

THE WEATHER:
GALES, WITH SLEET AND RAIN.
WEDNESDAY—COLDER.

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"SPORTING GREEN"
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WITH LATE NEWS.

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MURRELL'S FATE MAY REST WITH JURY TONIGHT

Crown to Conclude Case By Calling Thirteen Witnesses

NEW CROWN WITNESS SWEARS SIDNEY MURRELL CONFESSED FIRING FIVE SHOTS FROM GUN

Robert E. Campbell and John Little Also State Bandit Admitted Firing.

GOES TO JURY TONIGHT

Evidence Is Expected To Be Completed Late This Afternoon.

CALLED "FOOL" BY BILL

Witness Relates Conversation of Bandits While Tied to Post.

Sidney Murrell, alleged murderer, who sat smiling and gay in the prisoner's box at the court house this morning, will probably know before the clock strikes midnight whether the jury sitting on his case considers him guilty of shooting and killing Russell Campbell in a lane-way next the Home Bank in Melbourne, April, 1921.

The case for the crown will be closed this afternoon (unless unforeseen developments occur), with the examination of three witnesses, namely the two brothers of Russell Campbell, and Mr. Theaker, manager of the Union Bank, Melbourne.

It is not likely that J. M. Donahue, counsel for Murrell, will call any witnesses in defence.

Few, if any people, in the crowded court room realize at the noon adjournment that the case for the crown was drawing swiftly to a close. At the last trial, when "Slim" Williams, a companion, seemed to be tried for murder, 33 witnesses were called to give evidence, the trial lasting four days.

If the crown calls but three more witnesses it will mean a total of 13. Is thirteen Murrell's lucky number? Sid will know tonight.

Not Nervous.

Although officers stated Murrell was nervous as he made his way up the jail stairs to the courtroom, he showed no nervousness in court beyond occasionally wiping the perspiration from his hands. He beamed at his friends and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evidence. Every once in a while he would whisper comments to Provincial Constable T. Y. Stratton who was guarding him.

Murrell almost laughed out loud when John E. Little one of the witnesses stated he wasn't going to keep on looking at Murrell when a man had a revolver in his hand. There were other bits of evidence that also seemed to tickle Sid's sense of humor.

Seven witnesses gave testimony on behalf of the crown this morning. They were: Roy McCandless, manager of the Home Bank, Melbourne in 1921; John E. Little, mail carrier who watched Murrell and the late Russell Campbell tussle in the lane-way; Mrs. Elizabeth Maylor, who told of the conversation between Murrell and Robert Campbell, when Murrell is alleged to have admitted he shot Russell Campbell; Mervin E. McCallum, tire salesman, who picked up Murrell's gun in front of the Home Bank; Detective Thomas Nickle and Harry Down told of arresting the Murrell brothers and Williams and also gave evidence regarding Sid's revolver. Robert E. Campbell gave the most dramatic evidence against Murrell during the morning session.

First Witness.

Roy E. McCandless was the first witness called. He was manager of the Home Bank in 1921.

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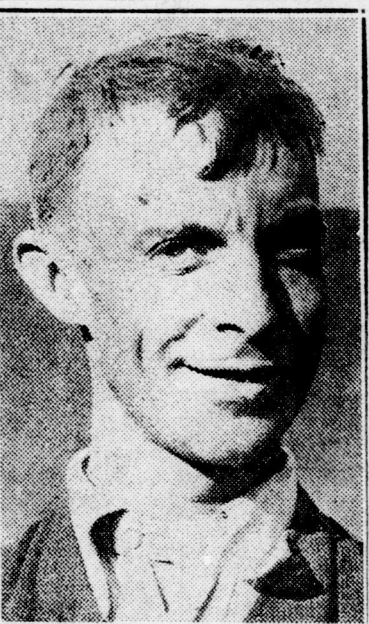
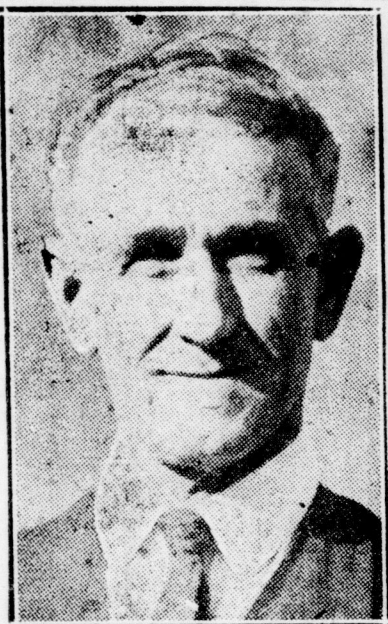
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STATE MURRELL ADMITTED SHOOTING.

