

SIGNS OF A DOUBLE MURDER ON THE WALPOLE RESERVE

Mysterious Shooting at Night and Disappearance of Two Indians Causes Investigation by Authorities—Dead Bodies May Have Been Cast Into the St. Clair.

[Canadian Press.] Chatham, Jan. 3.—A mysterious double murder is reported from Walpole Reserve, which lies along the mouth of the St. Clair River. The victims are two Indians, Charles Nahlee and Hiram Johns. The story is that shots were heard late at night coming from Nahlee's house. Neighbors who arrived found blood on the floors and windows, and patches of

FINE NEW WATERWORKS SYSTEM IS PLANNED BY SARNIA COUNCIL

Present Source of Supply Is Always Liable to Contamination, Says Chairman of Health Board—Splendid Water Can Be Obtained From Lake Huron at Small Expense.

BY ARTHUR C. BOWMAN,
Special Travelling Commissioner of
The London Advertiser.

Sarnia, Jan. 3.—Installation of the most hygienic waterworks system in Canada is one of the good results promised by the epidemic of typhoid fever, which has raged here for the past few weeks, and it is likely that the present year will see the adoption of a plan calculated to make typhoid an unknown quantity.

For many years the residents of the

Changed Their Opinion.

When the recent epidemic made its appearance, the attitude of the public on the water question changed, and when 50 cases developed in a few weeks the citizens began to get badly frightened.

The question became more or less directly involved in the recent municipal election, and although it was contended that the trouble was due to a break in the intake pipe, which admitted bay water in place of the pure fluid from St. Clair River, the townspeople decided to take no chances. They elected a mayor and town council who are almost unanimously in favor of taking the city's water supply direct from the lake.

The Chairman's View.

"Whatever is the trouble, we have the disease," said Dr. W. P. B. Colter, chairman of the board of health, who was recently elected third deputy reeve, "and I don't think that any temporary repairs to the intake pipe will remedy it. We have always had more or less trouble and we will have until we make a radical change. Two analyses out of eight recently made showed a high percentage of colon bacilli in the water, which goes to show that the purity of its source is not to be relied upon."

"For one thing, above the mouth of the intake pipe there are usually about ten or a dozen boats laid up for the winter. The sewage from each of these goes into the river. At fitting out time two hundred men are employed on the boats and about the dockyard. There is always the chance that the town's drinking water may become polluted from these sources."

"Another theory is that the pollution may arise from a back current. The mouth of the sewer system opens into the river only two blocks below the intake, and it is quite possible that some sort of an undertow may exist, which allows sewage to enter the intake."

"Of course, this is only a theory, but vesselmen assure us that the currents in the river are constantly changing, due to the dredging operations on the 'middle ground' in the centre of the stream, and the existence of such a condition is by no means impossible."

A shortsighted policy. "It is very shortsighted to take all these chances when nature has provided a supply of filtered water at our very doors. Our plan is to construct a series of filtering tanks at Point Edward. The beach at this point is composed of layers of sand and gravel, the finest filtering material in the world. The water supply from the lake naturally seeps through this sand and

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ONE BY ONE ANCIENT LANDMARKS GO

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MR. M. F. IRWIN FOR EDUCATION BOARD

Will Be Chosen to Fill Vacancy
Made by Mr. Graham's
Retirement.

MR. GUNN AS CHAIRMAN

Committees For Year Chosen—Mr.
Gammage for Industrial Com-
mittee Again.

The inaugural meeting of the board of education will be held tonight in the city hall, at which Mr. John M. Gunn will be elected chairman of the board for the coming year.

It is understood that a caucus of the members was held yesterday, and it was practically agreed to name Mr. Gunn. He has served three years, and is well acquainted with the needs of education in the city.

Mr. M. F. Irwin, superintendent of the McClary factory in the East End, will be selected as trustee to replace Mr. C. M. R. Graham, who resigned. He is deeply interested in industrial education, and the appointment is considered a good one.

Committees for Year.
The committees selected for the year were as follows:

No. 1 committee—W. T. Strong, chairman, Dr. P. J. Muggan, Rev. A. G. Inker, Dr. W. J. Teasdale and M. F. Irwin.
No. 2 committee—Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, chairman, W. W. Gammage, A. M. Hunt, E. R. Dennis.
Audit committee—A. M. Hunt, chairman; W. T. Strong, Dr. A. J. Wyckoff.

