# MRS. BEEMER IS NOT GUILTY OF POISONING HER HUSBAND

## Verdict of Jury Pronounced After Seventy-Five Minutes' Deliberation—Judge Concurs in Finding — Prisoner Showed Little Emotion on Hearing the Verdict That Made Her Free.

WOODSTOCK, Nov. 7.—(Can. Press.)—Mrs. Grace Beemer, seated in the prisoners' dock, her head bowed and tears in her eyes, did not change her attitude in the least when the jury this afternoon acquitted her of the charge of having murdered her husband. A few in the audience clapped their hands and attempted to start a demonstration, but officers put down the attempt with a firm hand.

**His Lordship's Comment**

Justice Kelly, in discharging the prisoner, said that in view of all the circumstances there was no fault to be found with the verdict. On the evidence it might have been possible to bring in another verdict, but in his opinion the jury had exercised their right satisfactorily to all parties.

Mrs. Beemer was led out of the dock by the deputy sheriff, and she walked alone to the sheriff's office, where she immediately picked up her five-weeks-old baby.

**Mr. McMullen's Address**

Mr. W. T. McMullen, for the defence, in addressing the jury, pointed out that the close of the fifth inquiry into the death of the late Frederick Beemer was now in sight. These inquiries he touched upon briefly, calling the attention of the jury to the fact that at each Mrs. Beemer was constantly in attendance, apparently regardless of any fear whatever. She was not represented by counsel at any of these hearings, but she told her story frankly and straightforwardly.

Mr. McMullen showed that no arrest was made at the close of the inquest. Altho John Mason had been a witness he did not tell his sensational story about seeing the prisoner with a poison bottle at this inquiry; he did not tell the police, he did not tell the crown attorney, he did not tell any person until some weeks later, when he told the story to Dr. Woolner in his office at Ayr.

**Sets Up Suicide**

This, in Mr. McMullen's opinion, was remarkable. The defence counsel attempted to set up the idea that suicide had been the cause of death, by pointing to Beemer's financial condition, and pointing to statements made shortly before his death by the deceased to friends.

**No Motive Shown.**

Mr. McMullen argued that there was absolutely no evidence regarding any motive for murder on the part of Mrs. Beemer. Neither was there any evidence showing that Mrs. Beemer had purchased any strychnine since 1911, when strychnine was purchased to kill crows which were bothering the corn.

Mr. McMullen, in closing, made an appeal to the jury to restore the mother to those children who were outside the courtroom waiting for her to come back.

**The Crown's Argument.**

Mr. Meredith, in summing up for the crown, laid stress on the fact that all the medicine given to Beemer was given by his wife, and that it was following these doses of medicine that the severe pains occurred which finally resulted in Beemer's death. Mr. Meredith attempted to discredit the plea of the defence that Beemer's dath was due to suicide, by showing that Beemer at all times expressed a desire to get better.

He was most desirous of living, and urged that a doctor be called for, and that his stomach be pumped out, because of the fact that he felt as if he had been poisoned.

Mr. Meredith, regarding the suicide plea, stated there was no evidence that Beemer was able to get out of his bed to get any poison.

**"No Ordinary Woman."**

In speaking of the prisoner, he said she was no ordinary woman, and was as cunning as a fox. Her 32 lawsuits, he declared, made her probably as much acquainted with law proceedings as counsel in the present case themselves. Her evidence had been carefully planned and well thought out.

Mr. Meredith contended that it was not necessary to show any motive in the case. It was impossible to look into the hearts of men and women. In the Beemer case, he said, it was hard to find a motive. Perhaps Mrs. Beemer had thought that there was more money in the estate than there was. Perhaps she, being a young woman, was tired of the man, who was many years her senior. Perhaps she thought she could do better without him.

The case went to the jury at 12.10, after Justice Kelly had summed up.

# WHAT! ARTISTS BUYING PICTURES?

## Yes, It's Quite True—They Couldn't Help It—It Was a Good One.

One sometimes hears that an artist has actually sold a picture, but seldom of an artist buying a picture, and more seldom still of eighteen artists subscribing to buy a picture by another artist, yet this has actually happened in Toronto.

