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Fine and Cool.

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WITNESSES SWEAR THEY DELIVERED MUCH GRAVEL AT PAT MULHALL'S HOUSE

The Alleged Graft Inquiry Opened in the Council Chamber of City Hall Before His Honor Judge Macbeth This Morning.

ALD. TANCOCK PAID 25 CENTS
FOR ONE OF THE AFFIDAVITS

Witnesses Claim That They Got Paid for Gravel Dumped at Mulhall's by the City—Much Testimony Was Heard.



Judge Macbeth.

A half dozen witnesses were called to testify before Judge Macbeth in the first session of the alleged graft inquiry at the city hall this morning. All gave evidence to the effect that while engaged in hauling gravel for city purposes they had delivered a number of loads to the private premises of the Ward Foreman, Patrick Mulhall, of Piccadilly street.

City Solicitor Meredith looked after London's interests. Alderman Tancock, who made the charges, was represented by Mr. U. A. Buchner, while Mr. J. M. McEvoy and Mr. Marshall Graydon acted for Mr. Mulhall.

While Mr. Buchner did not engage in the examination of the witnesses he worked in conjunction with Mr. Meredith.

The Prosecution. Mr. Meredith aimed to show that gravel delivered at Mulhall's place was used in the construction of a foundation and sidewalks, while the defense contended that the material used for this purpose was purchased in other quarters, the city's gravel being merely stored on the foreman's lot as a matter of convenience in order that the street repair man in that section could have a supply close at hand.

Mr. Alex. Henderson, a city teamster, appeared to have been the person chiefly responsible for the investigation. He swore that he noticed two city laborers, Simpson and Aid. Tancock, several times as he drove past. He remarked to Morkin that "Mulhall must be getting his place pretty cheap, when corporation laborers are doing all the work." He said he said the same thing to several others, and had gone to Aid. Tancock regarding the matter.

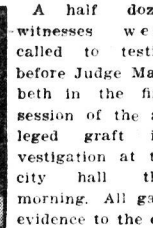
25 Cents for Affidavit. William Hueston, another teamster, swore that he waited upon by Henderson, who brought Aid. Tancock with him to hear the story of the delivery of a load of gravel at the rear of the Mulhall home. He furnished an affidavit, he stated, and received 25 cents from the alderman afterward.

Mr. McEvoy endeavored to learn if any other witnesses who had previously given affidavits had been paid for them, but this was the extent of the expenditure made by Aid. Tancock.

Adjournment was made at 12:30 till 2:15 this afternoon, when the case will be proceeded with providing that City Solicitor Meredith, who has a case on in Toronto, is able to attend.

Michael Morkin's Story. The first witness called was Michael Morkin, a teamster who had a gravel contract in Mulhall's division. In answer to Mr. Meredith he stated that perhaps twenty loads three of which were delivered on June 30 had been sent to Mulhall's house on Piccadilly street. He had seen the gravel being used on the foreman's premises. The house had just been completed, a new basement and foundation having just been constructed. The instructions to send the gravel were given to witness through his teamsters. His brother, James Corsant, James Gilmour and others had given the instructions. Morkin had delivered gravel about the city street all summer, but had always been ordered specifically to deliver it clean when going to Mulhall's. The city paid for all in the same manner as for that spread upon the thoroughfares.

Instructions as to the delivery of gravel on the roads were always sent by the city engineer's department. Mr. McEvoy then commenced his cross-examination and questioned the witness severely as to his statement



Alderman Tancock.

that he knew of nothing further than had any bearing on the subject.

However, Morkin admitted that he had delivered gravel at Mulhall's place for the past two years. He said that he did not know as a fact that a portion of Mulhall's place had been rented by the city to store gravel for use on streets in the north end of London. He did not consider, however, that all this material had accumulated on the foreman's property.

Mulhall never requested him to deliver gravel on this (Mulhall's) premises.

Witness could not swear that as Mr. McEvoy put it, one ounce of the gravel delivered on June 30 was being used in the building operations which he saw in progress the following day.

Last September Morkin was ordered to deliver three loads to Mulhall's place by the city engineer's department, but witness did not know exactly where the material was placed.

John Morkin Testifies. John Morkin, a brother of the previous witness, testified that he delivered gravel on June 30.

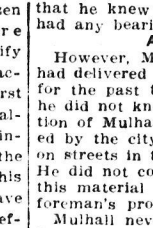
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LONDON PEOPLE ARE WORRIED

Many Have Relations in the North Country Where Fire Rages.

YOUNG MEN IN PERIL

Many Prominent Citizens Have Sons Fire Ranging in the Woods for the Ontario Government.



A young man in peril.

Dozens of people in this city and throughout the district who have relatives fire ranging in Northern Ontario are waiting eagerly for news of them.

