

## SENSATIONAL STATEMENT MADE IN WALPOLE ISLAND MURDER

**Mrs. John Williams Tells Police That Kiyosk Was Drunk on Night of Tragedy and Declared He Was Going to Get Gun and Kill Nahdee—Bloodstained Gloves Found in Hut.**

[Staff Special.]

Walpole Island, Jan. 8.—The jury which under Coroner Dr. Ferguson, of Courtwright, will investigate the recent double murder here, this morning viewed the body of Adam Johns, and then adjourned until Friday as the crown is not ready to proceed.

**Nahdee's Body Lost.**

It was found impossible to view the body of Charles Nahdee, the other victim, as when the men were trying to take it from the water it slipped from them and went under the ice. As the current is very swift it is unlikely that it will ever be recovered, although a diligent search is being made.

**Find Blood-Stained Gloves.**

The police have secured some very important evidence in connection with the affair. An Indian constable on

searching the hut found a pair of woman's mitts, which were saturated with blood, and to which hair was clinging.

**Sensational Statements.**

A most important witness has been secured in the person of Mrs. John Williams, who has told the police that on the night of the tragedy she saw Mrs. Flossie Williams at the house where the killing occurred. In addition she states that as she was going home she encountered the prisoner Kiyosk on the road. Mrs. Williams says he was in a drunken condition, and that he said he was going to get a gun and kill Nahdee.

The prisoners will make no statement beyond saying that they know nothing of the matter.

—ARTHUR C. BOWMAN.

## MAYOR BEATTIE HANDS OVER REINS

**Urges Council to Continue to Consider Need for Storm Sewers.**

**PAVING PLANT NEEDED**

**Aldermen Bring in Notices of Motion and 1912 Council Starts the Year.**

The council for 1912 was sent away to a good start this morning, and judging from the enthusiasm manifested by the new members, the year should be a busy one.

Ex-Mayor Beattie was present, and called on Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, to open the meeting with prayer. The order of business completed, Mayor Beattie reviewed the work sent to the new council from the past.

"There are many important matters with which you have to deal," said ex-Mayor Beattie. "Prominent among them is the construction of storm sewers throughout the city. Although a bylaw has been defeated twice, through lack of information, I think, there is great necessity for such a system. I am convinced that you will see the necessity for them very soon. Then there is the matter of a municipal paving plant. I hope that it will not be lost sight of. In addition, you must consider the improvement of the fire department to meet the demands of the fire underwriters. The electrification of the London and Port Stanley road is a most important matter. I might mention other questions—the bylaw to provide for electric wiring, the suggestion of Ald. Bennett that the salaries of officials be placed on a sliding scale, and other things."

**A Mill on the Dollar.**  
The council of last year will give the present body a surplus of about \$35,000. This amounts to more than a mill on the dollar, and there should be no trouble in reducing the tax rate at least one mill.

"The hopes of the citizens are high at the present time. The people are looking for great things. I wish you every measure of success. I am glad that some of the old members of the council are returned. You will find their advice of inestimable benefit. I have great pleasure in giving the reins of power over to Mayor Graham."

Mayor Graham then took the chair, and directed the affairs of the council for the remainder of the session. The mayor of Berlin wrote notifying the council that a meeting to consider the inland waterways of Ontario would be held in Berlin on Jan. 11, and the finance committee was instructed to send a delegate or two to the meeting.

**For Firemen's Benefit.**  
Ald. Ashplant also gave notice that he would at the next session of the council move to have a special committee to work out a proper scheme for the firemen's benefit fund.

There was quite a gallery watching the inauguration. Those present were: Mayor Graham, Aldermen Richter, Johnston, Spittal, Bennett, Wright, Ashplant, Rose, Coles, Blandford, Moore, Robinson, and City Clerk Baker.

