

# WITNESS SAYS MRS. TRUMBULL BELIEVES AS HUSBAND DIED

## Sensational Developments in Windsor Trial of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin

### BRITISH BANKERS SAY "IT'S OVER"

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### OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

Some Even Say That Too Much Has Been Heard of "Bad Times."

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—Many British bankers and industrial leaders say they believe the worst of the recent trade depression in this country has been reached and that the outlook is brighter.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Liverpool and Maritime bank, the chairman, Edward Paul, while admitting the extent and severity of the existing trade depression, did not despair of the power of Great Britain to emerge at no distant date from the difficulties through which it is passing.

He said there were some reassuring features and a good deal of sound business was being done in various directions. The cost of food was coming down gradually and the fall in prices of many commodities, while it caused serious loss to many individual traders, was a relief to other sections of the nation.

Exchange More Favorable  
He pointed to the rise in the American exchange rate as a favorable factor and said, while there had been a few failures, the fact that there had been no general catastrophe was a great tribute to the economic stability of the country.

Frank H. Hoelder, chairman of the Houlder Shipping Line, presiding at the annual meeting of the line said: "The hope and belief is that the present depression has been overdone and that we may soon look forward to the rebound which will be a relief to us and to the country."

Lord Colwyn, presiding at the annual meeting of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, said the trade standstill 1921 had opened in depression, but he could see no reason to be unduly dependent about the future. Lancashire had weathered worse storms in the past.

Motor Trade Brighter  
Sir Herbert Austin, of the Austin Motor Company, said there was a certain amount of depression in the motor trade, and throughout the country at present, but he was certain that the majority of firms in the trade were selling more cars today than they did in the same time of the year previous to the war.

"I believe," he continued, "we have come to the bottom of the depression and that we are going to see a recovery in our particular trade and in many other trades of the country."  
E. Dixon, presiding at the annual meeting of James Tatnell and Sons, cotton manufacturers, said Germany must be got moving again before there could be any real steady trade. Given that, with the excess profit tax out of the way, and the bank rate reduced, he thought there would be a very prosperous trade.

Food Prices to Drop  
F. J. Blackmore, president of the National Chamber of Trade, said: "I can promise the country that food prices are going to fall much lower than they are at the present time. The index figure at the Ministry of Labor is now 111 points down from the highest point of the late war, and cast that during 1921 the present dark clouds of unemployment will rapidly pass away and when this year has passed into history we shall unanimously agree that it has been one of the best years this country has ever been experienced."

### Dr. Casswell, of Digby, Well-Known Here, Dies

J. A. Casswell, M. D., C.M., of Digby, N. S., passed away very suddenly on Tuesday afternoon at his home. Dr. Casswell was well known by many in this city and was the only son of the late Major Casswell.

Dr. Casswell was born in Charlottetown, P. E. I., 62 years ago. He graduated in medicine from McGill University and for thirty-two years practised medicine in Gagetown. Last autumn he retired and removed to Digby. Recent letters stated that he was in good health. Surviving are his wife, who was formerly Miss DuVerney, a cousin of Bishop DuVerney, three daughters, Mrs. (Major) Hamilton, of Regina, Miss Marjorie Casswell and Miss Frances Casswell at home and one son, James of Digby. Four sister also mourn his loss—Mrs. T. R. Flint, Toronto; Mrs. (Rev.) Partridge, of Peabody, Calif.; Mrs. Alma Casswell, of Toronto; and Mrs. Alexander Ray of Belleville.

Dr. Casswell, while he never lived in Belleville, was a frequent visitor here.

### Chamber of Commerce "Work" Committee Completes Labors With Draft Program Needing Organized Community Endeavor

Ten Important Planks in Major Program as Outlined by Directors and on some Special Work Has Already Been Done—Supplementary Programme Contains "Food for Thought."

THE Program of Work Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has completed its labors for the time being and has laid before the directors and members an elaborate list of proposed activities that will provide a broad and comprehensive field for organized community endeavor.

This Program of Work is really the expressed desire of the members themselves. Some time ago each member was given a "suggestion" blank and was asked to answer the question: "What in your opinion is the thing of first importance that should be undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce?"

To those inquiries a great variety of answers has been received. Some of the suggestions were not thought to be practical at the present stage. The fact that all things cannot be done at one time has been recognized in correlating and assembling these individual suggestions. Consequently those suggestions which have occurred most frequently have been embodied in a series of ten planks which constitute the "Major Program of Work."

