

TWO MURDER CASES ON LIST
FOR MIDDLESEX SPRING ASSIZESTwo Other Criminal Cases
Have Been Set
Down.21 SUITS ON
THE CIVIL LISTAction For \$5,000 Damages
Against Greene, Swift & Co.
—Other Cases.

The list of cases for the March assizes, which open Monday before Mr. Justice Riddell, is a very heavy one, and includes 21 civil actions and 4 criminal cases.

The latter are:

The Crown vs. Thomas Noah—Murder.

The Crown vs. James Hartwick—Murder.

The Crown vs. Isaac Homer—Forgery.

The Crown vs. Herbert Mee—Embezzlement.

The last civil cases to be set down were as follows:

Jury Cases.

Newman vs. Askey—George Newman, a laborer residing in the town of Wyoming, sues Amos Askey and Fanny Askey to recover \$398 44 for services.

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Indians Charged With a Hold Up
Carried Off Horse, Say It's TheirsAlso Mr. Eli Snake Must Answer
Some Charges of His
Wife.

Rufus Henry, Louis Logan, Eli Snake and Edward Hall, Muncie Indians, will appear before Squire Chittick this afternoon to answer to a charge of horse-stealing, preferred by Justin Hare, of Caradoc. It is alleged that the four men held Mr. Hare up in the roadway, and took his horse. The Indians declare that the horse belonged to them, and that they seized it because the purchase price had not been paid.

Book of Five Tickets for a Dollar
New Rule for the Western FairRecommended by the Gates and
Tickets Committee
Yesterday.

As the result of the deliberations of the meeting of the gates and ticket committee of the Western Fair board yesterday, the executive will be asked to provide a book of five tickets for \$1. This book, it is expected, will be issued as soon as possible, but a time limit, possibly Sept. 1, will be placed on its sale.

This committee also recommended that in view of the athletic day to be held on Monday, the usual grandstand fee be charged.

Among those of the committee present were Mr. John Pringle (chairman), Capt. W. J. Reid, Wm. McNeill and Secretary Hunt.

Sheep Committee.

The sheep committee meet in the afternoon and carefully considered the prize list.

A communication was received from Mr. F. W. Harding, secretary of the

Fell on Sidewalk--Wants Assistance

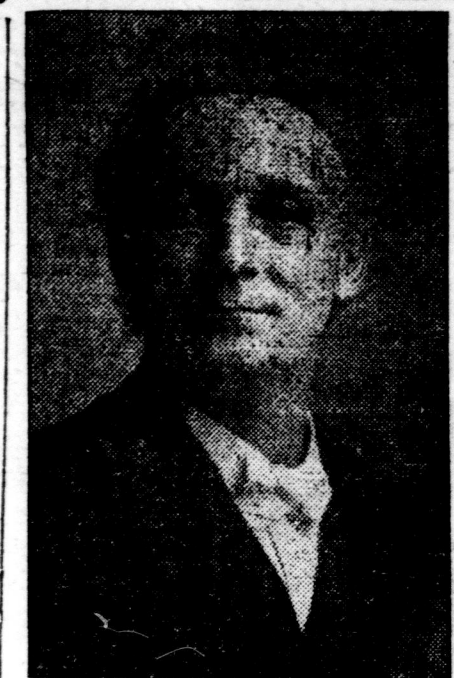
Stuart M. Dobbinson, William street, a young man whose arm was broken by falling on the pavement, has sent a communication to City Engineer Graydon, asking that something be contributed by the city for his expenses during his accident.

Dobbinson was going home from

Fingers Smashed in a Shoe Machine

Miss Louise Smithers, of Moray, who lives at 389 Hamilton road, met with a very painful accident this morning while operating a sole-skiving machine at the Cook-Fitzgerald shoe factory.

Miss Smithers had the fingers of her left hand caught in the machine and they were so badly crushed that it is

REV. G. W. DEWEY,
Of Toronto Junction, Who Has Accepted a Call to Empress Avenue Church.MR. GRAY WOULD
ABIDE BY DECISIONOf a Convention Called to Select a
Candidate—Beck Incident Again.

The St. Thomas Times (Conservative) says:

"A St. Thomas citizen who visited Toronto recently had a conversation with Wm. Gray, the former Conservative candidate in London, Mr. Gray again announced his intention of running against Hon. Adam Beck in London, but said he was willing to abide by the decision of an open convention as between him and Mr. Beck."

