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## Dr. Beattie Nesbitt Arrested In Chicago and Will Return To Toronto to Face Charges

**Former President of Farmers' Bank, Who Has Been a Fugitive for Justice for Sixteen Months, Was Identified in Windy City Despite His Aged Appearance, Short Hair and Long Whiskers.**

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, formerly one of the most familiar and jovial figures upon the streets of Toronto, was arrested last night by the American authorities at Chicago. Detective Wallace of the Toronto force is now in the Windy City to bring him back to this city. The Toronto police hold three warrants for the doctor's arrest. It is charged that he committed forgery by making and signing false documents in the shape of the padded and altered list of alleged subscribers of the Farmers' Bank, of which he was then the president, and sending these lists to the finance department at Ottawa. This is the only charge now laid upon which the Canadian authorities can hope to extradite the doctor. The other charges are that he conspired with Travers and George Wishart to steal \$350,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the Keeley Mine, and that he made false returns to the government of the same nature as those involved in the charges against Col. Munro, president of the bank, at the time of its collapse, and upon which charges Munro was acquitted.

It is said by those who have seen Dr. Nesbitt in Chicago, that he is a broken man. He is said to be prematurely aged, grown much thinner and to have lost all of his jovial attitude and masterful bearing. It is said that he will scarcely be recognized in Toronto, as his hair is now worn short and he has allowed a long and flowing beard to grow. This man, who has been sought the world over, and who has been reported as being seen in every quarter of it, has never in reality been off the continent.

Dr. Nesbitt, who was one of the most picturesque and well-known figures in the city, since his hurried flight over the ice from his summer home in Muskoka, when he rode to the border at the Sault on a freight train, has dwelt in almost monastic seclusion. He who was of a wild and rollicking disposition has been sobered and subdued by grief and separation from his wife and little daughter, who has never ceased for her daddy's speedy return.

It is said that Dr. Nesbitt will fight extradition in which event the authorities will likely take the matter up with the immigration authorities of the United States with a view to having him deported. It being grounds for deportation that there is a criminal charge against an alien in another country.

That he will object to returning of his own free will and accord is doubtful, however, as it is known that he had considered coming back to face his trial for some time. To this end he had even communicated with some of his friends here recently, and is even said to have sought to open up negotiations in the regard.

**The Doctor's Escape.**  
On Jan. 17, 1911, Dr. Nesbitt was with his wife and little daughter on their trip to Muskoka. After a short stay they delay the warrant for his arrest was issued at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Crown Attorney Corry approved its issue at noon and Detective Duncan was just too late to Muskoka and could not leave before that night. About the time of the issue of the warrant Dr. Nesbitt received a telegram at his lonely island in Muskoka and drove miles across the ice and made good his escape. The inspector of detectives with Detective Guthrie got to the island on Sunday after spending the night in Gravenhurst.

## MIDDY ROADS IN THE CITY

The city hall has been flooded with complaints about this impassable condition of a number of roads in Toronto. Dozens of streets are knee-deep in mud, and in many cases horses have stuck and wagons have broken down. Drivers are now forced to avoid many streets.

Drivers for the C. P. R. Carriage Co. have refused to go on Woodward-avenue on account of the muddy condition. The Humane Society officers are investigating.

Cherry-street and other thoroughfares in the vicinity of freight sheds are a sea of mud. The suburban roads are also practically impassable.



Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the Farmers' Bank, who was arrested last night in Chicago. Dr. Nesbitt's hair is now short and he has grown whiskers. Owing to this, as well as the fact that he has aged greatly, he will be hardly recognizable to those who knew him in Toronto.

## ONE BOY KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED

**Leslie Davidson Crushed to Death Under Pile of Lumber, and Marshall Clarke Had Both Legs Broken—Another Lad Escaped and Told of Companion's Fate.**

Buried beneath a huge pile of lumber near the C. P. R. siding on Oser-ave., ward seven, about six o'clock last night, one boy was killed and another seriously injured. Leslie Davidson, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, 22 Miller-ave., was crushed to death.

He was taken out unconscious with both legs broken below the knees, and his body badly bruised. It is expected that he will recover.

Robert Paton, aged eight years, of 27 Oser-ave., had just left the lumber a few seconds before it tumbled over, and notified some workmen what had befallen his comrades.

The body of Leslie Davidson was removed to his home. Coroner Clendenan has decided to hold an inquest in Speer's undertaker's parlors this morning.

Marshall Clarke was removed in Speer's ambulance to the Western Hospital. Dr. C. H. Mooney of 100 Cooper-ave., rendered first aid to the injured lad.

The pile of lumber was about 15 feet high and at all hours of the day a number of small boys were in the habit of playing on it.

## MOTOR INDUSTRY FOR BELLE-VILLE.

BELLEVILLE, April 11.—(Special.)—There is every prospect that a new industry will be established here in the near future, namely a branch of the Ohio Motor Car Co. of Cincinnati. The proposition has been endorsed by a mass meeting of citizens. The city council has made satisfactory terms and stock is being subscribed. The company here will be capitalized at \$200,000 of which amount \$50,000 in stock will be subscribed in this city.