## KINCARDINE FIRE

**Dwelling of Mr. Mathison Was Badly Scorched in Night Blaze.**

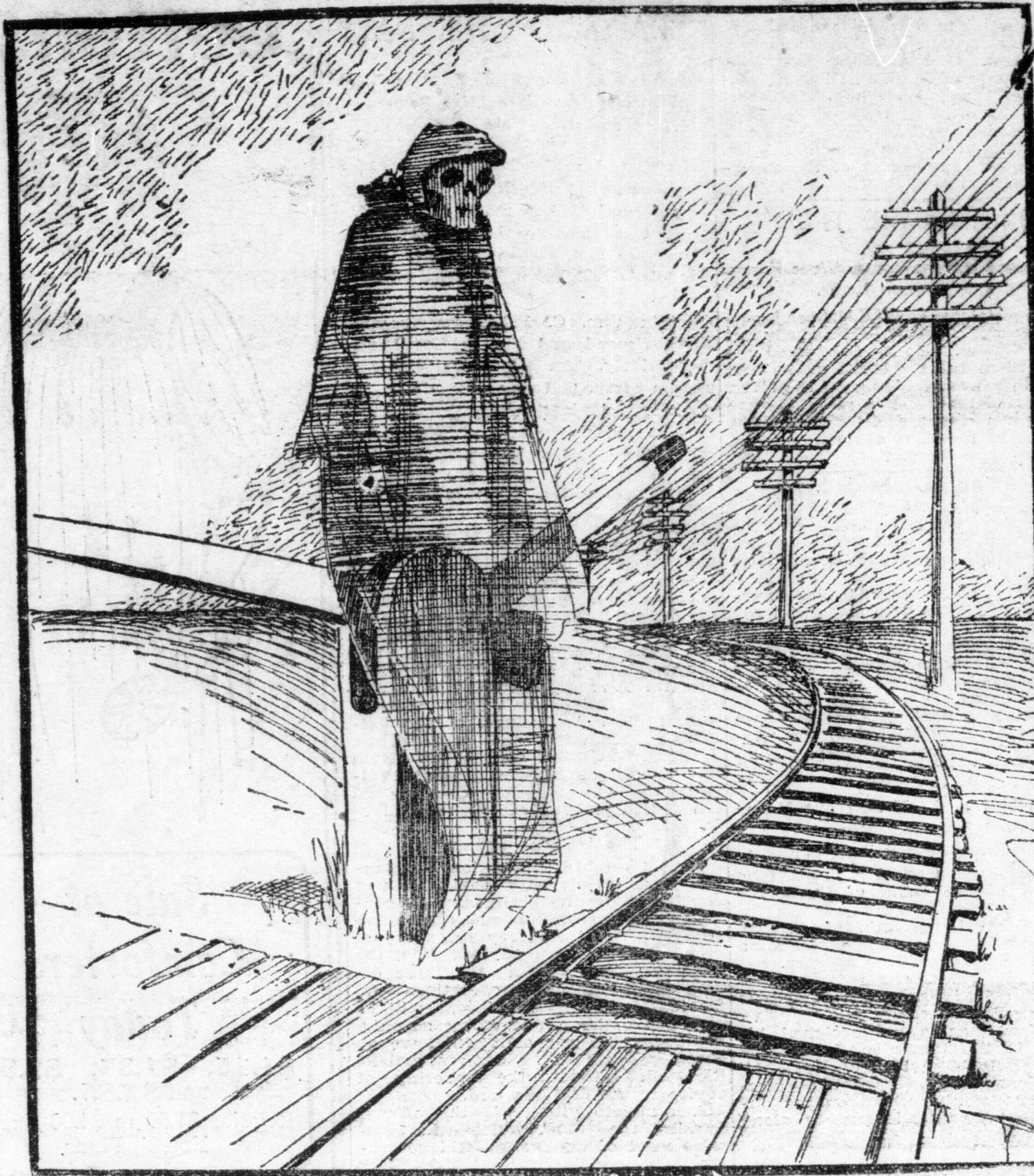
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kincardine, Jan. 8.—The two-story frame dwelling occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Mathison was very badly damaged by fire, which broke out about 7 o'clock in the evening. It is not known how the blaze started, but before the department got it under control part of it had been gutted completely. Hard work had to be done to save the rest. The loss will total \$600, on which there is \$400 insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Mathison were only recently married. The house is owned by Mr. James Brown.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 8.—Called: Corbittian, from Liverpool, for Halifax and Philadelphia.  
New York, Jan. 8.—Arrived: Minnetonka, Ivernia.  
Dover, Jan. 8.—Called: Kronland, from New York.  
Christiansand, Jan. 8.—Arrived: Hellig Olav, from New York.  
Rotterdam, Jan. 8.—Arrived: Hesperus.

## THE DEADLY LEVEL CROSSING



## ACCIDENT VICTIM ENGAGED TO WED

**His Fiance Planned to Accompany Walter Smith to Glencoe.**

**COLD WEATHER PREVENTS**

**Luckily Six-Mile Drive in Zero Weather Did Not Appeal to Miss Hattie Lewis.**

The tragic death of Walter Smith, the little bugler of the Seventh Regiment, who was killed with his brother on a C. P. R. level crossing at North Glencoe at midnight Saturday, was particularly pathetic, in that the London man had made all arrangements for his marriage within a few weeks to Miss Hattie Lewis, of 511 Nelson street.

