

TOWNSHIP IS SUED ON DAMAGE CLAIMS BY THREE RESIDENTS

Actions Result of Motoring
Accident in West-
minster.

ROAD ALLEGED FAULTY

Plaintiffs Say Bad Hole Exist-
ed and Spaces Between
Ties.

Judge Talbot Macbeth reserved judgment yesterday in the non-jury court case, Butler vs. Left, in which the plaintiff, P. Butler, of Lucan, sued William Left, of Westminster, for damages for the purchase of scrap iron. J. H. McKillop appeared for the plaintiff, and W. B. Meredith, of Meredith & Meredith, for the defendant. The hearing occupied nearly the whole day.

Three damage claims against the Westminster Township came before Judge Macbeth at the non-jury session of the county court today, and are being heard together. The plaintiffs are John G. Hopper, his son, Gordon Hopper, and Basil Fox, and the claims include damages to an automobile, to the person and to the clothing of these men, as a result of an accident which occurred, it is alleged, on account of the faulty construction of a township road.

Hole in Road?
During the hearing of the evidence it was stated that the auto was turned over as the result of striking a hole in the roadway near a culvert. One witness, who gave evidence, supported his drawings and measurements of the scene, made shortly after the accident, stated that his investigations showed that there were spaces of three to four inches between the drain ties, through which the earth had sifted from the roadway.

Plaintiffs were represented by E. W. Stetson, city, and the defendant, township by J. M. McEvoy. The case was still proceeding at press time.

COURT GETS \$400 ON LIQUOR CHARGES

Two Men Admit Guilt and Pay
Usual Fines.

A local man pleaded guilty in police court this morning to having liquor in either than a private dwelling, and was given the option of paying \$200 or going to jail for the winter. Two others, who were with him, were allowed to go, as there was not sufficient evidence to convict them. All three were discharged on a charge of being drunk, as there was a lack of evidence.

Another \$200 fine was imposed on a young man when he pleaded guilty to having liquor in his possession. No evidence was offered against two companions, who were arraigned on the same charge.

POTS ARE BOILING BUT FUEL REQUIRED TO KEEP UP PRESSURE

Salvation Army Ready for Gifts to Help
Poor at Christmas.

The picturesque iron pots, slung on tripods and presided over by Salvation Army lassies, have begun to appear on the streets, indicating the approach of Christmas. Dimes and nickels and quarters are fast tinkling in and sometimes a bill flutters silently to the bottom of the pot, all bent on giving a happy Christmas to the poor of the city. With the money, good things to fill Christmas baskets are purchased, and left in the house, where otherwise there would be nothing. A great portion of the collection is devoted to regular relief work in the city throughout the winter. However, it is the Christmas basket idea which appeals to a policeman's idea. Lieut.-Col. John Rawling, his staff and local officers are in charge of this work. Adjutant Wright, Capt. Stevens and Capt. Fox are looking after the collection in the pots at the different street corners, and the "League of Nerves" sisters, who see that the baskets for the poor are generously filled. "Keep the pots boiling."

CANVASS FOR FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S AID AMOUNTS TO \$20,194

Promises Add \$2,857 to This
Total.

SHARE IS GIVEN AWAY

One-Seventh Goes to Child
Welfare Association
of City.

An official report was handed out today on the money collected by the Commercial Travellers' Association for the Children's Aid Society. The industrial and special collections totalled \$8,301.75, and the Sunday collections, \$11,892.72, making a total of \$20,194.47. Promises of \$2,857 have been made, making the aggregate receipts \$23,051.97.

Advertising cost \$318.63, and other expenses amounted to \$235.52, making a total of \$554.21. The net proceeds were therefore \$22,497.76.

Of this amount one-seventh will be turned over to the Child Welfare Association.

Complete returns from the county have not been received.

CONSTABLE PROVED HE COULD CLEAN STREETS

But Man, Who First Refused, Relented
and Escaped Fine.

Emmanuel Christian was brought to police court this morning for neglecting to clean the snow from the sidewalks in front of the Christian Science Church on Richmond street, but was dismissed. He had been warned by a policeman to clean the walk, but said it was stuck to the pavement too fast. The officer procured a shovel and proceeded to demonstrate that the job could be done. Christian, he stated, still refused to do the work, so he followed the law and had him summoned to court.

Christian stated that soon after the constable left he did the work.

ALL WOOL CASHMERE STOCKINGS 35 CENTS, BUT NOT THIS YEAR

These Prices of 1911 Are
Given As Cheer Pro-
ducers.

A scrap of old newspaper, which turned out to be the Montreal Star of September 22, 1911, sent a London citizen into a state of righteous indignation this morning. He unearthed it in the search for something which he had forgotten at the appearance of the paper: "Ladies' plain all-wool cashmere hose, 35 cents a pair; Ladies' medium-weight, pure wool cashmere hose, 50 cents a pair."

"Did such days ever exist?" he gasped, in the light of \$3 and \$3.50 a pair for wool stockings today.

