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## TORONTO MAN AND HIS WIFE, MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN WERE DROWNED IN PIGEON RIVER WHEN A 14 POUND MASKINONGE OVERTURNED THEIR CANOE

### FIVE FIREMEN INJURED WHEN OLD LADDER BROKE AT A FIRE ON BAY STREET

Three Are in St. Michael's Hospital and Two Others Were Slightly Hurt by Falling 35 Feet to Pavement—Fire Damage is \$20,000.

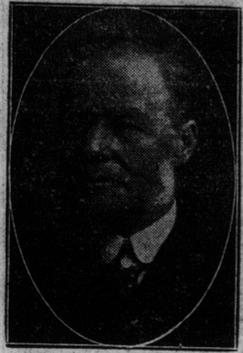
Three firemen are in St. Michael's hospital suffering from injuries and two others are also more or less badly bruised as a result of a fire which did \$20,000 damage at the old Myott building, 120-122 Bay street, late last night. The accident occurred when a line of hose was being hoisted to the second story and the ladder to which the men were clinging broke into several pieces.

Oliver Pool of Berkeley street station, Arthur Taylor, Walter Joyce and John Knott of Portland street, were all on one of the old ladders on truck No. 2, Adelaide street. Pool was reaching to catch the frame of the window on the second story. He called to the three men below to run up the hose. But the strain was too much for the old ladder and it broke as the men reached the top. With the exception of Pool, they all fell to the pavement 35 feet below. The other man grasped the top of the ladder. As the piece struck the ground Pool dropped off and was only slightly bruised.

Joyce was picked up and received medical attention at once. He was then taken with Taylor and Knott, to the hospital. The latter has a badly strained side, while Taylor injured his head and one arm. Joyce received the most serious injuries. He is badly bruised and is suffering from shock. All will recover.

**Fell on Driver.**  
W. M. Phillips, who drives the chief's car, was standing at the bottom of the ladder and all the men fell on him before he could regain his feet after the first comrade slipped on him. It is probably due to this man that the injuries to the others were not more serious, as he broke their fall.

Mayor Geary was at the scene of the fire shortly after the accident inquiring as to the condition of the men.



CHARLES McCAFFREY of Omemeo, whose wife, son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren were drowned. He found the upturned canoe and some of the bodies.

The blaze broke out on the second floor near the elevator shaft at 9.25. A passerby noticed it and turned in an alarm. Also the firemen were soon on the scene the flames had a good start. A hose wagon was run up the lane behind the building and two lines promptly put to work from the rear while four others played inside the building.

**Amateur Sleuth Caused Arrest of Highwayman**  
Harry Beattie Was Seen to Take \$146 From a Drunken Man, and Was Followed by a Pedestrian, Who Informed a Policeman—Another Man Also Held.

After being shadowed by James Warrington for several blocks Harry Beattie, 17 Bleeker street, was pointed out to Constable Scott as the man who had a short time before knocked down Charles Gow and robbed him of \$146. James Warrington, who had been approaching, saw the robbery. Beattie has the reputation of being a "sand-bag man" and desperate. Warrington caught Beattie and took the money from him. This he gave back to Gow. Instructing a passing fireman to watch the intoxicated man Warrington followed the thing. By dogging behind posts and otherwise concealing himself he shadowed Beattie until he met Constable Scott at the corner of Church and Shuter street.

In the meantime another local character, Charles Smith, had picked up Gow, spotted the roll and assisted Gow to walk. He assisted the drunken man that he would take him where he could rest. On the way he ran into Constable Sutherland, who questioned the two, and when told that the drunken man was going to sleep it off he took charge of both. At the signal box the two constables met with their respective prisoners and they were taken to the station together.

## Wm. McCaffrey and His Entire Family Fell From Canoe and Were Drowned Mother and Child Entangled in Line With a 14 Pound Fish on the Hook

C.N.R. \$10,000,000 Stock Issue.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(C.A.P.)—Enquiries in good quarters, says The Standard, tend to confirm the rumor that a fresh capital issue will shortly be made by the C.N.R. The issue, it is stated, will be one of two million sterling in 5 per cent. charge, convertible debenture stock. The price being mentioned is about 95.25.

**Workingmen Gathered to Give Greeting to Framer of Ulster's Covenant and His Associates — F. E. Smith, M.P., Says Government Can't Dodge Responsibility.**

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 23.—(Can. Press.)—Crowds numbering nearly 100,000 mostly of the working classes, gathered at the dock early this morning to welcome Sir Edward Carson, the Marquis of Londonderry and other Unionist leaders on their arrival from Belfast. Several thousand members of the Orange societies were drawn up with banners and bands. Alderman Workmen and the Orange Order, extended greetings to which Sir Edward Carson and F. E. Smith, M.P., replied briefly.

