

DECLARES HE SAW MRS. BEEMER
PUT SOMETHING IN AN EGG CUPSensational Story of Crown's Chief Witness in the
Woodstock Murder Hearing—Says Stuff Was
White and Was In a Bottle Labelled "Poison."

[Canadian Press.]
Woodstock, Ont., Nov. 6.—That he had seen Mrs. Fred Beemer, now on trial on a charge of murdering her husband, Frederick Beemer, pour something out of a bottle labelled "Poison," into an egg-cup, while preparing medicine for her husband, who lay ill upon a couch near by, was the statement made at this morning's session of the Beemer murder trial by John Mason, a young Englishman, the crown's chief witness.

Mason declared that he had been sent across to Beemer's place on the first day of his illness by James Smart, a neighbor, his mission there being to cut wood for Mrs. Beemer. While he was there Mrs. Beemer asked him to go and telephone for a doctor, which he did.

He returned in a few minutes, and found Mrs. Beemer mixing something in the egg-cup, holding in her hand a bottle labelled "Poison." In large white letters with a red background. He said he asked her what she was doing with that bottle, and the prisoner replied that the bottle had been left in the morning by Dr. Woolner, of Ayr. She declared she was mixing salts at the time.

Later she took the bottle, threw it in the stove, and some minutes after-

wards Beemer was given a dose of medicine from a teacup, which he said was more bitter than any others he had been given.

Witness would not say whether Mrs. Beemer had poured the contents of the eggcup into the teacup before giving Beemer his medicine. He was certain, however, that a short time after it was necessary to hold Beemer on the bed. During one of his bad spells, Mrs. Beemer mentioned to Mason that her husband had wanted her to get some poison a few days previous to kill rats, and she added: "Thank God, I didn't get it. They would think I poisoned him."

Cross-examined, Mason admitted that he had served a couple of jail sentences in England for theft, but declared he was drunk when the thefts were committed. Mason said he came from Great Yarmouth, Eng., where his father is a police inspector.

A New Story.
Mr. W. T. McMullen, acting for the prisoner, laid great stress on the fact that Mason had not mentioned anything about the poison bottle at the coroner's inquest following Beemer's death.

Mason's explanation was that he was not sure at that time that Beemer had been poisoned, and did not like to mention the circumstances until the report of the analyst who examined the stomach had been received.

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John Warner, of
Melrose, Who Died
After OperationROGERS PLANNING
TO BLOCK FOSTER
AS NEXT PREMIERAblest of the Ministers Is To
Be Sidetracked by
Westerners.

MR BORDEN NOT WELL

Premier Fainted While Attend-
ing Recent Dinner to Heads
of Provinces.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Nov. 6.—A movement has been inaugurated to prevent the Hon. George E. Foster succeeding to the premiership of Canada. Hon. Mr. Foster is the senior member of the Government and is recognized as the ablest of the ministers. His distinguished record in public life has created a jealousy in associates with more ambition and less capacity. Ever since the Borden Government was formed there has been ceaseless effort to put Hon. Mr. Foster to one side. His admission to the cabinet was opposed. He was denied the finance portfolio. He was sent to Australia when the naval debate was on, and will be out of Canada most of the coming session if his critics have their way.

Favor "Bob" Rogers.
The majority group now favor Hon. Robert Rogers as the next prime minister of Canada. Those behind the movement feel that the public is not quite ready to receive Hon. Mr. Rogers, but should prefer Hon. George E. Foster. Therefore when Premier Borden fainted at the official dinner to provincial premiers and showed how serious is the condition of his health, there was considerable consternation. Premier Borden was hurried away on his second search for health.

It is hoped that he may be able to go through the coming session and possibly may remain at his post until the general elections have been held.

Should the Government be again returned the way will have been prepared for Hon. Mr. Rogers to take the premiership, again pushing Hon. Mr. Foster to one side. An effort will be made by Hon. Mr. White, Mr. Rogers and other ambitious ministers to induce Mr. Foster to accept the chairmanship of a permanent tariff commission. His long experience and adherence to the principles of protection would make him an acceptable chairman to the interest which support the present Government.

