

MR. W. C. FERGUSON RESIGNS POSITION IN THE COLLEGIATE

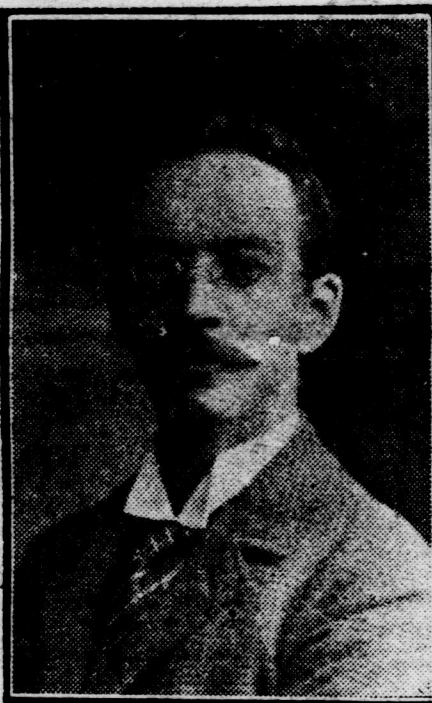
English Master Drops Out as Result of the School Board's Unfair Action—Board Met This Morning to Deal With Staff Changes.

The board of education held a special meeting this morning. As anticipated, Mr. W. C. Ferguson, English master of the Collegiate, and one of the best teachers in the Province, tendered his resignation to accept a position in Riverdale High School, Toronto. There is absolutely no doubt that his decision was due to the action of the board of education in discriminating against the senior members of the Collegiate Institute staff in favor of a relative of Trustee MacRobert. The board accepted the resignation to take effect forthwith. There was no discussion on the matter whatever. That the resignation was anticipated by Mr. McCutcheon, was shown by the fact that the principal has interviewed the Deputy Minister of Education regarding Mr. Ferguson's successor. They both recommended Mr. J. F. Vanevery, of Owen Sound Collegiate. The board instructed No. 1 committee to endeavor to secure the services

Serious Loss to the Institute; Why Mr. Ferguson Is Leaving It

Told Friends That He Would Not Remain After Unjust Action of School Board.

The London Collegiate Institute has been dealt another hard blow by the resignation of Mr. W. C. Ferguson, B. A., English master, formerly teacher of modern languages. Mr. Ferguson is a London boy and is admittedly one of the best teachers in Ontario. He has been virtually driven from his native city by the MacRobert clique of the school board. Mr. Ferguson entered the teaching profession eighteen years ago, and was appointed on the staff of the London Collegiate Institute in January, 1892, or eight years before the present principal. He is said to be the third highest salary in the institute—\$1,500—but will begin in Riverdale School, Toronto, at \$1,400. Had Mr. R. A. Little been appointed principal of the L. C. I., Mr. Ferguson would have been vice-principal by right of seniority. When Trustee MacRobert captured the principalship for his cousin, Mr. Ferguson told his friends here that he would not put up with the injustice and humiliation. He had already refused good offers elsewhere, but he would take the next one that offered. A few days later he was recommended for the position of modern language master at the new Riverdale High School, Toronto. There is no better known teacher



MR. W. C. FERGUSON, B. A.,

in London, and there is said to be none in the Province better qualified for his work. His departure from the city will deepen the feeling of indignation among all classes over the outrageous action of a majority of the school trustees. It is said there will be a shakeup of the staff at the end of the next school term.

Found Guilty of Assaulting Little Girl

The case of Thomas Cavender, the Simcoe farm laborer who was arrested several months ago on a charge of having committed a criminal assault upon 8-year-old Emma Matthews, of Mount Elgin, is being heard today before Judge Elliott.

The father of the little girl is employed at the Mount Elgin Institute, and Cavender worked there for some time three years ago. One Sunday a couple of months ago, the accused man visited the home of the Cavenders when the mother of the girl was at church and the father was doing some work out in the barn.

The text of the girl's story this morning, when she was placed under oath on the stand, was as follows: She had known the accused her for a long time, and he had approached her on a previous occasion, and told her some things which he should not have done. Shortly after Cavender had ar-

rived on the Sunday in question he handed his wheel over to Walter, the oldest brother, a lad of about 12, and had told him to take his little brother for a ride down the road. The younger boy was 3 years old. Then he told Vera, the sister to go along with the others and get a ride, too.

