A STRANGE TALE.

SERIOUS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST A TORONTO MAN.

Accused of Sending Indecent Correspondence to Former Housekeeper— Miss Lena Tucker Tells Her Story—G. R. Cummings Denies Many Allegations.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—George R. Cummings, of Toronto Junction, appeared before the Court of General Sessions on Saturday on an indictment charging him with sending indecent postcards and letters through the mails to Miss Lena Tucker.

Miss Tucker testified that she was employed at the Palmer House, when she met Cummings on several occasions while on her way to work. After leaving the hotel she obtained a situation with a doctor, who discharged her for being inattentive to her duties. Mr. Cummings then secured her a position as housekeeper to a friend of his at Balmy Beach. Her next position was at Cummings' own home, from where she ran away and went to live in Suffolk Place. After leaving Cummings house she was arrested on the information of Cummings charging her with theft, but she was acquitted.

Crown Attorney Drayton then put in a bundle of letters alleged by the prosecution to have been sent to Miss Tucker by the accused. Some of them are love letters couched in the most effusive language, while others are indecent and abusive. Many of them are in a disguised hand, and others in printed letters. Experts will be called to give evidence as to their having been written by the same person as letters admitted by Cummings as coming from him.

In cross-examination Miss Tucker first denied having been intimate with anyone else in Toronto, but finally admitted intimacy with a Toronto medical man.

Mrs. Cummings testified that she first met the girl at Balmy Beach, and took her to live with her at her home at the Junction. Witness claimed that her husband was a good and kind man, who was always ready to lend a helping hand to anybody.

Cummings took the stand in his own defence, and, in reply to his counsel, said he had found the girl in a house of an undesirable nature on Gerrard street. He wished to save her from an irregular life and took her to his home. Witness produced a list of prominent men in the community with whom the complainant said she had been intimate. He admitted writing some of the letters put in by the prosecution, but denied the others.

The Crown Attorney asked Cummings if he did not consider his wish to save the girl inconsistent with sending his wife and daughter to church, while he remained at home with the girl and carried on his intrigue with her.

Cummings denied that he had been guilty of the relations suggested in his own house.

Referring to the list, on which Cummings was examined by his counsel, Mr. Drayton asked how the accused had obtained the names.

Cummings repeated that he had got the names from Miss Tucker and entered them in a memorandum book, from which the list was made out by his daughter.

The Crown Attorney said that the memorandum book would have to be produced in court.

The accused having denied that he had wanted the girl to come back to live with him, Crown Attorney Drayton produced a letter, which read: "Darling Lena,—The little bird has flown, and my heart is burning with love for you," etc. etc.

"Did you mean that?" asked Mr. Drayton.

"No!" replied Cummings.

At this point the court adjourned till this morning at 10 o'clock, when Cummings will again be put on the stand and Miss Tucker and her mother be recalled.

TRAINMEN NERVOUS

RESENT ACTIVITY OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Say That Prosecutions Following Railway Wrecks Are Having a Detrimental Effect and May Be Followed by Serious Results.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The activity of the Attorney-General's Department in connection with the prosecutions following recent railway wrecks has caused some alarm and resentment among trainmen, and those sentiments will be expressed to the Government by a deputation that will wait on them on Wednesday next. A committee of four, comprising Messrs. Harvey Hall, of Toronto; John Maloney, of Ottawa; Mayor Lawrence and C. Hastings, of St. Thomas, and representing all branches of trainmen, including telegraphers, was at the Parliament Building on Saturday to complete arrangements for the deputation.

The trainmen take the ground, in effect, that in a number of recent instances those of their comrades who have been held responsible by Coroners' juries for railroad wrecks have been treated as criminals, whereas they were guilty only of errors of judgment. This they consider is unfair, and they argue that it is creating a feeling of nervousness in the minds of the men employed on the railroads that cannot but have serious results. They may suggest at the interview that before prosecutions are entered upon an expert, appointed by the Government, if that is deemed desirable, should make a thorough examination of all the circumstances and decide whether the train hands were culpably negligent or whether the disaster was due to errors of judgment or natural, unavoidable causes. Subsequent action by the Crown should be based upon his decision.