Commercial school committee—W. T. Strong, Rev. Mr. Inker, Dr. Teasdale, A. M. Hunt, and Messrs. J. K. H. Pope, A. G. Calder, C. A. Whitman and F. Aylesworth.
Industrial school committee—W. W. Gammage, Dr. Wyckoff, E. R. Dennis, W. T. Strong, Dr. Muggan, M. F. Irwin, and Messrs. P. E. Leonard, A. W. White, E. Nugent, A. J. Palmer and L. H. Martyn.

For Industrial School.
One additional member is needed for the industrial school, but the choice has not yet been made. An effort is being made to induce Mr. Thomas Treleven, superintendent of the Grand Trunk car shops, to accept a position, and it is possible that he will accept. The chairman of this committee will have to be chosen later, but it is practically certain that Mr. W. W. Gammage will be re-elected chairman for the year.

Other appointments have to be made, but they have not yet been decided upon.

SUES FOR \$100,000

A Montreal Paper Sued by the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

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NEW SCHEDULE OF WAGES FOR 150 GRAND TRUNK MEN

Increases Agreed Upon at Strike Time Will Go Into Effect
First of the Year—Means Thousands of
Dollars More.

Several hundred Grand Trunk men in this city and district are looking forward with no little interest to next pay day, as the new schedule of wages which was agreed upon at the time the strike was settled, will go into effect for the first time.

Assistant Superintendent Davidson stated to the Advertiser this afternoon that he has not yet received the printed schedule containing the in-

creases from headquarters, but he expects it at any time now.

About 150 men in London will be affected by the new rates," said Mr. Davidson. "The increases, according to the arrangement will date from the first of the year. As soon as we get a copy of the schedule the pay rolls will be made up."

Taken altogether the increases will mean an added expenditure of thousands of dollars in this district to the monthly pay roll of the road.

WHOSE HEN IS CHAMPION LAYER?

City Fanciers Send in Claims
for Their Prolific
Birds.

124 EGGS FROM FIGHT
Twelve Other Birds Have Produced 290
Eggs Since First of October.

Have your hens been laying lately? If so, rush the record of their efforts up to The Advertiser, and have them entered in the egg-laying contest.

The other day the record of some industrious hens in East London were published, but their performance appears comparatively tame to that of some hens in South London, which according to their owner, Mr. H. B. McLeod, 42 Riverview avenue, laid 124 eggs during the month of December.

Mr. McLeod writes, "Speaking of industrious hens, those East End ones must take second place. I got 124 eggs from eight Wyandottes in the month of December."

This appears to be a very good performance for eight hens at this season, an average of four eggs a day, or each hen laying regularly every other day.

Another letter was received from Mrs. McMichael, 370 Ontario street, who laid 144 eggs in the month of December, and she claims that the same hens have laid 290 eggs since the 1st of October. This is also a notable performance, and one that is hard to beat.

Just what treatment is used to encourage the birds to such commendable efforts, Mr. McLeod and Mrs. McMichael have failed to mention.

If you have hens that you think have equalled or bettered this record, let The Advertiser know.

NO TRACE FOUND OF MISSING PRINTER

But Authorities Do Not Think That
Any Harm Has Come to Him.

Search for the missing printer, Richard W. Hind, who disappeared a couple of weeks ago, has failed to reveal any trace of him, and his wife and the authorities have now come to believe that he has not met with any harm.

Mr. Hind was last heard of when he left the home of his parents at Hagersville after a holiday visit. He stated then that he intended to return to his home, but has not since been heard of. It is claimed by the police that Hind was accompanied by a friend on his departure.



MR. M. F. IRWIN.
Who Will Be Appointed to Vacancy
on Board of Education.

DIES OF HEART FAILURE.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The body of Jas. Riddell, partly deaf, was found lying across his bed in his room at 9 o'clock this morning at 102 McCaul street. It is believed that he tried to get up and dress, when he was stricken with heart failure. Deceased was injured a few days ago by falling down stairs. He was a brass molder by trade, 60 years of age and unmarried. The remains have been taken in charge by his nephew, John Westman.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cold.
Forecasts.
Toronto, Jan. 4.—3 a.m.

Today—Fresh to strong winds, shifting to east and northwest; light snow falls today.

Fair and decidedly cold tonight and on Friday.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Toronto	35	22	Cloudy
Windsor	32	19	Fair
Calgary	28	15	Fair
Winnipeg	25	12	Fair
Port Arthur	22	9	Clear
Parry Sound	18	5	Snow
Toronto	35	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	32	19	Fair
Montreal	30	17	Clear
Quebec	28	15	Clear
Father Point	25	12	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

A moderate depression covers the Great Lakes, while an important storm is developing off the United States Atlantic coast.

