

Change Name of Institution For Blind

Bill Was Introduced Yesterday In The Ontario Legislature Relative to Institution in This City.

At the Ontario Legislature yesterday an Act was passed changing the name of the Ontario Institution for the Blind at Brantford to "The Ontario School for the Blind." This in the future will be the name of the institution. The object of the change was to make known the fact that it is an educational institution, and its management is also under the Minister of Education.

The Opposition brought in an amendment censuring the Government for not doing anything to lessen the floods of the Grand River. The amendment was voted down. It was shown that a report had already been made by an engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and the Hon. Adam Beck made a statement that a sum of money sufficient for further investigation was available out of the two hundred thousand dollars voted last night to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the purpose of investigating water-powers and other matters in connection with the work of the Commission. There is no question that the Government is taking the matter up and proposes to make a thorough investigation to see whether anything can be done to prevent disastrous floods. No doubt a report will be prepared during the coming year dealing with the matter.

BRAVE SUFFRAGETTES HOLD THE MONUMENT

An Unusual Case Reported From the Old Land To-Day in Reference to Militant Pranks—Other Cases Which are Interesting.

LONDON, April 18.—Two enterprising militant suffragettes this morning took possession of "the Monument" which stands near the northern approach to London bridge and commemorates the great fire which destroyed the city of London in 1666. Ascending to the topmost balcony they displayed two flags and an immense banner in the suffragette colors, each of which was written in white letters on a black background, "Victory or death."

Having securely fastened the flags to the railings surrounding the balcony the women locked themselves in, preventing the police from ascending the winding staircase of 345 steps leading to the top.

Then they took up their positions inside the iron cage erected to prevent suicides and showered suffragette literature among thousands of people who gathered at the foot.

A long time traffic was suspended in the immediate vicinity, which is one of the busiest districts of London.

The suffragettes maintained their position on the monument for upwards of an hour. While they were "holding the fort" a heavy missile coming from the top of the monument narrowly missed striking a number of spectators. The police eventually had to requisition the services of a locksmith, who forced the door at the bottom of the shaft with great difficulty.

When police descended and appeared on the street adjoining the monument they had defied them so long, the spectators became so threatening in their attitude, that the constables were compelled to take their prisoners back into the chamber at the base of the monument until reinforcements arrived and cleared away for their passage to the police station, where they were charged.

A force of upwards of 100 policemen was required to protect the women from the angry rushes of the angry crowd.

Both the suffragettes were stylishly dressed and appeared to be little concerned by the excitement they had raised. They were released a short time after they reached the police station.

Two militant suffragettes now undergoing terms of imprisonment have been identified as the two women who were seen on bicycles in the vicinity of the mansion of Lady Amy White widow of Field Marshal Sir George White at Englefield Green Surrey, when it was burned to the ground on March 20. At that time large quantities of suffrage literature were found on the grounds.

"General" Mrs. Flora Drummond, the militant suffragette leader, and Gen. Lansberry, a former Socialist member of parliament, appeared at Bow street police court to-day to answer summonses under the statute of Edward III. charging them with inciting to crime and misdemeanor. They were remanded until April 26 on giving an undertaking not to participate in any meetings in the interval.

The two women suspected of setting fire to Lady White's house are reported to be girls, Phyllis Brady and Millicent Dean, who were sentenced on April 12 to six weeks' imprisonment each for being found in possession of large quantities of inflammable materials with which it was believed they were about to commit an outrage.

Rowdies at Large.
JEMAPPES, Belgium, April 18.—Roving bands of rowdies broke a large number of windows in the houses of non-striking in this district in the course of last night.

UNUSUAL CASE ALLOWED TO PASS BY WITHOUT ANY INQUIRY

Such is Rather Surprising Announcement Made By Coroner, Doctor Fissette, at Noon To-Day in Connection With Death of William Mattice at House of Rose Blanken Early this Morning—Residents of Vicinity Said To Be About To Demand that Case Be Cleared Up in its Entirety.

"No inquest," said Coroner Dr. Fissette to the Courier at 12.30 to-day in reference to the death of William Mattice in the house of Rose Blanken, Mohawk road, at an early hour this morning.