Shortly afterward Emma went into the house to look after two twin baby sisters, which had been left asleep in the kitchen, and Cavender followed her in. It was then the alleged assault occurred.

Mrs. Ella Matthews, the child's mother, testified that she had known the accused for upwards of five years. She had accidentally learned of the assault a week after it took place.

With the exception of some minor testimony this concluded the evidence. Cavender was then found guilty of having committed a criminal assault, and was remanded until Saturday for sentence.

Four Valuable Jersey Cows Killed By Arsenic Dumped Into Well

Owners Thought Bovines Had Been Done to Death Maliciously.

Four valuable Jersey cows died yesterday afternoon from drinking water out of a little stream, known as Thompson's Creek, that flows into the south branch of the Thames, near Chelsea Green. Death was caused by arsenic poisoning, the poison getting into the water from its emptied by the Wilcox Hardware Company.

Two of the cows were owned by Mr. J. Burgess, of Chelsea Green, and the other two were owned by a Mr. Wright, of the same neighborhood. Yesterday morning the cows were

turned out to pasture, and were all right. In the evening, when the boys went for them, they were all lying dead in the field. It was suspected at first that some person had poisoned the cattle, and a veterinary was sent for.

As soon as he saw the cattle he came to the conclusion that death was due to arsenic poisoning. The cause was sought, and it was found that the company had emptied its vats, filled with a strong solution of arsenic, used in the work of manufacture into the little creek from which the cows drank.

The firm is said to have settled with the owners of the cows for their loss. It would take some filtering to get that poison out of the water. This might happen anywhere along the north branch of the river as soon as these are manufacturers situated there.

A Good Year For Railways

New York, Aug. 28.—The gross earnings of the railroads of the United States during 1906, according to the fortieth annual number of Poor's Manual, just issued, made the enormous increase over 1905 of \$234,442,516. The net earnings increased \$104,728,224.

This was done in spite of a heavy increase in operating expenses, due to higher wages and increased cost of material. Over 71,000,000 more traveled by rail in 1906 than in the preceding year, while the railroads moved 1,610,099,829 tons as compared with 1,435,312,748 tons in the preceding year.

The total assets of all railroads are reported as \$17,534,381,633, or more than six times the total money in circulation in the country.

BRITISH HOUSE PROROGUED TODAY

Long and Arduous Session Ended With the Usual Ceremonies.

London, Aug. 28.—With picturesque old-time ceremonial, the British Parliament was prorogued today, thus ending one of the longest and most arduous sessions, during which the royal assent was given to over 60 bills, which the two houses passed. The members of the House of Commons assembled at noon, and shortly afterwards they were summoned to the House of Lords, where the King's speech was read. The statements made were of the usual colorless character, referring to the recent royal visits and the friendly relations existing between Great Britain and the other powers.

THESE NOW RANK AS LIEUTENANTS

Qualified at the Examination Held During the London Camp.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Militia orders today announce that the undermentioned provisional lieutenants have been examined by a board of officers at Camp London, on June 14, 1904, and have qualified for the rank of lieutenant: Lieut. C. W. Voltek, Twenty-sixth Regiment; Lieut. P. W. Robinson, Twenty-sixth Regiment; Lieut. A. L. Johnson, Twenty-sixth Regiment; Lieut. G. G. Geddes, Twenty-seventh Regiment; Lieut. S. Coates, Thirtieth Regiment; Lieut. T. W. Webster, Thirty-second Regiment; Lieut. H. Parker, Thirty-second Regiment; Lieut. H. McL. Chadwick, Thirty-second Regiment; Lieut. G. Fowler, Thirty-second Regiment; Lieut. H. A. Robb, Thirty-second Regiment; Lieut. W. R. Whiddon, Thirty-third Regiment; Lieut. J. W. Manning, Thirty-third Regiment.