"Fine large bannans, 12 1/2 cents a dozen; continued the paper. 'Cheese, 16 cents a pound; cooked ham, 35 cents a pound; ladies' Austrian kid gloves, 45 cents a pair; ladies' gloves, 10 cents a pair; ladies' French kid gloves, \$1 to \$1.50 a pair; chamoisette gloves, 25 cents a pair.'"

And all this in Montreal, which was considered the most expensive place to shop in Canada at that time.

And today in London wool cheese is quoted at 40 cents a pound, and old cheese at 30 cents. Cooked ham is 30 cents in contrast to 25 cents in 1911, and bananas are no longer sold by the dozen, but by the pound, the 12 cents a pound price of today equalling 120 cents a dozen. And merchants are displaying kid gloves for Christmas sale at from \$2 to \$3 a pair, showing that times have indeed changed since the old Montreal paper was printed.

NEWS

CLEARINGS INCREASE.—Bank clearings for the week just ended show an increase of \$1,047,555 over the corresponding week of last year. This year they were \$2,793,571, while last year they were \$2,746,016.

MORE PAY UP.—E. L. Wright, Robert Gray, Bruce McDonald and Murray Fisher each were fined \$5 and costs in police court this morning for violating the motor vehicles act. Charles Sutton and F. E. Leonard paid \$2 for similar offences.

MOTOR CAR BURNED.—William Curtis, in Euclid avenue, had a motor car destroyed and his garage badly burned last night. The fire started in the car, the origin is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$1,000. The fire department extinguished the blaze with little difficulty.

OIL STOVE EXPLODED.—About \$10 damage was done by fire to the home of S. M. Fenwick, 195 Leavelle street, when an oil stove exploded at 5 o'clock this morning. The fire department responded immediately, and the fire was out in a few minutes. The flames could make any headway.

CHANCE FOR SCHOOL GIRLS.—As a result of a check-up by the local manufacturers have notified Miss Sutherland, superintendent of the women's department of the Government Employment Bureau, that they will be glad to employ school girls over 14 years of age during the school holiday season.

INSPECTION POSTPONED.—The inspection of the new building of the government office, which it was expected would be made yesterday by Major Hamilton, clerk of the peace, and the partition, has been postponed. The major having been recalled to Ottawa.

HELPS TO BREAK CITY BYLAWS.—Cost H. Shoobottom, R. A. Bayly, James A. Reaniche, J. R. McDevitt, William H. Smith and R. H. Smith, 55 Sydney street, 33, and R. Mason, 22, in police court this morning.

BROKE.—John P. Neimann, P. Benokko and Mike Letrick each were assessed \$5 and costs in police court this morning for breaking the Lord's Day act by playing cards.

BOTH CHARGES FAIL

F. S. Oun was charged in police court this morning with speeding and with obscuring the license number on his car. Both charges were dismissed. The number, he said, had been tied to the auto after he had been told that the wires had broken, allowing it to fall and making the numbers invisible. He did not know of this until the officer had told him.

He denied speeding on Dundas street from Wellington street, saying that he delivered a parcel in the middle of the block and therefore did not go from intersection to intersection.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF MRS. LEESON.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Leeson, who died on Tuesday, December 16, was held from the family residence, 183 Ridout street on Thursday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Agnew.

Mrs. Leeson is survived by her husband, W. A. Leeson; four sons and one daughter, W. H. of London, Wesley of Kinloss, Vincent of Paisley, Roy of Fort Myers, Florida, and Lillie at home, also her mother, Mrs. H. H. Leeson of Kinloss, and three sisters and three brothers. Mrs. Kaaka of Kinloss, Mrs. A. Stringer of Kinloss, Mrs. W. Spaul of Portage La Prairie, Ben Moulton of Kinloss, Henry Moulton of Port Elgin, Samuel Moulton of Kinloss.

BURIED AT WOODLAND.—The funeral of Emma Ethel Lewis, who died on Sunday evening, was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of her parents, 622 Nelson street, although the funeral was of a private nature, it was largely attended. There were many beautiful floral tokens.

The services were conducted by Rev. G. McKinley. The pallbearers were: W. Niles and five nieces, W. McNally, R. Lewis, G. Lewis, D. Lewis and B. Bolman. Interment was made in Woodland Cemetery.

DEATH OF ELIZABETH BAILEY.—The death of Elizabeth A. Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bailey of 27 Euclid avenue, occurred at Victoria Hospital on Wednesday. She was born in England seven years ago. Her parents and three sisters, Marian, Mabel and Ida, all at home, survive.

The funeral was held from the hospital this afternoon at 2 o'clock to Woodland Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Armitage.

EXCHANGE RATES MUST BE STANDARDIZED OR ITALIANS CANNOT BUY

Rome, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—Speaking on the provisional budget measure in the Chamber of Deputies today, Signor Giuffrè, former minister of commerce and labor, said that by an understanding between the Allies the exchange rates were standardized during the war, but that "the moment the armistice was concluded, international bankers exercised influence on the American Government and obtained an abolition of that understanding."

