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INSANITY IS NOT PREVALENT

Local Doctor Thinks Crown-Attorney McKay Exaggerates

NOT 3,000 WHO ARE DEMENTED

And Who Are Circulating With Others and a Danger to Society.

The statement of Crown Attorney McKay, made regarding the Shelburne murder case, that there are 3,000 persons in the Province of Ontario who are mentally deranged, and who are likely to become a menace to the community, is, according to Dr. Robinson, of the asylum, and several physicians whom The Advertiser interviewed today, exaggerated.

Dr. Robinson's Statement.

"There may be 3,000 persons in the Province who are feeble-minded," said Dr. Robinson, "but as far as being a menace to other people in the way that Mr. McKay infers, I do not think they are. If they were, there would certainly be more murders, assaults or crimes of a violent nature from these persons than at present.

"It is only occasionally that a case of this kind occurs, and it is the exception rather than the rule.

Direct Contradiction.

"I do not think that among all the inmates of asylums in Canada there are 3,000 persons of whom it could be said with certainty that they would be a menace to the community. Of course, conditions may be different in the part of the country where Mr. McKay was speaking of, but in this district, at least, I should say the figures were exaggerated.

Insanity on Increase.

"Statistics seem to indicate that insanity is on the increase. That is a fact that is generally conceded. At the present time in London Asylum for the Insane we are treating 1,067 patients, one of the largest numbers we ever had here.

"The percentage of female patients is very slightly greater than that of the male. It must be remembered, however, that people now have in a large measure overcome the dread they had of asylums, and send their relatives or friends to the institution to be treated much more willingly than they did in former times.

"They realize more and more that the asylum is the place where the patient can be best cared for and looked after in every way."

A Little Exaggerated.

"I would think Mr. McKay's figures are too large altogether," said a physician who has had considerable experience in treating cases of mental trouble. "There certainly is not anything like such a large percentage of the population in this part of the Province who are deranged.

"My experience would lead me to estimate that for every three persons in the asylum here, there is one not confined there.

"Of those who are not confined, very, very few could be regarded as a menace to any persons. A large majority of them are perfectly harmless, and are content to stay at home and molest no one, and do as they are told, and cause little or no trouble even to the members of their own family or anyone else.

Temporary Attacks.

"Many have temporary attacks of insanity, and during the time the attack lasts they have to be watched more or less.

"My experience would lead me to believe that many persons who are counted sane are liable to be much more of a menace to society when they become excited."

PITTSBURG FIRM LOOKS TO LONDON

Mayor in Touch and May Get a Canadian Branch for City.

That the council's decision to campaign for industries is meeting with success was amplified this morning, when Mayor Stevely received a communication from a large factory in Pittsburg asking for information about the city, its inducements, shipping facilities, and such things.

The company is one of the largest in the Smoky City, and does a large business in the manufacturing of machinery. It is pointed out in the communication that their Canadian trade is growing so rapidly that it is necessary to establish a branch on this side of the border. Last year alone they had to sub-let $300,000 worth of orders on this side, as they could not manufacture the goods there.

"I am getting in touch with them," said Mayor Stevely, "and I have written for further information as to the goods they manufacture, and other things. From what I have learned so far the company have a large plant, and are well situated financially."

TOBOGGANERS HURT

Two Kingston Boys Terribly Injured While Coasting.

Kingston, Feb. 13. — Thomas Hunter, aged 14, and Henry Hunter, aged 11, sons of Capt. Hunter, Bagot street, were terribly injured this morning by a street car. They were tobogganing down the Bogan street hill and ran into the car. Thomas Hunter's arm was badly mangled and may have to be amputated. The boys were removed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

JOHN JEFFERY'S CASE IS HOPELESS

Appin Boy's Death Is Expected at Any Moment.

John Jeffery, of Appin, is in such a critical condition at Victoria Hospital that his death is likely to occur at any time. The boy is suffering from the most intense pain, notwithstanding that the physicians have done everything possible to relieve him. The form of blood-poisoning which resulted from the bullet wound in his foot is one of the most malignant known to medical men, and is as well one of the most painful. Jeffery's relatives have been at his bedside ever since it was known that the injury was likely to result fatally.

A BATTLE OVER THE EXEMPTION

Casket Company Bylaw Before Council on Monday Night.

WILL HAVE HARD ROW TO HOE

Some of the Aldermen Are for It and Some Are Against It.

There is sure to be a big debate on the Globe Casket Company exemption at the council meeting on Monday night.

There is no doubt the question will be opened again, as several who voted for the motion at the special meeting will not vote to give it reconsideration.