The announcement from the authorities that there will be no inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death will be received, especially in Parkdale vicinity, with surprise. Residents of Mohawk road this morning were saying all sorts of things about the house occupied by Rose Blanken, and were demanding a full investigation into affairs. Mr. Walter Jackson, who resides next door, stated to the Courier shortly before noon that a petition was talked of among residents of that vicinity to have Mrs. Blanken's house closed up. Mr. Jackson said it was a place where all kinds of people congregated at all hours of the day and night, and that the police had frequently been telephoned to come down and stop it. It is generally felt among the residents of Mohawk road that an inquiry should be held to fully clear up the entire matter.

Dr. Fissette was emphatic to-day as to there being no necessity of holding an inquest. "I don't see where anyone should suggest to me anything in regard to my duty," said the Coroner when it was mentioned that there was strong public opinion, especially in Eagle Place, which demanded an inquiry. "I don't care for public opinion! The man died of alcoholism," said the Coroner hotly.

What kind of alcoholism? Where did he get it? When was he last seen? These and other questions remain to be answered, and they were not cleared up this morning by the investigation held by the Coroner and constable.

County Constable Kerr informed the Courier that he had strongly advised the holding of an inquest. People generally on the street took it as a matter of course that an inquest would be held. So did a Courier reporter who investigated the case at the house where Mattice died early this morning. Mrs. Blanken told an unusual story. Mattice, she said, had threatened to break in her door. She let him in. Then she went to Mr. Jack Dyer's house next door. She also telephoned County Constable Kerr, but did not get him. She did not get Mr. Dyer or any occupant of his house up. She did not go to the other side of her house, to Mr. Walter Jackson's, who was home. The man died somewhere around 5 o'clock. He occupied the front bedroom and was partially undressed. Mrs. Blanken said he was intoxicated, but that he only staggered slightly when he walked into the room.

MRS. BLANKEN'S RECORD

From the police this morning the Courier was informed that Mrs. Blanken had a record. In her last appearance at court her husband told her he would leave her and would have nothing more to do with her. This was said in the hearing of police officers. Another case was that of a foreigner who accused the woman of robbing him. The police regard Mrs. Blanken, in view of her record, as one of unsavory reputation. She has been convicted, but the Courier was unable to secure a copy of the conviction as registered, the Chief refusing this journal that information.

MUST GET BUSY

In view of the reputation of the house and the woman who occupies it, residents are demanding a thorough inquiry. The tragic death of the unfortunate William Mattice has revealed a state of affairs requiring attention. The Courier believes that an inquiry should be held by the proper authorities, although relatives of Mattice, who are of very high character and respectability, have not asked for one. The residents of the community where the affair took place, which is just outside city limits, are convinced that some action should be taken.

Coroner Fissette and Crown Attorney Wilkes conferred in the matter this morning. Both received demands for an inquest, but refused to hold same, on the ground that the cause of death was established. The Courier reported the entire case in a special edition this morning in detail, and with accuracy, excepting that there will be no inquest, as was reported. The case presents unusual features, which are as follows:

Mrs. Blanken had never seen Mattice before, but she let him in her house rather than let him smash in the door. This happened at 3 o'clock in the morning.

To the Courier she said she made one call on a neighbor for assistance, but was unable to wake anybody up. She failed also to secure High County Constable Kerr until the man was dead.

Neither Constable Kerr nor the Coroner were able to secure any trace of the whereabouts of Mattice during the night preceding his death. This information was not available. Where he got his liquor which the Coroner said caused his death is a mystery. In fact, the Coroner said that inquests were not for this purpose, although he admitted that it was a crime to sell a drunken man intoxicants.

The body of Mattice was claimed this morning at the undertaking parlors of Reid & Brown, but funeral arrangements have not been completed.

SENSATIONAL STATEMENT

Residents of the neighborhood were interviewed to-day, and all spoke out strongly for an inquest, declaring that it was a shame if none were to be held. Mr. Jack Dyer, when seen, said that if anyone had rapped at his door he would have heard and responded. Mrs. Blanken said she made a terrific racket at his door, but was unable to secure attention.

Mr. Walter Jackson, who lives next door, made a statement to the Courier at noon. He said: "I have seven little children in my house, and I want them to live in a clean neighborhood. We need protection. We had a petition demanding action in regard to the house, and nothing came of it. There will likely be something doing now."

FROM COURIER'S EARLY MORNING EDITION

The authorities were called upon to investigate a strange case at an early hour this morning on Mohawk road, when a teamster whose name is at present unknown died under queer circumstances in the house of Mrs. Rose Blanken.