The nuptial knot was to have been tied at Christmas time, but the couple saw fit to delay the ceremony until the approach of spring.

Walter Smith had purchased a home on Chesley avenue, and had also purchased a quantity of furnishings. He was greatly attached to Miss Lewis, and it is possible that she would have accompanied him on the fatal journey but for the cold weather.

**Decides Not To Go.**  
Her fiance urged her to accompany him on the visit to his brother's farm near Newbury, and she had prepared for the trip. However, the prospect of a six-mile drive in zero temperature was not attractive, and she decided not to attend.

It is said that Walter Smith left the home of Mr. Dan Cameron, of 95 Maitland street, where he boarded, with some missivings, on Saturday night. Before leaving he was quite unwell, and decided as to what course to adopt, but declaring that he was anxious to have his sister come to Canada, since the demise of another member of the family in England, and adding that "death draws us closer together," he started for Glencoe.

**Had Two Insurance Policies.**  
Mr. Smith carried two insurance policies, the beneficiary in one case being the brother, Harry, who was killed in the same accident. The other was made out in favor of Herbert Smith, now of Seattle, Wash. Herbert resided in London until a couple of years ago and was an electrician.

## THE WEATHER.

**TOMORROW—SNOW.**

**Forecasts.**

Toronto, Jan. 8.—8 a.m. Today—Strong easterly winds; somewhat higher temperature, with snow. Tuesday—Light snow, but partly fair.

**Temperatures.**  
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

| Stations.                   | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|----------|
| LONDON                      | 9     | 15   | Cloudy   |
| Calgary                     | 22    | 6    | Cloudy   |
| Winnipeg                    | 24    | 4    | Snow     |
| Port Arthur                 | 14    | 18   | Cloudy   |
| Toronto                     | 12    | 9    | Snow     |
| Ottawa                      | 6     | 14   | Cloudy   |
| Montreal                    | 10    | 20   | Clear    |
| Quebec                      | 12    | 22   | Cloudy   |
| Father Point                | 2     | 22   | Fair     |
| Minus (—) means below zero. |       |      |          |

A depression is quickly forming in the Mississippi Valley, indicating a general snowfall from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces.  
The cold is moderating somewhat in Ontario, but very low temperatures still prevail in nearly all portions of the Dominion.

## ABDUCTION CHARGE AGAINST ESSEX MAN ARRESTED HERE

**George Dobson Alleged To Have Induced Young Girl To Leave Her Home With Him—Is a Brother of Child's Foster Mother.**

George Dobson and Edna Walker, wanted by the constabulary of Essex County, were taken into custody this morning by Detective Down, the former charged with the abduction of his lady friend.

County Constable Frank Brown, who supplied the information and description, was notified, and will come today to take the couple back to Essex.

According to the information in the hands of the police, Dobson, who is a brother of the foster mother of the girl, left the Walkers' home on Jan. 3. They drove to Stoney Point, and on the morning of Jan. 4 purchased tickets to London and boarded a train for this city. Detectives Eriksen and Down looked about for the pair, but were unable to locate any trace of them until Detective Down came upon them in a local jewelry store this morning. They had gone to have their initials engraved on a watch. Dobson was locked up, charged with abduction, while the girl is also being detained, although not charged with any offence.

The girl is only 14 years of age. Since coming to London Dobson and the Walkers' girl have boarded at the home of Mrs. Grayson, 121 York street. He stated that the lady was his sister. Mrs. Grayson, a widow, and the couple were given rooms.

Mrs. Grayson had endeavored to obtain employment in a local factory for the girl in accordance with the plans suggested by Dobson. The latter also supplied the information that Mrs. Grayson suggested to him that she purchase a dray outfit and earn her living in the cartage business. He brought between \$300 and \$400 with him to this city.

Dobson is a bachelor, and claims that he came to this city to satisfy the wishes of the girl. Miss Walters alleged that she was ill-treated by her foster parents, and that for that reason she did not wish to remain with them.