In addition to the charge mentioned, Eli Snake will have to face three informations laid by Mrs. Eli Snake, who alleges that Husband Snake has failed to supply her with food, clothing, etc., during the past winter, that he used language unbecoming a husband to her, and that when she refused him admittance to their humble domicile he entered by force and proceeded to break the windows.

Edward Hall, the last-named of the quartet, was not arrested, although a warrant was out for his apprehension. Just before noon he walked into the courthouse and gave himself up to High Constable Hughes.

American Cotswold Association, offering \$15 in prizes to be distributed among the Cotswold classes.

This offer was accepted.

It was decided to add a third prize of \$5 to all the classes of the Hampshire. It has been the ambition of the association to build up this class. It was also decided to commence the judging of the sheep on Tuesday morning, not on Monday afternoon, as formerly. Judges were appointed.

Those present were: George Scatterd, Wyton, chairman; George Kimball, Geo. Teifer, Paris; Directors Col. McEwen, T. Hardy Shore, George G. McCormick, Wm. McNeill and Secretary Hunt.

Swine Committee.

Shortly after this meeting the swine committee met. A communication was read from Mr. Westervelt, secretary of the Swine Breeders' Association, making the following donations: \$50 from the association, \$50 from the Ontario Berkshire Association, and \$50 from the Yorkshire Association. The first donation will be distributed among all sows, the second among the Berkshires and the third among the Yorkshires.

A few minor changes were made in the classes.

Those present were: T. Hardy Shore, chairman; George Scatterd, D. Thompson, Woodstock; Directors George G. McCormick, Col. McEwen, Wm. McNeill, Wm. Moore and Secretary Hunt.

WOODMEN RAISE RATES
ALL MEMBERS PAY SAMEOld and New, After May 1, Will Be Obligated to Pay the Schedule
Which Now Applies to New Members Only—
Convention Is Brought to a Close.

After three hours of the most heated discussion, in which practically every one of the 300 delegates took part, the Woodmen of the World last night arrived at a solution of the rate revision problem, by adopting a resolution to the effect that after May 1 all members, old and new, shall pay the schedule of rates now in force for new members.

At present there are four schedules of rates, and the older members very strongly opposed any changes, advancing the argument that out of 19 fraternal societies in Canada, the Woodmen stood 10th in the list, and their

LONG-TERM MEN FOR CENTRAL
FOUR TAKEN FROM LONDONLack of Room in the Big Prison Results in Several Remaining
Here Who Would Otherwise Enjoy a Holiday in the Central
—Sinclair Is Wanted to Give Evidence.

Provincial Detective Ryan, of Toronto, arrived in the city this morning and left this afternoon with four Central Prison men from the county jail.

There were six prisoners here who had terms of six months or over to serve, but two of them had to be left behind as there is not enough room for them in the Central.

A number of men who had originally been sentenced to Central Prison, but who had served most of their terms here will also remain in the county jail until released.

Detective Ryan brought with him

TRAGEDY OF A STRANGE TRUNK
HOW POLICE MADE MIX-UPMr. John Gillet Will Not Likely Take Notice of Any More
People Who Act Peculiarly—He Certainly
Has a Big Grievance.

Mr. Gillet was not at home when the Grand Trunk at Waterloo street crossing, had a more or less amusing experience Wednesday night.

Just before going off duty, Mr. Gillet saw a man come down the track, dragging a big trunk.

He pulled it over to the sidewalk at the east end of the freight shed, and after opening it, and taking something out, ran away.

Mr. Gillet reported the affair to a policeman, but in the meantime the trunk was taken charge of and placed in the freight sheds by Freight Agent Gordon and his men.

The policeman did not report the matter for some hours, but when he did the patrol was sent down to take the trunk to the station.

In it were several policemen.

Not finding the trunk on the sidewalk, they proceeded to Mr. Gillet's

7th Sham Battle for Good Friday
Regiment Is Now Drafting PlansImportant Announcement of New
Officers Is Made By
Col. Reid.

The officers of the Seventh Regiment are planning an outing for the regiment to take place on Good Friday.