High County Constable Kerr first reached the scene at 6 o'clock, and Coroner Dr. Fissette a little later. In the front bedroom of the house they discovered a corpse, rigid but not cold, with face discolored and giving rise to various sorts of suggestions. The unknown man was half undressed, his shoes and stockings having been removed. The owner of the house, Mrs. Rose Blanken, did not know the man, and said she had never seen him before.

A Courier reporter called at Mrs. Blanken's house shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. She related a strange story as to how the unknown man had rapped at her door at 3 o'clock this morning. "Open the door," he yelled, "or I'll smash it in." The woman was all alone, she said, with her adopted son. She said she was frightened and went to the door, opening it a little bit. The unknown, who was intoxicated, walked in. He staggered a little bit. As he walked into the bedroom Mrs. Blanken said she retreated to the rear of the house. She came back a few minutes later and found him taking his shoes off. She said, "What are you going to do?" The man's reply was an oath. All this occurred shortly after 3 o'clock.

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Fine Points Adduced In the Police Trial

The Basis of the Appeal as Was Announced Yesterday Would Be Taken By The Defence.

In connection with the announcement of Mr. Henderson, counsel for the defendants in the Meredith case, that there will be an appeal, the Courier has been asked to state on what grounds such could be made. This is only the lay opinion of a man who happened to be at the trial, and thus will lack any legal force, but the situation would seem to be about as follows:

In the first place, it should be remembered that Mr. Justice Latchford quite pointedly asked Mr. Godfrey, counsel for defendants, if he wished to amend his pleadings. He replied, "No, my Lord," and elected to stand or fall by the pleadings as entered. Said pleadings in effect charged all four defendants with (1) Conspiracy, (2) Assault, (3) False Arrest. Any appeal would presumably be on the basis that all four defendants could not have been in a conspiracy, because Dr. Ashton, at any rate, did not know of any contemplated action. In the second place, that all defendants could not have committed an assault, as the evidence showed that none of the police concerned put a finger on the plaintiff. (And as to assault, it should be explained that no one can place a hand upon another without consent. In this case the evidence was contradictory on said point.) In the third place, as to arrest, Dr. Ashton was not concerned.

The above are not advanced by this paper as such, but in answer to inquiry. In the event of the success of such an appeal the outcome would probably not result in the nullification of the whole business, but to order new trials on separate accounts. In this respect it may be remarked that judges are very loath to absolutely block a jury finding.

PLACE FOR A. G. MACKAY IF HE PROVES A LOSER

So Announced Hon. G. W. Cross One of the Members of the Sifton Cabinet To-Day—Results of Saskatchewan Elections Complete

[Canadian Press Despatch]
EDMONTON, Alberta, April 18.—The result of the provincial election in Alberta is the return of the Sifton government with a large majority. The latest available figures are: Liberals, 32; Conservatives, 19; one Independent Liberal. Two seats, Pembina and Clearwater, northwest of Edmonton, are yet unheard from, but two elections, Peace River and Athabasca, are deferred.

A number of constituencies are doubtful and full figures may change the results one way or the other. Premier Sifton claims that final returns will give him forty members, while the leader of the Opposition, Michener, says the number of Liberals elected may be reduced.

Features of the election were the defeat of Premier Sifton in MacLeod of Hon. C. R. Mitchell, in Medicine Hat, and the probable defeat of Attorney General Crosse in Edson; but Mitchell is left without a seat. Another notable feature of the contest is the defeat of ex-Premier Rutherford in South Edmonton, where he stood very strong in the past, by a young and previously untried opponent, H. H. Crawford. Rutherford entered the contest as an Independent Liberal opposed to Premier Sifton, who had replaced him.

Returns last night show George P.

POPE SAID TO BE DYING

Alarming Reports About the Pontiff Are Circulated in Rome To-Day

ROME, April 18.—The prostration and exhaustion of the Pope are undoubtedly augmenting, and according to those about him, the truth is that he might die at any time or may even linger on for months.

Cardinals in Dark

ROME, April 18.—Several Cardinals, including Cardinal Diomedes Falconio, have inquired personally or sent to Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal secretary of state, to ask about the exact condition of the Pope. All have received as a reply the physicians' bulletins, which Cardinal Merry del Val says speak for themselves. He adds that the amelioration in the Pope's health, although slow, makes constant progress, and he therefore hopes for a relative recovery for the Pontiff.

