

CKER'S DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL JURY'S FINDING

Train Crews Freed From All Blame in St. Thomas Case.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 17.—The jury on a verdict into the death of Merrill C. R. R. engineer, who was killed in the yards on December 15, and that he met his death by being run over by an engine in a M. C. R. yards. The cause of his death was a fracture of the skull and the death was purely accidental. The jury also found that the engine and the train were not at fault.

On Way Home.
Deceased was on his way home and stopped on the tracks in front of the engine. The witnesses examined were Dr. Turner, Engineer Robinson, L. McIntyre, Yard Brakeman, J. Darlington, Engineer W. Albion, and T. Oddey, Night Yardmaster.

Prospects Brighter.
The condition at the shops of the railway in the city, as well as the more important industries, will show considerable improvement after the holidays. The Peregrine laid off twelve men in the shops yesterday. The Canada Iron Foundry, which has been working for some days a week, will close down from Friday, 24th, to January 1st. The Iron Foundry has been compelled to work Saturday afternoons and has a large bill of unfinished work on hand. The corporation will endeavor to find jobs for many of the local unemployed.

The Cemetery Board.
Although recommended by the lot owners at the annual meeting of the St. Thomas Cemetery Board that the term of the directors be reduced from four to two years, the members of the board at a meeting yesterday refused to shorten the time. The question will again be taken up at the annual meeting in February. The cost of a burial in the cemetery is \$150, and this is the board did not care to discuss. The directors are recommended to attend at all meetings. The services of the superintendent, whose term expires January 2, were extended to March.

Walter J. Ripley Passes.
The death of Walter J. Ripley, son of Arthur Ripley, took place this morning at the residence of his grandfather, J. H. Mann, 165 Woodworth avenue, after a long illness. He was in his eighth year. The interment will be in St. Thomas cemetery Sunday afternoon.

FUEL INQUIRY AT BRANTFORD IS POSTPONED

BRANTFORD, Dec. 17.—The inquiry into the fuel business which was ordered some weeks ago by the city council on account of a deficit of \$20,000 in operation has been laid over here until the new year. It was thought from Judge Hardy before the election, but a finding could have been secured. He has decided his appointments will not permit the completion of the inquiry this month.

Resolution were passed asking the Ontario Department of Highways to make the route of the county provincial road from Burford into the city, where to Coburn street, west of the city, rather than divert the road along the river bank.

500 New Names.
From figures compiled from the voters' list there are 500 new names in the list this year, the total being 9,070. There are over 1,000 new owners shown over last year, 5,980 people out of the total owning real estate in the city.

AWARDED FARM WITH COSTS AND DAMAGES
An entirely new field of aldermanic candidates in ward 3 will be out this year. Ald. Ryerson, Harp and Steadman are announcing their retirement from municipal activity.

Judgment Given in Connection With Peculiar Case in Zorra.
The potato farm and timber lot at Zorra operated by the city for the past two years, has been placed on the market for sale, but no bids have been received by the city.

The G. W. V. A. has called a meeting of all returned men out of employment, and a systematic effort towards assistance will be made.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR BORDER POLICE

Chief Thompson Will Put New Schedule Into Effect Shortly.

WINDSOR, Dec. 17.—Declaring that eight hours daily is not enough for anyone to work, and particularly police officers, if efficiency is expected, Chief Daniel Thompson, who assumes the duties here as head of the local department, declared today his intention of instituting an eight-hour day for members of the local force as soon as possible.

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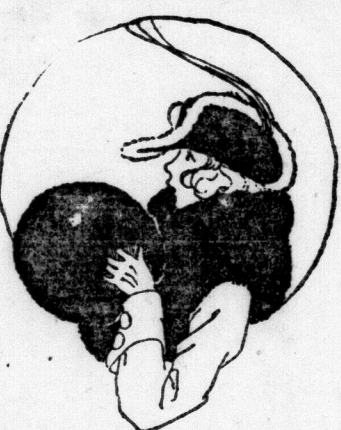
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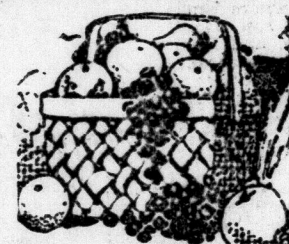
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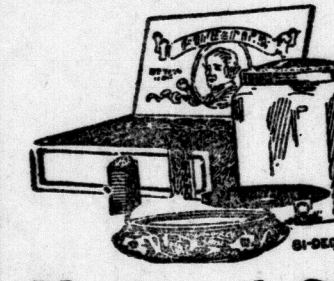
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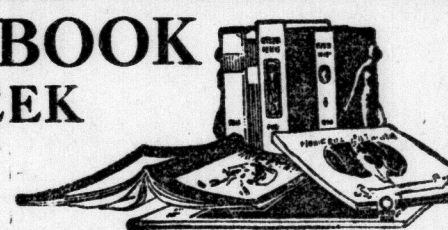
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