Certain other suggestions, of perhaps no less importance, but which represent the contribution of fewer persons or of the more advanced thinkers, have been included under the "Supplementary Program."

The Program of Work Committee has had several meetings and has given the most careful consideration to the suggestions made. There has also been an endeavor to incorporate in the Program the recommendations of the special committee that reported upon the debate at the first Open Forum meeting this year on the "Attractiveness" of Belleville.

This Program of Work does not by any means cover all the anticipated activities of the Chamber of Commerce. Emergency problems that cannot be anticipated at the present moment, will arise from time to time. These will be dealt with as occasion demands. There is, besides, the heavy regular routine work of the Chamber of Commerce such as taking care of correspondence, organizing and meeting with committees, preparing reports, submitting press reports and cooperating with other public bodies in all lines of movements, campaigns, appeals and community efforts.

### THE MAJOR PROGRAM

The major program of work is composed of ten highly important planks. Considerable work has already been done on two or three of these, notably the campaign to secure more direct railway connection between Belleville and Whitney. Two open forum meetings have already been held.

"Know Belleville."  
This is the first time in history of the world that the people of any city have set out in this methodical and scientific way to study their present status and condition in order to discover their shortcomings and bring about improvements. The studies, as has previously been stated, are being conducted in the form of debates under ten main heads: (1) Attractiveness; (2) Education Facilities; (3) The People; (4) Business; (5) Healthfulness; (6) Recreation; (7) Accessibility; (8) Employment; (9) Living Conditions; (10) Progressive Public Opinion.

The two public meetings already held have been very largely attended and indicate a remarkable interest on the part of the people and awakened public opinion.

Whitney Railway Connection.  
The movement to obtain direct railway connection between Belleville and Whitney that was inaugurated some weeks ago by the Chamber of Commerce has already gathered momentum and has already resulted in favorable action by the County Council of Hastings, the City Council of Belleville and other public bodies. It is expected that before very long an influential delegation will lay the project before the commission in charge of the National Railway system. In an event the campaign will not be discontinued until the legitimate desire of the people here has been brought into effect.

Athletic Park and Fair Grounds.  
The need for an up-to-date athletic field and fair ground and fair in keeping with the importance of this city has been felt for many years. The Recreation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has already taken up the matter of trying to secure a suitable location and will not discontinue its efforts until Belleville is well supplied with both these necessities.

City Planning.  
Modern cities should not be left merely to grow by haphazard way more than a dwelling or business block should be constructed without any preliminary plans. An adequate plan and system of development is even more necessary for the larger corporation than for the smaller unit of a family or a business. A badly planned house merely inconveniences a few individuals; a badly planned city is an inconvenience and often a source of great direct loss to a multitude. City planning includes such problems also as limitation of business in certain sections, extension of our park system, beautifying the water front and the creation of

beauty spots in various parts of the city.

Rural Relations.  
The Chamber of Commerce has a strong standing committee, the purpose of which will be to increase the feeling of friendship and harmony that should exist between city and county. Mr. John Elliott, the Chairman of the Committee, is giving the matter his energetic support. Already in this connection the County Council have met at a banquet and much direct good has resulted. The committee has several ambitious plans in hand for the establishment of rest-rooms and public lavatories and hopes to make adequate provision for the parking of cars.

Try Belleville First.  
The Chamber of Commerce strongly recommends the general public to patronize Belleville merchants, manufacturers, business houses, musicians and professional men before going elsewhere. It is felt that as good or better service in these lines can be secured at home and that those who help to maintain schools, streets and other public services should have the preference over those who make no such contribution.

Water Communication.  
Efforts will be continued to procure the city with steamship passenger and freight service. There is more than a sentiment against the fleet of steamships has vanished from our Bay. We would all like to see the Rochester-Montreal boat restored in order that the beauties of our Bay of Quinte may be properly advertised.

Industrial Expansion.  
The Industrial Commissioner is working with the greatest energy to secure the location here of a number of industries that will mean much to Belleville. The present commercial depression has caused a slowing up of expansion but it is anticipated that the worst is now over and that the opening of spring will witness a resumption of activity. A number of American industries that have been considering Belleville as a location are expected to open negotiations again early this coming spring.