Yesterday, eighteen Toronto artists decided that the work of A. G. Jackson, now being exhibited in Eaton's art gallery, was so good that it was imperative that Mr. Jackson be represented in the National Art Gallery at Ottawa, and to ensure Mr. Jackson this honor they co-operated and bought one of his sketches for the purpose of presenting it to the National Gallery.

This is indeed a great honor for Mr. Jackson, but it must be a delight to the citizens of Toronto to have such ample proof that the artistic fraternity in the city is broadminded and generous enough to lead the way in acknowledging merit in the work of a brother artist.

The honor roll is as follows:

J. W. Beatty, Lawren Harris, Curtis Williamson, Wm. Drake, F. Hans Johnston, T. W. Mitchell, Arthur Lismer, F. W. McLean, Eugene L. Beaupre, Ira R. Lewis, Wm. Alexander, J. E. H. McDonald, C. W. Jeffreys, G. Hahon, E. Wyly Grier, J. E. Sampson, R. E. Johnston, Fergus Kyle.

# COAL STEAMER IS STRANGELY MISSING

## Bridgeport Not Heard of Since Leaving Sydney, C.B., for Montreal.

QUEBEC, Nov. 7.—(Can. Press.)—The steamer Bridgeport of the Dominion Coal Co., which left Sydney, C.B., on Saturday last for Quebec with a cargo, has not since been heard of. She is now three days overdue. The Bridgeport is a steel vessel of 3880 tons register and has been engaged during the present season in the coal trade between Sydney, Quebec and Montreal.

The Bridgeport should have arrived at Montreal on Tuesday afternoon. She should have been signalled from Fame Point 30 hours after leaving Sydney. Her sailing date coincided with the date of the hurricane reported to be raging in the lower river and gulf, which was felt most severely at Matane.

The Dominion Coal Co. officials are hopeful that the Bridgeport is sheltered somewhere on account of an accident to her machinery. Weather conditions of the past week, too, might have made it impossible for her to communicate with any passing vessel or be signalled from a point possessing a signal station. The collier is not equipped with wireless.

It was further pointed out that Cape Rosier had signalled a two masted steamer inward at 1 o'clock today, no name being given and that this might be the Bridgeport. It might also be the Kamouraska, of the same line, which would be due to pass that point inward at that hour.

To marine men, however, it appears strange that a steamer of the Bridgeport's size could possibly be in the river for a week without once being signalled.

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# SULZER CALLED ON TO GIVE EVIDENCE

## "Boss" Murphy May Also Be Witness at Graft Investigation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—(Can. Press.)—William Sulzer will be called by District Attorney Whitman as a witness in the John Doe investigation of graft charges made by John A. Hennessy, Sulzer's former graft investigator, according to announcement made at the district attorney's office today.

It was stated, however, that the former governor had not been subpoenaed to appear. It was reported that Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, also would be called.

When the John Doe enquiry is resumed Tuesday before Chief Magistrate McAdoo it is expected that John A. Hennessy, who was Gov. Sulzer's graft investigator, will be called again, and also George H. McGuire of Syracuse, bonder of construction companies, much of whose testimony yesterday contradicted that of Hennessy regarding campaign contributions to Tammany Hall from upstate contracting firms.

The telegram Hennessy alleged he received from Syracuse relating to contributions is regarded as of pivotal importance by Mr. Whitman, who is expected to subpoena the receiving clerk in the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Syracuse to determine whether the message was sent by McGuire. A copy of this telegram was received here today by the district attorney.


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## Times Doesn't Think Lord Haldane's Proposal Particularly Desirable One.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—(C.A.P.)—Discussing Lord Haldane's proposals for a reconstitution of the privy council, The Times today remarks that there is, in the opinion of most lawyers, including those of the dominions, a distinct improvement in the character of the judgments given by the council.

Regarding the exportation of some members of the council to Canada, The Times doubts the expediency of such a measure, except under very rare circumstances, and proceeds to say that it is probable, to judge from cases which have lately come from the dominions, that the committee may often be called upon to decide questions of a political character, tho veiled in legal phraseology.

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While going up the Red Sea the furnace crowns of one of her boilers collapsed, and she was forced to put in at Aden for repairs. She was due here Oct. 30 or 31.


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