However, there is still some difference of opinion on the question, and there will be a stout battle.

The company have not changed their attitude, but will insist that the bylaw, as drafted by the solicitor for the city, Mr. T. G. Meredith and Mr. C. H. Ivey, of the company, pass as it stands.

There is no doubt that the exemption would be ratified if the company would agree to have the bylaw amended to limit the assessment to the present premises, but the company think that this is unnecessarily limiting them, and will prevent expansion, and so will refuse it.

Mayor's Position.

Mayor Stevely thinks it should go through. He states that it is up to the council to hold what industries they have or drop in the race, as large establishments are being built up everywhere, but London is getting few new ones.

"It is not a question with us, whether or not bonusing is right or not," said Mayor Stevely. "The fact is that we are out-bid for this industry. I know that we could not begin to offer the inducements they have been offered. The company, however, have agreed to remain for considerably less than they could get elsewhere, and it is up to us to say whether or not we will give them that. If we get one new industry we will get more. If we lose one, we will lose more. I do not think for one minute that the company will enter any land speculative business, so the arguments of those opposing the exemption are not sound. I hope the council will see that this company should not be allowed to leave here."

How They Stand.

Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Fitzgerald, and Ald. Ferguson are much in favor of granting the exemption as asked for.

Ald. Parsons, Ald. Rose, Ald. Cooper and Ald. Gerry will oppose any exemption, except it is limited as much as possible.

Ald. Moorhead is not decided, and Ald. Saunders is wavering also. Ald. Garratt and Ald. Stewart will probably support the request.

There is plenty of room for a change of opinion on the subject between now and council-time.

"I have not followed the question closely," said a prominent merchant this afternoon, "but I see the real estate owners are against it, so it must be right."

DUKE'S SON DEAD.

London, Feb. 13. — Edward George Hugh Grosvenor, aged 5 years, eldest son of the second Duke of Westminster and heir to the dukedom, is dead after an operation for appendicitis.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 13—8 a.m.

Today — Northerly winds; becoming much colder.

Sunday—North and northeast winds and decidedly cold; snow by night.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today. 8 a.m.	Yesterday. Min.	Max.
London	28	27	42
Victoria	32	28	34
Calgary	—16	—34	—12
Winnipeg	—24	..	..
Port Arthur	—20	0	3
Parry Sound	8	10	38
Toronto	28	16	42
Ottawa	16	4	34
Montreal	26	8	30
Quebec	26	0	20
Father Point	22	..	..
Port Simpson	..	2	28
Vancouver	..	22	38
Kamloops	..	—4	2
Edmonton	..	—26	—6
Battleford	..	—30	—18
Prince Albert	..	—36	—8
Moosejaw	..	—27	—9
Qu'Appelle	..	—34	—12
Minnedosa	..	—32	—12
St. John	..	18	28
Halifax	..	26	32

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature continues extremely low in the Western Provinces, and the cold wave is spreading eastward across Ontario and Quebec.

A disturbance now over the Southwestern States is not unlikely to move across the Middle States and cause snow in Ontario on Sunday night.

DEAN MAHONEY,

Hamilton Priest, Who, It Is Said, Is To Be Elevated to the Bishopric of London.

CROWS FLY NORTH PROBS SAY COLD

Sign of Good Weather Is "Knocked" By the Latest Forecasts.

A large flock of crows, numbering in the thousands, flew over the city early this morning in a northwesterly direction. This is an indisputable sign of good weather for a time, at least, according to ancient tradition.

The sleighing is fast disappearing in the country and many farmers drove in wagons to market this morning. In some instances the roads were barely covered with ice, making sleighing an impossibility.

The registrations at the local observatory were as follows, today: Highest, 28.5; lowest, .27 above above.

The probabilities for tomorrow, despite the crows, are very cold and fair.

PHILIP POCOCK IS NEW CHAIRMAN

Was Chosen on Friday by the By the Court of Revision.

At the inaugural meeting of the court of revision held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Philip Pocock, president of the London Shoe Company, was chosen chairman.

As soon as the meeting was called to order by Secretary Baker, Mr. A. T. McMahen, who has been chairman for the past two years, nominated Mr. Pocock. Sheriff Cameron seconded the motion, and Mr. Pocock was selected without a dissenting voice.

This is Mr. Pocock's second year on the board, he being chosen by the council last year. He has always taken a keen interest in the work.

In accepting the office, Mr. Pocock thanked the members for their kindness, and hoped that the sessions would be as pleasant in the future as in the past. There was little business done.

Among those present were Mr. Philip Pocock (chairman), A. T. McMahen, Sheriff Cameron, Assessment Commissioner Grant, and Secretary Baker.