C. P. R. Will Insist.

When the reorganization of the cabinet comes it is understood that the Canadian Pacific will insist on the nomination of new ministers. Mackenzie and Mann are credited with having put in seven of the present ministry, and the Canadian Pacific has insisted that there shall be more equitable distribution of favors in the future.

The present situation has attracted a very large number of Conservative members of Parliament to Ottawa recently.

Among those who are here who have been in Ottawa within a few days are Sam Sharpe, M. P. for North Ontario; George Clare, M. P. for South Waterloo; Mr. Welch, of North Waterloo; H. B. Morphy, M. P. for North Lanark; Gus Porter, M. P. for East Hastings; J. D. Taylor, M. P. for New Westminster; Herbert Clements, M. P. for Yale-Cariboo; Gerald White, M. P. for North-Berwick; Geo. Bradbury, M. P. for Stikine; I. N. Rhodes, M. P. for Cumberland; Andrew Broder, M. P. for Dundas; John Fisher, M. P. for Brant; John Stanfield, M. P. for Colchester; and A. Savigny, M. P. for Dorchester.

FLEW HEAD DOWNWARDS.

[Canadian Press.]
Versailles, France, Nov. 6.—Maurice Chevallier, French aviator, today imitated the example set by Adolph Bergout and flew over the motor-drome here in his biplane head downwards. He also performed many other feats of acrobatics.

To Hold Local Option Campaigns
In Three Hundred Municipalities

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, Nov. 6.—As a result of the showing made at the elections Tuesday, when the votes of recently enfranchised women are said to have placed 18 out of 24 municipalities voting in the "dry" column, three hundred cities and villages of Illinois will hold local option areas next spring. This was the statement yesterday of F. Scott McBride, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League.

"Under normal conditions," said Mr. McBride, "as the vote of Tuesday shows, the women will be three to one on the side of the dries. Organized properly, the proportion should be four to one."

Chicago may be one of the cities to face the "wet and dry" issue in the spring, according to report, although it is the understanding that the Anti-Saloon League does not favor a vote in Chicago so soon. The Liberals are said to be considering the advisability of bringing suit to test the constitutionality of the suffrage law in order to prevent the women from voting at the proposed option elections in April.

Quebec Plans to Adopt

LEADER ROWELL'S POLICY

Gradual Abolition of the Bar in Hotels and Reduc-

tion of Licenses Is Recommended in Report of

License Commissioner Appointed by Premier

Gouin.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Nov. 6.—The gradual abolition of the bar in hotels, the collection of revenue, not by the sale of licenses for a fixed amount, but on a percentage basis, and the reduction of licenses in the cities and towns of the province, it is believed, will be recommended in the report the license commission appointed by Sir Louis Gouin to consider the liquor question in Quebec, is now preparing, and which the session of the Legislature, which opens on Nov. 18, will consider. Legislation dealing with these points is expected to provide an interesting struggle in the House.

The exact nature of the recommendation that the commission will make

will not be known until its report is tabled, but it is taken for granted that they will suggest legislation of a most drastic character. It is thought that instead of the bar hotels will be compelled to establish cafes, with tables and chairs, after the fashion of the European resorts.

Officials of the Government here who have discussed the possibility of the change in the present system of getting revenue from the licensees, think that more would be secured by assessing hotels on the amount of business done.

It is thought that changes in the license will only be made gradually, and that hotel proprietors will only be forced to accept them when a renewal of a license is asked for.

MAN NEAR DEATH

WHEN ARRESTED

ON OLD CHARGE

A Young Negro, Almost Dead

With Tuberculosis, Comes

Home To Die.

TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL

Physicians Say It Is Unlikely

That He Can Live For More

Than Two Weeks.

There is a possibility that there will be no prosecution of a charge of assault, occasioning actual bodily harm, preferred against William Selby, a colored man, by James Millan, for before the charge can be heard Selby may have gone before a higher court.

