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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. A. G. Stephens, the Dundas street florist, is confined to the house by illness.

—Mr. Edward Pritchett, of Byron avenue, has been confined to the house by illness for two weeks.

—Miss Pearl McCormick, Alma College, St. Thomas, spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Gertrude Batchelor.

—Mr. Daniel Bowen, local manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, has been summoned to appear as a witness before the privileges and elections committee at Ottawa tomorrow.

—Hon. Mr. Hyman's resignation, of the Canadian Express Company, as member for London is to be further considered.

—A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the rectory by Rev. G. B. Sage recently, when Miss Evadne Parent, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Murray Ferguson, of the Canadian Express Company. Both parties have very many friends who will wish them every happiness.

—Mr. John Lawson has gone to Dominica, in the West Indies, on a business trip. He was booked by F. B. Clarke, and sailed on one of the Pickford and Black steamers. Mr. Clarke has also booked Mr. A. D. Rutley and Miss B. Rutley for Liverpool. Mr. and Miss Rutley have been visiting friends throughout Ontario for some months.

—The remains of the late Mr. Wm. Hemingway were interred in Mount Pleasant cemetery yesterday afternoon. Rev. D. S. Hamilton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, officiating. The funeral was held from the undertaking parlors of John Ferguson & Sons. Mr. Hemingway was 75 years of age, and for several years was station agent at Westminster. Of late years he had resided in Pontiac, Mich.

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ACCIDENTS AT BREWERY.

Mr. William Thomas, of 61 Irwin street, who is employed at Carling's brewery, fell while at work in the lager department and broke his arm. Wm. Tait, of 31 Tecumseh avenue, another employee of the brewery, also fell while at work there the other day and broke his leg. Both men will be unable to work for some weeks.

DEATH OF MRS. GRIEVE.

Mrs. Agnes Grieve, wife of Wm. E. Grieve, died on Saturday afternoon at the family home in Westminster Township, lot 20, con. 2. Mrs. Grieve, who was a daughter of the late Angus McDonald, is survived by three young children, her mother, two brothers and six sisters. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon to Pond Mills cemetery.

MRS. BUTTERFIELD'S FUNERAL.

The remains of the late Mrs. Sharp Butterfield were brought to the city from Windsor at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and interred at Oakland cemetery. Many London friends of the deceased, prior to her marriage to Mr. Butterfield, were Mrs. John Plummer, of this city, attended. Rev. W. J. Clark conducted the services at the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Alex. Stuart, Aid. Saunders, Richard Oke, Wm. Shaker, George Angus and Wm. McNeill. The floral offerings placed on the casket by both London and Windsor friends were very beautiful. Mrs. Butterfield died after a three days' illness from a bronchial trouble.

L. E. AND D. R. R. IS RESPONSIBLE.

Mr. Frank Leitch, who was injured on July 30 of last year, and had a valuable horse killed by being struck by a train at the L. E. and P. S. R. crossing in St. Thomas, applied through Barrister T. W. Crothers to the exchequer court, at Ottawa, for leave to enter an action against the Pere Marquette and the C. E. L. R. R. for damages.

The application was made on the strength of an affidavit of F. E. Stevens, general solicitor of the Pere Marquette and for Judson Harmon and also solicitor for the L. E. and P. S. R. R., claiming that the P. M. is not operating the L. E. and P. S. R. R. but that the L. E. and D. R. R. is, and therefore the latter road should be sued. Judgment was given by the court that the L. E. and D. R. R. should be the defendants in any action.

PAINTERS' SMOKER.

Local 37 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers

of America gave a smoker recently, at which the following took part: Solos, Bros. Fred Strangeman, Tagg, Hardingham, Dunn, Melvin, and Baker; instrumental music, by Bro. Percy Strangeman; Address, Bro. McCandless Roberts and Stinson. After the programme, refreshments were served, the company leaving for their homes at 11:30, after spending a most enjoyable time.

DIED SUDDENLY.

There passed away recently at the family residence, lot 4, concession 5, North Dorchester, Mr. J. L. Manning, one of the most highly respected residents of this vicinity. Deceased had been enjoying exceptionally good health during the winter, but on the morning of his death he had not felt well and retired to his room, where an hour or so later his wife found him in a dying condition. Heart failure was the cause. Nearly 40 years ago Mr. Manning was married to Miss Rebecca, only daughter of the late Thomas McKnight, of Belmont, who alone survives him. The home had been blessed by three children, two of whom died a number of years ago. Miss da Manning, the third daughter, passed away three years ago. Mr. Manning was the only son of the late Lawrence Manning, and grandson of the late Squire Manning. He had spent the greater part of his life on "Parkdale Farm," Townline, Westminster, lately purchased by Mr. James Hamilton, but retired two years ago to live the remainder of his days in the home once owned by his grandparents, "The Squire Manning House." Deceased was 62 years of age, and for a long time had been a valued member and earnest worker in Knox Church, Belmont. The funeral, which was conducted at the house by Rev. J. Currie, was very largely attended. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. G. Taylor, J. McNabb, P. McMillan, J. T. Campbell, A. Brownlee and T. Fitchett. Floral offerings were received from the board of managers of Knox Church, O. U. W. Mr. J. Bowman, London, and Mr. Adams, London, besides those from near friends of the family. The entire community extended to the grief-stricken wife the deepest sympathy.