Mrs. Fred Walker Dead.

The many friends of Mr. Fred. Walker, of Port Huron, formerly of Thorndale, will regret to learn of the death of his wife on Friday, after a few days' illness. Deceased was formerly Miss Mauda Houck, of Harrington, Oxford County. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Fern, aged 10 years. Mr. Walker's brothers of this city and Thorndale, with a number of friends, left today to attend the funeral, which will be held in that city on Sunday.

MR. PHILIP POCOCK,

Who Has Been Chosen Chairman of the Court of Revision.

DEAN MAHONEY FOR NEW BISHOP?

The Local Catholics Expect an Announcement on Sunday.

NOTHING OFFICIAL ON THE SUBJECT

Local Priests Have Received No Word As Yet—Dean Is Now in Hamilton.

There have been various announcements from time to time of possible successors to Archbishop McEvay, as bishop of London; but it is said in Hamilton, London and Toronto, that Dean Mahoney, of Hamilton, will be the priest to be selected. It is stated in a special wire to The Advertiser from Hamilton that in that city tomorrow his grace the achbishop will announce that the dean will be bishop of London.

Not Father Hand.

Some weeks ago the statement was made in Toronto, and in this city, that Rev. Father Hand, one of the most brilliant priests in Canada, was to be selected, but it is now asserted that Dean Mahoney has superior qualifications for the handling of the different peoples of the diocese, and that he is to be the man. Thus far there is nothing absolutely official. The authorities of the Roman Catholic Church are not in the habit of making announcements, except through the pulpit, and consequently it is expected that there will be a tremendous congregations in St. Peter's and St. Mary's on Sunday, in anticipation of the announcement of a new bishop.

Priest of Great Ability.

Dean Mahoney is a priest of great ability. He is an Irish-Canadian, gifted with rare tact, fluent speech, and the faculty of making friends of all those with whom he comes in contact. He is a large man of benign countenance, and with a keen appreciation of a jest; a great organizer, and in short, a priest who would be sure to be a success in the local diocese.

Local priests informed The Advertiser that there was nothing official as yet.

BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET

Third Vice-President Fitzhugh, of the Grand Trunk, To Be a Guest.

Preparations are already under way for the board of trade banquet, to be held about the first of March.

Mayor Stevely wrote to Mr. Chas. M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk, inviting him to be present, but word was received from him today to the effect that he would be in England at the time. He promised, however, that Third Vice-President Fitzhugh would represent him on the occasion.

His worship's term as president of the board will soon expire, and Mr. A. T. McMahen will succeed him as head of the board.

There are several names mentioned for the vice-presidency, among the most prominent being Col. W. M. Gartshore, and Mr. Warren W. Thomson.

"Dickybirds" Rush the Season.

Stratford Beacon: On Feb. 3, as Walter Ronchey, driver for Greenwood & Vivian, was out to the farm of John Krug, near Wartburg, he witnessed a very unusual incident for this time of the year. A few feet above his head passed six or seven canaries, flying joyfully about and finally perching on a tree, seemingly quite pleased with the mild weather.

TRACK ELEVATION IN BACK GROUND

Hope Is Killed By a Letter from Mr. McHugh.

TORONTO WORK HAS PRECEDENCE

Nothing Doing Here Until the Queen City Has Been Attended To.

Mayor Stevely received word from Vice-President Fitzhugh yesterday afternoon regarding track elevation, but it contains nothing of a definite nature. He merely pointed out that the engineers of the department were busily engaged in preparing plans for the work ordered by the railway commission in Toronto, and as a result, the London matter was deferred.

Nothing This Year.

This is not regarded as a very hopeful sign about the city hall, and it is thought that there will be nothing accomplished this year. One of the arguments used when negotiations were commenced this time was that the company were anxious to finish the work here before they undertook the great improvements wanted in Toronto.

As a result of the railway commission's decision, it is said, the Toronto improvements must be made first, and if such is the case, then London will have to wait for some time, before any serious negotiations are entered into with the city council.

Aldermen Despondent.

Among the aldermen there is none too hopeful a feeling. It was stated by one of them that the company did not intend to do anything this year, owing to the large expenditures necessary at other points. He declared that if the company intended doing any work this year, they would have entered into negotiations long before this, in order that something could be done this spring. As it is now, it will be spring before negotiations can be commenced, not to say concluded, and it will be impossible to do anything for several months at least.

Mayor Still Confident.

Mayor Stevely is confident that the company are anxious to go ahead with the improvements.

