

VERY INTERESTING EVIDENCE AT INQUEST ON DISASTER

**Verdict Will Likely Be Rendered Tonight—Important
Witnesses Placed on Stand Last Night—Expert
Engineers Express Their Opinions.**

The fourth session of the inquest into the cause of the death of Willie Tambling, who was killed in the wreck of Reid's Crystal Hall, was held at the court house last night, before Coroner MacLaren.

The evidence adduced was by far the most interesting and important as yet heard. Among those who were examined were Mr. W. J. Reid, the proprietor of Reid's Crystal Hall; Mr. Frank Reid, son of the previous witness; Mr. R. G. Wilson, the contractor who was making the changes in the building for Mr. Peter Smerles, of Grand Rapids, who was intending to turn the place into a bowling alley and poolroom; City Engineer Graydon, Architect J. L. Thomas, who was at first called upon by Mr. Smerles to prepare plans for the alterations; Mr. Wm. Foley, manager for Mr. Smerles, and several workmen who were engaged on the job at the time of the accident, and whose stories were full of interest.

MORE WITNESSES SUMMONED.

"If there are any more witnesses whose evidence may throw any additional light on the matter, they must be heard," Mr. McKillop declared. He then secured from the coroner the names of two workmen, Messrs. Cameron and McKinnon, who, it has been stated, may be able to tell something of interest to the jury, and he ordered that they be summoned to appear at court house tonight, when the inquest will be again resumed. It is altogether likely a verdict will be rendered tonight.

City Engineer Graydon.

City Engineer A. O. Graydon was the first witness placed in the box. Q.—You are a civil engineer, and engineer for the city of London?

A.—Yes. Q.—Did you have occasion to notice the work being done on the Crystal Hall?

A.—My attention was called to it, and I had some changes made at the back, when I saw the contractors. Q.—Did you notice anything else?

A.—I noticed several windows were cut very small, and that they were not above one another.

Q.—What was the difference in the openings?

A.—They were a foot out from being over each other.

Q.—Was there a foot at each side of the window?

A.—No. A foot at one side.

Q.—The evidence is that the south windows above and below were cut on a line?

A.—I did not notice particularly, but they were not directly above one another.

Contractor Hammett's evidence on this point was then read to Mr. Gray-

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Early Morning Blaze Gives Hour's Hard Work

Damaging Conflagration at Corner of Craig and Wortley.

While returning to his home about 2 o'clock this morning, Eric Frazer, of 67 Craig street, noticed a fire in the barber shop of James Chives, which forms the back part of a building on the corner of Craig street and the Wortley road. It is owned by James Thomas, of Becher street. He at once gave the alarm to the South London firemen, who, in turn, forwarded it to the central station.

The firemen found the flames making rapid headway. Apparently the fire had started under the stairway next to the barber shop, which leads to the hall above.

Before noticed the flames had got a strong hold of the partitions, and were burning over Rowat's grocery.

Two streams were at once put on the building, and after an hour's hard work the conflagration was brought under control.

The stairway and anteroom of the hall were badly burned, but the front part of the building was unhurt by the flames.

The barber shop is rather badly burned, and like the grocery store, suffered considerable damage from water.

Mr. Thomas is out of town at present, but it is understood that he carries insurance on the building. Both Mr. Chives and Mr. Rowat have their stocks insured, so they will not sustain any great loss.

It cannot be accurately announced what is the extent of the damage, but it is thought that \$600 would cover all.

Dundas St. Eyesore To Be Wiped Out

After a series of disputes, petitions, and cross-petitions, running over a period of six or seven years, there is now every probability that the pavement on Dundas street will be laid before the year is out, and perhaps before fair time. For many years the street has been an eyesore to Londoners, and the cause of much unfavorable comment by visitors.

The block pavement was laid in 1886. It was serviceable for about ten years, and then the agitation began for asphalt. During Hon. Adam Beck's first term as mayor petitions were sent in for a pavement, but counter-petitions were also sent in, and the matter was laid over for a year.

This spring the question was taken up in earnest, and the letting of the contract was the result.

The new pavement will be a good one. The curbs and gutters will be constructed at the same time, and there will be no danger of bad levels.

The Barber Company are ready to start work, and it is hoped the pavement will be finished before fair week.