## Q. O. R. AT HOME.

The first annual at home and ladies' night of the warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants of the Queen's Own Rifles was held at their mess room, 40 University-ave., last night. The Queen's Own Band was in attendance and about fifty couples were present.

## TRUE BILL FOUND IN RAILWAY CASES

**Manager, Claims Agent, Counsel and Detectives Will Be Tried for Misleading, Obstructing and Contempt of Court as Result of Recent Fake Damage Action.**

Misleading, obstructing and contempt of his majesty's court of justice is charged in an indictment which the grand jury of the criminal sessions court yesterday afternoon returned against those implicated in the recent fake street railway actions.

R. J. Fleming, general manager of the Toronto Railway Co.; Jas. H. Forrest, chief claims agent; Albert Burnett and W. E. Smalings, two detectives employed by the railway company, and J. W. Curry, R.C., are the men against whom the true bill has been returned.

The grand jury sat from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., hearing the evidence before finally bringing in the bill.

Witnesses who gave evidence before the grand jury are: B. H. Ardagh, solicitor for the plaintiffs in the fake actions; Dr. A. H. Garratt; J. Lowry, court stenographer; John Richardson, clerk of the court; D. L. McCarthy, C. C., counsel for the Street Railway Co., but who did not appear for them in these actions, and six newspaper reporters, who interviewed some of the principals at the conclusion of the actions.

The case will probably be tried at the criminal assizes.

## Says Home Rule Means Civil War in Ireland

MONTREAL, April 11.—"If the home rule bill becomes law, there will be civil war in Ireland," stated Sir Robert Perks, the great English contractor and former Liberal member of parliament for 18 years, treasurer of the Liberal League, in the course of an interview on the subject at the Windsor Hotel here, where he is staying for a few days.

"It will never get that far, however," Sir Robert added, "because long before the measure can be forced through the house of lords, the Asquith or any other Liberal administration in Great Britain will have ceased to exist. If there was an election in the old country tomorrow the Radical Government would be defeated, because the people are convinced that it has handed over the reins of government to the Labor-

## Brantford's Hydro Bylaw

BRANTFORD, April 11.—(Special.)—The fire and light committee has decided to recommend to the city council the submission of a hydro-electric bylaw here, involving an expenditure of \$100,000. The conduit system in the centre of the city will be an additional charge to be provided for on the local improvement plan. Installation of 3600 lights is proposed instead of 280, as in use at present.

## CHANGES COMING IN TEACHING SYSTEM

**Dean Clark Assured Deputation of Medical Students That Grievances Complained of Would Be Remedied, and Hinted at Several Changes in System of Instruction.**

The troubles of the third year medical students, which were aired in The World a week ago, were given a final hush yesterday when Dean Clarke addressed the body of disgruntled medics. The dean dealt with all the clauses in the petition separately, and declared that the faculty was doing its utmost to give the students the best for their money. He hinted at a number of changes to the teaching system that would be made in the near future, but he said that it would require time and much work to accomplish them.

The committee appointed by the students was reprimanded for complaining about the necessity of improved conditions when they were already under way. The committee consisted of six students. When Dean Clarke had finished his address he asked if any members of the committee had anything to say. One had. He made an apology for causing any trouble to the faculty.

The students were assured that the grievances that they wished remedied would be remedied when the faculty was able to do so.

## MONEY GIVEN FOR MISSIONS

**More Than \$700,000 Subscribed for Methodist Extension Work—Volunteers Given Assignments.**

Seven hundred and sixty thousand dollars has been subscribed for the extension work of the Methodist mission board. The contributions will be paid in five annual instalments. The announcement of the generous response of the church membership to the special appeal made a year ago was made at the executive meeting yesterday.

Brantford was selected for the annual meeting of the mission board. It will open on Oct. 3, and be in session for about a week, with a series of public meetings in the evenings.

Rev. Dr. Carman and Rev. Dr. Chown alternated as chairman. Rev. John McDougall, D.D., Calgary, pioneer missionary to the Indians, addressed the executive on the needs of the west.

Three student volunteers were appointed to go to Japan: G. S. Patterson, B.A., B.D.; H. W. Whiting, B.A., and P. G. Price, B.A. To China: S. Soper, R. W. Newton, C. W. Bridgman, E. R. Simpson, M.D., J. M. Woud, Homer Brown, L. P. Jones, M.D., Miss Ada Moyer, nurse; W. G. Moore, builder, and E. M. Meuser, pharmacist.

## Raincoats Now.

Rainy days now and then until winter comes again, so that a raincoat will always be useful. The Dineen Company, 140 Yonge Street, are showing an exclusive line of English coats for men and women at extremely reasonable prices. These coats are in the latest designs and thoroughly guaranteed.

