

# Blue Ribbons Ceylon Tea

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## TORONTO GAY CATS HONORED

Principal in Hamilton Shooting Affair is Matthew Duggan, Who Has a Nasty Record.

## NO TRACE OF HIS CONFEDERATES

Member of a Gang Which Has Caused a Heap of Trouble for Police.



DUGGAN, HOLD-UP MAN.

Hamilton, Feb. 27.—The police are positive now that the name of the principal actor in the north end shooting affair is Duggan. He lived here when he was a lad. His father, who was a tailor, and lived at 47 East Simcoe-street, moved to Toronto with his family fourteen years ago, and was killed in that city in a street car accident a year ago last October. The son would be about 10 years of age when he left this city. His record is not known here yet, but it is expected that the Toronto authorities will be able to furnish it very soon. He had been in the city since the night before the shooting, and was in a fight on Merivale-street Tuesday night. His pale had not been overtaken yet, and the chances of their being convicted even if caught are very slight, owing to the fact that the star witness, Fred Littlewood, caused a man to be detained who was easily able to prove that the gang of B. St. Vincent.

## One of the Gay Cats.

Matthew Duggan is well and unfavorable known to the Toronto police, being one of the leading spirits in a tough gang who loafs around York-street, and robs in the name of the "Gay Cats." His record is bad, and he has been in the city since the night before the shooting. He was in a fight on Merivale-street Tuesday night. His pale had not been overtaken yet, and the chances of their being convicted even if caught are very slight, owing to the fact that the star witness, Fred Littlewood, caused a man to be detained who was easily able to prove that the gang of B. St. Vincent.

## A Very Bad Gang.

For a long time the police have been a source of much trouble to the police, and on one occasion a lot of them were repaid in a very costly manner. They are a crowd of overgrown boys, ranging from 15 to 25 years of age, and they hang around looking for drunken persons and have caused many a man to be sent to the hospital. They are a very bad gang, and they will quickly settle anything that is not to their liking.

## Some of Them Put Away.

Some of the "Gay Cats" are guests of the government. Bill Moulton is serving a term for robbing a man for the price of a drink and beating him. He is coming out of the penitentiary to treat him most brutally. Mike Tobin, another charming character, is also coming out of the penitentiary. Bill Porter is serving a term for attempted highway robbery. The "Gay Cats" are a very bad gang, and they will quickly settle anything that is not to their liking.

## Need Some Watching.

The police officers estimate that there are 100 to 150 "Gay Cats" in the city. They have been making themselves known of late. It is expected that the Toronto authorities will be able to furnish it very soon. He had been in the city since the night before the shooting. He was in a fight on Merivale-street Tuesday night. His pale had not been overtaken yet, and the chances of their being convicted even if caught are very slight, owing to the fact that the star witness, Fred Littlewood, caused a man to be detained who was easily able to prove that the gang of B. St. Vincent.

## All the newest designs in Wigwag.

Wigwag, Feb. 27.—T. M. White of 1410 Avenue, Windsor, is dying. He was editor for twenty years of the old Conservative Windsor Review. Dr. White holds out no hopes of recovery. He says that Mr. White is affected with paralysis of the heart.

## Try the Deceit at Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White left yesterday for a holiday trip. They will visit the May Mountains and spend two months in Egypt and Palestine. On their return they will visit the London and Glasgow. Mr. White will make selections for the stock of Diamond Hill.

## PUBLIC MEETING CALLED

Toronto Junction Citizens Will Discuss the Telephone Monopoly and its Exactions.

## NO LET UP IN THE AGITATION

Everybody Getting "Wise" to the Benefit to Accrue From a Municipal System.

There is a good deal of satisfaction being expressed by the citizens of the East Toronto, Kew Beach, Balmy Beach and Norway—with the agitation on behalf of cheap telephonic communication. It was stated yesterday that the East Toronto Council would probably consider the question of a municipal service when it meets next week. It is regarded as a matter of local exchange without delay, now that the people are so thoroughly aroused to the seriousness of the situation. A great deal depends on the price fixed for the service by the company whether the public will be satisfied with their efforts to install a system of their own. Dr. Walters, Reeve of East Toronto, in conversation with The World last night, expressed the general feeling when he said that there would be no let up in the present agitation until some relief from the oppression of the Bell Company is forthcoming. He was in favor of a municipal system, which he thought would be a great convenience if the Bell Company can be compelled to give connection with its system. However, if the price is made right after the change, it would probably lead to the movement for a municipal system. In conversation with The World last night, expressed the general feeling when he said that there would be no let up in the present agitation until some relief from the oppression of the Bell Company is forthcoming. He was in favor of a municipal system, which he thought would be a great convenience if the Bell Company can be compelled to give connection with its system. However, if the price is made right after the change, it would probably lead to the movement for a municipal system.