"I think the company are sincere," he stated. "Their engineers are busy on some other work, and as soon as they have finished that we will have them here. I will see Mr. Fitzhugh in Stratford next week, and will talk the matter over with him. I am hopeful of getting negotiations under way soon."

The feeling about the city is not quite so sanguine as that of his worship, and it is thought that the Grand Trunk will put off negotiations until some more convenient season.

PRICE OF BREAD WILL NOT ADVANCE

Recent Rise in Wheat Will Not Affect Staff of Life.

According to the leading bakers in the city, the price of bread will not advance, owing to the rise in the cost of flour.

A few days ago wheat in this district struck the dollar-mark, and in some cases even more money is being charged. As a result the local millers have added ten cents to the cost of one hundred pounds of flour.

This will not affect the bakers, although grocers and householders will have to pay the higher price. All flour is purchased by bakers by a contract, and any fluctuation in the wheat market is not felt.

"Even were we affected by the wheat market, it would be very awkward to charge six cents a loaf, as for convenience we charge the straight nickel," said one man. "There will be no immediate change in bread-prices, at any rate, and wheat will probably be easier before the present contracts expire."

MEETS DEATH IN JAIL CELL

Bed of Port Elgin Prisoner Afire and No One to Help.

Port Elgin, Feb. 13.—Joseph Kellier met a terrible fate, while a prisoner in the lock-up here last night. Shortly after his arrest on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, flames were seen issuing from the cell window, but before anyone could reach the unfortunate man he was dead. When the body was taken out there was a handcuff on one wrist. It is thought that in some manner fire caught the mattress on which the prisoner was lying. Death, it is believed, was caused by smothering. Kellier was about 25 years of age and had come here from Guelph some months ago.

ASK PHILLIPS' RELEASE

York Loan Ex-President May Not Serve Full Time.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—A petition of over 3,000 names will be presented to the Minister of Justice in two weeks' time asking for the release of Joseph Phillips from Kingston Penitentiary, where he is serving a five-year term for the failure of the York County Loan Association. According to T. C. Robinette, K.C., who started the petition in circulation three months ago, the most prominent shareholders have signed the request for release.

REV. W. J. CLARK,

The popular clergyman, who is being welcomed by a host of London friends and who will occupy his former pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow.

BRUTAL ABUSE OF ABE LINCOLN

Londoner Moralizes on the Differences of Fifty-Two Years.

HEARD PRESIDENT ADDRESS PEOPLE

Emancipator Called "The Illinois Ape" —How He Won Over All. Interesting Story.

There are few men living in Canada who have heard the voice of Abraham Lincoln, the martyred president, speak. But such a man is Mr. Edward Clissold, editor of The Weekly Advertiser, who has been connected with this journal over 40 years of the 46 years of its life.

Saw Him in New York.

Mr. Clissold was working on the New York Tribune before and during the American war, when Lincoln addressed a tremendous gathering in that city, from the balcony of the Astor House. He describes the president as a man of rare oratorical qualities, and with the power of bringing home his utterances to his hearers. Lincoln's heart was wrapped up in the freeing of the slaves and his every word and gesture bespoke the burning desire of his life. Mr. Clissold says he well remembers the long, gaunt figure of the president, who appeared a rather homely man. But when he spoke, his face became illuminated, and handsome, in its rugged honesty and fearlessness.

Set Dickens' Stories.

Mr. Clissold in early life was a printer, and from time to time set up the proof-sheets of Dickens' stories, particularly those of "Little Dorrit," which was published by the Tribune in serial form, from week to week, as the story was written by the author. He has set pages of Horace Greeley's copy, and tells some amusing stories of the great editor's fearful handwriting.

Now and Then.

"In looking over the Lincoln editions of the American newspapers today," said Mr. Clissold, "as a man who lived in New York City 52 years ago, I could not help moralizing a little on the changed tone of some of the 'Democratic' and 'Copperhead' sheets of those earlier days.

'Strange, isn't it, how the admirers of a great man reserve their bouquets until the subject of their praise is in his coffin, instead of handing them out while he can enjoy their beauty and fragrance,

A Great Change.

"Times certainly have changed since supposed respectable newspapers referred to Lincoln as 'The Illinois Ape,' and described his personality as 'a cross between a windmill and a derrick.'

A Wonderful Man.

"True, Lincoln was not an Adonis in face or figure, but in intellect and sound judgment he was like Israel's first king — a head and shoulders above his fellows. No one who saw and heard Abraham Lincoln as I did," said Mr. Clissold, "when the president-elect spoke from the Astor House balcony, to the thousands of eager listeners on Broadway, could help being inspired by the manly and patriotic words he uttered in that then hotbed of pro-slavery.

Won Over All.