That the pavement contract is reasonable is the opinion of the majority of citizens. The Queen's avenue pavement cost \$1 60 a yard, but the contractors made a mistake of a thousand yards, bringing their price much lower than they expected. The base was only five inches. The Park avenue pavement cost \$1 91, with a five-inch gravel base. The Dundas east pavement cost \$2 02, and the Clarence street pavement cost \$2 32. Both these last contracts were short orders, and the price was a little greater than the other. The Dundas pavement will have a crushed stone base six inches deep. The price of crushed stone has gone up much of late and the company may have to bring the stone from Hagersville.

Work on the pavement will be undertaken shortly.

Three Inspectors Named for London

Dr. D. C. Tennent, V.S., Dr. R. Barnes, V.S., and Dr. J. H. Wilson, V.S., all of this city, were notified today of their appointment by the Dominion Government as meat inspectors for the district of London.

Their duties consist of the inspection of meat at such places as the Canadian Packing Company at Port-

ersburg, the Ingersoll Packing Company, etc.

They have nothing to do with the inspection of the slaughter-houses of wholesale butchers who sell meat to Londoners on the market, or who supply local retail butchers.

The Government is appointing veterinary inspectors all over Canada, from coast to coast, whose duty it will be to see that the large meat packers keep to the law in regard to the class of meat they pack for consumption.

Bullets Flew Around Fireman's Head

Another shooting affair took place this morning when Assistant Fire Chief Aitken had a narrow escape from being hit with a bullet from this rifle of an 18-year-old lad.

Mr. Aitken was celebrating his day off by sawing some wood in the back yard of his residence, 170 Bruce street, when he heard a bullet sing over his head.

"I didn't mind the first one," said the deputy fire fighter, "but when another came over I thought I had better get out of the place."

After an exciting chase the lad was captured. He responded to Mr. Aitken's request to give his name, but evidently in an untruthful manner.

The mistake was immediately noticed, as the assistant chief knows almost everyone in South London, and when he was making inquiries the boy hid his rifle and wheel and fled.

After a little search the articles were found, and are being kept until Mr. Aitken can give that lad the rope he deserves.

Raisuli's Stiff Terms

London, Aug. 2.—The Tangier correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit, has formulated terms making Great Britain the arbiter of the fate of Kaid Sir Harry Maclean, who is a prisoner in Raisuli's hands. He refuses to treat with the Sultan, but demands that Great Britain immediately compel the board of foreign affairs to grant conditions and guarantee their execution, or he will kill Kaid Maclean. The conditions are that the Sultan recall the Moorish army, now threatening him, and guarantee him the governorship of the northern tribes. The correspondent adds that Great Britain can do nothing. It is out of the question to land British troops in Morocco. If this could be done the situation would be speedily cleared up, as the majority of the Moors in Tangier would welcome them.

Seven Englishmen Stranded in London Without a Cent in Pockets

**Flax Pulling Was not Their
Special Line of 'Business
and They Quit.**

Seven Englishmen, out from the old country since the 1st of May, and without a dollar in their pockets, walked into Inspector McCallum's office in the city hall today, and stood helplessly around waiting for something to turn up.

They told a pitiful tale of privation to the inspector. All came out from the east end of London last spring, and most of them had their passage paid by what is known in London as the "Society," a Congregational organization, which aims to send people from the congested district of the world's metropolis to better homes in this country.

Hired to Pull Flax.

At Toronto they were hired, they claim, by a Mr. McCreedy, manager of the Standard Flax Company, of Falkirk, near Allis Craig, to pull flax. This was a week ago, they having been employed around Toronto for several weeks before they came west.

They stated this morning that they

had been told that they would make from \$1 50 to \$2 50 a day, piecework, pulling flax, but when they went to work they allege they could not make over 30 or 35 cents a day.

To Mr. McCallum, one of the men said there were about 70 Englishmen pulling flax at Falkirk, and they slept in a bare city site where they ate their food outside. To do their best, it took two men a week to pull two-thirds of an acre.

Pulled Up Stakes.

When questioned by Mr. McCallum, make their living at the job, they pulled up stakes yesterday and started for London. Last night this morning they walked into London.

When they found they could not they stated they were willing to work at any class of labor for a fair day's wage, and they said they hadn't had anything to eat since yesterday.