THE JURY SAYS

SELF-DEFENSE

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He agreed with the testimony given by Dr. Hadley Williams, and he said he believed there had only been one rupture of the brain.

"What caused the rupture?"

"I should think it was due to excitement."

"Had the fracture of the facial bones any connection with it?"

"I might have."

"Was it the most probable cause?"

"No, I should rather say it was not."

"The fractures were caused by impact with something?"

"I think so."

"Is it not likely that the impact would cause a rupture in a man in McPherson's condition?"

"It's possible, but not probable."

"Is it likely that the blow which the son says he struck his father, together with the blow he sustained when he fell to the floor, caused the hemorrhage?"

"I still think it was due to the attendant excitement, and not to the blow on the cheek."

"How long would the man have lived if there was no rupture of the blood vessel?"

"I cannot say. The condition of the heart and lungs were such as to warrant me saying that death would have probably resulted very shortly."

Daniel McPherson, Jr.

Daniel McPherson, the son of the deceased, was then called upon to testify.

"You understand you are not compelled to testify unless you wish," said the corner.

McPherson nodded.

Mr. Faulds began the examination of the prisoner.

"What is your age?"

"Twenty-one years."

"Your occupation?"

"Cigar-maker."

"Were were you the night of the affair?"

"At a dance. I got home about 3 o'clock."

"Was your father a drinking man?"

"Yes."

"Where was your father when you entered the house?"

"Sitting by the fire—on the east side of the stove."

Scene in the House.

"What happened when you came in?"

"When I came in I heard a little noise—I heard it before I came in, too. When I entered the room I saw he was falling off his chair, between the chair and the stove. He fell down on his hands and I walked over to him. I put one arm under his and tried to raise him. He would not let me. He got mad and told me to go away and have nothing to do with him. I walked away and took off my overcoat and hat and hung them up. He was still trying to get on his chair, but could not. I saw he could not manage alone, so I went over and lifted him almost bodily into the chair as best I could. Then I took a chair and sat at the other side of the stove to take off my shoes. He got off his chair and started to take the lids off the stove. Finally he got them off and began to pile kindling into the stove."

Came to Blows.

"I told him not to use the wood, but to save it for the morning fire. I then tried to pick the wood out of the stove."

"Did he think it was morning and time to light the fire?" asked Mr. Faulds.

"I don't know," replied the witness. "The next instant he turned on me and hit me without a word."

"With his fists?"

"Yes."

"His right or left hand?"

"His right hand."

"Where did he hit you?"

"Right below the chin on the chest on the left side."

"Did he swear or say anything?"

"He never said a word."

"Did he hit you hard?"

"It riled me for a minute."

"What happened then?"

"I struck him. I was afraid" he would come at me, and give me a beating. I was afraid of him. That was why I struck him and tried to get out of his road."

"He had been a strong man?"

"Yes."

"He could fight?"

"I don't know what he did on the outside, but at home he was very noisy."

"With which hand did you hit him?"

"With both hands."

Force Of the Blow.

"Where did you hit him?"

"In the face, I think. I don't know exactly where."

"Where did he fall?"

"Over the table."

"Did you strike very hard?"

"I don't know."

"With your full might?"

"I don't know. I may have."

"What was the effect of your blows?"

"He went toward the table, and turned it over, carrying the lamp with him."

"And he fell against the wall?"

"I don't know. His head was probably half a foot from the wall when we picked him up."

"Did you pick up the lamp at once?"

"No. I went and called Johnny first. Then I went out to the kitchen and threw the lamp out in the snow. It was burning all the while."

"You thought he was dead when you picked him up?"

"No. I thought he had fainted."

"When did you first observe that he was dead?"

"When Johnny said to me that he was afraid he was all in, and that I had better go for a doctor."

"What terms were you and your father on?"

"We were on speaking terms."

"There was no ill-will or grudge between you?"

"No. Not for some time."

No Malice

"Were you sober?"

"Yes."

"When you found you were wanted you gave yourself up?"

"Yes."

"When you dealt the blows you had no intention of doing your father serious bodily harm?"

"No. I had not."

"Why did you strike him?"

"To defend myself."

To Mr. Faulds, the witness said any one could see that for some time his father's health had been failing. Only a few nights ago witness had to get up and get him some salt and water, as he appeared to be choking.

To Mr. McKillop, the witness repeated the story he had told Mr. Faulds. He also admitted that he had not attempted to get out of his father's way after the latter struck at him. Mr. McKillop then endeavored to show that when the witness struck the older McPherson it was on the right cheek.

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