Body Goes to Students.

Windsor, Sept. 22.—The body of the man named McDonald, who was killed in Walkerville last Thursday by a Wabash freight train, was shipped to the Medical College in Toronto Saturday afternoon by the Windsor authorities after a vain effort to ascertain the address of some relative of the dead.

Young Scotch Missionaries.

London, Eng., Sept. 22.—A valedictory meeting was held in Blackfriars Church, Glasgow, to wish Godspeed to seventeen young Scotsmen who have been selected by the Rev. Dr. McLaren for missionary work in Northwest Canada. Dr. Somerville, formerly of British Columbia, occupied the chair.

VETERANS AT STONEY CREEK.

GRAVES OF SOLDIERS DECORATED AFTER 94 YEARS.

Movement to Acquire the Plot and Erect a Monument is Progressing—Address by Mrs. Fessenden Yesterday.

The Army and Navy Veterans and County of Wentworth Veterans' Association turned out in large numbers yesterday to decorate, for the first time, that spot in Stoney Creek where the 23 British soldiers are buried who fell at the battle of Stoney Creek in 1813. The committee which made all arrangements were Comrades Springstead, McInnes and Green, and on the arrival at Stoney Creek of the special car conveying the Veterans, they conducted them to the battlefield. A large Union Jack was hung at the head of the pit where the soldiers are buried, and it was there Rev. F. E. Howitt conducted the religious service. At its conclusion, Mrs. Fessenden, founder of Empire Day, proceeded to give an address. She wished the Veterans success in their great and noble undertaking, and was sure that when the ground was purchased both Governments would assist them to erect a suitable monument to mark the final resting place of those noble defenders of our country.

President Thomas, of the A. and N. Veterans, also gave a short address, followed by Vice-President Stock, of the County of Wentworth Veterans' Association.

President Gardner, of the County of Wentworth Veterans' Association, read the following communication:

John Gardner:

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to be present with you on the 22nd, but regret that owing to previous engagements I will be unable to accept. I enclose an express order for $5 toward the purchase of the ground mentioned. Respectfully yours,

(Col.) H. P. VanWagner.

After this they proceeded to decorate and then marched to Stoney Creek Cemetery, which was crowded with visitors. There 26 graves in all were strewn with flowers and a small Union Jack placed on each. Amongst these was the grave of the celebrated Billy Green, the scout who had charge of the Indians under Col. Harvey at the battle of Stoney Creek.

Up to date the following amounts have been received or promised: H. M. 8th King's Own, India, $50; Adam Zimmerman, M.P., $50; Spectator Publishing Co., $25; W. O. Seeley, $5; Col. VanWagner, $5; Vice-President Stock, $5.

APPEAL DROPPED.

Nelson Pitton Decides to Pay the Fine and Costs.

Not long since a number of the hotelkeepers at Niagara Falls were prosecuted for infractions of the license laws. Fourteen cases, in which both the hotel and barkeepers were made defendants, were entered, and in every case save one the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined. In the 14th case the defendant, Nelson Pitton, formerly of this city, was convicted, but entered an appeal, which was to have been heard to-morrow before the County Judge. His counsel, Mr. Griffiths, has, however, notified the Crown Counsel, F. W. Casey, Thorold, that he withdraws the appeal, and consequently the fine, with costs, will be paid.

FIRE BUGS AT WORK.

Chatham Fires Believed to be of Incendiary Origin.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 22.—This city was again visited by a very serious fire this morning, at 11.30 o'clock. The peculiar part is that Wm. Drader, who lost his planing mill by fire two days ago, is again a very heavy loser. This time his large hoop and stave mill was leveled to the ground. The amount of the loss will be about $18,000, with about $12,000 insurance. Mr. Drader is still out of the city and cannot be communicated with. As a result of this second fire, it is said the insurance companies will at once commence an investigation.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. This morning the nightwatchman cleaned out the furnaces and built a fresh fire for Monday morning. It is thought that the fire might have started from the live coals taken out of the furnace.