They had no money, and the only people to look after, they were referred to Mr. Andrew Ellis, the Ontario immigration inspector.

Previous to coming to Mr. McCallum's office, the men had been to the Salvation Army barracks, where they were informed that as the army had had nothing to do with bringing them out, they had better look to the immigration inspector here to help them.

SIX MONTHS HARD FOR ASSAULTER

**Improper Actions Toward Rela-
tive Sends Young Man
to Central.**

Because while under the influence of liquor, Thomas Murray, of 471 Grey street, committed an indecent assault upon his stepson's wife, he will spend the next six months behind bars in the Central Prison.

Evidence for the prosecution was produced yesterday and tended to show that on the 24th of July Murray had acted in a most improper manner. The case was then adjourned until this morning, when Mr. David Mills, appearing for the defense, called Hiram McGilone, the young woman's husband, as his only witness.

Mr. Mills tried to establish the fact that the witness and Mr. Murray, his father-in-law, had not lived on the most amicable terms.

"Did you ever quarrel?" he asked.

"No; only when he was drinking he used to chew the rag at me."

Mr. Mills made a strong appeal for his client, pointing out his previous good character, and the fact that the alleged outrage had taken place when Murray was under the influence of liquor. He denied any indecent assault.

The judge didn't see it that way, however. He held the charge had been sustained, and pointed out that it was made worse, having been committed against one whom the prisoner should have protected.

"I am making every allowance for your previous good character, and for the fact that I do not believe you would have committed the offense had you been sober," said his honor, but he pointed out the severe penalty that might be imposed, and sentenced Murray to six months in the Central Prison with hard labor.

NOTED NOVELIST DEAD

Mr. David Christie Murray Passed Away at London.

London, Aug. 1.—David Christie Murray, the novelist and playwright, died here today. He was born in 1847.

Murray served on the staff of many great English dailies, and during the Russo-Turkish war was special correspondent for the Times. He traveled extensively, and lectured, touring Canada during 1894-95. He wrote nearly forty novels between the years 1889 and 1901.

BEARS NEAR PETERBORO

Chased Woman and Children and Is Finally Shot.

Peterboro, Aug. 1.—A woman and two children while picking raspberries in a patch near Janetville today were chased by a big bear. The woman heard the bear coming and ran with the children and escaped injury, but the bear was close on her heels. Hunters shot the animal some hours afterward.

ENGINEER STOPS LAYING OF MAINS

**Now Between Mr. Graydon and
the City Gas Company on
Dundas Street.**

City Engineer Graydon was not well pleased this morning; in fact, he was sore. While on his way to the office on a Dundas street car he noticed some workmen laying a trench on the north side of the street between Colborne and Waterloo. He alighted and found the City Gas Company doing the work. He ordered the men to stop, and then sent word to the company to that effect.

"Three months ago, when I knew the pavement was going to be laid," said the engineer, "I sent printed notices to the company, telling it to lay its trenches, as the work would be rushed as soon as the contract was awarded. They did not do a bit of work all that time, and now they see the contract has been awarded they start their trenches. I will not have it." And he looked as if he meant it. He has received no word from the company since.

KLONDIKE GRAVEL CONTAIN MILLIONS

**Much Gold Yet To Be Had in
Yukon, Say Government
Investigators.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Aug. 2.—There is still a golden harvest to be gathered from the gravel of the Klondike hills and valleys. The Government has completed an examination and survey of the gold-bearing gravels of both the high and low levels. It is estimated that in the neighborhood where gold is known to exist, and from which gold to the value of \$94,750,000 has been taken by crude placer methods, there remains \$53,642,630, which may be recovered at a profit by hydraulic mining, dredging and other advanced methods of gold recovery.

The examination was made by R. G. McConnell, of the geological survey, assisted by Joseph Keeley, geologist, and F. H. McLaren and F. O. Farrell, topographers. The estimate does not cover the creeks on the Indian River slope, which have produced gold to the value of \$24,250,000, making the total output of the Yukon district \$119,000,000 to date.

It is estimated that there can be still recovered eight or ten millions of gold from the gravels, and that the certain future output of gravel gold from the Yukon over \$53,000,000.

AYLMER PORK FACTORY DAMAGED BY FLAMES

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 2.—A great part of the main building of the Aylmer pork factory was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. Mr. St. Clair will rebuild as soon as possible. The insurance was \$8,200. The town is interested to the extent of a \$700 loan on the whole building.