Above are Robert E. Campbell and John Little, both of whom, in giving evidence this morning, swore that Sidney Murrell admitted firing five shots. Miss Elizabeth Mahler, a new witness, also gave similar testimony, declaring that Murrell made this statement while tied to the post at Melbourne.

SUMMARY OF TRIAL

Justice Lennox grants separate trials for Murrell and Williams. Murrell is charged with the murder of Russell Campbell.

Fifty-two men called in choosing the jury. Ten farmers on the jury, one carpenter and one painter.

Trial opened late yesterday with evidence of three crown witnesses—Dr. Dewar, Dr. Freele and H. C. McBride, architect.

Seven witnesses called this morning—R. S. McCandless, John Little, Elizabeth Mahler, Mervin McCallum, Detective Down, Detective Nickle and Robert E. Campbell.

Three more crown witnesses to be heard. Case may go to the jury this evening.

Crown witnesses have sworn that Sidney Murrell did not deny the murder when questioned on the day of the tragedy.

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HENRY SAYS NO CHANGE OF ISSUER IS LIKELY

Minister of Highways Has Received No Official Protests.

INCIDENT IS CLOSED

Intimates London Motor Club Not Apt To Have Privilege Restored.

By WILLIAM SHARMAN.
Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of highways, stated today that he "had heard something about protests in London regarding the appointment of H. J. Childs to the position of issuer of auto licenses."

But, he added, for general information, that he "had heard nothing from any one of any authority that would prompt him to move for a reconsideration of the appointment."

As far as he is concerned at this moment, the incident is closed, and from this it can be gathered that Sir Adam Beck has yet to submit his communication of protest from Col. W. G. Coles, on behalf of the London Command of the G. W. V. A.

Reviewing the situation briefly, Mr. Henry stated that unfortunately the London Motor Club, issuer of licenses, last year, has assumed without any official justification, that the responsibility was permanent, and had undertaken to expend about \$1,600 for special office equipment and facilities.

The club had not just cause to jump to the conclusion that there would be no change, he stated.

The new government found, the minister stated, that conditions were such that a change of policy was absolutely imperative. There were far too many issuers of licenses, while many of them did not make prompt returns, and the department was put to much expense and time seeking what was due.

This did not apply, of course, to the London Motor Club, he said.

WOMEN ARE URGED TO HOLD PROHIBITION

Mrs. M. R. Thornley Addresses Methodist Ministers' Society.

The quantity of "spirited liquor" which is still being manufactured in the province of Ontario in spite of the Q. T. A. was a point to which Mrs. May R. Thornley drew the attention of the Methodist Ministers' Society.

Mrs. Thornley's subject was "The Prohibition Land of Promise," and she told of the great good which might be accomplished if 15,000 or so Ontario women banded together as eleven million women had done in the United States to retain the prohibition laws of their country.

Mrs. Thornley pointed out that at the present time there were in the province 6 distilleries, 29 breweries, and a number of concerns where wine was made.

The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. J. B. Hunter.

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MRS. H. W. PADDELL, president of the local W. C. T. U., which is arranging a week of prayer in the cause of temperance, beginning on Tuesday next.