The weather remains very cold from Lake Superior to the interior of British Columbia.

HYDRANTS WITHOUT HOSE, NO EMERGENCY DOORS AT THE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

Extinguishers Found To Be Useless Even When They Are Recharged—Water Mains Regarded as of Insufficient Capacity.

WRENCHES TO TURN ON STANDPIPES ARE KEPT IN ATTENDANTS' ROOMS

Superintendent Robinson Favors a Sprinkler System for the Building—Danger to Patients in Case of Fire Contributed to by Many Conditions.

Conditions Brought to the Attention of Provincial Fire Inspector

Inefficiency of water system. Present pressure pump has capacity of only 600 gallons per minute. New pump now being installed will throw 1,000 gallons, providing a still inadequate supply. One deluge set will throw more than this amount from a single nozzle.

Standpipes are placed at infrequent intervals in corridors, are supplied with no means of turning them on, and many are not connected with hose.

Adoption of automatic sprinkler and alarm systems in all parts of the institution is recommended. Fire doors should be placed in all corridors, and especially at points connecting different buildings.

Many small chemical extinguishers found to be out of commission, while the only large chemical engine will not pass through doors from place in which it is located. The printed instructions on extinguishers state that they should be recharged at least annually, but this has not been done, it is alleged.

Hospital fire brigade is without new and modern apparatus. More hose and ladders needed.

London would be unable to give help should a fire of serious proportions develop at same time as a blaze at the Hospital for the Insane. In that event, department at institution would be left to its own resources, and would have to depend absolutely upon its own equipment.

London fire department is disobeying city ordinances in responding to calls for assistance from outside the city limits. Any man who might suffer loss through lack of protection while the brigade was out of London could sue city for damages.

Fire Inspector William Crawford, a former member of the Toronto fire brigade, was sent up from the department at Toronto yesterday to investigate the conflagration at the London Hospital for the Insane. He remained about the place today, but was unwilling to make any statement regarding the efficiency of the fire protection equipment at the institution when seen by an Advertiser reporter today.

While it is admitted by those who have looked into the matter that Superintendent Dr. Robinson has put forth every effort to improve matters during the past couple of years, the system is regarded as still absolutely inadequate to cope with a serious conflagration. That patients are in danger while the present equipment is in operation is the belief of many.

The buildings have been enlarged from time to time until there is now accommodation for about fourteen hundred people. However, while these additions have been constructed, and in some cases the water mains and the like extended into the new departments the institution is still dependent upon the old system with a somewhat antiquated steam-driven pump, having a rated capacity of only 600 gallons per minute. It is said to be probable that a meter on the load

would show much less than that quantity.

Need More Than New Pumps.
The place is now being wired for hydro-electric and motors and pumps have been delivered at the hospital, which will shortly be placed in position, but even with the new service pumps complete protection will not be afforded, it is claimed.

The new pumping plant will have a capacity of more than 1,000 gallons per minute. The Advertiser was informed, but it must be delivered about the grounds, and eventually run through only four-inch mains to the hydrants.

There is now an eight-inch main from the pumping plant, but this soon runs down to four-inch pipes, which provide the only means of supply for fire purposes. It has also been stated that the plumbing in the building is so old that it would not stand even fairly strong pressure, and should it be necessary to force matters during a fire, leaks that would result in serious waste of supply, especially at such a time, might result.

Neither would a thousand gallons a minute be of much use in the event of a big blaze, as a deluge set such as is used by the city department throws over 1,100 gallons a minute from one nozzle.

The System Being Adopted.
According to Inspector Crawford, the system being adopted in such buildings now provides for eight-inch mains from the pumping station, six-inch mains during a fire, leaks that would result in serious waste of supply, especially at such a time, might result.

While this would be an improvement, it is said to be probable that a meter on the load

ALD. ASHLANT FOR GREATER BRIGADE

Would Have Police Force Act
as Auxiliary to Fire
Fighters.

POLICE CHIEF WILLING
Fire Committee Chairman Favors New
Motor Equipment and Modern
Aerial Truck.

The police force may act as an auxiliary to the fire department in case of large fires.