Many of the young men are working right through the district that has been burned over, and while they are all boys who have had experience and know how to take care of themselves, their relatives are naturally anxious to hear from them.

So far no telegrams have been received but these are hardly expected yet, as in many places the wires are all down as a result of the poles having been burned.

Mr. Frank Nickle, the youngest son of Sergeant of Detectives Thomas Nickle, is working with a railway construction gang right in the heart of the burned district. His brother, Mr. Roy Nickle, only arrived home from New Ontario on Saturday.

Mr. Alex. Greenlee, son of ex-Ald. A. Greenlee, is surviving with a party about 100 miles north of Cochrane. His parents had a letter from him yesterday, but no mention was made of any fires.

Mr. T. L. Tanton, son of Mr. John Tanton, of 479 Waterloo street, is fire ranging in the danger zone.

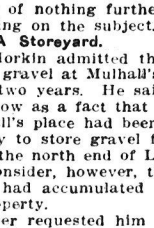
There are numerous other young men from the city and district scattered all through the burned region, and many of the prospectors are from London or this vicinity.

CRAZED BY THE HEAT
FIRE RANGER SUICIDES

Found Dead in His Hut With Bullet Wound in Head.

Bala, Ont., July 12.—Albert May, middle-aged, who has been fire-ranging in the township of Freeman, was found dead in a hut on Moon River on Monday. It is supposed he became demoralized from the excessive heat while fighting the fire, and while in this state shot himself with a revolver behind the ear. The last entry in his diary was: "Arrived 8 a.m.; almost done with the heat."

A paper was found upon which was written, with here and there a word left out: "I take this opportunity to tell you that I am sick of it all. I am tired of life. Good-bye, all." May was well known around Bala as a particularly faithful worker.



A man in the woods.

"COME BACK SOON"

Dublin Gives the King and Queen a Memorable Send-Off.

[Canadian Press.]

Kingstown, Ireland, July 12.—King George and Queen Mary concluded their visit to Ireland today, and with the Prince of Wales and Princess Mary sailed on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Holyhead, Wales.

The investiture of the Prince of Wales will take place in Carnarvon Castle tomorrow.

Dublin gave their majesties a memorable send-off. As they passed through the streets there were frequent cries of "Come back soon."

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Cool.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, July 12—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds; fine and cooler today and on Thursday.

TEMPERATURES.



A man in the woods.

ALSO CLAIM GOES TO THE U.S.

Arbitrator King George Decides Against Chili.

HUGE SUM IS INVOLVED

American Claimants Secure Nearly a Million Dollars.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 12.—The Times announces that King George has given the award in the Alsop claim to the United States. The award concedes \$187,000 (\$935,000) to the American claimants.

Early in August last the United States ambassador and the Chilean minister at London presented to the British foreign office their respective cases on the Alsop claim, which had been submitted to King George as arbitrator. The claim is based upon large sums of money advanced to the Bolivian Government in 1874, Chile agreeing to assume the obligations of Bolivia to the company when Africa passed to Chile. The claim amounted to \$1,500,000. The United States and Chile agreed to submit the case to the late King Edward, and, after his death, to his successor, King George. Chile deposited the amount claimed in London, to be paid over in case the award was in favor of the American claimants.

ORANGEMEN OFF FOR WOODSTOCK

About 200 Lined Up on Dundas Street, and Marched to C. P. R. Depot.

BIG CELEBRATION TODAY

Six Local Lodges Were Represented in the Procession—Many Members From Ontario Lodges.



A man in the woods.

With banners and flags flying gaily, and fifers and pipers playing their best, two hundred Orangemen, representing local lodges and lodges from around London, lined up on Dundas street at 8:30 this morning, and marched to the C. P. R. depot to take a special train to Woodstock, where they will take part in the celebration that is being held there.

Conspicuous among those in line were the representatives of the Indian lodges which have been formed on the Muncy and Onondaga reserves.

Two local ladies' Orange lodges were represented by a large turnout of their members.

The local lodges in the procession were: Boyne, 298; Ahoghill, 230; Forest City, 762; Hackett, 805; Beaver, 201; and Nassau, 201.

All of the members were in full regalia and some of them wore white coats and caps.

Mrs. George Valle, of Dundas street east, received word yesterday that her brother, Mr. Arthur Renace, formerly of this city, was found lying in a canoe at Keewatin with his left wrist shot off and a large hole torn in the left side of his chest above the heart.

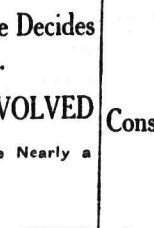
It is supposed that while getting into the canoe in some manner he tripped over the weapon, and it discharged.

Mr. Renace had been in Keewatin for seven months, and was the superintendent of one of the Hudson Bay outpost stations.

The superintendent had gone to Winnipeg for supplies, leaving Mr. Renace in charge, and when he returned he found his assistant lying in the canoe.