SLEET MAKES TRAVELLING PRECARIOUS

Many Auto Mishaps Caused by Weather Change in Last Two Days.

DARKNESS DEPRESSING

Rain followed by sleet, which finally transformed itself into snow, has been the order of the weather since the beginning of the week in London. Varying temperatures from 17 to 33 above have been recorded on the thermometer, accompanied by bitter winds and a rather depressing darkness.

This morning the mercury dropped to 17 above zero, and by noon it had crept up several degrees. Hovering clouds indicate sleet or rain will be the portion of Londoners by night-fall.

Transportation has not been of the best, owing to the icy condition of the tracks of the London Street Railway, but no tie-ups of a serious nature have occurred. The greatest sufferers from the prevailing brand of weather are automobile owners, and numerous slight accidents testify to the rutty and frequently hazardous condition of the roads. The strain on hydro power continues, and lights were unusually dim last evening and this morning as a result of the increased load.

In country districts, drifts of snow four and five feet high are reported. The London Motor League advises motorists to avoid all small side-roads and stick to the main highways. Even these are sometimes difficult to negotiate.

While the depth of the snow does not constitute a great menace to motor cars, the soggy nature of the ground underneath has been responsible for many an abandoned car and much inconvenience. Heavy cars that get in these drifts sink quickly into the soft under-layer of mud, and shovels must be used to extricate the wheels.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PARLEY TOMORROW

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FERGUSON PROMISES FISHERMEN FAIR PLAY

Strong Deputation From Lake Erie Ports Wait on Ontario Premier.

BUSINESS IN DANGER

Standardization of Fishing Regulations Is Urged by Men in Trade.

By WILLIAM SHARMAN.
Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—A strong deputation of Lake Erie fishermen were told today by Premier Howard Ferguson that they would receive "fair play" in their competition with the American fishermen.

Headed by A. S. Brown of Kingsville, fishermen from Port Stanley, Port Colborne, Port Burwell, Port Dover, Kingsville and other ports along the north shore of the lake, petitioned the government for a standardized interpretation of the regulations governing the use of nets.

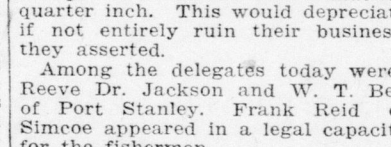
The Lake Erie men fear that their business will be endangered if there is not a standardization of the regulations said an agreement between the American and Canadian authorities as to the interpretation of the word "extension" as it applies to the mesh.

Premier Ferguson was entirely sympathetic in his attitude to the deputation and will arrange a conference between the representatives of the fisheries departments of the States of Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. Fishermen on both sides of the lake, the manufacturers of twine netting and the Canadian authorities. The premier expects that entire satisfaction will be derived from the conference and that a standardization of the interpretation will follow.

This law calls for a three-inch net but the Canadians fear that the Americans will be able by the latest interpretation to use a three-and-one-quarter inch. This would depreciate if not entirely ruin their business, they asserted.

Among the delegates today were: Reeve Dr. Jackson and W. T. Bell of Port Stanley, Frank Reid of Simcoe appeared in a legal capacity for the fishermen.

Offer of Extra Votes Proves Big Attraction



ABBE DELORME, whose trial on the charge of murdering his half-brother has been postponed until February 25th owing to financial difficulties preventing the defence from proceeding with the trial at once.

Seven Enter Contest Monday—One Candidate Gets Two Million Votes.

CASH PRIZES, TOO

The list of candidates in The Advertiser Cash and Automobile Prize Contest was increased by seven yesterday.

Three of these were attracted by the extra votes offered for every two subscriptions sent in by Feb. 25. They realized that by jumping in now, they could pile up a considerable vote during the next three weeks, and thus place themselves in a fairly safe position for at least one of the eleven automobiles.

Then again the chance of winning \$200 in cash made a strong appeal to many.

One contestant earned over 2,000,000 extra votes over the week-end by securing fourteen yearly subscriptions.

