

**ALLEGED ROBBER
SENT FOR TRIAL**

**P. J. O'Brien Positively Identified
by Two of His
Victims.**

REVOLVER IS SECURED

Gun With Which the Shooting Was
Done Now in the Hands of the
Police.

Patrick J. O'Brien, alias William MacInnes, was committed for trial by Police Magistrate Judd this morning on four charges having to do with the hold-ups of Miss Christine Volk, of 500 Colborne street, and Mrs. Samuel M. Fraser, of 508 English street, on the night of Monday, Jan. 15.

The prisoner will remain in the county jail until the spring assizes of the high court, which commence at the court house on Feb. 26, before Chief Justice Falconbridge.

Both Mrs. Fraser, who is a lady of advanced years, and the Volk girl, again positively identified the prisoner as the man who committed the crimes, and despite the efforts of Mr. F. H. Bartlett, who acted for O'Brien, their stories were unshaken in any way.

Mr. Bartlett questioned both witnesses closely as to whether the man who attacked them bore any resemblance to the man who had been drinking, but they declared that to the best of their knowledge he had not.

Three Charges.

Three charges are laid by Crown Attorney McKillop in the case of O'Brien, who is charged with the robbery of Mrs. Fraser—first that O'Brien, or MacInnes, as he calls himself, did rob Mrs. Fraser of a gold watch and chain, using violence; secondly, that he did shoot Mrs. Fraser with a revolver; and thirdly, that he did steal from Mrs. Fraser while armed with an offensive weapon.

Only one charge is laid in the Volk affair, that he did rob with violence. This was today amended by the crown attorney to read that he committed the crime while "armed with an offensive weapon."

"Not Not Not" interrupted Mr. Bartlett before McKillop concluded the sentence, and the prisoner again took his seat in the box.

Producing the Pistol.

The manner in which the police obtained the revolver with which they claim the prisoner shot Mrs. Fraser, was brought out today for the first time. Detectives Nickle, Down and Egeon learned that O'Brien had stopped several nights at the home of John W. Lampan, of Mansfield street, and after the arrest of the prisoner put Lampan into the sweat-box.

He denied them and still denies that he knew anything of the hold-ups. However, when questioned about the revolver, and ordered to produce the gun, he did so, and took it to the police station.

While Lampan was careful in giving his testimony, Mr. Bartlett was apparently of the opinion that Lampan was acting the part of a "stoat-pigeon" and endeavoring to shield himself.

At the conclusion of the case Crown Attorney McKillop asked that the witness be bound over in the sum of \$300 to appear at the trial at the assizes. Lampan's own recognizance was accepted.

Mrs. Fraser Testifies.

Mrs. Eliza Fraser, one of the complainants, was first called by Crown Prosecutor McKillop. She testified that she had been out walking with her husband, Mr. S. M. Fraser, she proceeded along ahead of him, but when he did not arrive home she started back on Lorne avenue towards Adelaide street in search of him. Mr. Fraser had the meantime walked past his own corner.

Mrs. Fraser, when she did not meet her husband, turned between Adelaide and Elizabeth streets to return home. As she did so a man crossed over from the south to the north sidewalk, and while still behind her remarked that it was a cold evening.

He then grasped her by the shoulders, and pressing a revolver to her breast, demanded her money or her life. On being told that she had no money, he declared that he would have to search her clothing.

Tearing open her coat he exposed the chain and pocket, which he snatched from her throat. He again reiterated that he would have to have money.

A Devilish Act.

"He appeared very much disappointed at not getting money, and holding his revolver to within a few inches of my breast, fired," said Mrs. Fraser. "I screamed, and he again used threatening language and made use of terrible threats all the time. I was very much excited and did not notice which way he went."

The prisoner was ordered to stand up in the box, and faced Mrs. Fraser in an apparently nervous manner.

"That is the man, as far as I am able to tell," she said. "His appearance is slightly changed, as I thought he had a mustache then."

Bullet Pierced Clothing.

The bullet pierced Mrs. Fraser's clothes, and was only deflected by the steel of her corsets. Her coat was singed by the flame.

The witness then identified as her own the chain and pocket found in the prisoner's possession at the time of his arrest.

To Mr. Bartlett, the prisoner's counsel, "Are you certain that the man had a mustache?" asked the lawyer.

"I thought he had, but it was dark at the time," she answered. "He was about six feet tall, heavy-set, and wore an overcoat and a coarse cap."

"When did you first see this man?"

"Last Monday at the police station here."

"Did Detective Nickle point this man out to you when you entered the room?"

"No, I knew him. I had expected to meet him."