The speaker urged the Government to obtain from the Allies an understanding that there would be a return to the system of standardized exchange. He said that if this was not done, Italy would be unable to buy abroad.

PAUL DESCHANEL ELECTED.—Paris, Dec. 18.—Paul Deschanel was re-elected president of the Chamber of Deputies by that body today. His candidacy was unopposed.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN JULY

The New Voters' List Will Be
Double That of Last
Contest.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—That the next provincial general election would be held probably in July, but that no definite announcement would be made until after the session of the legislature, was the statement of Premier Norris yesterday. The new voters' list, he mentioned, would be practically double that on which the last election took place.

JUSTICE SANKEY'S RULING IS HEARTILY SUPPORTED BY BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Government's Plan of Prohibition of Imports
Is Condemned.

London, Dec. 18.—That importance is attached to Justice Sankey's decision in the prohibited imports test case is shown by the fact that nearly all the morning papers allude to it editorially and generally in approval of the judge's ruling.

The Times declares the decision appears to be unimpeachably good sense, and that if the proclamation adopted to distinguish between imports from the Dominions and foreign countries, as correspondence in the case implied, it is all the more satisfactory that the court should forbid such procedure without full and open sanction of Parliament.

The Morning Post's comments: "State illegality" and says the case illustrates the singular fatuity of the methods of the Government in dealing with international trade.

Both the Daily News and the Daily Mail condemn the decision to war regulations for Government powers instead of the House of Commons.

BRITISH LABOR WILL PUT 400 CANDIDATES UP FOR ELECTION

Parliamentary Election in Bri-
tain Predicted for Near
Future.

London, Dec. 18.—Recent predictions that a general election will be held in the near future are revived by several morning newspapers in connection with the election of members to the House of Commons yesterday.

Parliament will be prorogued next week until the second week in February, when, according to widespread belief, the Government will immediately prepare for a dissolution of Parliament and an election to test the country's confidence in the coalition cabinet.

Members of the Labor party, it is stated, are convinced this is the Government's intention and are pushing plans to put 400 candidates in the field. The Labor party of the party, it is said, will be the nationalization of coal mines, although one section is asserted to believe that the Government will not do this.

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FREEMEN'S JOURNAL WAS SUPPRESSED BECAUSE OF ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT

Sensational Statements Made, Charging
Protection of Criminals.

London, Dec. 18.—The real reason why the Dublin Freeman's Journal was suppressed is given in a Dublin dispatch to the Herald, the organ of organized crime. The dispatch says that the raid upon the plant was not made because of the newspaper's alleged interference with the recruiting of special constables as was stated in Parliament, but was a result of newspaper attacks upon the Irish administration.

It is asserted that the Journal alleged certain known criminals were allowed immunity from prosecution because the Government was employing them. The Freeman's Journal was suppressed because of its attacks on the Government.

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correspondent says it is firmly believed that Detective Downing and Bafton, who were slain in Dublin recently, were shot, not by Sinn Féiners, but by criminals of the vilest type. This identity is known to the Government, but who are left untouched because the case wishes the murders to be attributed to the Sinn Féin. This charge, he says, is "not made without evidence," adding: "Men of sober judgment accuse the single Canarrilla with preparing a foul political crime similar to that committed in 1788."

GERMANY CANNOT DELIVER ALL MATERIAL DEMANDED UNDER PEACE PROTOCOL

Allied Experts Consider Plan To Reduce
Original Amount Asked.

Paris, Dec. 18.—German delegates are said by newspapers here to have furnished the Allies proof that Germany cannot deliver all the harbor and dock material demanded in the protocol to the peace treaty. Allied experts are said to be disposed to consider a counter-proposition which would reduce the amount to be turned over by 200,000 tons.

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REQUESTS PRISONERS TO RETURN.—Paris, Dec. 17.—The head of the French military mission in Berlin has called upon French war prisoners remaining voluntarily in Germany to return to France, according to advice from the German capital.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Vittorio Scialoja, the Italian foreign minister, left Paris for Rome this morning.



A thrilling scene from "A Man's Country," starring Alma Rubens. Appearing at the Patricia Theatre today, Friday and Saturday. Vaudeville features: Mills and Houlton, travesty comedians. Also a special Rainbow comedy "Oh, You East Lyns," and a Nutt and Jeff cartoon "The Chambermaid's Revenge."



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Silver Bread Trays \$4.00 up
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Silver Sandwich Plates \$4.50 to \$9.00
Silver Entree Dishes \$13.00 up
Silver Bake Dishes \$8.50 to \$22.00
Casseroles, brown, green, white and pyrex \$4.00 to \$15.00
Pie Plates \$5.00 to \$10.00
Napkens 50c up
Baby Cups \$1.75 up
Silver Tea Services \$15.00 to \$60.00
Large Sheffield Plated Trays \$33.00 to \$55.00
Gravy Boats \$9.00 to \$12.50
Candelabra \$12.00 to \$16.00
Spoon Trays \$4.00 to \$6.00
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Knife Rests \$3.50 pair
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