BOLTS PLAY HAVOC WITH ONEIDA BARN

Thursday's Electrical Storm Proved Very Destructive.

Cayuga, Aug. 2.—During a severe electrical storm on Thursday night Mr. George Ferguson, of the township of Oneida, about 2 miles from Cayuga, on the River road, had his barn hit by lightning and totally destroyed, together with 80 tons of hay, 7 loads of wheat in the straw, 1 horse, and all his implements. Insurance on the building, \$1,000, nothing on contents. Theodore Robbins, near Canfield, in the township of Oneida, about 6 miles from here, also had his barn destroyed during the same storm.

CITY ENGINEER HAS COMPLETED REPORT

**On the Port Stanley Reforms—
Makes Suggestions Re
New Sheds.**

City Engineer Graydon has completed his report on the conditions of Port Stanley and sent it on to the London and Port Stanley Railway board. His report was full, and suggested several improvements. He suggests that the Pere Marquette employ a gang of men to keep the grounds in constant repair. He also recommends that a couple of umbrellas, sheds be erected alongside the tracks for the accommodation of passengers. He thinks that there are too many merry-go-rounds and booths on the grounds, which take up the space that should be reserved for picnicers. He also drew attention to the fact that a booth was erected on the beach on the property of the board.

It is said that the sheds suggested by Engineer Graydon will be erected early next spring.

OLD BOYS COMING

A party of twenty-five London old boys of Cleveland will arrive in this city this evening at 11 o'clock, via the C. P. R. They will be met by Mr. B. C. McCann, secretary of the home guard, and a number of other gentlemen.

Mrs. Burton Alleges That T. Kelly Threatened to Roast Her on Stove

**Such a Warm Finish Astonished
Her, and She Had the
Man Arrested.**

Mrs. Mary Ann Burton, of 12 Dundas street, for the alleged assaulting of whom two men now await trial, was once again a complainant at the police court, when she had Thomas Kelly brought before Magistrate Love this morning on a charge of assault, causing actual bodily harm.

Kelly was sent up for trial before the next general sessions of the peace. Mrs. Burton will now have three different men to testify against at the next general sessions of the peace. Two men, Messrs. Gray and Burton, were sent up for trial recently on a charge of assault laid against them by Mrs. Burton, and Kelly makes the third.

Had a Visitor.

According to Mrs. Burton's testimony in court this morning, she was sitting in her house last evening about

6 o'clock, when a man came to her door and asked to see Mr. Burton. She told him that her husband was not in. Later she had occasion to go to where Kelly resided, with his mother, a few doors away. On going to the back-door of the house she found it open and Kelly inside. She addressed him, and she declares that he immediately assaulted her by striking her with his fist in the face. He followed up this attack by other blows, and she called to her husband to come and assist her, but he was unable to get Kelly away, and the assault went the length of sticks and pop-bottles.

A Terrible Threat.

Witness said that Kelly shouted at her, "I'll put you on the stove, like I did the dog," and with that threw a pop-bottle at her, striking her in the back and causing a bruise.

Thomas Kelly is the man who placed a small pup on a stove at the Western Hotel, some years ago, and put up quite a sensational fight when arrested by P. C. Noonan.

Bail has not been accepted for him.

Child of Six Was Lost in London

About 9 o'clock last evening a little boy of 6 years, barefooted, and wearing a pair of black pants and a white blouse, was brought to the police station in a sad plight. He was lost, and he cried piteously.

The lad was completely tired out and showed every sign of having wandered about for many hours lost in the streets. To add to the little fellow's troubles, he had an impediment in his speech, which rendered it impossible for him to tell the police who he was. Several of the officers tried to get the boy's name, but he could not speak, as he was tongue-tied. It was decided to let him remain till morning, and a bed was found for him in the station.

There he cried for an hour or more while the big, blue-coated policemen hunted high and low in the station for

things to show him to take his mind off his troubles. Some of them told him stories, while others searched for a Teddy bear, and at last the "wanderer" came and the tired little wanderer fell into a deep slumber.

Bright and early this morning Mrs. Steele, who is visiting at 114 Bathurst street, called at the police station in a state of great consternation in search of her little, fair-haired son of six years, who had not been heard of since yesterday morning.