Supplementary Program.  
The supplementary program of the Chamber of Commerce which follows represents a variety of activities and policies that will commend themselves to the sense and judgment of the public. It must be understood, however, that some of these are put forward for purposes of discussion before the policy in regard to them has finally been adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM

1. Naming of Streets.—Re-naming of streets where names are obviously inappropriate. Posting of names on street corners. Directing signs for automobilists.

2. Suburban Area Commission.—A Suburban Area Commission should be appointed as soon as possible to work out a municipal program for the suburban areas. The commission should be organized in the form of a committee of the City Council.

3. Parks and Boulevards.—That private companies be prevented from dumping barren road material in the boulevard strip. That the Horticultural or some similar society of prizes for the best kept lawns and gardens. That the city put the boulevards in such a condition that they may be neatly kept by adjacent property owners.

4. Advertise Belleville.—That every legitimate means be taken of advertising Belleville and its advantages. Make Belleville worthy of all the good things that can be said about it. Encourage local optimism and patriotism.

5. Civic Sunday.—That the clergy of the different denominations be requested to devote one Sunday a year to delivering messages on the duties and responsibilities of citizenship as applied to a resident of a city.

6. Community Spirit.—Serve the interests of the whole community by encouraging acquaintances, co-operation, civic pride, and responsibility on the part of the citizen.

7. Improve Appearances.—Encourage the use of paint. Paint telephone and other poles about city and remove unsightly ones. Remove dead trees and plants near ones in their places. Prevent deposit of rubbish on vacant lots. Encourage vacant lot gardening.

8. Public Safety.—Insist on careful observance of speed statutes, bylaws and regulations. Have gates at level crossings, as Canfield Rd., Bay Bridge Road, George Street and Foster Ave.

9. Sanitation.—Secure better conditions in regard to health by extending our sewer system, securing a better water supply, more strict enforcement of quarantine, providing a proper isolation hospital, preventing pollution of the river and bay.

10. Law Enforcement.—Back up police in their but fair law enforcement. Prevent undue loitering on streets.

11. Loyal Order of Moose.  
Belleville Lodge No. 1004, L. O. O. M., will hold its regular weekly meeting on Thursday evening in the Forester's Hall. It is said a class of 35 will be initiated at this time, making the third class institution of the lodge on February 12. Early in March the picture of Moosechuck, the School and Home for dependent children of the Order will be shown at the new picture house. Belleville lodge will have three hundred members by April 1st.

All members and candidates for initiation are requested to report at 7:30.

### LIQUOR GOES BACK HOME

#### MARMORA OWNERS SMILE

The whiskey seizure of a few weeks ago at Marmora village by Inspector Connor was backed today by motor and placed in the homes of those to whom it belonged. Each parcel of liquor was delivered into the hands of the one to whom it originally had been consigned. It will be remembered that Inspector Connor found liquor consigned to one person in another person's

cellar, the shipment from Corbyville distillery to a number of the residents of the village having been distributed by the drayman without any care taken as to whether each parcel was secured to the person consigned to him, the only object being to see that each received the number consigned.

The whiskey had been locked in one of the cellars at the Belleville police station since the seizure.

### Wire-Bound Weapon Is Left With Chief

No wonder Chief Kidd refused a permit to the owner of a weapon yesterday afternoon. The barrel was bound to the stock with several yards of copper wire, a nail played the part of firing pin, and other freak contrivances, such as a screw and a wire held the ejector in place.

"You'll not be taking that back," said the chief to the owner. That latter having the matter put squarely before him replied: "Well, it's no good anyway, and left the trophy with Chief Kidd."

That official has quite a collection now of small arms for which he has not yet issued permits.

The issuing of permits has meant an immense amount of work for the head of the police department. He alone issues them.

### THINK SOVIET MEAN TO FIGHT AGAINST JAPAN

HARBIN, Manchuria, Feb. 23.—Military operations by the Russian Bolsheviks against Japanese forces in Siberia are believed to be fore-shadowed by concentrations of Soviet troops in the Eastern end of the country.

There were fifty thousand Bolshevik soldiers in China recently, and more are said to be arriving at intervals. The units are declared to be proceeding to points further east, assembling principally in the Primorsk district and along the Manchurian frontier. White bodies, fed and clothed these soldiers, are reported to be well armed and under severe discipline.

12. Street Cleaning.—Greater attention to cleaning streets at intervals. Provide receptacles for waste paper. Collect garbage along principal streets at night or at an early hour in the morning. That sidewalks be cleaned by municipal forces. Street cleaning to be prevented from blocking streets for undue long periods.

