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JURY SENT BACK AGAIN FOUND YALDON GUILTY

Fire Made Almost Complete Wreck of Cataract Power Station at Irondale.

HAMILTON, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—James Yaldon was this afternoon found guilty of perjury on a charge arising out of a raid on an alleged gambling joint. The jury went out at 12.30 p.m. and returned at 5.10 with a verdict of "guilty." George S. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., who defended the prisoner, raised objections to the indictment and the judge granted a reserve case. As it will take several months to get a stated case decided by the court of appeal, sentence was deferred until next June, and Yaldon's bail was renewed at \$1000. Five others charged similarly were allowed out on the same bail. James Yaldon, one of the sextet accused of perjury in connection with the raid on an alleged gambling joint, was placed on trial this morning before Judge Snider. Crown Attorney Washington announced that he was proceeding under the Lord's Day Act of Upper Canada, and not under the Lord's Day Act of Ontario. Geo. S. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., objected, but the judge decided to go ahead with the case. Police Clerk McEffe and Police Magistrate Telford swore that Yaldon testified at the police court that no dice were used. Constables May, Thompson and Smith testified that dice were used and that Yaldon was present. In his address to the jury Mr. Staunton declared that he thought the constables were guilty of the offence with which they were charging the prisoner, and that they "cooked" their evidence and that the crown was afraid to have the case tried except by a jury of gentlemen. Rev. J. S. Scamore, pastor of the James-street Baptist Church, was presented with a mahogany armchair and a purse of money. In his address to the jury he said that he had a limoges dinner set by the Sunday school. The finance committee this evening decided to apply to the Ontario Legislature for an amendment to the Municipal Act giving Hamilton the right to have electricity board of control. The Victoria Memorial Statue Committee. Miss Jeannette Lewis, who has undertaken to build a hospital for sick children, asked the aldermen of the city would maintain it and provide a site. They said they would consult the hospital board and let her know. A baby was left on a doorstep at 103 West Stuart-street to-night. It was taken to the Infants' Home. Fire made almost a complete wreck of the Cataract Power Co.'s sub-station at Irondale to-night, and the loss will be quite heavy. The trouble started about 9 o'clock and the whole system, including street cars, street and private lights and power, was tied up for nearly an hour. The merchants who had their stores open for the holiday trade were put to great inconvenience. Haydn's "Creation" was given in the drill hall this evening by the Hamilton Oratorio Society, under the direction of George H. Robinson. The proceeds will go to the Consumption Sanitarium. The attendance was about 1000. There was a chorus of about 150 voices and an orchestra of 30 pieces. The soloists were: Misses H. Adeline Smith and Sadie Fraser, sopranos; H. W. Robinson and Vernon Carey, tenors; M. A. Carthwaite, James F. Egan and H. N. Thomas, bass; H. E. J. Vernon and Miss Annie Mann, accompanists. A mass meeting was held to-night in the Ferguson-avenue Baptist Church in the interests of the aldermanic candidates of the North End Improvement Society, James Williamson and Aid. Guitta, Kennedy and A. J. Wright. An expert from Toronto has examined the street railway for the city, to see how the company had carried out the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to make improvements to the system. He has reported that the company has not a decent car and that the cars should be scrapped. The Ontario Pipe Line Co. and the American Street Lighting Co., which has the contract of furnishing 300 natural gas boulevard lamps, are at loggerheads, and the Pipe Line Co. threatens to shut off the supply of gas. The Bramford & Hamilton Railway will be opened for traffic as far as Ancaster to-morrow. Hugh S. Brennan has sold a timber tract of three square feet in Algoma district to McCreary & Graham, therefore, for \$88,000. Sheriff Middleton has been notified that it is unlikely that Hangman Radcliffe will be available in case Jake Sunfield is hanged.

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