When the fire started the watchman was in church, and the fire was past control before the alarm was sent in. The firemen had considerable difficulty in reaching the fire, on account of the streets being blocked with new pavements. Private lines of hose were on the grounds, but no one was on hand to use them. All the firemen could do was to save a number of piles of lumber. While the mill was burning another alarm rang for a house on Grey street, and the brigade had to send part of their forces to the second fire, thus weakening their forces on the Drader fire. The two Drader fires following so closely upon each other have aroused a strong suspicion of incendiarism. As a result of the two Drader fires, fully 100 men have been thrown out of employment.

DYING OUT IN CITIES.

English Mothers Have Not Time to Look After Their Children.

London, Sept. 22.—It would appear from recent statistics that the English are dying out in the cities. In the year 1806 the number of children was 33 per cent. of the population. In the year 1900 they were only 23 per cent. Fewer children are born in the towns, and more die there. Physicians say that this is due in a great degree to the many demands on the time of the mothers, which makes them neglect their children.

ODDFELLOWS' PRIZE.

Toronto Took Second Place in Class B Competition Drilling.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21.—Canton Lucas, of Toledo, Ohio, won first place in class A in the competitive drilling of the Patriarchs Militant at the eighty-third annual communication of Oddfellows.

In the B divisions first place went to Canton Enterprise, Detroit, Mich. Second place and the $200 prize went to Canton Toronto, of Toronto, Ont.

Year in Jail for Biting Policeman.

Winnipeg, Sept. 22.—W. M. Cleeland will spend a year in jail for severely biting a policeman's thumb upon his arrest for disorderly conduct.

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They come in Paris and ivory shades in a variety of effective and high class designs and novelty styles. They are wonderful values, being contracted for months ago before recent price advances.

Nottingham and cable net curtains

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GOOD wearing, dainty and neat Nottingham and cable net curtains, in white and ivory shades. Dainty, neat to elaborate patterns, plain and filled centres, pretty border effects and lace designs.

Bow knot, medallion and floral patterns in a wide variety. Full sizes. They are two great bargains.

Others at $1.49, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.69 to $5.88 the pair. All at a saving of fully 25 per cent. of real worth.

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IN THE WORLD OF AMUSEMENT

What promises to be the best bill presented since the opening of the popular theatre is on the bards for Bennett's this week. There are eight acts, and every one of them is a hummer. The feature act will be "The Sailor and the Horse," and while it promises to be one of the funniest and most realistic of acts, it will only be one of a number of good sketches. The comedy sketch, 'Minnie From Minnnesota," as presented by Mr. and Mrs. Allison, will doubtless come in for considerable approbation from the audience, and everybody who has seen that popular comedy, "What Happened to Jones," will know what to expect from this act. Mr. and Mrs. Allison took the leading roles in that play for several years, and they have adapted their interesting vaudeville turn from that. Judging by the flattering press notices, the Tennis Trio, musical artists, have about as good an act as there is on the road of the kind, while the Dillon Brothers, monologuists and comedians, are reputed to be among the best and funniest in the business. Jules Garrison takes a rather novel manner of introducing a number of Shakespeare's characters to the audience by presenting them in burlesque. The bill is concluded with a series of songs, old and new, by the Village Choir, and a roaring comedy acrobatic act by the Nelson Comiques. The Musical Craigs and the Bennettograph form an excellent finale.

Manager Driscoll says that "The Sailor and the Horse" will be one of the funniest skits of the season. The scene is laid in an enclosure adjoining a race track at a county fair and the principals are an old sailor, a side show manager, a dancing girl and a live horse. The equine in a very poor sample of horse flesh, but it is sold by the side show manager to the sailor for $1,000. It is entered in a race at 400 to 1, and with the aid of a little "dope" manages to romp home an easy winner, leaving the Sailor with $40,000 to the good.