"Now, Mrs. Fraser, I want you to be absolutely fair, as I am sure you will be. If you were left to your own judgment could you swear positively that this prisoner is the man who attacked you?"

"I could," declared Mrs. Fraser, positively.

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**BORDEN'S QUEBEC TWENTY
HAVE REVOLTED AND VANISHED**

**With Monk's Sanction, They Have Packed Their Grips and
Departed, Refusing to Return to the House Until the
Government Dismisses the Montreal Harbor Board.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 26.—It looks as though the smashing of the Government is in sight. There is another revolution among its following. This time it is not over a great question of principle like the tenement decree which brought on the crisis of Monday, but over a sordid question of patronage.

For weeks the French members from Quebec have been pressing for the dismissal of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners. They have insisted that in spite of the fact that they are efficient, they are Liberals, and must go because they are Liberals.

The failure of the Government to act upon the suggestion of their Quebec following is declared to have made them ridiculous and the laughing stock of their districts.

LEFT FOR HOME.

Today they have declared that they will stand it no longer, and the whole twenty-two of them have packed their grips and left for home, with the announcement that they will not be seen in Ottawa again supporting the Government until the Liberal harbor commissioners of Montreal are dismissed. It is understood that the twenty-two French members have taken this action with the sanction of Hon. F. D. Monk, minister of public works, who has been pressing for a change on the harbor board.

Being a minister, he has not joined the revolt, but it is said to have his approval.

MAY DISMISS TWO.

It is expected that Hon. L. H. Pelletier will endeavor to bring the parties together again and that he will suggest as a compromise that Commissioners Balfour and Geffroy be dismissed, and that Chairman Stephens be continued.

The revolt was determined upon at mid-day and created great excitement in the lobbies.

**OPEN RECTORY
TO QUEEN'S AVE.**

**East End Progressives Will En-
deavor To Have Street
Pushed Through.**

PETITION TO COUNCIL

One Will Likely Be Presented by the
Interested Parties in the Near
Future.

At the meeting of the members of the East End Progressive Association Thursday evening, it was stated that efforts are being made to get the city council to consider the suggestion of extending Rectory street from Dundas street to Queen's avenue. The importance of having Queen's avenue and Dundas street connected at this point has long been impressed on East Londoners, but it is only recently that the matter has been given any serious consideration.

Not Costly.

It is stated that the property required to make the extension can be bought at a reasonable figure, and that the advantage of having an extra block on Rectory street at this point is that it would save all the money that would be needed.

Two houses on Queen's avenue, and one house on Dundas street would have to be moved to put the street in line, and the only small ones, and little difficulty would be experienced in purchasing them.

May Go To Law.

It is also thought that the extension of Rectory street as far as Lorne avenue, the block between English and Ontario streets on Dundas and Queen's avenue is a long one. In fact, one of the longest in the city, and it is thought that the extension of Rectory street to Dundas street, it means so much more extra walking or riding, whereas if Rectory street were extended, it would save all this, and also enable the residents of this section to get into closer touch with the street car service, and the merchants and other storekeepers along Dundas street.

A branch of the Dominion Bank is located at the corner of Rectory and Dundas streets, and it is as a result of this that Mr. Ross had the matter first brought to his notice.

Progressives in Favor.

The East End Progressives are greatly in favor of the plan, and will give it their support. They will invite Mr. Ross to attend their meeting Thursday evening next to discuss the matter, and have it explained to them.

"It will be a great improvement," stated one member of the Progressive Association, "and it should have the support of everybody in East London. A street is badly needed at this point, and while the land is cheap, now is the time to make the extension. The other members expressed the same opinion, and they will give the matter their attention."

**APPOINT JOHN SALMON
WHO IS AGAINST SCHOOL**

**County Council Will Likely Do
This in the West Nissouri
Matter.**

A lively debate is probable at this afternoon's session of the county council. The committee on education at their meeting this morning recommended to recommend the appointment of John Salmon as county trustee for the West Nissouri continuation school.

Mr. Salmon is opposed to the building of the school. He was nominated by Councillor Ferguson, a member of the West Nissouri school board, and one of the most ardent opponents of the school. By recommending Salmon the committee throws down the gauntlet to the school trustees, who will be a deadlock on the board, three trustees utterly opposing the building of the school.

However any motions now on the records of the school board cannot be repealed by three members out of six, and in this way the supporters of the school may still have an advantage although they cannot make any new moves.

**EAST LONDONERS
TALK ANNEXATION**

**Committee Named to Bring
London Junction Into
the City.**

MARKET FOR EAST END

Progressives on Thursday Night Dis-
cussed Many Matters of
Importance.