The holiday is very late this year, and it is anticipated that the weather will be suitable for outside maneuvers by that time.

Two years ago a sham battle was held and was very successful.

A Novelty.

Bandmaster Slater is about to introduce a novelty for Canadian regiments, and will shortly instruct the men in the singing of a number of military songs.

These songs are very popular among the English regiments, and on a long march it is said cheer the men up very considerably.

The idea is being received with considerable favor by both officers and men, and it is likely the first instruction in the songs will take place on Monday night.

COLLEGE BOYS HAVE BRIEF STRIKE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, March 20.—One hundred and fifty students at Woodstock College went on strike this morning because one of their number, a boy named King, from Toronto, had been suspended by the authorities for playing basketball after being ordered not to do so.

They paraded down town in the early hours of the morning, cheering and shouting to show their great displeasure at what they apparently considered was an unwarranted act on the part of the college faculty, and remained in a state of insurrection for

THE EXPENDITURE
IS PILING UPOpposition Points Out Some
Follies of Whitney Govt.

SURPLUS OF \$606,000 CLAIMED

Helped Out to Great Extent by the
Succession Duties Act of the Ross
Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 20.—The shortest budget speech on record in the Legislature was delivered yesterday by the Provincial Treasurer, who took only 55 minutes to lay before the House his annual summary of the finances of the Province. Mr. Matheson, never a fluent speaker at his best, was not in good form, as he seemed to be suffering from a weak throat, which probably was one cause for the brevity of his address. He claimed that the surplus of receipts over expenditures last year was \$606,000, while the Government had given \$500,000 credit to lumbermen for dues falling payable in December. Had these payments been insisted upon, the surplus would have been over \$1,000,000. The estimated receipts for 1908 are \$7,821,772, not including the \$300,000 expected from the Temiskaming Railway earnings, while the estimates call for an expenditure of \$7,215,772.

Mr. Pense (Kingston), and Mr. Hislop, (E. Huron), were the Opposition critics. They protested against the rapidly growing expenditure, and urged the need of caution and economy.

Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), was the other Government speaker of the afternoon. Mr. Hislop had not concluded when the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Claims a Surplus of \$606,000.

The routine business took up only a few minutes after the speaker assumed the chair, and Mr. Matheson rose at 3:20 amidst Conservative applause. After the customary congratulatory remarks.

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SIR KNIGHT M'GUIRE
VISITS CLASSICAL CITY

Pleasant Event on Wednesday Evening—The Toasts.

The Stratford Beacon says: A field day was held by St. Elmo Preceptory, No. 22, K. T., G. R. C., in the Masonic Hall yesterday afternoon and evening about sixty members of the order being in attendance, including visitors from London, Goderich, St. Marys and Clinton. The principal feature of the occasion was the visit of Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Charles McGuire, Provincial Prior.

After the customary toast to the "King and the Craft," the toast to the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada was proposed by Em. Sir Kt. W. G. Irwin, V. Em. Sir Kt. C. McLellan responding.

Mr. Irwin also proposed the toast to "Our District, No. 1," which was replied to by Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Charles McGuire, Provincial Prior. The toast to "Richard Coeur de Lion, No. 4," was proposed by Em. Sir Kt. John Stevenson and responded to by Em. Sir Kt. Rowe and Sir Kt. J. H. Francis, "Mocha Temple" was proposed by Sir Kt. Charles Farquharson, and responded to by Ill. Pot. Al. Davis and Sir Kt. W. H. Abbott. Sir Kt. R. J. Stevenson proposed the toast to the "Visiting Fraternal," which was responded to by Sir Kt. W. H. Francis, "Mocha Temple," "Candidates" was responded to by Sir Kt. A. H. Monteith, "St. Elmo Preceptory" was proposed by Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Chas. McGuire, and replied to by Sir Kt. W. G. Irwin and Em. Sir Kt. John Stevenson.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 20-3 a.m.

Today—Moderate winds; fine weather.

Saturday—Fine and milder.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 30.5°; lowest, 20.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	23	28	Cloudy
Winnipeg	19	6	Fair
Port Arthur	12	4	Cloudy
Perry Sound	4	—	Clear
Toronto	18	14	Clear
Ottawa	10	8	Fair
Montreal	16	12	Clear
Quebec	12	10	Clear
Father Point	16	14	Fair

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The general weather conditions appear to be more settled than for some time past.