At the Savoy.

The Savoy, with what promises to be the finest show since the introduction of "advanced vaudeville" in Hamilton should play to record business this week. The chief attraction, Mmme. Etoile's society circus horses and Vinella's boxing stallions, is an act that never fails to score with lovers of animals, onld and young. It has become famous throughout America as one of the best attractions in the animal class before the public. Edith Helena, the sensational hit of the season in London, will prove a most attractive special feature. She is the possessor of a voice of remarkable compass. Her musical training was received from Alberto de Bassini in New York, and she attributes her rare vocal powers in a great measure to constant practice in the open air while living in Texas. Miss Helena's performance throughout is said to be remarkable. The contribution with which she closes her act affords further opportunity for the display of her peculiar gift. Equipped with a violin, which she feigns to play, Miss Helena, with closed lips, gives a remarkably true imitation of the instrument, which midway in her solo—finishes, by the way, on a high G—she allows to fall gradually to her side. The rest of the bill is the best. There is Charles Kenna, "The Fakir," one of the funniest and most original monologue artists on the stage. His act is entirely out of the ordinary, and should prove a decided hit. One of the greatest acrobatic bicycle acts in the world is said to be that presented by the Max Tourbillon Troupe of three men and three women. W. S. Harvey representing "A Room Upside Down," claims to have the most sensational balancing and juggling act in variety. Madge Anderson, a clever comedienne, assist him. The Elite Musical Four, a musical act of exceptional merit, will be another strong number. Carney and Wagner, in a fine singing and dancing act; Josephine Davis, in a clever singing specialty, and animated pictures made expressly for the Klaw-Erlanger houses, complete the show.

Big Show To-night.

"The Shepherd King," which will be presented at the Grand this evening and to-morrow and Wednesday evenings, is considered the most magnificent spectacle ever presented on any stage. Prominent in the very long cast of characters are such well-known names as Charles Kent, Percy Lennon, Frederick Webber, Walter Brown, Helen Holmes, Adelaide Fitzallen, Argyle Gilbert and others.

"The Shepherd King" is a romantic Biblical drama, in four acts and five scenes. It is based on the Biblical story of David, the ideal hero of the human race, from the time that he left his father's flock at Bethlehem until he became King of Israel at the death of Saul. In the setting of its scenery and the splendor of its mounting, "The Shepherd King" shares with "Ben Hur" the distinction of being the finest stage production that the country has ever seen. Especially are the settings notable for their artistic value.

"A Desperate Chance."

The thrilling melodrama, "A Desperate Chance," telling the story of Biddle brothers' wild life, was presented at the Grand on Saturday night to a capacity house. The play has been seen here before, but it seemed to please as well as ever.

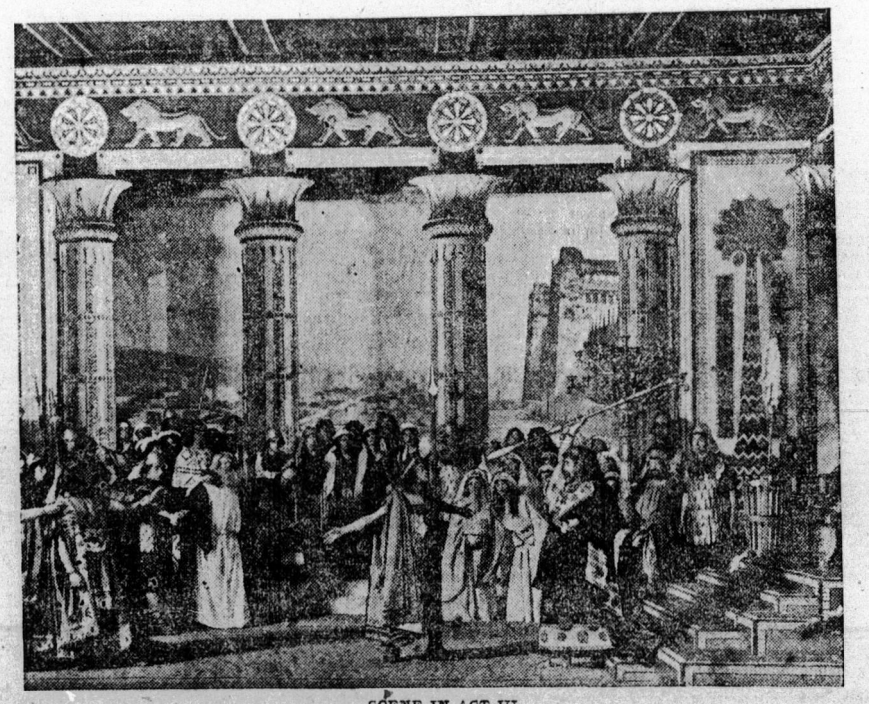
Owing to a delay in the arrival of the scenery no matinee was given on Saturday afternoon, and hundreds of persons were disappointed.

