

DEATH WAS PURELY ACCIDENTAL  
VERDICT IN THE O'ROURKE CASEEvidence in Inquest Was  
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BOUND TRAINSays the Jury—Farmers and  
Others, Who Saw Deceased,  
Testify.

"That the said Richard O'Rourke came to his death on the G. T. R. tracks between London and Hyde Park on or about the 9th day of August, supposedly by being struck by some westbound train while trespassing on the said road."

The taking of evidence in the inquest over the death of Richard O'Rourke before Coroner MacLaren at the court house last night, consumed two hours and a half. The jury was out twenty-five minutes and returned the above verdict.

The jury was as follows: J. A. Tancock, foreman; J. Simpson, J. Dean, N. C. Maker, E. Lortie, J. Clark, T. A. Edwards, A. Gullen, J. T. Owen, A. Ferguson, F. Keene, Wm. Legg, J. Dunn, C. H. Finch.

The first witness, Walter McGibbon, foreman of the Hyde Park section of the Grand Trunk Railway, was the first witness called.

Witness left Hyde Park along with his men on the morning of Aug. 10, and had gone east on a handcar. Almost a mile and a half from Hyde Park the body of a man was found lying on the ground on the north side of the westbound tracks. Examination proved that the man was dead.

Instructions were given to the foreman of the east section to send a man to watch the body and to notify the coroner. Later, after having left the place for a time witness went back and viewed the remains. The body was lying with the face upward. The feet were pointed northwest. Under the head was a pool of blood. Six feet from the rail was a groove six inches deep and eighteen to twenty feet in length. Twelve feet out from the rail was a man's black felt hat. Witness had not recognized the body.

In answer to a jurymen, witness replied that he would not swear that the groove mentioned had been made by the body, but thought it had. The groove had been freshly made.

High Constable Testifies.  
High Constable Hughes was next called. A week ago Monday the Grand Trunk officials had notified witness that the body of a young man had been found lying on the track east of Oxford street. Upon driving out witness found two gangs of sectionmen on the scene.

Accompanying witness was a Grand Trunk policeman. Witness took charge of the body and it had not been moved after his arrival. Witness could not say whether it had been moved prior to his coming. The body at that time was imbedded about two and one-half inches in the sand and gravel at the point of the accident.

The coat was drawn up into a roll beneath the neck as if the man had slid on his back through the gravel. Witness had not then recognized the body.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, who with Dr. Drake held a post-mortem over the body, gave evidence. Death had principally been caused by fractures of the skull, of which there were twelve in number, and hemorrhage of the kidneys in addition to shock. Death must have been instantaneous. Among other injuries, bruises were found on the right arm, over the kidneys and on other parts of the body. The right lung had been found filled with blood and badly injured as well as the right kidney. Death could hardly have been caused by anything other than a moving train.

In reply to a jurymen, witness stated that no trace of alcohol had been found in deceased's stomach. Dr. Drake corroborated Dr. Stevenson's evidence and added that the skull formation of deceased was the thinnest he had ever seen.

Farmers Testifies.  
Samuel Pascoe, of concession 2, London Township, testified to having seen four men going along the Grand Trunk track shortly after noon on Sunday, Aug. 9. Later witness saw two of the men come back and go toward the city. Witness knew nothing of the fatality until he read of it in the newspapers.

John Johnson, also of concession 2, London Township, on Sunday, Aug. 9, witness and a relative had seen two

DUNDAS ST. PAVEMENT  
IS NEARLY COMPLETEDWith the Exception of the Street  
Railway Allowance.

The Dundas street pavement will be finished next week, with the exception of the track allowance.

The Barber Company have laid all the south side, and the north side from Waterloo to Adelaide streets.

Work was commenced this morning on the section between Wellington and Waterloo streets on the north side.

"The street railway is not making much progress," said City Engineer Graydon. "If they would hustle we would have the street completely finished by fair time."

G. T. R. Buy More Land in London  
Secure Old Site of Hobbs' Glass WorksEvidently Preparing for Track  
Elevation in This City—  
Hobbs People to Build.

In spite of the many setbacks in connection with track elevation, it seems that the Grand Trunk have not lost sight of the proposition.

Recently the company purchased a large section of the property of the Hobbs Manufacturing Company, at Ridout street.

The company has been after this property for some time, but could not purchase.