A committee, composed of Messrs. E. B. Hargreaves, R. Christian, William Warkentin, and W. Pearson, was appointed by the East End Progressive Association at their meeting Thursday evening, to petition the residents of London Junction in regard to joining the city of London. It is thought that many of the Petersburg people are desirous of entering the city, and as this will benefit East London, the Progressives are taking the matter up.

East End Market.

The question of the new market for East London was discussed at the meeting, and plans were suggested for the building of a market square between Rectory and Glebe streets, on Dundas street. The weight scales are located at this point, and it would only be necessary to make a very suitable location that would be handy to all East Londoners. The matter will be more deeply threshed out at a later meeting.

Due to the fact that the Court Stalls is holding an anniversary meeting in Society Hall on the night of Feb. 8, the East End Progressives will cancel their meeting to be held that evening.

**WILLIAM MORRIS MAY
BE PUBLICITY AGENT**

**Council Asking for Money to
Boost the City This
Year.**

Application will be made in the city of London bill to allow the city council to set aside a certain sum of money, possibly \$5,000, for publicity purposes. The council at its meeting this afternoon will discuss that question, and from what can be learned, the request will be forwarded to the Legislature.

According to the municipal act, the city of London is allowed but \$1,500 for reception and industrial purposes. More than half that amount is annually taken up in deputations, entertainment of distinguished visitors, etc., leaving but a very small amount for industrial purposes. Councils in the past have been unable to accomplish much with this sum of money.

As a result an effort will be made to get the Legislature to allow the city to expend a sum estimated at \$5,000 for industrial purposes.

"If we cannot get that amount, we can do nothing," one of the members of the manufacturers' committee stated to The Advertiser. "The money we now have on hand is a mere trifle, and we will be in no position to compete with our neighbors. If we get the publicity agent, or industrial commissioner, whatever you want to call him, we will give manufacturers plenty of inducement to locate here."

Probably the Man.

As mentioned some time ago, the council will appoint a publicity agent, provided the money is forthcoming. City Clerk Baker now has the names of several, the majority of them men of experience elsewhere. A gentleman who is the secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. William Morris, is the one who is being considered so far, it is stated. The salary will be something in the neighborhood of \$2,500, and the remainder will be used for expenses in connection with the deputation.

Of course, there will be opposition. Ald. Richter considers that the board of trade should do something towards the publicity campaign, and if they will assist, good results will follow.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 26.—One man is dead and another dying as the result of the blowing up of a locomotive on the Boston and Buffalo line near Oneida, this morning. Alfred L. Bretzer, the engineer of this city, is dead, John Kiernan, of Albany, is fatally hurt.

**ENGINEERS ASK
\$2,000 EXEMPTION**

**Are Forced to Spend Much of
Salaries When Away From
Their Homes.**

DEPUTATION AT TORONTO

A Special Assessment Committee Will
Deal With the Entire Question.

The railroad engineers of the Province again are making a determined effort to have some of the alleged injustices of the assessment act, so far as they are concerned, corrected by the Legislature, and, in addition, they want the income exemption raised from \$500 to \$2,000. Yesterday a deputation of twenty engineers, representing all engineers in Ontario, interviewed the Hon. W. J. Hanna and the Hon. W. H. Hearst, at Toronto, for the purpose of asking for an amendment to the existing assessment act.

One of the complaints of the engineers is long standing. Two years ago they waited upon the special committee which was appointed to raise the assessment act, and secured an assurance from the Hon. W. J. Hanna that assessors would be permitted to make exceptions in favor of railroad men who were paid extra expenses when away from home on long runs, and whose net income, as a result, was considerably less than the gross. The arrangement made then was that assessors would be allowed to exempt an additional \$500, making the total exemption \$1,000. This arrangement was satisfactory at the time to the engineers, but it has not been carried out by the assessors, no instructions having been issued, although in a number of cities an understanding has been reached by which the extra exemption is given.

Situation in London.

In London, Ontario, the extra exemption has been generally allowed. It was stated at Toronto, Kenora, Schreiber and Stratford are three other railway centres in which the engineers have been complaining.

The deputation was drawn to the fact that many engineers, in order to save money, were forced to move their families from one town to another. At Kenora, for instance, where an income tax in Winnipeg was levied, many men whose runs were between Winnipeg and Kenora. As they were not compelled to pay an income tax in Winnipeg, they moved their families to Winnipeg.

The minister, in replying to the requests, said it had been the custom to appoint a special committee to consider the question in order that the act could be revised and any little injustices remedied. The time for another revision, he said, was not far away. The act would be taken up next year, but before the act would be revised again. When it was under consideration, the engineers could again present their views. As the exemption of \$700 to \$1,200 in the past few years, there was no doubt but that their requests again would be favorably considered. He could not promise, however, that the committee would see eye to eye with them. He would promise, however, that the special committee would give their views very favorable consideration.