The following named officers have passed the examination for promotion which was held at Petawawa Camp: For the rank of major captain, C. T. Van Straubenzee; for the rank of captain, Capt. C. H. Powell, R. C. M. R.; Lieut. T. N. Denison, R. C. M. R.; Lieut. B. N. Denison, R. C. M. R.

FINE NEW GUNS FOR VIGILANT

Four Modern Quick Firers Mounted on the Crack Lake Cruiser.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Four modern quick-firing, 1½-pound guns have just been mounted on the Canadian fishery protection cruiser Vigilant on Lake Ontario. They have a range of four and a half miles, and take the place of some old-pattern, seven-pound muzzle loaders, with a very much shorter range, which have formed the armament of the Vigilant since she first went into commission a couple of years ago. The modern guns came with the boat as a part of her original equipment. However, they were kept in a shed in store and not mounted because of some changes which would have to be made in the deck arrangements and because the decks would require strengthening to support the guns.

C.P.R. BRAKEMAN DIES IN FREIGHT CRASH

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., Aug. 28.—In a rear-end collision this morning at Manvers on the C. P. R. east of here, between two eastbound freight trains, brakeman Edward Wandsborough, of Toronto Junction, was killed. Several cars of merchandise were destroyed. Officials declare orders were disobeyed.

Must Take Vote of People Before Issue Debentures for Hospital

Deputation Goes to Toronto Re the Proposed Tuberculosis Institution.

The committee appointed by the city and county to wait on Hon. Mr. Hanna, provincial secretary, in regard to the securing of a grant for the proposed tuberculosis hospital, are in Toronto today, and had arranged for an interview with Mr. Hanna re the matter. It was stated here at noon that there is no possibility of the Government allowing either the city or the county to issue debentures for the proposed hospital without first securing a vote of the people on the matter.

Why the Government should be so strict in regard to the tuberculosis hospital is a mystery, when it is remembered that by a mere vote of the city council, the city was allowed to issue \$75,000 debentures for the isolation hospital and the proposed hygienic institute.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Aug. 28.—A committee composed of Ald. Stevely, Ald. Beattie, Dr.

Niven, chairman of the board of health, County Councillors Glass and Brown, and Mr. R. W. Jackson, county representative on the hospital trust, waited on the Provincial Secretary this morning relative to the proposed tuberculosis hospital for London and Middlesex.

The committee was most cordially received by Mr. Hanna, who assured them that he was in sympathy with the movement, and the committee feel satisfied that there will be no difficulty in obtaining a grant from the Government.

The plans and estimates of the proposed building were submitted, and the Provincial Secretary spoke very approvingly of them.

G. N. W. Dispatch.

Toronto, Aug. 28.—A joint deputation representing the city of London and the county of Middlesex waited on Hon. Mr. Hanna this morning to ask Government aid in the building of a hospital near London for the treatment of tuberculosis, the building is expected to cost \$15,000, and the claim for aid is based on the act of last session, pledging assistance to such institution when approved of by the Government, whether built by one or a union of municipalities.

Alleged Attempt of an Agency To Swindle People of London

Matter Taken Up by a Local Lawyer—A Peculiar Case.

New and original swindling schemes are always being discovered, and it is alleged a Yankee firm has lately tried a new one on Canadians. The scheme has succeeded in several instances, and may do so in many more.

The other day a certain well-known man received a bill for \$12 from a New York collecting agency for books the man was alleged to have bought from a publishing firm. The notice stated that the books had been delivered to the man. Accompanying was a threat that his wages would be garnished, if the money was not forthcoming immediately.

Attached to this somewhat formidable looking document was a large red seal with an inscription. In a day or two the man's employer received a notice from the same firm, notifying him of his employee's alleged delinquency, and informing him that if the man did not pay up, the firm would be forced to garnish his salary. In order to prevent trouble, however, the agency would give the employer 10 per cent of the amount of the bill provided he got the man to pay up willingly.

The gentleman who was accused of not paying for the books alleges that he never heard of them, never saw them, never ordered any books and did not intend to. He was somewhat taken back when his employer showed him this letter to the firm. He consulted Mr. J. M. McEvoy about it, and the bill was not paid.