13. Laws and Boulevards.—That private companies be prevented from dumping barren road material in the boulevard strip. That the Horticultural or some similar society of prizes for the best kept lawns and gardens. That the city put the boulevards in such a condition that they may be neatly kept by adjacent property owners.

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### COMING EVENTS

ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST FOR Royal Templar Silver Medal, West Belleville Methodist Church, Friday, Feb. 25th at 8 p.m.—Music interspersed. Silver Collection. 722-51d

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 25, AT Bridge St. Church, Orchestra Concert by Sunday School. Orchestra assisted by local talent. Adults 35c, children 15c. 721-4d

### ONE WITNESS IN BIG TRIAL DIED TODAY

Interest in Spracklin Case Grows as Evidence of Widow is Heard.

TALES CONTRADICT  
Witness Today Says Mrs. Spracklin Held Revolver in Her Hand at Time

WINDSOR, Feb. 23.—That Mrs. Trumble, wife of Beverly Trumble, had a gun in her hand, after her husband was shot, was the admission of Jack Bannan, on cross-examination today, at the trial of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, for manslaughter in connection with the death of Beverly Trumble, proprietor of the Chappell House in November last.

Mrs. Trumble, in giving her evidence yesterday, declared that her husband had no gun when he was shot by Spracklin.

Bannan's statement that she had, was drawn from him by R. L. Bracklin, counsel for the defendant.

In his main evidence Bannan had merely repeated his story as given at the preliminary investigation.

Mr. Bracklin on cross-examination this morning said to the witness: "After you went into the dining-room, leading from the night into the private dining-room, you saw you saw Trumble and that he said to you, 'I am shot.' You then saw Mrs. Trumble. Did Mrs. Trumble have a gun in her hand?"

"Yes sir," said witness.

Answering questions by Crown Prosecutor Grant Mack Bannan declared he did not see Trumble with a gun either before or after the shooting.

It was then that R. L. Bracklin, taking up the questioning asked witness if he saw Mrs. Trumble with a gun in her hand in the private dining-room after her husband had said "I am shot."

Bannan replied: "Yes sir, I saw a Gun There."

Important evidence was given by Mark Seaton, County Constable at Windsor, who testified that he was with the Ontario Hospital for the Insane, escaped in injury when that building was swept by flames at noon today.

The asylum is situated on a high eminence and a heavy northwest wind was blowing and the fire brigade fought hard to save other buildings of the institution.

Fire broke out on the top floor of the building and was discovered by the attendants.

Perfect organization of the staff and good discipline among the patients was responsible for the fact that there was apparently no loss of life.

Two Are Arrested on B.O.T.A. Charge  
After nearly a whole night's work, Provincial License Officer W. J. Connor and Inspector F. J. Naphin arrested Michael Naphin and D. Mullen, both of Trendinga, on charges of B.O.T.A. As it was near dawn the men were brought to Belleville and locked up, rather than to Deseronto, where Magistrate Bedford has issued the information yesterday.

Today Magistrate Mason, at the request of Magistrate Bedford, remanded the pair for a week. They will be taken to Deseronto for trial.

Mr. Bracklin commenced his cross-examination with a review of Smith's activities prior to the tragedy. Smith, after considerable questioning, admitted that he was a commission agent at the race tracks, and declared that he had known Beverly Trumble for several years before coming to Windsor last October. He said that he had spent a large proportion of his evenings in the border cities at the Chappell House, where "he went to get his dinner."

"Is it not a fact, Mr. Smith, that you went there because you were able to get something to drink?" questioned Mr. Bracklin.

"No," was the reply. "I knew 'Bey' and he asked me out there."

The events of the night of the shooting were then introduced by Mr. Bracklin. Cross-examining Smith admitted that he had gone to the Chappell House, where he had had "two drinks," and spent the evening playing cards with inmates of the house.

"You were not in an intoxicated condition?" questioned Mr. Bracklin.

"No,"

"Will swear He Was Sober. And it witnesses take the stand and swear that you were so drunk that you did not know what you were doing at the time of the shooting, will you still say, on your oath, that you were sober?"

After considerable pressing of the question the witness replied in the affirmative.

"Now then, Mr. Smith, you say that Trumble was unarmed at the moment of the shooting?"

"Yes."

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