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# CURRY MAY BE RIDDELL'S ASSISTANT

## EVIDENCE TOUCHES SOURCE OF FRAUDS

### SADLY IRREGULAR BALLOTS IN WARD 5

#### Trial of Samuel Thompson on Charge of Conspiring to Commit Fraud Begins This Morning.

The municipal scandal continues to retain sensational interest. The granting of orders by Judge Winchester against all the controllers to show cause why they should not be unseated on quo warranto proceedings, the discovery of startling irregularities in the tenth sub-division of Ward 5 ballots for controllers, the formal announcement of the authorities to the press that new and direct evidence locates the responsibility for the crooked work had been placed in possession of the Crown, and the selection of Crown Attorney Curry by W. R. Riddell, K.C., as associate counsel in the civil investigation, were some of the factors in stimulating public concern in the situation yesterday.

The best evidence submitted in what promises to be one of the most important series of criminal trials in the history of Toronto will be heard by Magistrate Denison this morning, when Samuel Thompson, deputy returning officer, will be arraigned on the new complaint charging ballot frauds and conspiracy to commit frauds while acting as a returning officer. Crown Attorney Curry did not get out subpoenas for witnesses, but he will introduce some record evidence, and will make some progress, unless some unexpected obstacle is placed in his way. The defence will argue that pending a decision in the application for a writ of habeas corpus the trial should not be forced, but Magistrate Denison indicated Monday that he would proceed with the case if a writ was not obtained by Friday. While the original charge of promoting ballot frauds will be called, Thompson will be confronted with the three new charges. It is on these charges the trial will be forced.

#### Source of Frauds Found.

A significant feature of yesterday's developments was the assertion of Crown Attorney Curry to the representatives of the various morning papers that new and startling evidence had been placed in his possession, showing conclusively the source of the frauds that had been perpetrated, and of such a convincing character that some convictions are inevitable.

#### While the Crown could ask a conviction on evidence previously developed, this new factor will permit us to demand a conviction, if a demand is really necessary," declared the Crown Attorney.

Continuing, Mr. Curry said the new information involved some of those who were named in the subpoenas issued, and did not make necessary the former charge against any other person or persons. "I had come to the authorities by accident, and the first effort at verification exposed a condition that makes successful defence impossible. He explained that it was of such a nature that it must be kept secret, and that it would not be introduced in the trial of Thompson tomorrow," he concluded.

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A well-known police official said to the press yesterday: "In all my experience as a prosecutor, I never knew a criminal case where I never discovered a witness who was not a Crown witness extended into a variety of attempts to secure immunity. It is one of the certain things upon which the criminal justice system can always rely. It is the natural hope of all men upon any slight link in the chain of evidence. If a single friend of suspects become alarmed, and urge them to testify, they will usually be the first to do so. It is the anxiety of being hourly in fear of detection."

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# GREEK WIFE'S DEATH CAUSED HIM TO TAKE LIFE

#### William Harvey, Formerly of Hamilton Shoots Himself at Irena, Ont.

Troquois, Jan. 28.—William Harvey, a retired Hamilton mercantile, committed suicide today at the home of his son-in-law, A. D. Harkness, Irena. Within the last two or three years he has been dependent since and his family and friends have been uneasy. A few months ago he came on an extended visit to his daughter, Mrs. Harkness.

About 11 o'clock today, while alone, upstairs, he procured his son-in-law's rifle and entered his room, entering in front below the ribs and passing out just under the shoulder blade. It is a daughter, hearing the report, called her husband, and together they ran to his assistance to find him just breathing his last.

Two sons and two daughters survive, the sons and one daughter live in or near Hamilton. A letter was found in his pocket, in which he asked his children to forgive him for what he was doing, and to tell his wife that he was going to STAY THE STRAIN NO LONGER, BUT WOULD GO TO JOIN HIS HEAVEN, AND THAT HE HOPED TO BE FORGIVEN.

# British Entering Tibet In Face of Arctic Weather

#### Told to Get Out or There Will Be Trouble, But Prepare for Worst.

Chumbi, British India, Jan. 9.—Col. Younghusband, commanding the British expedition to Tibet, has received a personal visit from the Depon-Lama, one of the five great Lamas of Tibet, who delivered an ultimatum warning him to return to Onatong and promising that there would be serious trouble if he did not do so.

#### Large reinforcements of infantry and cavalry have already reached the Tibetan camp, and more are coming from Lhasa and Shigatse, the western capital.

It is expected that an attack will be made on the British camp at Tuna, when the Tibetans are sufficiently reinforced. In the meantime the British are pushing the work of roadmaking through a gorge north of Lingsmathang, which is said to be more difficult to traverse and higher than the Khyber Pass. The military telegraph is keeping pace with the roadmakers. All this work is being done in the face of arctic weather. The British expedition is still waiting a proper representative from the Depon-Lama at Lhasa. A flying column, under command of Col. McDonnell, is ready to push forward at any moment should necessity arise.

#### KILLED AT HIS MILL

#### A Boyer of Greenwood Meets Death All Alone.

Greenwood, Jan. 28.—A terrible accident happened here this morning in A. Boyer's mill. Mr. Boyer was sitting at his work, his clothing was caught and he was whirled around until the clothing gave way. He was thrown a distance of 15 feet into the tall race, striking a stone wall. When found his body had floated down the race a short distance and he had been caught by a plank. Death must have been instantaneous.

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The pamphlet does not agree to any limitation of their fiscal independence. Canadian experts a preference not only for their own imports, but for manufactured articles imported to England. This would simply result in her dumping her surplus in the hands of the colonies similar to those which resulted in the severance of the North American colonies.

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