"I have had several such cases," said Mr. McEvoy to The Advertiser this morning, "and I know several other lawyers have had the same experience. I wrote to New York to the attorney mentioned in the document as doing the firm's legal business, but received an answer that such a man did not do business there. The men who receive these letters are sometimes frightened and pay the bills, especially when their employer is informed of the alleged debts.

"They do not owe these bills, and they have no right to pay them. I would not call it a swindle, I hardly know what you would call it. The facts are just as stated."

COWARDLY ATTACK ON CHINAMEN BRINGS HOT REBUKE FROM P. M.

For deliberately assaulting two Chinamen on Richmond street last night, Harry West and Harvey Olmstead were assessed \$5 and costs of \$2.75, by Magistrate Love in the police court this morning.

West and Olmstead both claimed innocence in the matter, and declared that other members of their party, numbering six or seven, committed the offense.

"I don't believe a word of that story," declared the magistrate. "You saw the two innocent foreigners coming along, and knowing that they would not give you the thrashing you deserved you picked them out as targets for your cowardly, uncalled-for assault. Had they been people of your own race you wouldn't have had nerve enough to tackle them."

Edwin Colby pleaded guilty to stealing three boxes of fancy cakes or biscuits from Perrin & Co.'s warehouse yesterday. Colby was charged with purloining three boxes, but would admit having taken only two.

The prisoner stated that he had but recently returned from camp at Petawawa, and could give no reason for his act other than that he was drinking heavily at the time. Sentence was deferred for one week.

Three first time drunks were discharged.

ATTACKS GIRL IN HER ROOM

Waitress in a Local Cafe the Victim of an Alleged Assault.

As a result of an alleged assault on one of the girls employed in the Palace Cafe yesterday afternoon, a well-known young man of this city, will appear before Magistrate Love in the police court this afternoon.

The young lady in the case rooms in the same house as her employer, Mr. Finch, the proprietor of the Palace Cafe, on York street.

Mr. Finch was enjoying a nap yesterday afternoon when he was startled by hearing the girl make an outcry. Quickly donning his clothes Mr. Finch reached the young lady's room in time to see the young man in the case jumping through the open window. Finch started in pursuit and shortly afterwards handed the fugitive over to Officer Black, who happened to be nearby.

The case was to have come up this morning, but was adjourned by mutual consent.

Mayor Judd is acting for the accused.

Father Hurls Babe From Belle Isle Bridge

Crazed Man Offers His Child in Atonement for Sins.

Detroit, Aug. 28.—"I threw my child from the Belle Isle bridge. I gave her to God to atone for my sins. I want to give myself up to the police."

Albert Stemmelen, 270 Baldwin avenue, walked calmly into central police station last night, at 8 o'clock, and with an even, emotionless voice, announced to Lieutenant of Detectives Bert High, the details of the murder of his baby girl, Helen, the innocent, fair-haired victim of a father's mind distorted by religious fanaticism.

With only the man's own statement to guide them, Detroit police now are startled by a crime, the story of which has made the deepest impression in Detroit crime circles since Parker and Johnson confessed

to the clubbing to death of Pawnbroker Moyer.

Hurled Child to Death. No one saw the frenzied man's crazy deed. But from his own calm statement of confession, he hurled his 2-year-old child from the span of the Belle Isle bridge that is situated about 200 feet from the draw of the Detroit River. This much as an atonement to the awful God of his imagination—the sacrifice of a daughter that was at once his favorite child, and idol of his life. And then the law—to which he realized he must sacrifice himself.

Choosing an hour when dusk was creeping over the peaceful waters of the river, a time when few pedestrians were on the bridge, Albert A. Stemmelen, from his own confession, hurled this little one to an early grave. There was no one to see the awful thing—no one but the unfortunate man who was father to the child victim.

Labor Day Celebration Will Excel Any and All Previous Attempts

Committee Appointed to Take Charge of the Gates and Inlet Monday Next.

The Labor Day committee of the Trades and Labor Council held a largely-attended and enthusiastic meeting last night, when arrangements for the big celebration on Monday next were finally completed.

Chairman Charles Meaden presided, and all reports presented were of the most satisfactory character.

