

## MAKES TWO ATTEMPTS TO STRANGLE HIMSELF

## Walter Gossop, Confined in the Cells, Makes Determined Effort to End Life

Held in the cell at the police station pending his commitment to the asylum at New Westminister, Walter Gossop, a well known character about the city, was a man who about two months ago unsuccessfully attempted to end his life in the Belmont hospital. He had made more than a few more determined efforts yesterday to end his existence and would have succeeded had it not been for the interference of the police. He was in the cells prevented him by summoning Jailor Wood. First with his handkerchief and then with his suspenders he endeavored to hang himself and on both occasions he was black in the face when Jailor Wood removed him.

Gossop, who has been a school teacher until a few months ago, has become mentally affected through overwork and worry. He has been hanging about the city more or less throughout the summer and on more than one occasion has been arrested for drunkenness. About two months ago while he and a friend were drinking in the Belmont hotel, he was in the rear room and with a pocket knife attempted to cut his throat. It was only the alacrity of the bar tender that prevented him from doing so. The blade just grazed the jugular vein, but the speedy attention given him at the Belmont hospital saved his life. Since that time has been drinking heavily and last week he made a complaint to the provincial police that he was being persecuted by the marks made about him by passers by as he walked along the street. The police took no notice of his complaint to the police so he charged that it was deemed wise to lock him in the cells pending his examination for insanity. The opinion of the doctors was that Gossop was quite insane and arrangements were made to send him to the asylum at New Westminister to go in a day or two.

Yesterday morning Jailer Wood was summoned by one of the prisoners in the jail who was clanked at Gosspop's actions. Gosspop was discovered in the lavatory with his handkerchief tightly knotted about his throat and he could barely breathe. He was released from his predicament and after the next few hours made no further attempt. About 9 o'clock in the afternoon Jailer Wood was again summoned by the other inmates of the cell and again Gosspop was discovered well nigh choked to death, this time by his suspenders which he had made into a slipknot and pulled so tightly about his throat that the skin was cut. A minute or two more and he may have suffocated to death, this time he may have been dead. Gosspop was locked in the padded cell and carefully watched for the balance of the evening.

**MURDERER CHASED**

**Slayer of Shuswap Indian is Captured in the Mountains After a Brief Chase**

News of a tragedy at Shuswap whereby an Indian "Billy" Jules was shot and killed by another Indian named Martin Andrew, was received yesterday by the provincial police department from Chief Constable Fernie of Kamloops. No details of the murder were wired other than that Andrew was the shooting suspect to the mountains. Superintendent Hussey immediately on receipt of the wire telegraphed Chief Constable Fernie to offer a reward of \$100 or more, and to spare no pains in the hunt for the murderer's trace, but this step was unnecessary for last evening a message was received from the latter stating that Andrew had been captured.

The Education Department Has Supplied 75 Per Cent of the Text Books for the Schools

The free book supply department of the department of education has already sent out about 87 tons of free books. It has written orders for another seven the day before, and as it was the schools of the province, and still the requisitions continue to pour in. Half a dozen were received yesterday and seven the day before, and as it was the schools of the province, and still the requisitions continue to pour in. Half a dozen were received yesterday and seven the day before, and as it was the schools of the province, and still the requisitions continue to pour in. Half a dozen were received yesterday and seven the day before, and as it was the schools of the province, and still the requisitions continue to pour in.

The only reason why all the schools have not been supplied is that the department is not able to supply all the schools. This is partly due to the fact that in some schools the requisitions are not sent in until after teachers and pupils all have separated for the holidays, thus making it impossible to ascertain the exact extent of the needs until the term began. Another reason is that a large number of new schools have been started this year in different parts of the province, many of them opening for the first time at the beginning of the current term. In such cases, of course, the requisitions are not sent in until the pupils had assembled.

A number of appreciative letters have been received from secretaries of school boards and from individual teachers, expressing gratification at the new system. It is found that

apart from the advantage to the poor scholar, school work now progressed much more smoothly and effectively. Under the old system many of the pupils were not provided with proper books when school opened, and sometimes it would be a month or even two before the entire class was properly equipped. This tended to hinder

**In Flourishing Condition**  
Mrs. Janet C. Kemp, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, has returned to her home in Vancouver after visiting the Nanaimo, Courtenay and Cumberland

nives, an of which she found in the most flourishing condition. She will shortly leave for the Kootenays on an usual tour of inspection. The Supreme Board of Trustees have recently conferred upon Mrs. Kemp a high honor in which the Lady Macabean of this province may feel unusually proud, namely that of vice president of the National L.O.T.M. Home and Hospital committee, of which their Supreme Commander, Mrs. Lillian Hollister, is president.