However, the fire that destroyed the Hobbs factory caused negotiations to be again opened, with the result that the company has purchased a

SWEET CIDER AND TONIC PORTER  
TOO MUCH FOR THE REDMENLondon Braves Continue to Put Up Unique Excuses Before P. M.  
Love—A Big Grist of Indian Lists  
in Court.

If money came as easily as excuses, but few, if any Indian lists would find their way inside Castle Carter, for as a rule they are adept in the art of "getting out from under."

Today a number of those on the Indian list found their way into the police court, and the excuses offered were varied and in many cases humorous.

"I did not touch a drop of liquor, your honor," said Roddie Semple desperately, as he faced the court. "All the grocery stores sell sweet cider and it was that I drank."

Took "Tonic Porter."  
Ten dollars or 21 days, without the privilege of time, was Roddie's measure.

Wm. Clark was another on the list who hadn't touched liquor. Clark said that he had dropped into a drug store and purchased some tonic porter—

BOY SENT DOWN  
FOR STEALING WHEELFourteen-Year-Old Lad Makes a Bad  
Mess of His Career.

A 14-year-old boy appeared before Magistrate Love in the juvenile court today, and was sentenced to the Mimico Reformatory for Boys in Toronto on a charge of having stolen a bicycle. The sentence will expire in three or five years, according to the discretion of Inspector Sanders. The wheel was the property of Mr. W. H. Huycke, of 133 Kent street, and had been left in the yard over night. The lad piled loose the hinges on a large gate to get at the wheel.

A WILD TIME AT  
HAGERSVILLE TOWN

Hungarians Mix Things Up at Hagersville and One Is Badly Hurt.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 18.—There was a wild time out at Hagersville on Friday night, when several foreigners employed in a stone quarry owned by the M. C. R. mixed things up with rifle and axe. A young son of Porekara, a Hungarian boarding-house boss, wandered into the garden of Samedo Pano, taking therefrom some cucumbers. Samedo went to Porekara and demanded an explanation. The two men couldn't understand each other, and the services of Joe Coll, an interpreter, were enlisted. Coll interpreted and his answers so enraged Samedo that he picked up an axe and aimed a deadly blow at the interpreter, who, putting up his arm, received the full force of the blow. His arm was cut to the bone, and twenty foreigners who had been playing cards on the grass,

whatsoever that is—and that despite his remonstrance a policeman had escorted him to the Carling street hotel for the night.

The officer who made the arrest had another story to tell. Clark had been found on Clarence street, barely able to walk, and had decidedly been drinking something harder than tonic.

"Ten dollars and costs or 21 days," said his honor.

CAPTAIN TELLS  
OF FIRE AT SEASix Drowned After Panic Off  
the Coast of South  
America.

Lisbon, Aug. 18.—The Dutch steamer Amstelard arrived here today from Rio de Janeiro and further details of the fire and panic which occurred while she was off the South American coast are given by her captain.

He reports that when 24 hours out from Rio Janeiro the fire broke out in the cargo of baled wool and that a dreadful panic ensued among the 239 Portuguese and Spanish steerage passengers. A general rush was made for the small boats. One containing 20 passengers was overturned while being lowered, and six of its occupants were drowned.

The fire was extinguished before any damage was done; the other boats returned to the steamer and the voyage was resumed.

FITZGERALD SLIGHTLY ILL  
BUT IS BACK TO WORK AGAIN

Christopher J. Fitzgerald, president of Brighton Beach, and managing director of the Montreal Jockey Club, is reported as being seriously ill with pleurisy at his home in Brooklyn. Mr. Fitzgerald is subject to attacks of this nature, and some years ago his life was despaired of at New Orleans.

The above item is taken from a Toronto exchange. There is some foundation for it, but it is very much exaggerated.

Mr. Fitzgerald, as is well known, is a London man and has large business interests here, but he makes his home on St. Mark's avenue, in Brooklyn, New York.

While in Montreal he was taken slightly ill, and the physician he consulted advised him to place himself under the care of his family doctor in New York. Mr. Fitzgerald acted on the advice, and went to his home in Brooklyn, but his sickness was not serious.

When ill some years ago, it was from typhoid fever, not pleurisy, that Mr. Fitzgerald suffered.

He returned to New York from Montreal today, according to advices received by his brother-in-law, Mr. J. P. Cook, of this city.