## MESSAGES FROM CHINA AND INDIA

Oriental Address Student Volunteer Union of Toronto.

The Student Volunteer Union of Toronto met at Victoria College last night, and received messages from China and India. S. C. Yin, B.A., of China, spoke of the present conditions there was a famine of Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism. B. C. Sore of Canada spoke of the conditions in India. They were in one of the worst of the famine. They were in one of the worst of the famine. They were in one of the worst of the famine.

## GORRIE CITIZENS ALSO

The citizens of the police village of Gorrie, in the County of Huron, had a private telephone system which they desired to connect with the C.P.R. station at that place but were denied on account of the agreement between the telephone company and the C.P.R.

## Knocked Down by Runaway.

Mrs. Larkin, 82 Oak-st., and Mrs. G. L. Larkin, 212 St. George-st., were knocked down by a runaway horse and carriage on the north-west corner of Queen and Yonge-streets. Mrs. Larkin was injured, and Mrs. G. L. Larkin was injured. They were in one of the worst of the famine.

## Tangible Approval.

That the course of The World is approved in the country is evidenced by the subscription lists. Last week 121 new yearly subscribers were added to the lists of this number 62 came from the United States. The telephone was being used in the country.

## Going to California.

Anon Raymond, proprietor of the Bayview Hotel, will leave shortly for California. He will visit the May Mountains and spend two months in Egypt and Palestine. On their return they will visit the London and Glasgow. Mr. White will make selections for the stock of Diamond Hill.

## Tariff Legislation Needed.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In conversation with some of the Congressional leaders to-day, the President dwelt with serious emphasis upon the necessity of the enactment of the pending Philippine tariff legislation.

## STUNG BY ST. GEORGE'S RESIDENCE.

A chance 12-roomed residence on St. George-st., above Bloor, will be sold for above sum if taken at once. Apply to J. L. T. 27 Adelaide East.

## MOUNTAIN DE SCOTCH.

Wakes Back His Story. Montreal, Feb. 27.—The parish priest of St. Eustache is authority for the fact that the murderer of the Seguin family, who was convicted by Detective McCaskill was quite untrue.

## The Osogood Cigar.

Is the finest long Havana-made, hand-made cigar ever sold. It is priced at \$4.50 hundred. A. Club & Sons, 40 King West. Phone 366 Main.

## Did you ever try the top barrel?

# Colonel Farewell Says People Have Made Out a Case 'Phone President Should Be Held for a Higher Court Farmers Now to Proceed Against Monopoly Company

Examination of Telephone Agents Tries Patience of Crown Prosecutor—Special Agent Scott Systematically Reticent—"Is President Sise Himself a Myth?"—Arguments of Counsel Well Presented—Magistrates Reserve Judgment Till Next Thursday at Pickering.

Whitevale, Feb. 27.—(Special).—The criminal conspiracy trial of President Charles Sise of the Bell Telephone Company was concluded this afternoon. The decision will be rendered at Pickering on Thursday. Magistrate Pender and Davidson thought that much time would be required to examine the authorities cited and look over the volume of evidence adduced. A forecast of the verdict may be accepted, however, in the advice of Crown Attorney Farewell to the magistrates, that the people had made out a good case, and that President Sise should be held for trial in a higher court. After delivering this opinion to the court, the Crown representative reinforced his remarks with a review of the case and the authorities showing the strength of the evidence submitted.

A sensational feature developed, as soon as court adjourned in an impromptu gathering of the farmers' representatives, and the determination to proceed to carry before the Ontario grand jury a similar charge against the Bell monopoly as a company. The "Crown Attorney" was consulted, and the farmers exhibited every disposition to prosecute the case in this way. The case was presented against the company instead of its president primarily, but the law will not permit such a charge before a magistrate, so we will force action before the grand jury.

Interest kept up. The interest was maintained in the trial to-day as yesterday. Many ladies were present, and when the hour arrived for the speeches others came in. There was a crowd in the court-room all day. The developments were even more exciting than yesterday, relating particularly to the methods of the Bell agents in their operations throughout the rural district. Many prominent men swore that Special Agent Scott had told them that they could not get their rural line into the Locust Hill station without the Bell's consent, since that company had an exclusive contract with the C.P.R. involving millions of dollars.