Hale's Fire Fighters.

A feature of the entertainment, "Fighting the Flames," to be given next Friday and Saturday at Association Hall, will be the appearance of Sadie Sherman, the noted baritone singer and mimic. Miss Sherman is said to be a charming entertainer, and has received flattering offers at the beginning of the season to enter vaudeville.

The motion pictures of Hale's Fire Fighters will be shown at the entertainment, along with motion pictures of the Hamilton fire department, which are to be taken this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The entertainments are to be given by the Edward Shields Co., of Chicago, and are under the auspices of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association. There has been a good sale of seats, and the hall will no doubt be filled at all three performances. The plan opens at Nordheimer's on Wednesday.

Under the hammer of the auctioneer the Don Valley Paper Mills were sold on Saturday for the sum of $20,000 to W. A. Baliantyne, of Toronto. The purchase is alleged to have been made for Mr. Robert Davies, of the Don Valley Brick Works.



SCENE IN ACT III.

In "The Shepherd King," which will be seen at the Grand To-night.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Friends of Miss Ethel M'Andrew Surprise Her.

A few of the many friends of Miss Ethel McAndrew gave her a surprise birthday party last Thursday evening. It was a pleasant event. The jolly club presented her with an illuminated address and a pair of handsome engravings, suitably framed. The address was engrossed by Arthur H. Hull, and reflects credit on the young man as an artist. Miss McAndrew also received a large number of pretty presents. Cards, vocal and instrumental music and dancing were the programme of the evening's enjoyment. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Margaret and Marion Ogilvie, Alice and Margaret Stock, Jessie Colville, Jennie Turnbull, I. Thomas, Llulu Birdsall, Bessie Hudson and Mrs. H2 Hull, Messrs. Hull, McNeil, Turnbull, Marrs, Zimmer, Linton, Cothoun, McLellan, Goodwin, E. and A. Hull.

WORKS WELL.

Test of the Woolley and Herber Shocker in Manitoba.

Messrs. Arthur Woolley and Herbert Cox, of this city, are apparently making a success of the Wooley and Herbert Shocker, which they have been for years bringing to perfection. The Carman, Man., Standard says it "has been put to a practical and satisfactory test this week on the McBride farm, one mile north of Carman, and also previously on the farm of Mr. Peter Campbell, west of Carman. The machine, which only weighs about 200 pounds, can be attached to any binder, and in fact in the trial at the McBride farm an old discarded binder was used that had been loaned by an implement firm in town. This gave some trouble with the knotter, but when the knotter tied the shocker worked to perfection. The shocker will do away with a man after each binder, and is not by any means expensive, in fact is within reach of any farmer, and will pay for itself in a single season. Besides it obviates the loss of grain caused by handling, and the heads do not touch the ground. The twine required by the shocker is about one to four balls used by the binder. Such a machine will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of this country, and implement men who saw the shocker in operation here speak very highly of it."

Prison for Life.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Frank J. Constantine last night was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Arthur Gentry. His punishment was fixed at imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

The mistakes of the folish are the opportunities of the wise.