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### E. J. Coyle Resigns Post of Assistant General Passenger Agent of the C. P. & B.

E. J. Coyle, assistant general-passenger agent of the C. P. R. for the past few years and for fifteen years connected with the passenger service of the C. P. R. resigned yesterday to enter private business, and will probably be succeeded by Mr. Foster, passenger agent at Toronto. Mr. Coyle, who is in charge of the western mail, join George L. Courtenay, who recently resigned his post as local agent of the C. P. R. in Victoria, and B. V. Greer, who resigned from the position of assistant-general freight agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, J. P. Greer and W. Skene, in a new steam

ship, freighting and general trading company being organized to do business at Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert. The new company has secure offices in Victoria at 623 Fort street and will open their local offices within a few days.

## THE LOCAL MARKETS

(Retail Prices)

FRUITS	
Royal Household, a bag	\$2.50
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.50
Royal Standart	\$2.50
Wolverine, per bbl	\$7.00
Calgary, a bag	\$2.50
Hungarian, per bbl	\$7.00
Snow Rose, per bbl	\$7.00
Snowflake, per bbl	\$7.00
Moisture, per bbl	\$7.00
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$2.50
Three Star, per sack	\$2.50
FOODS—LIFE	
Glean, per 100 lbs.	\$4.50
Maize, per 100 lbs.	\$4.50
Midwinters, per 100 lbs.	\$4.50
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	\$4.50
Barley, per 100 lbs.	\$2.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	\$2.50
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	\$2.50
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$16.00
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Hay, Alberta cover, per ton	\$20.00
Vegetables.	
Celery, per head	
Lettuce	
Cauliflower, per head	
Onions, lbs.	
Green Onions, 3 bunches.	
New Potatoes, per sack	1.25 to 1.50
Cauliflower, each	

Cabbage, new, per lb.	.....	
Red Cabbage, per lb.	.....	
Green Peas, per lb.	.....	
Beans, per cu.	.....	
Egg Plant, per lb.	.....	
Tomatoes, per lb.	.....	.20 to
Beets, per pound	.....	
Cucumbers, each	.....	
Carrots, per pound	.....	
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs.	.....	
<b>SALTY PRODUCE.</b>		
<b>Eggs—</b>		
Fresh Island, per dozen	.....	
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<b>Cheese—</b>		
Cheddar, per lb.	.....	

Neufchâtel, each	.....	25 to
Swiss, local, each	.....	25 to
Manitoba, per lb.	.....	26 to
Best quality, per lb.	.....	26 to
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.....	26 to
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.....	26 to
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.....	26 to
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.....	26 to
Altona Creamery, per lb.	.....	26 to

**Fruit**

Grape Fruit, per dozen	.....	\$1.00 to 1.25
Oranges, per dozen	.....	1.25 to 1.50
Lemons, per dozen	.....	1.00 to 1.25
Pine, scoving, per lb.	.....	.05 to .10
Pine, table, per lb.	.....	1.00 to 1.25
Guavas, per doz.	.....	1.00 to 1.25
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Strawberries, table, per lb.	.....	.35 to .50
Pineapples, each	.....	25 to 30



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## CONGRATULATIONS FOR A POPULAR COUPLE

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Police Sergt. and Mrs. Walker  
Celebrate Their Silver  
Wedding

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Yesterday Sergeant of Police R. H. Walker and Mrs. Walker were the recipients of congratulations from a host of friends on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of their wedding.

ty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. For nearly nineteen years the genial sergeant has been a member of the local police force, and both Mrs. Walker and himself have a host of friends in this city who extended hearty congratulations. The members of the police force, with whom Sergeant Walker is a general favorite, united in presenting the couple with a tangible evidence of their good wishes, two very handsome solid silver centre dishes, of chaste design. Accompanying the gift was the

"We, the members of the city police force, beg your acceptance of this small present, on this, the occasion of your silver wedding. We wish you health, happiness and prosperity and trust we may all live to congratulate you on the celebration of your golden wedding.

"Signed on behalf of the subscribers: S. L. Bedgrave, Thomas Palmer, W. C. Carson, W. P. Allen, committee."

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