The little lad was produced and great was the joy of both mother and child when they met.

The police were glad, too. They had had their hands full all night, and one of them remarked that he would sooner hear a riot call than a child's cry in the station.

Increase Seating Capacity to 1,000

The congregation of Colborne Street Methodist Church, of which Rev. Mr. Malotte is the pastor, intend remodeling the church at once at a cost of about \$10,000.

The matter has been under consideration for some weeks, and now all arrangements have been completed, and plans have been prepared, and the

estimates show that the work can be done for the sum mentioned above.

When completed, the remodeled church will have a very large seating capacity—fully a thousand will find accommodation.

The alterations call for a new gallery in the church, as well as many other improvements.

Union Barbers Issue a Statement

At a meeting of the Barbers' Union last night the following statement was prepared for publication, in the local papers:

That the public at large may be under no misconception as regards the demands of the journeymen barbers, it has been deemed advisable by the local union to issue a plain and direct statement upon the matter at issue between the masters and men. The assertion of the master barbers that they cannot pay the advance asked looks worse than ridiculous in the face of facts that must be potent to everybody. It is no secret that during the past few months the proprietors have greatly advanced their prices and at the same time incidentally swelled their profits.

The price of a shave is the only item left at the old figure. Haircutting, formerly 15 cents, is now 25 cents; massage, formerly 15 cents, now 25 cents; neck shave, formerly free, now 5 cents; June clover, lilac water,

etc., former free, now 5 cents. Razors honed, no small item, revenue, either advanced from 15 cents to 25 cents. Another source of increased revenue is the use of Herpicide, Adonis water and Pinard.

Under the old rate, the journeymen received \$10 per week, and on all receipts over \$16 he received one-half. This meant that before the journeymen made one cent over \$10 per week, he had to clear a profit of \$6 for the boss, and after this the boss received 50 cents on every additional dollar he took in. The present demands of the journeymen are for a rate of \$12 per week and one-half on all receipts over \$18.

It must be understood that in the large shops the men in the first chairs will always make the best pay, as customers do not pass an empty chair to patronize one in the rear of the shop. The result has been that with workmen of equal ability, the men in the front chairs make considerably

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Mr. Moore Doesn't Want Clerkship

Mr. Percy Moore, junior partner of the firm of Fraser & Moore, barristers, of this city, has refused to accept the position of clerk of the crown in place of the late Colonel John Macbeth.

It was stated some time ago that Mr. Moore could have the position if he wanted it, and when questioned in regard to the matter he told The Advertiser that he was not prepared to say anything.

Today Mr. Moore was again interviewed, and he confirmed the rumor that he does not want the clerkship.

"You may say that I am not an applicant for the position," he said, "and that I will continue the active practice of law."

Those who are on the inside say

there are two reasons why Mr. Moore does not want the job.

One is that the Conservative Club, of which he is secretary, is very anxious to have him remain as secretary, something he would not be able to do if he accepted a Government position. Further it is hinted that it may be made financially worth Mr. Moore's trouble to remain as secretary.

Again, Mr. Moore is credited with the statement that he would not have the job at any price, as a man will go to seed at it.

It is understood that there are no less than five applicants for the position now. It is said that either Mr. Hume Elliott or Mr. P. H. Bartlett are likely candidates.

Mayor Turns Tables On No. 3 Com.

Mayor Judd thinks he has the prize now. Last night at the meeting of No. 3 committee he was chided in a joking way about "butting in" on the building inspector matter by the members of the committee. Ald.

Booth thought that the members of No. 3 committee were quite capable of managing any matter that came within their province without the valuable assistance of the mayor. So thought Ald. Gerry and Ald. Garratt.

"If I want to send a message to the council I can do so," declared the mayor. "All I did was to write to the council of several cities and get the

copies of their bylaws, and I intend sending them to the council."

Honors were easy at this point, but this morning his worship scored. He hunted up the rules of procedure and found this clause in the duties of No. 3 committee:

2.—To report and recommend to the council such regulations with regard to private buildings, drains and fences, as may be requisite for the public safety and welfare."

"This matter will not be referred to No. 3 committee now, but will be sent to No. 2 committee for them to adjust," declared his worship with a chuckle. And if the rules mean what they say that committee will have the appointment of the building inspector.