The horses were taken from the carriage and the visitors were drawn by workmen thru the streets to the Conservative Club amid cheering and singing. After breakfast the leaders addressed the crowds from the club balcony, telling of the success of the anti-home rule movement and the signing of the covenant in Belfast yesterday.

**Five People Were in a Sixteen-foot Canoe When it Was Overtaken by a Huge Maskinonge, and Altho Mr. McCaffrey Was an Expert Swimmer and Canoeist, and His Daughter Also Could Swim, the Whole Party Was Drowned.**

In the placid waters of Pigeon Creek, which winds its way into Sturgeon Lake, near Peterboro, 70 miles east of Toronto, five people lost their lives Saturday afternoon when a 16-foot canoe capsized. An entire family was wiped out: William J. McCaffrey, his wife, son and daughter, of 16 South Drive, Rosedale, Toronto, and his mother, Mrs. Charles McCaffrey of Omemeo, a village near which the tragedy occurred. An overturned canoe, gradually sinking, found in the middle of the creek, where the water was about 10 feet deep, revealed the almost unbelievable truth. A few hours later the body of William McCaffrey was located and a fishing line, which was wound about his wrist, was being jerked by a 14-pound lunge, showing that the direct cause of the tragedy was the "grapple" of the fish on the troll, which evidently excited the party of canoeists. All the bodies were recovered Sunday after they had been grappled for for many hours by a number of villagers. The bodies of Mrs. McCaffrey and her daughter were tangled in the line.

The following is the death toll: WILLIAM J. McCAFFREY, aged 39 years, assistant manager of the supply department of the Canadian General Electric Company, whose home is 16 South Drive, Rosedale. MRS. CHARLES McCAFFREY, his mother, aged about 65 years, of Omemeo, near Peterboro, Ont. MAXINE McCAFFREY, his wife, aged 38 years. MRS. WILLIAM McCAFFREY, his daughter, aged 13 years. HOWARD McCAFFREY, his son, aged 8 years.

**TOOK FAMILY ON FISHING TRIP.**  
For twenty years William J. McCaffrey had been employed by the Canadian General Electric Company, and the vacancy he leaves is the assistant general manager of the supply department. Every year he had spent his vacation with his family at his old homestead, where his father and mother live. This was in Omemeo, a village with about 500 inhabitants, situated on Pigeon Creek, a small and peaceful watercourse, which runs for about six or so miles northward into Sturgeon Lake. Omemeo is on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, about half-way between Lindsay and Peterboro, and is considered an ideal camping spot for holidayers. This year Mr. McCaffrey did not enjoy a vacation, but on Friday night he decided to take his family for their annual visit to his native town. They intended to stay for just the week-end, but, if the fishing was good, would extend the visit until Tuesday night.

**FAILED TO RETURN.**  
On Saturday morning the party of five, just as they were wont to do on other years, began a fishing trip up the creek. When dusk came and they had not returned home, John McCaffrey, husband, father and grandfather of those in the boat, became anxious and set out to find them. He, with a neighbor, rowed up the river to a distance of about six miles from the village. In the middle of the creek, which was about 40 or 50 yards wide, an overturned canoe was found, sinking gradually at the bow. This was the only trace of the five of his family which had left the boat house a few hours before. Both men began to grapple for the bodies, but with no success. When darkness settled over the stream they returned to the village and there broke the news.

Early the next morning (Sunday) a great number of friends went up the creek to search for the bodies. William McCaffrey, on his wrist a fishing line was wrapped and tangled. When the body was placed in the stream it was found to be that of the little boy, Howard, and a boat struggling on the troll. This is the only indication of how the tragedy happened. Someone in the craft must have become excited by the struggles of the huge fish and overturned the canoe. Later in the morning the body of Maxine, the little girl, was discovered. The five bodies were taken back to the homestead, from where the funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon to the village cemetery.

**AN EXPERT CANOEIST AND SWIMMER.**  
Nothing is known of the struggles of the one man, William McCaffrey, in the party to save the others. Those in Toronto—and there are many—who know him, are aware of his athletic prowess. He was an all-round athlete a few years ago, an excellent cricketer all his life and an expert swimmer. The only other one in the party who could swim was Maxine, who was a pupil at Havergal College, and for a girl of her age had a strong and able stroke.