As engineers are asking for an exemption of \$2,000, they went away feeling confident that the special committee would at least fix the amount at \$1,500.

Deputation.

Among those who formed the deputation were: Messrs. P. Heenan, of Kenora; Thomas Bruce, of London; T. R. Irwin, of Toronto; Charles Clarke, of London; J. W. Miller, of St. Thomas; W. W. Meirs, of Belleville; John Roberts, of Stratford; J. N. Chisholm, of Ottawa; McBride, of Schreiber; C. Lawrence, of St. Thomas; E. Baker, of Ottawa; Crawford, of Schreiber; J. M. Minnis, of Toronto; Lewis, of Palmerston; McMann, of Lindsay; Hartney, of Hawkeston; Roach, of the Soo; Findley, of Parry Sound, and Smith, of Port William.

Mr. Grant Explains.

Assessment Commissioner Grant, when informed that the statement had been made in Toronto that an exemption of \$1,500 in London had been a rule allowed the engineers in London, said that such is not the case. He said that the exemption of \$1,500 in London was a special case, and that the exemption of \$1,500 in London was a special case, and that the exemption of \$1,500 in London was a special case.

MEMORIAL TO PASTEUR.

Dole, France, Jan. 26.—The local committee, organized for the purpose of purchasing the house where Pasteur was born, has accepted an offer of John D. Rockefeller to donate the purchase price, in addition to \$1,000 for its maintenance. This offer was communicated to the committee through the foreign office.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLD.

Forecast.

Today—Easterly, with southerly winds; cold, with light snowfalls.

Saturday—Continued cold.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

TEMPERATURES.

LONDON 19.5 - 16 Clear

OTTAWA 12.5 - 10 Cloudy

WINDSOR 12.5 - 10 Clear

WINNIPEG 4 - 22 Clear

PORT ARTHUR 4 - 22 Clear

PARRY SOUND 0 - 28 Fair

TORONTO 10 - 26 Clear

OTTAWA 10 - 26 Clear

MONTREAL 10 - 26 Clear

QUEBEC 10 - 26 Clear

FALCON POINT 10 - 26 Clear

MINUS (-) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

Very cold weather still prevails over the Dominion, with temperatures much below zero in most localities.

**MERCURY AGAIN DROPPED
TO 16 BELOW ZERO**

**Cold Dip Is Still on the Job
and Probs. Say More of
It Is Coming.**

A new record for days of zero weather is being set by the weatherman, another dip being added to the January series during last night, when the mercury fell to 16 below at the South London observatory.

The police on the beats about the city last evening, having become human thermometers, called it zero weather before many people were aware of the fact, but registrations as low as ten below zero were recorded before midnight.

With the arrival of daylight this morning matters improved to a degree, and at 8 o'clock 14.5 above was shown.

**NOW TOO LATE FOR
JOINT BUILDINGS**

**New County Council as a Whole
Not Favorable to the
Idea.**

Views of Councillors

Opinion of Most Is That Issue Is a
Dead One and City Is Held
Responsible.

The opinion of the members of this year's county council is that it is now too late for the county to consider the question of joint county buildings for city and country. Hence, notwithstanding Mayor Graham's inference that the city is now ready to come to some agreement with the county in the matter, it is likely to be taken by the county council. The improvements to the county buildings now being completed will cost \$20,000, and the councillors feel that this would be wasted money were the buildings to be built. Warden Buttery declined to express any definite opinion. Last year's council having rejected the proposition after thoroughly threshing it out, it was doubtful whether this year's council would favor the proposal.

Is It Too Late?

Councillor Fitzgerald, of West Nisour, was of the opinion that it was now too late to consider the project. Councillor Currie was inclined to let the question of new county buildings rest for the present.

Councillor Munro thought that joint buildings were out of the question. That the project was no good and the majority of the people of the county would probably be opposed to it, was his view.

Councillor Banks, of Dorchester, would give the city a free site on the court house square for a new city hall, but he would not be in favor of joint buildings.

When the county was in line for joint buildings," said Councillor Hawshaw, "the city wouldn't go anything. After the county had gone to great expense in requiring the court house there is no use opening up the question again."

Councillor Beach would not commit himself on the question. "To my mind the question has been more fully entertained than last year," he admitted. "Then the council rather jumped at conclusions. If the city would send us a deputation with something definite to consider, the matter might be favorably entertained."

Councillor Blair declined to express an opinion.