Have Returned.

LIEGE, Belgium, April 18.—Several hundred men who struck on Monday here have returned to work, but to counterbalance this a larger number have laid down their tools in the neighboring district of Herve.

Smith, Camrose, had the biggest majority in the province with 1400. Hon. A. J. MacLean has about 1000 in Taber. Other ministers, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Charles Stewart and J. R. Boyle, Calgary, as in the last election went straight Conservative, returning three Opposition members. It is the first time Conservatives secured a foothold in Edmonton, and the next house will have A. F. Ewing and H. H. Crawford from this city. A. G. MacKay, late of Ontario, though only a new comer to the city, put up a hard fight. Liberals claim that there are 300 ballots tied up by Conservatives in Edmonton and when these are counted he may be elected as the second Edmonton member over Mr. Ewing. The final returns in Edmonton are: Cross, 5,163; Ewing, 4,071; MacKay, 4,864; Griesbach, 4,413.

Liberals Elected:

Grouard, J. L. Cote, 94 majority; Sturgeon, Hon. J. R. Boyle, 135 majority; Beaver River, Wilfrid Gariepy, substantial majority; St. Paul, F. E. Lessard, 47 majority; Alexandra, V. C. Lister, 19 majority; 8 polls to hear from; Vermillion, Hon. A. L. Sifton, 150 majority; Victoria, Frank Walker, conceded; Edmonton, Hon. C. W. Cross, 100 majority over Ewing; St. Albert, Lucien Boudrea, 240 majority; Lac Ste. Anne, Peter Gunn, 40 majority; Leduc, S. F. Tobin, 45 majority; Wetaskiwin, C. Olin, 200 majority; Bonaville, Dr. Campbell, conceded; Camrose, Geo. P. Smith, 120 majority; Sedgewick, Hon. Charles Stewart, 400 majority; Tribstone, J. G. Turgeon, 11 majority, 24 polls to hear from; Steller, R. L. Shaw, 30 majority; Lacombe, W. F. Puffer, 150 majority; Acadia, J. A. McCall, substantial majority; Bow Valley, Geo. Lane, majority in every poll; Cardston, Martin Woolf, 45 majority, two polls to hear from; Claresholme, W. H. Moffatt, substantial majority; Cochrane, Hon. C. W. Fisher, 100 majority; Didsbury, J. E. Stauffer, 18 leading with good majority; Gleichen leading with good majority; J. F. McArthur, leading in every majority (Liberal), again; Hand Hills, Capt. R. B. Eaton, leading; Little Bow, J. McNaughton, 357 majority; (other candidates lose their deposits); Nantora, J. Glendennina, elected by (Continued on Page 7.)

GRAND OPERA HOUSE - BRANTFORD

Saturday, April 19.—By special arrangement with Chas. Frohman, the big London and New York comedy success, "PASSERS BY," by C. Had-don Chambers. The play begins when Peter Waverton, rich and well-born, invites the cabman and the delirious to his apartment, largely for his own entertainment; and then the "Woman" drifts in—the "Woman" who loved Peter and wandered away in the long ago, and next comes the boy, the beautiful boy, living evidence of that love. Come and see how it works out. An all-English company. Prices: 25c to \$1.50. Seats Thursday.

The Courier Puts One Over Again--Did You See This Mornings Special?

This Paper Is Handling All The News Quickly And Accurately--Ahead Of All Competition.

When, in a characteristically modest and self-effacing way, this "supreme in Everything" paper yesterday tossed a few bouquets at its blushing self, the statement was made:

"So much for 'shop,' and we promise to never do the same again—that is, until we feel like it."

With quite an ingrowing and palpitating wrench we are again forced to place our sensitive and blushing selves in the limelight arena. Reference is made to a case of which the full details are elsewhere. One of the ubiquitous sleuths who helps to compile this Great Family Journal, when he was engaged in a catch-as-catch-can wrestle with an elusive collar button at about 6 o'clock this morning, sensed the fact that there was some "story" stuff within his reportorial zone. He was on the spot, via the auto route, within a very few minutes, and at 8.30 there was a special and widely-read edition of the COURIER on the streets.

And having said this much, we withdraw once more into our cozy shell—that is, until we feel like coming out again, which is liable to happen almost any minute.

If it Happened it is in "THE COURIER," If it is in "THE COURIER" it Happened.