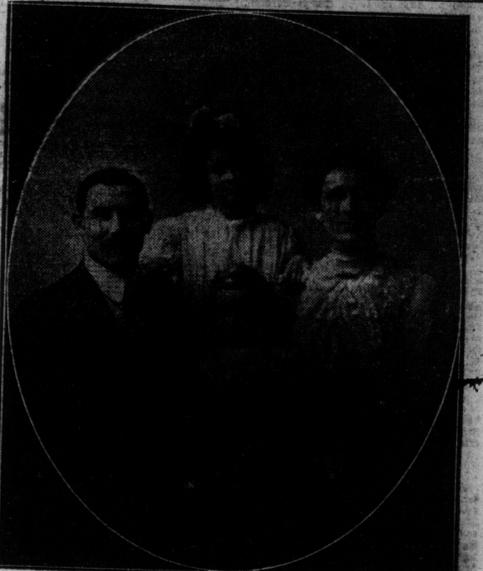
But all were handicapped in the chilly water, and on account of the place where the craft capsized not one, even a swimmer, would have had a chance to reach land. On either shore is a marsh extending back about 100 yards, and impassable. William McCaffrey undoubtedly did not have a chance to save his mother, his wife or his children. An overturned canoe, which fills quickly, is practically impossible to handle by one person struggling in the water against odds. A 16-foot canoe, half-filled, cannot be righted by one person, and Mr. McCaffrey had four people to look after. It is more than likely that he sank exhausted after fighting vainly to save those dear to him.

The water where the bodies were found was six, eight and ten feet deep. About 100 yards from the spot where the waterlogged canoe was picked up was found the body of Mrs. McCaffrey, or. Farther up the stream looked in her arms, was drawn to the surface of these calm and peaceful, the treacherous waters. Some distance away William McCaffrey's body was picked up, and farther on towards the lake, his daughter.

**FIRST FATALITY IN MANY YEARS.**  
Old-timers in Omemeo say that it is the first drowning fatality in many years in Pigeon Creek. In no place is the creek over 60 yards wide, except where it empties into Sturgeon Lake. And the current is hardly noticeable. It thus being considered rather safe by even the most timid canoeist. Campers from all parts go there for the summer, and a more picturesque camping spot would be hard to find. The canoe used was just large enough for five people. It was two feet longer than the regulation size, and has a much wider beam, and therefore more difficult to upset. It was one of the usual type used by camping and fishing parties.

The news of the drowning was received in Toronto at 1.30 Sunday morning by long-distance telephone. Miss Salter, a half-sister of Mrs. William McCaffrey, a nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children, College street, was in attendance upon her mother, who is dying at 16 South Drive. No information was given the sick woman then, it being feared that the

### ENTIRE FAMILY DROWNED



MR. AND MRS. McCAFFREY OF 16 SOUTH DRIVE, WHO WERE DROWNED NEAR OMEMEO ON SATURDAY.

### TWO DROWNED CHILDREN



MAXINE McCAFFREY, AGED 13, WHO ATTENDED HAVERGAL COLLEGE, AND HER BROTHER, HOWARD, AGED 8, WHO WAS A PUPIL IN ROSEDAILE SCHOOL.

### LACKNER RESIGNS IN N. WATERLOO

Accepts Shrievalty of Waterloo County, Vacant Eleven Months—By-Election Probably Nov. 3.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The executive committee of the North Waterloo Conservative Association met this afternoon for the purpose of calling a convention to nominate a candidate for the approaching by-election made necessary by the resignation of Dr. H. G. Lackner, M.L.A., to accept the shrievalty of Waterloo County, which office has been vacant since Oct. 26, 1911. The date set is Oct. 5, at Waterloo, and the date of the election, which will be announced next week, will likely be Nov. 3.

Dr. Henry George Lackner, who has five times been chosen to represent his district in the provincial parliament, was born in Hawkesville, Waterloo County, in 1831. He attended Toronto University, and was graduated in 1876 with the degree of M.D. Since his graduation he has practised continuously in Berlin. He was the first medical health officer for Berlin, and acted in that capacity for ten years, while since 1880 he has been physician and surgeon for the house of refuge.

He was elected a member of the provincial legislature in 1898 as a representative of the Conservative party for North Waterloo. He was re-elected in 1902, 1906, 1908 and 1911, receiving good majorities in each contest. He is the only Conservative representative that has sat in the local legislature since the county was organized.

It is reported that Ald. C. H. Mills will be the party nominee to succeed Dr. Lackner.

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