Councillor McTaggart thought the matter was now out of question after the court house had been put in good condition.

Councillor Linden was not in favor of it now. If the city had been willing to use the present court house site, the council of last year would have been favorable to the project.

Councillor Pennell had not been considering the question, but was not in favor of abandoning the present buildings after the expense of alteration.

Councillor Munro said the city and county should have been more agreeable to one another last year. He would not commit himself now.

Councillor McDonald also thought it was too late, but he was opposed to it in any case. The city and county had not the interests in common to justify joint buildings.

Councillor Noyes, of London Township, was opposed to joint buildings.

Councillor Roberts, of London Township, would not entertain the thought of \$20,000 spent on improvements erected as actual waste. Last year the city threw cold water on the scheme. Now it is too late.

"It's a dead issue," said Councillor Uden.

"It has been threshed out before," said Councillor Morgan. "There is nothing to it."

FIFTY BELOW

**Coldest Weather on Record in Foot-
hills of Adirondacks.**

[Canadian Press.]

Ballston, N. Y., Jan. 26.—The coldest weather of the year was felt this morning in many parts of northern New York. Lake Desolation, in the Adirondack foothills, reported the almost unprecedented temperature of 50 below zero.

HELD BY POLICE.

Albany, Cal., Jan. 26.—Herman Bremner, son of a wealthy brewer of Montgomery, Ala., is locked up here today pending action of a grand jury which will be called to investigate the murder of Thos. Rafterton, a prospector.

Bremner's father, who is here, said he was confident of his son's innocence.

Rafterton, accompanied by a man alleged to have been Bremner, left Albany last April on a prospecting trip, and a few days later was found dead, his skull having been crushed. Money and gold nuggets, which he is known to have carried, were missing.

**N. MIDDLESEX
PROTEST FILED**

**Mr. J. M. McEvoy Put In Peti-
tion at Four o'Clock on
Thursday Afternoon.**

E. MIDDLESEX PETITION

Sutherland Will Fight It If It Is Push-
ed—Neely Will Have to Face a
Cross Petition.

Notice was served on Mr. Robert Sutherland, M. P. for East Middlesex, on Thursday evening, that the Conservatives intended protesting his election on the grounds of bribery and corruption. He has fifteen days in which to file a reply and bring in a counter-petition. This is being prepared now, and some rather interesting facts will be brought out when the case comes to trial.

Mr. Sutherland has been in consultation with Mr. J. M. McEvoy, his solicitor, and both state that the case will be fought to a finish as far as they are concerned. An absolute denial of corrupt practices will be made.

The details of the counter-petition are being prepared, and will be known as the proper time. Mr. McEvoy, on behalf of his client, has made a demand for the particulars of the charges against Mr. Sutherland.

North Middlesex Protest.

The protest against the election of Dr. Duncan MacArthur, M. P. for North Middlesex, was filed yesterday afternoon. The time limit for filing petitions expired Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. J. M. McEvoy had his petition ready, and at two minutes to 4 had it in Mr. Edmund Weld's hands. There are no particulars given in the statement, a general broad charge of bribery and corruption being made. The necessary papers will be served on Dr. MacArthur at once. It is not known whether or not a counter-petition will be entered, but such action is not considered probable.

There will be a general meeting of the Conservatives of East Middlesex on Saturday afternoon, when the question of the protest will be discussed. There is a large body of opinion opposed to the action of Mr. Geo. W. Neely in filing the protest. They claim that they are tired of elections, and are particularly tired of Mr. Neely.

Should See the Point.

"Mr. Neely should see the point now," said a prominent Conservative to The Advertiser. "If he should with the protest and run again, we would simply have to watch him as he drabbles. We have had enough elections for a time. We want a rest."

A considerable length of time will elapse before the case can come to trial, and the Conservatives decide to go on with the protest.

The particulars will have to be filed, witnesses summoned and examined for a month or more, and the case will take time in June before the case will come to trial.

**MGR. BRUCHESI DENIES
NE TEMERE REPORT**

**Says There Is No Movement in
Quebec to Ask Pope to
Abolish Decree.**

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26.—A special dispatch to the Star from Montreal says:

"Speaking through his secretary, Canon Roy, Archbishop Bruchesi this morning made a very positive denial of the story that was wired out of Montreal last night to the Toronto Mail and Empire, to the effect that prominent Roman Catholic clergy and laity in Montreal were starting a movement with a view to persuading the Pope to abolish the ne temere decree in Canada.

"It is absolutely and entirely false," was the message which the archbishop brought to the newspapers from the head of the Catholic Church in Quebec. "There is not a word of truth in the story. It is a fabrication."