President H. B. Archer of the Trades and Labor Council was named superintendent, and the following gentlemen were appointed to the gates and tickets committee:

John Jacobs, H. Hollingshead, Fred Durdin, James Bendle, Ed Tuletzki, Harry Clark, John McCandless, Harry Rymill, James Dunn, H. Fountain, James Hevey, Albert Gibbons, George Jackson, Joseph Holliday, James Murray, Robert Pevler, Hugh McPherson, Abraham B. Post, C. Tinsley and F. Chambers.

The labor men declare that the celebration this year will excel any previous labor day entertainment.

Funds have been plentiful, and money has not been spared to secure some of the very best attractions for the afternoon and evening.

The Twenty-sixth Regiment Band will supply the music for the day, and Bandmaster Pococke promises the largest turnout of musicians seen in London for many moons.

Boston Girl Disappears From Local Railway Train

Was a Passenger on the G.T.R., and Was Lost Between Here and Hamilton.

Assistant Superintendent Nixon, of the Grand Trunk Railway, London, and all the officials of the company between this city and Hamilton, are endeavoring to solve the mystery of the sudden and unaccountable disappearance of Miss Margaret Ryan, 20 years of age, who was on her way from Boston to Hamilton, and disappeared between Hamilton and this city.

The matter has also been reported to

the London police, but thus far they have been unable to locate the missing girl.

She is understood to come of one of the best families in Boston, and her relatives are keeping the wires hot in their endeavor to locate her.

To The Advertiser today Mr. Nixon stated that he knows nothing of the case, other than as given above. All efforts to locate her have thus far failed, though she is missing a week.

One theory is that she got off at a way station, and is in some town between London and Hamilton.

At all events every place along the line is being thoroughly canvassed for a clue of the missing woman.

Hamilton Girl Has Hard Luck Robbed in London and in Sarnia

Miss McLeod's Experience While Traveling Was Not Pleasant—Valise and Camera Gone.

To be robbed of her valuable camera, while passing through this city, and to be still further relieved of a valise containing her jewelry, personal effects and other valuables, when she reached Sarnia, was the somewhat unusual experience of Miss McLeod, of 45 Bay street, Hamilton.

Miss McLeod left Hamilton along with a party of friends about two weeks ago, to spend her vacation at Sarnia, Point Edward and other places. All went well until the party reached London, when Miss McLeod left the train and went to the waiting-room, taking along her camera.

When the Sarnia train, on which Miss McLeod's friends were riding, was about to leave she got on board again, but just as the train was pulling out she discovered that her camera was missing.

She returned to the waiting-room where she remembered having left the machine, but could not find it. Concluding that thieves had taken her camera Miss McLeod walked to the

station platform to find that her train was gone.

Was Stranded.

Not having any money nor any friends in this city Miss McLeod was in rather an unfortunate predicament.

A lady, however, seeing the girl's unfortunate plight, paid her hotel bill until the next Sarnia train left.

Once again Miss McLeod joined her friends at Sarnia, from which point the party left for Point Edward by boat.

While awaiting at the dock for the steamer Miss McLeod's valise, containing her clothes, jewelry and personal effects, was stolen.

Miss McLeod passed through this city today en route to her home in Hamilton, and called at the Carling street police station to lay her case before the local police in the hope that they may be able at least to locate her camera.

SULTAN ASSASSINATED

London, Aug. 28.—The correspondent of the Tribune at Tangier telegraphs his paper under reserve a rumor that Sultan Abdul Aziz has been assassinated in the palace at Fez.

Son of Late King Milan Takes Dose of Arsenic

London, Aug. 28.—A message from Constantinople says that George Christick, the legitimized son of the late King Milan, attempted recently to commit suicide, while visiting Prinipo Island, in the Sea of Marmora. He applied for admission into the Theresianum in Vienna, and for the purpose asked for a medical certificate from the Austro-Hungarian embassy at Constantinople. His family wished

that the certificate be made out in the name of George Ourenvitch, the latter the family name of the late King Milan, but the embassy physician declined on the ground that he had no knowledge of any such individual.

The refusal exasperated the young man, who is of a highly nervous temperament, and he determined to end his life by taking a dose of arsenic.

His purpose was discovered in time to apply remedies, and he is said to be out of danger.