The examination of the Bell agents, Scott, Stricker and Mason was decidedly spirited, and at some points the Crown Attorney insisted that the Bell agents were trying to evade making admissions. The agents, in turn, insisted that they could not answer the question as to whether they were or were not, the testimony of these three representatives of the Bell was chiefly limited to the fact that they were not. At the same time some really startling facts were brought out. At all times, the agents were being cross-examined, and the Crown Attorney was making the most of their remarks, and had evidently been well handled before going into the box. Agent Scott, who was the first to be examined, was asked by the Crown Attorney, "Is it true that you are a member of the Bell Company?" "Yes," he replied. "Is it true that you are a member of the Bell Company?" "Yes," he replied. "Is it true that you are a member of the Bell Company?" "Yes," he replied.

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## Restraint of Trade.

That the inability to have the telephone line to the Locust Hill station was restraining trade and interfering with the business of the community was a point which was made by the Crown Attorney. He said that the Bell Company was using its power to restrain trade and interfere with the business of the community.

## Made No Defence.

The defence refused to call a witness. In fact, the attitude of the defence throughout was along the line of not making any defence. The Crown Attorney insisted that the Bell Company was using its power to restrain trade and interfere with the business of the community.

## TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Mr. Han's lecture on "Madrigal, Glee and Part Songs," Toronto University, 8 p.m. Lecture, Rev. Clark on "People I Have Met," Trinity University, 8 p.m. Canadian Institute, lecture, Prof. H. G. Wells, "The World as I See It," 8 p.m. St. Mary's Musical Club, Grand Hall, 8 p.m. Concert by 48th Band, West M.C.A. 8 p.m.

## HOW THE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT.

Six weeks ago The World published a news item that farmers of Markham and Pickering were organizing to build an independent telephone line. Feb. 5 The World published an item that that line was about completed, and that access was denied to Locust Hill Station.

Feb. 7 The farmers of Markham laid their case before their M.P., W. F. Maclean. He advised them to wire Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Sir Thomas replied that he could do nothing. Feb. 10 telephone correspondence extending over two days' between Mr. Maclean and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, with expression of regret from the latter that he cannot comply on account of an agreement between his company and the Bell Company. Sir Thomas, in his message to Mr. Maclean, gave, namely, free phones for transportation and telephone monopoly of C.P.R. stations.

Feb. 12 Mr. Maclean retains Mr. DuVernet and asks him to advise on situation. Feb. 13 Mr. DuVernet advises that any such agreement between the companies and the refusal of the C.P.R. to let the farmers in this station is a violation of the criminal code, and that if an information is laid against the Bell Company, the Crown Attorney will prosecute the case.

Feb. 16 Information is laid against Mr. Sise, president of the Bell Company, on line of Mr. DuVernet's opinion. Feb. 19: Summons served on Mr. Sise and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in their Montreal offices to appear before the Whiteley magistrates.

Feb. 19: World calls the attention of Hon. John Dryden, farmer general of Ontario, to the condition of affairs in his own county: to the fact that the summons had been issued and asking him to request the Attorney-General, to instruct the Crown Attorney, of Ontario County to prosecute the case of the farmers against the Bell Company. Professed disgust of the Hon. John at any one asking him to "snook" his nose in any affair.

Feb. 20: Day of trial of President Sise at Whitevale. On same day Bell Company announces that East Toronto rates are to be cut in two.

Feb. 22: Conclusion of trial before two magistrates of Whitevale. Judgment reserved until Thursday. Farmers present at the hearing and declare their intentions of proceeding at once to have subpoenas issued for the Ontario County Grand Jury, March 16, at which the Bell monopoly, as a company, will be indicted, regardless of whether the Bell company is a company or not.

Feb. 23: Intense feeling of relief all over Canada that the telephone monopoly is near its end, thanks to the public spirit of the farmers of Markham and Pickering, and thanks, perhaps, to an M.P. who, according to one newspaper, has been "snooked" by a newspaper that has conserved itself and its efforts to the service of the people.

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And the lesson the case teaches is that parliament must pass a telephone law at the forthcoming session.

prevent this very discrimination. Telephone service is a public utility, and the necessary instruments for the transmission of modern business. It is a public utility, and the necessary instruments for the transmission of modern business. It is a public utility, and the necessary instruments for the transmission of modern business.

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## CURB ON THE TELEPHONE CO.

Works Committee of the City Council Withhold Permission for the Erection of More Poles.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

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