## BIG TILLSONBURG CHURCH WAS COMPLETELY GUTTED BY FIRE

**Glare of Flames Awakened Pastor—Hydrants All Frozen Up and Blaze Made Tremendous Headway Before Water Was Secured—Loss Fully Covered.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Tillsonburg, Jan. 8.—The big Methodist Church here was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Shortly after 2:30 Rev. Mr. Kerr, pastor of the church, who lives next door, was awakened by the glare of the fire, and on going out found flames shooting through the windows of the gallery. He, at once gave an alarm, but when the fire brigade arrived, owing to the hydrants being all frozen up, it was impossible to get any water on the building for half an hour. In the meantime the blaze made great progress, and when it got into the roof all hope of saving the church was abandoned. The flames licked up the belfry and the big bell fell with a crash right through to the basement, and was followed soon afterwards by the roof. Only the walls are now standing.

As soon as the fire was discovered members of the congregation went into the building and got the records and the communion service. This was all that was saved, as the men were driven from the building by the flames in the gallery.

Services were held as usual yesterday, and a roaring fire was kept on as a result of the mercury standing at 18 below zero. It is believed that the fire started from a defective chimney in the gallery.

The building had been considered unsafe for some time, and the congregation were contemplating the erection of a new church. The loss is fully covered by insurance, and it is expected that a fine new church will be built in the spring. The fine pipe organ was reduced to ashes.

## GAS PIPE LINE BREAKS AS BLIZZARD RAGES

**With Fuel Supply Cut Off, Large Section of Chatham Is Set Shivering.**

[Canadian Press.]  
Chatham, Ont., Jan. 8.—Overcoats were worn indoors and coal was in unwonted demand this morning, when a break in the pipe line from Tilbury East gas fields suddenly cut off the city's natural gas supply. The accident occurred in the midst of a raging blizzard. Plants which depended on natural gas for power were forced to suspend operations for several hours pending repairing of the break.

## MAYOR DELIVERS INAUGURAL SPEECH

**Intimates That Offer Is To Be Made To Lease Road to Port Stanley.**

**REGARDING RAILWAYS A PLAN OF REVIVAL**

**Mr. Graham Declares That He Will Endeavor To Secure Improvements From Grand Trunk.**

At the first meeting of the city council, held at 11 o'clock today, Mayor Graham read his inaugural address. Many proposals, such as those concerning the street railway extension, Grand Trunk improvements, etc., are contained in the address. The various recommendations were sent to the different committees to be acted upon.

The address is as follows:  
Gentlemen of the Council:  
It gives me great pleasure to meet with you for the first time as the council of 1912, and to extend to you my hearty congratulations upon the mark of confidence you have received from your fellow-citizens in being elected to manage the affairs of our city.

I personally wish to thank the citizens of London for the good representative council they have selected to help me in the administration of the city's affairs. I feel sure you will all strive to help me and one another in all matters that may come up for consideration, regardless of personal, sect or party feeling, consulting one another, having team work only, eliminating all individual play, with the view of the success of this, our London.

This has to be a very busy year. First, we have to deal with the different bylaws voted on at the last election.

**Garbage Bylaw.**  
It has been indorsed by the ratepayers, and it is our duty to give said bylaw its third reading, and I trust the matter will be dealt with as quickly as possible. It is in my opinion one of the great needs of the city, and one we can deal with safely by acting on the data gathered from the experience of other Canadian and foreign cities, thereby saving time and expense to the city.

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## PROMINENT MEN AID UNIVERSITY.

**Agree to Contribute Certain Amount for a Term of Years.**

**PLAN OF REVIVAL**

**Latest Method of Financing Institution Expected to Greatly Invigorate the Western.**

Prominent citizens of London interested in the Western University have recently subscribed to a fund, the purpose of which is to assure the institution a standing which will bear materially on the placing of the college in the forefront of educational institutions in the Province.

Considerable amounts to be provided annually for a term of years by the subscribers are said to have been secured, and a plan is under way whereby the university will undergo a revival.

At the present time it is not possible to divulge the plan involved, but it can be said with certainty that the project has met with a large degree of success in every quarter in which it has been broached.

**A General Response.**  
It was stated today that in practically every instance where professional and businessmen were asked to subscribe they acceded to the request. When the subscription has been completed, and it is said that the necessary amount has been practically signed for, the next step toward the university's improvement will be taken. A meeting is to be held within a short time.

The letter from Mr. T. J. Murphy, one of the university's governors, appearing in The Advertiser of Saturday, has caused a great deal of comment in the city. A more concrete illustration of the injustice which London receives at the hands of the Whitney Government has not yet been presented, and sentiment continues to increase in favor of taking drastic means of bringing the Government to a just appreciation of the claims of Western Ontario's university.