Apparently Mr. Renace had been dead for some time, just how long is not known.

Mrs. Valle has written to the Hudson Bay Company for further particulars. Continued on Page Nine.



A man in the woods.

FIVE HUNDRED PEERS TO "WATER" HOUSE OF LORDS

However, Nobody Really Believes But That Lansdowne Will Surrender—Balfour to Talk on Crisis.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 12.—The Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, Unionist leader in the House of Commons, had a further conference with Lord Lansdowne yesterday, and it was subsequently announced that he would address his constituents in the city of London on the constitutional crisis on July 25, just about the time when the Lords will be considering whether to surrender or to face the creation of scores, perhaps hundreds, of new peers.

Lord Knollys also conferred with Mr. Balfour yesterday, and as he is in the confidence of the Premier, the conference has a special significance at this time.

Meanwhile the Times states that the chief Liberal whip has a list of five hundred peers ready, but nobody really believes, in spite of the Unionist cry of "no surrender," that there will be necessity for watering the peers and creating a permanent Liberal majority in the House of Lords.

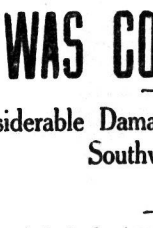
MICHIGAN LADY BURNED TO DEATH IN EXPLOSION

Mrs. R. T. Meldrum, of the office staff in Smallman & Ingram's, received a telegram last night stating that her sister, Mrs. Pryor, of Houghton, Mich., had been burned to death near Eagle Harbor, Mich., in a gas-line explosion which occurred on her husband's yacht.

Mrs. Meldrum formerly resided in Houghton before coming to London.

Mrs. Pryor had a number of friends in this city, as a result of visits she had made to Mrs. Meldrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum left last night for Houghton.



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CHARGED WITH SELLING AT PROHIBITED HOURS

An information has been laid against Mr. Arthur Sadlier, of the Sadlier House, charging him with having broken the bylaws by selling during prohibited hours. The case will come up before Magistrate Judd in a couple of days.

TRAPPED BY BARBED WIRE.

Vladia, Cal., July 12.—Entangled in a barbed wire fence Philip Aultman, 64 years of age, was burned near here yesterday. Aultman was climbing through the fence to put out a fire in some weeds, when his clothing caught on the barbed wire. The fire surrounded him and when assistance came he was burned beyond recognition.

DISASTER TO NORTHERN ONTARIO WORSE THAN FIRST REPORTED

North Bay Reports Many Towns Menaced Along the C. P. R.—Great Distress Prevails at Cochrane.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

North Bay, Ont., July 12.—Thirty lives, it is known, have been lost in the fires which raged over the Porcupine District. The dead include Captain White, of West Dome, and his whole family. Dozens of persons have been injured. A big hospital train is now being rushed into the north country, with doctors and medical supplies. Its destination is Iroquois Falls. Every train that arrives brings news that the disaster is one of the worst in the history of the Province.

[Canadian Press.]

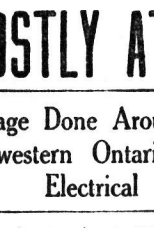
North Bay, July 12.—Reports from the burned section of Northern Ontario continue to hourly indicate that the disaster was even worse than at first imagined and danger is not yet over, nor will it be until a heavy rain falls. All along the Ontario government railway line the fire is blazing on both sides of the track, and urgent demands are being made for cars to carry away the cut pulpwood, thousands of cords of which have been taken out and piled along the tracks. The heat was so intense last night that the windows on the south-bound express from Cochrane had to be closed to protect the passengers.

Train Delayed. The T. and O. express leaving Cochrane yesterday morning, left the rails at Beskinka, 142 miles north of here, the engines and cars leaving the rails, but no one was hurt. The place where the accident occurred was surrounded by burning brush, and passengers had to hike along the track to a cooler region. The train was delayed five hours.

Besides the north country, bad fires are burning south on Lake Nipissing in Parry Sound District, and flames are distinctly visible at North Bay, a distance of 20 miles.

Many Towns Menaced. Reports are coming from along the C. P. R. main line west of here that forest fires are menacing towns. Cartier was thought to have been doomed last night, but flames moved in the outskirts of the town, cutting wide swathes to the south and leaving the town safe like an oasis in the desert of black earth.

The fires are raging between North Bay and Sudbury to the north and south, and many towns and settlers will be at the mercy of the winds. At Cochrane last night there was very little sleep for Continued on Page Eight.



A man in the woods.

PLEADED GUILTY TO BLACKMAIL LONDONER IN A SERIOUS BOX

Posed as a Special Detective and Forced an East End Citizen to Give Up \$2 to Him.

At the police court today, a young man who has a mainly good record, pleaded guilty to having, on July 3, obtained money unlawfully from Arthur Southern, of Sharnock street east, by threatening to prosecute him for having stolen lumber from the Grand Trunk Railway.