Remember, anyone wishing to subscribe regularly to The Advertiser may do so, and still have the services of the boy carrying for him now. The only difference will be that instead of paying the carrier boy 15c each week the subscriber will be furnished with a book of coupons for the number of weeks for which he has paid.

The carrier boy will collect a coupon each week and will receive his commission direct from The Advertiser or from an agent.

Do not hesitate. Plunge right into the game. Do not think that some one else has a better chance than you have of winning one of the eleven automobiles.

This is a business proposition from start to finish, and from \$600 to \$2,000 in cash is waiting for you if you will use a bit of surplus energy during the next few weeks.

Make your decision today and send in your nomination to the Contest Department of The Advertiser. Telephone No. 7352.

FIVE LONDONERS WILL ATTEND TRUSTEE MEETING

W. A. Tanner secretary of the board of education, announced this morning that five delegates from the London board of education would attend the convention of urban school trustees at Kingston, February 26 to 29 inclusive.

The members of the delegation are as follows: Trustees B. N. Campbell, A. N. Udy, Rev. Q. G. Warner, Mrs. J. I. Hunt, and Inspector Greer.

The party will leave on the Canadian National on Tuesday evening, arriving in Kingston on Wednesday morning.

COL. MURRAY APPOINTED AS POSTAL INSPECTOR

Londoner With Brilliant War Record Named To Fill New District Post.

HEADQUARTERS IN CITY

Has Served in Railway Mail Service for 26 Years—Of Boer War Fame.

Following a reorganization of the local postal department, Col. K. E. Murray, Hayman court, city, has been appointed to the new position of postal inspector of the London district, which extends from Toronto to Windsor, and from Niagara to the Bruce peninsula. This district has 606 postoffices and 817 rural routes.

The position of postal inspector was formerly classified as assistant postoffice inspector. The head of the department is now known as district superintendent of postal service, with jurisdiction extending over the railway mail service in Western Ontario.

Col. Murray has been employed in the railway mail service for the past 26 years. He was in charge of the Canadian Postal Corps in South Africa during the Boer war, and was also in charge of the same department during the whole period of the European war, with headquarters in France.

Col. Murray was three times mentioned in despatches during the recent world conflict, and was decorated with the order of the British Empire.

Previous to coming to London, Col. Murray was on the staff of the Woodstock postoffice.

The Canadian postal establishment in France, of which he had charge consisted of an authorized establishment of 15 N. C. W. and men, every one being an established officer of the postal department during civil life.

The financial transaction of the military postoffice in France during the last two years of the war amounted to \$4,000,000. Col. Murray was supervisor of 31 fully-equipped field postoffices.

SESSION OF SEPARATE BOARD IS POSTPONED

Several Members Unable To Attend—Date of Meeting Not Set Yet.

Last night's meeting of the separate school board was postponed on account of the fact that several of the members were unable to be present. Chairman A. H. Murphy, was attending the Lucas inquest as counsel for the defence, while other members of the board were out of the city.

Father Brisson, in speaking of the matter this morning, stated no date for the postponed meeting had been set.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong winds and gales, with sleet and rain.

Wednesday—Strong northerly winds and colder, with local snowfalls or furies.

Pressure continues high from the Northwest States to the Gulf of Mexico, while the deep depression which was in the Mississippi Valley yesterday is moving slowly northeastward.

The weather has been cold from Manitoba eastward, and mild in Alberta. Snow and sleet have fallen in Western Ontario.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 50 40 Fair

Cochran 6 20 Fair

Toronto 14 14 Snow

Kingston 10 10 Cloudy

Ottawa 12 16 Cloudy

Montreal 5 6 Cloudy

Quebec 10 2 Cloudy

St. John 13 2 Fair

Halifax 23 15 Fair

Minus (—) means below zero.

No reports from Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 26; lowest, 17.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 19.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m.—28.95.

Today—8 p.m.—28.70.