effort to signal the motorman. When he saw that a crash was inevitable he jumped and ran north. An instant later the derailed cars crashed through the shanty carrying the signmen along for thirty feet.

"I have been sick for some time and I was afraid that I could not stand to see the injured," he told the fireman. He was under the impression that Motorman Facey and the street car passengers had no chance of escape.

"I saw nothing of the train struck the front vestibule, and I do not know how I escaped," Motorman Facey told the Advertiser at his home this morning. "I was struck on the leg by a piece of timber or some of the machinery, and while my leg was wrenched I did not consider it serious until I found I was unable to walk about."

Facey will be under the care of a physician for some time, as the muscles of his leg are torn.

## SPELLING PAPER A DIFFICULT ONE

### High School Entrance Candidates Afraid of It.

The entrance examination papers this year have been fairly hard, although not more than usually so. There are more complaints about the spelling paper than about any one of the others. The pupils claim that it was a very difficult one, and more than one expressed the fear that he was "plucked" on it. The words used were not unexpressible by any means. The students claim that a large number of ground-ups would "fall down" on this paper.

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## MRS. ALLEN DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES

### Autopsy Showed That Wellington Street Woman Had Suffered a Hemorrhage of Brain.

After conducting a post-mortem examination on the body of Mrs. Mary Allen, who died very unexpectedly yesterday morning at 15 Wellington road, Dr. Phillips learned that she died from a hemorrhage of the brain, brought on by a fit of vomiting. Consequently there will be no inquest.

## THE NEW SILVER DOLLAR

### Manufacture Will Soon Start at the Mint in Ottawa.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, June 28.—Manufacture of the new Canadian silver dollar at the mint here will start shortly. All that the mint is now awaiting is the arrival of the dies necessary for the production of the first specimen of the new coin. The special machinery has been installed, the press being a very large one, capable of striking about 250 tons.

Advertisement for shoes and clothing, including 'Oxfords', 'Shoes', 'Street', and 'Every Woman'.

Advertisement for a watchman and other services, including 'WATCHMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH'.