Ald. Ashplant had an interview with Chief of Police Williams last night, and stated the matter to him. The latter was agreeable to do what he possibly could. In addition, the matter of ten more men for the department, as required by the underwriters, will be taken up immediately by the new council. More equipment is needed, and these will be considered soon.

"I am convinced that the police force could be of much aid to us in case of fire," said Ald. Ashplant. "I have long thought so, and do still. I saw Chief Williams yesterday and laid the whole proposition before him. My idea is that in case of a big fire, the police could give the firemen a hand. By that means we could have more lines of hose laid, and protection furnished other parts of the city."

Chief Williams willing.

"I explained to the chief my ideas, and he concurred with me. He promised to assist us in every possible way. We have not worked out a plan, but now that we are to have the help of the force, we can work out a suitable scheme. We will thus have at our disposal twenty or thirty men in case a big fire should occur."

"Of course, there is the matter of additional firemen to be appointed. The year's council was agreeable to

adding them, but left the question to the present council, owing to the matter of funds. We need more men, and with the auxiliary force from the police, we should be in an excellent position."

For More Equipment.
"More equipment is needed. I am in favor of an auto for the chief, a motor combination wagon, and a new aerial truck. These are all needed, and we will have to have them if we are to keep the brigade up to the proper efficiency."

Death Hastened By
FATE OF ANOTHER MAN
Assistant Postoffice Inspector
Austin Worried Over Plight
of an Accused Postmaster.

Worry over the troubles of another was largely responsible for the sudden death of Assistant Postoffice Inspector John J. Austin, whose sudden death shocked London the other day.

Irregularities in a certain postoffice in Ontario were reported, and Mr. Austin was detailed to investigate. Registered letters were disappearing, and no trace of them could be found.

Mr. Austin succeeded in tracing them, and finally concluded that the culprit was a certain postmaster. He accused the man, who confessed. His dismissal was ordered from headquarters. The day before Mr. Austin's death, a dispatch announced that the accused postmaster had committed suicide. The inspector, who was of an extremely sympathetic disposition, worried greatly over the man's troubles, so much so that it caused a stroke of apoplexy from which he died.

His condition for the past few months was such that any undue strain or excitement would cause his death. The suicide of the postmaster was all that was needed.



MAYOR MCGIBBON.
Interested in getting new Water
Supply for Sarnia.

Tunnel Town have known that their supply of water was not all that it should be. There were frequent cases of typhoid, but as a whole the percentage was not much greater than in other towns, and the people, when given an opportunity to vote on the question of removing the municipal pumping station to a point on the shore of Lake Huron, decided to let well enough alone.

CITY CLERK LACKS AN OFFICIAL HOME

No Quarters in the Building
Have Been Assigned
to Him.

BANK IS IN NO HURRY
Rental Supposed To Commence at the
First of Year, But Appeal Is Yet
To Be Heard.

Although the city was to turn over the city hall to the Royal Bank of Canada at the beginning of the year, no action has yet been taken, and business is being done as usual. The rental is supposed to start from last late, and the council will have to contribute a little more than \$300 a month to the bank for the privilege of using the hall.

From present indications City Clerk Baker will not be asked to move out until Feb. 1.

Mr. Baker has a lot of work to do between now and that time, and it would be impossible for him to get out before that date. There is no place, as a matter of fact, for him to go. If he takes the quarters of the assessment commissioner or the city engineer, rooms for them will have to be secured.

"The Royal Bank informed me that they were in no hurry to dispossess the city," Mayor McGibbon stated to The Advertiser. "The rental commences at the beginning of the year, but Mr. Baker will be allowed to keep his quarters for a time at least."

Of course much has been said on the decision in the appeal taken in the divi-

FATALLY INJURED BY FALL FROM SLEIGH

Fred Mills, of Owen Sound
Met With a Terrible
Accident.

[Special To The Advertiser.]
Owen Sound, Jan. 3.—The funeral of Fred Mills, held from his home at Jackson, to Greenwood Cemetery, was very largely attended. Mr. Mills died from injuries received by being run over by a sleigh heavily loaded with wood. As he was coming to town he fell, and before he could escape the sleigh passed over him. He had terrible injuries about the head.

TWO C. P. R. CLERKS SENT TO PRISON

One Gets Two Years and Another Three
Months for Fraudulent
Actions.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Burton A. Bennett, a former employee of the C. P. R., was today sentenced by Judge Winchester to two years, less one day, in Central Prison for fraudulently getting money from the company's refund. John McPherson, also implicated, was sent to the same institution for three months.

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