He was arrested at the C. P. R. station Wednesday morning by P. C. Thomas Noonan and taken to the police station. There Selby told officials that when he came back to London it was in an endeavor to enter Victoria Hospital to be treated.

When arrested Selby appeared to be very ill, and as he was in a weakened condition he was examined by a physician. The latter advised the police officials that Selby was suffering from a virulent form of tuberculosis, and that his death would likely occur within two weeks.

He will likely be taken to Victoria Hospital this afternoon.

REFUSED TO GIVE

BACK TILL MONEY

Philip McLaughlin Wanted the

Money if He Had To Go

to Jail.

Philip McLaughlin, charged with stealing a coat valued at \$29 from the Palace Dancing Academy, Monday night, was found guilty by Magistrate Judd this morning and remanded one week for sentence.

McLaughlin denied stealing the coat, and stuck to his story that an unknown man, who had a red scar on his jaw, met him and asked him to pawn the coat for him. The man, according to McLaughlin, wanted to get out of town and gave him 50 cents for negotiating a loan of \$3 on the coat.

When arrested he had \$2.75 in his possession, and when asked by the magistrate if he were willing that it be given to Mr. Fox in part payment of the \$3 which was secured on the coat, he replied that he was not if he had to serve a term in prison for the theft.

GEN. BOOTH GOES WEST.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Nov. 6.—General Booth completes his program in Toronto this afternoon. He will leave tonight at 10 o'clock for Winnipeg, where great preparations are being made to welcome him.

URGE ADMIRALTY TO DROP
COLONIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
LIBERALS' STAND INDORSEDThe Policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Is Supported by
Richard Jebb, and Admirals Freemantle and
Henderson—Australia and New Zealand Take
Same View.Canadian Loyalty, After South African Experience,
Is Never Doubted in England—Much Mis-
conception Has Existed as to True Facts.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Nov. 6.—A cable from London to the Daily Telegraph today says:

Hon. W. S. Fielding, ex-finance minister of Canada, writing today in the Morning Post on the letters of Richard Jebb, Admiral Sir J. C. Freemantle and Admiral W. H. Henderson, who urged the admiralty to drop the policy of colonial contributions, says:

"Canadian Liberals will rejoice to find their views practically indorsed by such high authorities. It was natural that at first the Englishman should hurrah for those who offered a gift of \$7,000,000, and to assume that Canadians who questioned the policy were lacking in patriotism and loyalty, but light is dawning."

PRINCIPLE SUPPORTED.
"Recent discussion shows the principle of local control for which Canadian Liberals contended is supported by Australia, and now New Zealand is taking the same position. Canadian Liberals sincerely believe the contribution policy does not advance the cause of imperialism, but rather checks same imperialism. The admiralty and the Canadian Government can yet reconsider their action and return to the policy of the resolutions unanimously adopted in 1909."

Referring to a remark of Admiral Freemantle's about the neutrality of Canada in the time of war, Mr. Fielding says:

MUCH MISCONCEPTION.

"There has been much misconception, to use no stronger word as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's position on that point. Sir Wilfrid knows that no part of the Empire can be neutral when Great Britain is at war. But England has, under the constitution, no power to decide what Canada shall do. Only the Canadian Government and Parliament can decide when, in what manner, and at what cost Canada shall aid the mother country in such a crisis. The aid given by Canada to South Africa was all the more valuable because it was entirely voluntary."

CANADA IS LOYAL.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Canadian Liberals only ask that the rights which Canada enjoys shall remain unimpaired, but no one who knows of Canada's part in the South African war, no one who knows the loyal sentiments of the Canadian people, can doubt that if at any time Great Britain should become involved in a war with any of the great powers, Canada would spring to her aid and be ready to make any sacrifice of blood or treasure that might be necessary for the maintenance of the honor or interests of the Empire."

Runs Into House

Asking Protection

From Brutal Man

Woman Tells Physician That She Was Insulted b

Man Who Offered to Direct Her to Doctor's Office

—Man Makes Quick Disappearance.