"All thought of homeliness in form or feature vanished as his not only honest and brave but logical and eloquent utterances fell on the ears of his audience, winning applause from many who had before been his opponents.

"Yes, the 'Illinois Ape,' who worsted his opponent Douglass in every place where they spoke from the same platform, is now accredited as the peer if not the superior of his illustrious predecessor, Washington."

THE TEACHERS' REUNION

Invitations Are Out for Pleasant Event of Feb. 22.

Invitations for the reunion of the teachers and members of the board of education, to be held on Feb. 22, are being issued.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance, and the affair promises to be a decided success.

Inspector James L. Hughes, of Toronto, will be present and deliver an address.

Windsor Tunnel.

Through an error it was stated that the tunnel under the Detroit River will be completed this spring, instead of in 1910.

TRIP TO EUROPE LATEST COUNT

The Results of Contest Up To Thursday Night.

SOME CANDIDATES MADE BIG ADVANCES

No One Necessarily Outdistanced at This Stage of the Contest.

The vote in the Free European Trip contest is published herewith. These are the results up to Thursday night. It was impossible to get Friday's votes counted in time for publicatio ntoday.

It will be seen that many of the candidates have made a very decided increase.

In several of the districts the vote is exceedingly close, and it is possible that the next vote published will turn the tables completely. Indeed, none of the candidates have such a lead as to make their position anything like sure at this stage of the contest, and even those who at present seem to be at somewhat of a disadvantage have plenty of time in which to retrieve the situation, and bring themselves into the front rank.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

All that territory within the city limits, north of and including both sides of Dundas street, and west of and including both sides of Wellington street.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street	41,095
Miss May T. Mountjoy, 126 Mount Pleasant avenue	21,159
Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street	10,262
Miss Maude Underwood, 209 Queen's avenue	2,552
Mrs. Norman Roberts, Richmond and John streets	2,313
Miss Vera Rowe, 245 Queen's avenue	750

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, and north of and including both sides of Dundas street.

Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide street	25,646
Miss Ella Dickie, 860 Hellmuth avenue	8,772
Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, 763 Maitland street	5,873
Miss Annie S. Stevenson, 391 Dundas street	5,088
Miss Nellie Weston, 868 Dundas street	5,253
Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess avenue	4,684
Mrs. M. Callander, 772 Hellmuth avenue	2,010
Miss Lillian Gaze, 696 Colborne street	608
Mrs. Ronald Emery, 338 Dundas street	57

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

All that territory inside the city limits, south of, but not including Dundas street, and east of, but not including Wellington street.

Miss Edna Calhoun, 318 Grey street	39,920
Mrs. Ida Willis, 398 Adelaide street	15,763
Miss Margaret Edgar, 130 Dreaney avenue	5,165
Miss Marion D. Porteous, 374 York street	3,666
Miss Gertie Foley, 543 King street	3,633
Miss M. Wells, 196 Inkerman street	....
Miss Lena Griffin, 562 King street	....

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

All that territory inside the city limits, west of and including both sides of Wellington street, and south of, but not including Dundas street.

Miss Edith Glanville, 153 Wharncliffe road	25,365
Miss Vera B. Hewer, 8 Ingleside street	19,412
Miss Winnie Grimason, 229 Richmond street	11,918
Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Hill street	8,814
Miss Eva McDowell, 240 King street	6,251
Miss Louisa Babbage, 253 Grey street	5,870
Mrs. H. Hundertmark, jun., 150 Bruce street	2,075
Miss Mollie Fox, 213 King street	37
Miss Margaret F. Holman, 128 Simcoe street	68

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AMERICAN CLUB HONORED LINCOLN

Met in Their Room on Carling Street Last Night.

The centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was appropriately observed by the members of the American Club, at their rooms on Carling street last evening.

Addresses were made by Messrs. F. Buzzell, President T. J. Hutchinson and members of the club giving brief outlines of the principal events in the life of the great emancipator, after which a short programme of music and songs was given by lady members of the club. The balance of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner with cards.

LADY DIES AT NINETY-TWO YEARS

Demise of Mrs. Christina Ross, of Queen's Avenue.

Mrs. Christina Ross, relict of the late William Ross, died at the home of her daughter, Miss Marion Ross, 355 Dundas street, last evening, after an illness extending over several weeks.

Mrs. Ross was 92 years old, and came to this country from Scotland. For many years she lived near St. Marys. She is survived by three daughters, Miss Marion, of this city, Mrs. McKenzie, of New Ontario, and Mrs. Castel, of Brandon, Man., and three sons. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon to the Grand Trunk station, interment being made at St. Marys.