**Another Deputation Possible.**  
It has been stated that sometime during the next session another strong deputation will wait upon Sir James Whitney and endeavor to have him withdraw his cabinet from the attitude toward the institution.

Meanwhile the latest proposition for the advancement of the university's welfare is regarded as the most practical method yet adopted in the furthering of its cause. Those interested are confident that once the plan has been announced it will have a considerable influence upon the legislators in bringing them to a reasonable consideration of the educational claims of this most thickly-settled section of the Province.

## EQUIP SNOW PLOWS WITH SAFETY DEVICE

**Railway Commission Suggests Direct Connection Between Plows and Locomotives.**

[Canadian Press.]  
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Two important circulars have been sent out by the railway commission to the roads under their jurisdiction in connection with the operation of snow plows and locomotives.

The first circular will be considered by the board on Feb. 1, asks all railroad companies, subject to its jurisdiction to show cause why they should not be directed to equip their snow plows in such a manner as to be able to ride for the purpose of operation, with direct connection between the plows and the locomotive steam whistles, to equip each plow with an air gauge, a controlling valve, and also proper air connections between plow and locomotive; to have snow plows which are run as push plows, fitted with fittings between plow and locomotive so that they may be applied automatically in case of accident, and lastly that all plows should have automatic couplers.

The other circular is in connection with the equipping of all railway companies to equip locomotives with dump pans or other appliance to avoid the necessity of engine or others going underneath the engine to clean it. This is, of course, designed for the safety of engineers and will be heard on Feb. 6.

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL OPENS TONIGHT

**All Candidates for Classes Should Present Themselves.**

The Industrial School will open tonight. Practically all arrangements have been made by Principal Beal, and the committee. Tonight the students in the various classes will register and be assigned to the teachers.

The equipment has arrived, and is nearly all installed. The prospects are bright, and Principal Beal and the committee anticipate a successful season.

"We are ready to receive pupils," said Mr. Beal. "We have had a most generous response to our circulars, and every class will be filled up. The manufacturers are assisting us in every particular, and I have no doubt as the objects of the school are better understood, more students will apply. I want every student to be on hand tonight, so that we can get properly organized, and make every arrangement for their instruction. I am optimistic that the coming term will be rich in results. There is room in all classes for several, and those who are not successful may be placed on the waiting list."

## TRAIN KILLS PASTOR.

**Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 8.—The Rev. K. S. Willis, of Ellensburg, pastor of the Baptist Church there, was instantly killed early today while driving over a railroad crossing. A light engine struck a carriage he occupied.**



WILLIAM W. SMITH.  
London Man Killed in Level Crossing Accident at Glencoe.

## INDIAN CHIEFS WAIT ON BORDEN

**British Columbia Braves in Full Native Garb Demand a Fair Deal.**

**WANT TITLE TO LAND**

**Delegation Claims That the McBride Government Has Refused to Acknowledge Claim of Tribes.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Nine British Columbia braves, representing the Indians of that province, made a call on Premier Borden this morning, and like the many deputations of white men that have been in Ottawa since the change of Government, presented a request. However, there was a difference, for while most of the white men have asked for favors the aborigines claimed their demand was for a right. They asked for an absolute title to lands on which to live, and through their representative, J. M. Clarke, K.C., they stated that the Government of the province had refused to acknowledge their title.

The Indians were in as full native garb of beads and feathers as the weather would permit, but with the thermometer standing well below zero they had to make concessions to the climate in the form of red woolen mufflers and other civilized clothing, which seriously detracted from the picturesque.

Premier Borden heard the request of the chiefs with patience and promised to have the matter carefully looked into.

## BLUEVALE ACCIDENT

**Mr. Gray and Son Injured When Horse Ran Away.**

Bluevale, Jan. 8.—What nearly resulted in a very serious accident occurred on Saturday afternoon when Mr. H. Gray and his son, Andrew, were driving into Winham. Their horse was frightened by a dog which ran out, and dashed down the Bluevale road. Both were thrown out and the cutter badly smashed. They escaped with only slight hurts.

Miss Agnes Thomas has returned to Cochrane, after spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. Thomas Henderson, who has been in the west for some time, is at his home on the Bluevale road. He will move his family out in the spring. A number of young people spent a very pleasant evening as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black recently.

## STATION AT ROCKWOOD DESTROYED BY FIRE

**Volunteers Save Cars on Nearby Tracks and Books at the Office.**

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 8.—The Grand Trunk station at Rockwood was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon. An oil lamp in the station exploded. The men of the village saved the cars on the tracks and the books were also saved.