In a highly nervous condition, as the result of insulting remarks made to her on the street by an unknown man, a middle-aged woman ran into a Dufferin avenue house several nights ago and asked for protection.

The woman lives in West London, and keeps boarders. One of them came ill and she set out for Dr. Bateson's office. When she arrived the doctor was out, so she started in search of another physician, who had attended her, and whose office is on Queen's avenue.

She started to walk through Victoria Park and in the darkness became confused. Coming upon a man after she got out of the park she asked the direction to the physician's office. The man replied that he was going past the door, and that if she would walk with him, he would take her there.

Asks for Protection.
She agreed, and the man started eastward. After walking for some time the woman says it was more than half an hour—she became alarmed and asked the man why they had not arrived at the office. He then made insulting proposals to her. Noticing a light in a house near by she ran from the man, and asked for protection at the door.

She was taken into the house, and learned that she was in the vicinity of Dufferin and Adelaide streets. One of the members of the household went in search of the man, but was unable to locate him.

The woman was accompanied to the office of the physician and was later taken to her home.

Invited to Ride.
In conversation with the physician, the Advertiser learned that several weeks ago a young woman, who was passing his door, was accosted by two women in an automobile, and asked to go for a ride. She refused and was told by one of the women that they had been watching her all day, and were so taken up with her appearance they would like to make her acquaintance. The girl became alarmed and ran into the physician's office, and the women drove away.

The police were notified about the latest happening, but owing to the meagre description furnished by the woman have been unable to apprehend the man.

ADMITS HIS GUILT;
WILL RETURN MONEY

Porcupine Man Given Chance to Make
Restitution by Magistrate.

Earl Henderson, charged by the Imperial Bank with obtaining \$200 by means of false pretences on Oct. 22, elected summary trial and pleaded guilty to the charge before Police Magistrate Judd this morning.

Henderson, who is a mine promoter, called on Thomas Raycraft on the 22nd, and after telling him he wanted to get a check cashed on a Porcupine bank, asked him to go to the Imperial Bank and identify him.

He was arrested Tuesday in St. Thomas. When he appeared this morning he offered to make restitution to the bank within a week if allowed to go.

The court fixed his bail at \$1,000, \$500 of his own and two sureties of \$100 each. If this amount can be raised Henderson will be allowed to go to secure the money for Mr. Raycraft, but if he does not get it he will be sentenced a week from today. In the event if restitution being made, Henderson may be allowed to go on suspended sentence.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARMER.
Forecasts.
Toronto, Nov. 6.—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southerly winds; fine and a little milder today and on Friday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
LONDON. 44 34 Clear
Calgary. 44 34 Cloudy
Winnipeg. 56 30 Cloudy
Port Arthur. 54 36 Cloudy
Perry Sound. 50 38 Cloudy
Toronto. 50 30 Clear
Ottawa. 44 30 Cloudy
Montreal. 38 36 Clear
Quebec. 32 24 Cloudy
Father Point. 34 26 Cloudy

Weather Notes.
Pressure is still low over the west and northwest portions of the continent, and highest over the Atlantic States.
Fine weather everywhere prevails.

WOMEN FAINTED
WHEN BILL SIKES
"SOAKED" NANCYWild "Gas-Sups" All Over House
When Marks' Masters of
Drama Perform.

A RUSH FOR WATER

Murder Scene From "Oliver
Twist" Staggers 'em, as Was
Announced in Advance.

"Spare me! Spare me! as I have spared you!" she cried, but drunk and maddened, Bill Sikes gripped Nancy's soft, delicate throat with rude and brutal hands. He threw her to the floor, he caught her by the hair of her head, and with her long dark tresses he dragged her across the room, while she moaned and pleaded for her life. From the wings the audience, watching Marks Bros. in "Oliver Twist" at the Grand Wednesday night, heard her cries of anguish, and when Sikes came in again, his hand and arm were red with blood. Then inch by inch, for what seemed an eternity of time, Nancy, with her hair all dishevelled and red blood dripping from a wound in her breast, crawled back into the room, across the stage, and kissed the hand of the man she loved, of the man that had murdered her.