The barometer is highest over Ontario and the Middle States, and is falling in the Western Provinces.

The weather is fine throughout Canada, with a tendency towards higher temperatures.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below—20; Atlin, 23—35; Victoria, 30—50; Vancouver, 31—46; Kamloops, 28—48; Edmonton, 16—42; Battleford, 4—28; Calgary, 10—44; Regina, 2—25; Winnipeg, 14 below—24; Port Arthur, 2 below—30; Perry Sound, 14—23; Toronto, 24—32; Ottawa, 22—32; Montreal, 22—30; Quebec, 20—28; St. John, 20—28; Halifax, 28—32.

ORDER CARS TO RUN BOTH WAYS
ONLY MOVE NOW FOR THE CITYDISTRIBUTED BILLS
ON CITY STREETSErnest Simmons Was Fined in Police
Court This Morning.

Ernest Simmons started out to deliver handbills yesterday to pedestrians, but many people refused to take them and he let them blow about on the sidewalks. He paid one dollar for breaking the bylaw in regard to waste paper when arraigned in the police court today.

John Wade and Ernest Quick drove wagons over a cement sidewalk and paid \$1 each.

For being drunk Charles Walsh was fined \$10 or 21 days, and placed on the Indian list. He took the days.

William Packham and Edward Murray blocked the sidewalk, and were fined \$1 each for being disorderly.

John Farmer struck a boy, and paid \$5 for being disorderly.

Six boys, who cut across lawns, each paid \$1 and were warned not to repeat the offense.

MANAGER M'GUIGAN
IS BACK AGAINSays a Canadian Is the "Big Push" in
Porto Rican Affairs.

F. H. McGuigan, formerly fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk, has returned to Toronto from a trip to Porto Rico, where he was looking over some railway concerns on behalf of Canadian investors. One of the surprises he met was the finding of a Canadian newspaper man governing the principality for Uncle Sam.

"Who do you think," asked Mr. McGuigan, "is commissioner of the Interior—a kind of prime minister? Why Lawrence Graham, an old Toronto man, who got tired of journalism in Canada, drifted over the line, and is now at the head of the American occupation of Porto Rico."

COLORED MAN ARRAIGNED
SERIOUS CHARGE IS MADERobert Hackett Alleges That J. J. Taylor Is Guilty of Fraud—Has
Been Collecting For An Institution Which Is to Be
Established at Woodstock.

A case that promises to be unusually interesting was commenced in the police court this morning, when J. J. Taylor, colored, of Montreal, appeared charged by Robert Hackett, also colored, with fraud.

Taylor has been in the city about a month, and has been engaged in collecting funds for establishing an industrial school for colored people at Woodstock.

Thinks Teachers Should Look Ahead

"I do not understand the pension bill brought into the House to pension school teachers," said Chairman Graham this morning, "but I think it is something along the line of pension funds in operation in many states on the other side of the line."

"It would empower boards of education to levy a certain rate each year to build up a pension fund, the rest to be contributed by the teachers."

More Claimants To Springer Estate

A Hamilton dispatch says: The outcome of the meeting of the Springer estate claimants of Hamilton and vicinity, held in the Waldorf Hotel yesterday, was the decision to send a representative from this district to confer with representatives appointed by the claimants in Cleveland, Detroit, London and other places both in Canada and United States, with a view to ascertaining exactly how the situation stands. The various groups of claimants have been gathering information for months, and the idea is to get together, compare notes, and then decide what should be done, if their claim looks good they will take steps to enforce it; if not, they will throw up the whole thing.

City and Phone Franchise Matter

"It looks as if the rights of the cities will be protected," said Ald. Beattie, who returned last night from Toronto where he had been interviewing a special committee of the Legislature regarding exclusive franchises for telephone companies.

"The matter was sent to a small committee, and I think our rights will be duly considered. A compromise will probably be arrived at, by which exclusive franchise must be submitted to the consideration of the railway commission and then a clause will be inserted by which the company enjoying the exclusive franchise will be compelled to recognize the rights of rural phone companies."

Mr. Jones' Condition.

Mr. William Jones, chairman of the water commission, who has been ill for a week past, is much better, and will be able to be out tomorrow.