TWENTY SUMMONSES ISSUED  
AGAINST LOCAL HOTELMENCharged With Selling Liquor on Sunday, August 2nd, at the  
Beginning of Old Boys' Week—Those Who Are  
Not Named for Prosecution.

As announced several days ago in The Advertiser, twenty of the twenty-six local hotelkeepers have been summoned to appear in police court on charges of having sold liquor on Sunday, Aug. 2. The summonses were issued this morning, and will be served at once.

The hotels which are not charged with breach of the liquor license laws are as follows:

The Lucky Ones.  
aBrell House, Dundas street east.  
Hodgins House, King street.  
C. P. R. Hotel, Richmond street north.  
Morkin House, Carling street.  
Queen's Hotel, Carling street.  
Fraser House, King street.

Money in Sight.  
In the event of the charges being proved and the minimum penalty attached in all cases, the neat sum of \$1,000 will be added to the police court exchequer.

It is alleged that some of the hotels made no pretense of closing on Sunday, and that others maintained two bars.

Some of the hotels are alleged to have taken in as high as \$300 on Sunday, so allowing that only 75 per cent profit was made on the liquor, the hotelkeepers can well afford a \$50 fine if found guilty.

At all events none of them seem to be worrying over the outcome of the hearings which will take place next Monday and Tuesday.

It is understood that two charges have been laid against the proprietor of a King street hotel.

PEOPLE TO VOTE IN JANUARY  
ON THE SUNDAY CAR QUESTIONCity Council Last Night Granted the Prayer of a Petition Presented  
for a Plebiscite—Vote Stood 6 to 5 With  
One Alderman Absent.

A vote will be taken on the Sunday car question at the coming municipal elections. The council last night by a majority of the residents of the city, stake. There was nothing to be gained by submitting the question. He would not work on Sunday, nor would he ask anyone else to do so. He would not compel people to go to church, although it would undoubtedly do them good. He declared that he would refuse to change his attitude on the question, and would oppose any attempt to take a vote on it.

Ald. Booth seconded the motion.

Grant the Petition.  
Ald. Rose moved that the prayer of (Continued on Page Ten.)

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## The Greek Cafe Men Were Acquitted

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The complainant, Robert Shaw, testified to having been forcibly ejected from the cafe on Sunday, Aug. 2, and to having been pummeled and kicked after reaching the street. Other witnesses testified to having seen Shaw ejected, but did not see the alleged kicking.

The defendants, through their attorney, Mr. R. K. Cowan, set up the defense that the young men, including Shaw, had rendered themselves objectionable on the day in question,

and had refused to leave the place when ordered to do so.

It was denied that any kicking or punching was indulged in.

Magistrate Love decided that the complainant and his friends had no business in refusing to leave the cafe when requested to do so, and that the proprietors had a perfect right to eject them if they saw fit.

DEATH OF HUGH McPHAIL.  
St. Thomas, Aug. 18.—Hugh McPhail, one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of Aldboro Township, died yesterday, aged 85 years. He was born and lived all his life in the township. He leaves four sons and four daughters.

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## Premier Opens in Ontario Sept. 15th

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Both party organizations are busily arranging for the tours of their Dominion leaders. Mr. F. G. Inwood, Liberal organizer, is today rapidly covering Western Ontario, fixing dates and places of Mr. Wilfrid Laurier's Ontario tour. The first meeting to be addressed by the Premier will be at Niagara Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Beyond this nothing has been definitely settled. The next meeting will probably be at Strathroy and two other communities which are assured of a visit from Sir Wilfrid are Jackson's Point and North Bay.

Mr. R. L. Borden's tour begins on Monday, Sept. 14, and the Conservative organizer, Mr. J. S. Carstairs, is getting the plans for the Ontario end of the journey. "No dates beyond the opening have been settled as yet," said Mr. Carstairs this afternoon. "But Mr. Borden will not be through with Ontario until at least two weeks after the Halifax meeting."

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## SEVEN DAYS OF FUN

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 18.—Sydney is awaiting the American battleship fleet with expectancy, and the seven days that the vessels will be here will witness a series of entertainments

more elaborate than ever before given in New South Wales.

Sydney is filling up with an enormous influx of visitors from the country, and the transportation facilities have been taxed to their utmost. Decorations have been carried forward on an elaborate scale.

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