Too Much for Some.
The curtain fell, the lights came on, and the audience breathed once more. But there was a commotion in the balcony. Eight or ten women had fainted. The ushers ran to and fro, up and down, with glasses of water. Some of the ladies revived readily. One or two were carried utterly helpless down stairs. Four or five were assisted from various parts of the theatre by their escorts or the ushers. A great many, while not entirely overcome, were yet so affected that they were unable to remain for the conclusion of the performance. The realistic and highly impressionistic presentation of "Oliver Twist" by the Marks Company had been too much for them.

Nervous Ones Warned.
Mr. Marks explained that similar occurrences elsewhere were not infrequent. He always warned his patrons who were nervous or high-strung to stay away from this particular play. The principals were H. Webb Chamberlain as Fagin, Chas. A. Taft as Sikes, Hazel Brown as Oliver Twist, and Marie LaFleur as Nancy Sikes.

TO CHECK FRAUDS

Companies Will Have to File With the
Government Reports of Business.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Nov. 6.—Major Sam Sharpe, M. P., will introduce next session a bill to compel companies to file with the Government annual returns of their business. He will also seek to regulate the capital of companies to prevent stock-watering.

GIVEN \$3,150 DAMAGES
FOR DEATH OF HUSBANDMrs. Chas. Cave Receives Settle-
ment From Grand Trunk
Railway.

Mrs. Charles Cave, formerly Miss Vanstone, of this city, but now residing in Windsor, and whose husband was accidentally killed in that city on a Grand Trunk freight car, has been awarded the sum of \$3,150, as well as the costs in the damage suit begun by her against the company. The father of the late Mr. Cave was the late Alfred Cave, of 22 Marley Place, South London. The son was employed for many years in this city, but recently removed to Windsor, where he met his death. Mr. Alfred Cave, grocer, is a brother.

ENGINEER CHIPMAN
COMES TO LONDONConfers With Engineer Ashplant
on \$400,000 Sewer
Undertaking.

Engineer Willis Chipman, of Toronto, arrived in London this afternoon. With City Engineer W. N. Ashplant, he went over the storm sewer proposition. The two engineers will meet the board of works tonight to outline a program for the carrying through of the \$400,000 storm-sewer project.

At the last session of the council the board was empowered to deal with Mr. Chipman and endeavor to secure his services as the drainage expert in charge of the installation of the new system. Arrangements with this end in view will be made tonight.

JOHN MITCHELL TO
RETIRE SHORTLYLabor Leader Will Not Be Candidate
for Office Again.

[Canadian Press.]
Baltimore, Nov. 5.—John Mitchell, for fifteen years actively connected with the work of the American Federation of Labor, and for years one of its vice-presidents, announced here today at a banquet given in his honor, that he would withdraw from official connection with the federation at its meeting in Seattle next week.

Mr. Mitchell said his withdrawal was voluntary. He declared that under no circumstances would he permit his name to go before the delegates for any office. "It does not mean that I am quitting the labor ranks," said Mr. Mitchell, "but I want to give place to a certain member of the United Mine Workers of America, who has done much good for the cause, and who, I think, should be made an official of the American Federation."

TORONTO BOOKIES
WERE FINED \$1,125Man Who Took Bets From Factory
Employees Paid \$600.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Nov. 5.—This afternoon fines to the amount of \$1,125 were imposed on Richard Maskill, Orie Sebastian, Walter Taylor, Thomas Lawrence, Arthur Blackman, Albert Booth and Harry Mead, who were arrested for taking bets in the east end. The biggest fine was \$600, against Booth, who was considered the worst case, and who took bets from factory employees, and Mead came next, with \$250. Maskill paid \$150, while Sebastian and Taylor paid \$50 each, and Lawrence \$25. Blackman came off easiest with \$10.