The man in question represented that he was a special detective and gave the name of Martin Producers, which, of course, is not his name at all. Mr. Southern, who has recently been ill, was terribly shocked by the accusation, and in order to get the man away from the house, Mr. Southern gave him \$2 and as soon as possible communicated with the police.

This morning, after considerable argument, Crown Attorney McKillop accepted a \$500 bail for the citizen's appearance in a week's time. He is liable to a term of five years in the penitentiary.

Mr. Southern, when he appeared in court today, was in such a condition from the shock the affair has given him that she was on the verge of collapse. He was supported when going out of the station.

A Lively Set-To. Mr. P. H. Bartlett is representing the accused, and before court opened he and Chief Williams had a lively set-to as a result of the chief complaining that Mr. Bartlett had interviewed witnesses for the prosecution. This the chief claimed was unprofessional.

Mr. Bartlett claimed that the chief had said he "smuggled" them away. This the chief denied.

"I'm ready to answer for anything I do," said the chief, warmly.

"Well, you will certainly answer for this," said Mr. Bartlett.

Chief Williams said he had never before heard of a lawyer doing as Mr. Bartlett had done.

"Especially going and interviewing a poor woman who is in the physical condition that this witness was," said the chief.

"It's done every day," said Mr. Bartlett.

"Not by nice people," said the chief, and the incident closed by the arrival of the magistrate.

A charge of fraud which was laid against the prisoner in connection with having taken the \$2 was withdrawn as a result of him pleading guilty to the main charge.

KING STREET PAVEMENT WILL LIKELY BE GREATLY IMPROVED

People Are Paying a Frontage Tax for an Alleged Permanent Roadway Which Lasted Only a Year.

The question of what to do with King street pavement is beginning to come to the fore again, now that it is proposed to pave all the cross-streets with asphalt between King street and Queen's avenue.

King street, between Wellington and Montreal streets, is in a deplorable condition, notwithstanding the fact that the people are paying a frontage tax for a pavement. It is realized around the city hall that the majority of the people on the street are entitled to consideration.

The city, it is understood, still holds the \$200 which was held back as a guarantee, but how far this will go toward resurfacing the street, may be guessed.

the people are compelled to go down in their pockets to pay for something which is no good and never was any good.

It is said that a macadam surface could be put down on King street at a small cost. The foundation would also carry a suitable surface, but it is feared that it would be too much of a risk to attempt to put asphalt on it without putting in a new and more level foundation.

The council will likely hear from people on the matter shortly.

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NEW STORY FRIDAY

Beginning Friday The Advertiser will publish a new story, "Seventh Noon," by Frederick Olin Bartlett, author of "The Web of the Golden Spider," "Seventh Noon" has an ingenious plot and is skillfully written. It will be enjoyed by all lovers of a good clean story.

MOTHER SHOCKED; BABY ESCAPES

A Lightning Bolt Enters House Near Port Stanley.

THE STORM WAS TERRIFIC

Barn at Dexter Destroyed With All the Crops and Implements.

[By Our Own Man.]

Port Stanley, July 12.—The worst storm of the year visited this village and district yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, and today reports of serious damage are coming in.

The barn of Nelson Parker, at Dexter, was struck by lightning and completely destroyed, together with one cow, all of this season's hay, and all the farm implements. The loss is very heavy.

While Mrs. H. Pickering, of the Union road, a short way out of Port Stanley, was standing with her baby on her arm, a bolt of lightning struck the house and came down a wall right in front of her. Mrs. Pickering was thrown to the floor and was unconscious for half an hour, but the baby escaped completely.

Lightning knocked a chimney off the residence of Fred Mitchell, of Bridge street, and trees on Orchard Beach fort Fraser Hill were struck. Rain fell for two hours, accompanied by a heavy hail storm, which did a lot of damage to fruit and crops. The weather this morning was very cool here.

MAYOR HOPEWELL WON'T WELCOME THE PREMIER

Ottawa's Chief Executive Says It Is a Political Demonstration.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Ont., July 12.—Mayor Hopewell, who has an ambition to be the next Conservative candidate for Ottawa, has declined to present an address of welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at his homecoming reception tonight. On his return from King Edward's coronation, Sir Wilfrid was presented with an address by the mayor of Ottawa, so the same programme was suggested for this occasion. Mayor Hopewell, however, declared that the affair is to be a political demonstration and that he will not be a party to it.

FOUGHT OVER A DOG

James Williams and Reginald Kennedy, colored men who got into a scrap on Richmond street last night about a dog, were each fined \$5 by Magistrate Judd today.

Fred Fuller, also a colored man, who has a weakness for strong drink and was up recently for indulging in a fight in vain today for another chance. He will spend a three weeks' vacation at Castle Carter as a result of not producing \$20.