## Alleged Slayer of Rosenthal Was Found Hiding in Lavatory; Arrested Charged With Murder

**JUNK THIEVES AND THE CITY.**  
One of the commonest crimes in the way of larceny these days of dishonesty on the part of employees is the stealing of metal and selling it to junk dealers.

The buyers mostly all know it was stolen; and the big dealers higher up have a pretty good idea of it as well, what is one thing, and that is for the police. But the city's Hydro-Electric Commission have a duty and that is to root out every dishonest employee in any way connected with the junk thieves from their stores, and which thefts led to the Rosenthal murder.

Some one in the city's service has been very anxious in the past few days to let it be known that all the proceeds of the old metal go to the city treasury.

Let there be a searching investigation and quick punishment of the guilty parties.

"High-grading" is common outside of silver mines.

## IRELAND ASSURED OF RELIGIOUS EQUALITY

**Asquith's Home Rule Measure Aimed at Placating Ulster, Which Secures Representation of 59 Members—Local Autonomy, But Imperial Parliament Retains Authority**

LONDON, April 11.—(Thru Reuters Ottawa Agency.)—The house of commons was crowded this afternoon when Premier Asquith introduced the Irish home rule bill, but the crowd was not nearly so great as upon the occasion of the introduction of the previous home rule bills, and no chairs were placed on the floor as in 1886 and 1893. Mr. Asquith, upon entering the chamber, was received with a volley of cheers by the Nationalists and Unionists standing up to cheer for Sir Edward Carson, and shortly afterward Mr. Bonar Law, the opposition leader, was similarly applauded.

Premier Asquith rose to speak amid a renewed ovation. He said, at the outset, that it was nineteen years since Gladstone introduced his last measure to provide for better government of Ireland. That speech contained a perfect exposition of the historic case as between Great Britain and Ireland. He did not pretend to cover the whole ground, but before he entered upon an explanation of the provisions of the bill, he would take up the narrative at the point at which Mr. Gladstone had left it off, and would ask the house

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## BOY MISSING FROM HIS HOME

**Willis House, Nine Years Old, Has Not Been Seen Since Wednesday at Noon.**

The police have another mystery to solve; that of the disappearance of Willis House, aged nine years, from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. House, 201 Church-st., on Wednesday morning.

The boy was playing for a few minutes outside his home on Church-st. just before noon on Wednesday, and his mother could not find him when dinner was ready. Since then there has been no word of the boy. It was surmised that he had gone to Newcastle, the summer residence, but enquiries there elicited the response that he had not been seen. When he disappeared he wore a gray suit and sweater, and a red touque. He has dark hair and dark eyes. The police were notified immediately, but they have failed to find any trace of him. The phone number of the boy's home is Main 1795.

**Charles Gibson, a Former Employee of the Civic Hydro Electric Department, Who Gave His Name as Smith to Rosenthal, Was Crouching Behind the Door and Had a Full Supply of Food and an Electric Stove in the Room—Had Not Been Seen Since Good Friday Night, When He Returned to His Boarding House Covered With Mud—R. G. Langmaid Also Held.**

After evading the police since last Saturday morning and sending a letter to his stepmother saying he was on his way to Sudbury, Charles Gibson, Ontario-street, a former employee of the City Hydro-Electric Department, was found in a most mysterious manner while hiding in the lavatory of the Hydro-Electric sub-transformer station at the foot of West Market-street shortly after six o'clock last night and taken into custody on a charge of murdering Joseph Rosenthal, by Detective Cronin, who became suspicious when Reginald George Langmaid, meter reader, exhibited great excitement when the detective ordered two loafers out of the office. The detective immediately began an inspection of the premises and on opening the lavatory door found Gibson, who had for several days been known to the police as the man who had given his name over the telephone to Harry Rosenthal as "Smith," crouching behind the door. He had a quantity of meat and other eatables and an electric stove was already hot and about two pounds of sausages were ready to be cooked.

Yesterday morning The World declared that the police had arrived at a point where the arrest might be made at any moment. In Tuesday's issue it was announced that one intimately connected with an old business associate of Rosenthal had been recognized as the mysterious "Smith." Gibson's father had until about a year ago a joint account with Rosenthal in the Metropolitan Bank.

The detective had not the least idea that the fugitive from justice was hiding in the station. He went there with the hope of learning something which would lead to the whereabouts of a man wearing a grey coat and who had been seen with Gibson the night of the murder. Finding the two men hanging about the office, he ordered them out, so that he could hold a separate conversation with Langmaid. No sooner had the door closed behind the two men than Langmaid became excited. The detective became suspicious and, without overtaking the conversation, decided to search the place. He went straight for the door leading to the lavatory, and, thrusting it open, stood face to face with the man in search of whom two detectives were preparing to leave for Sudbury.

That the murder was committed on Friday evening between 7 and 10 o'clock is now quite clear. Rosenthal and Dunkelman left Dunkelman's jewelry shop at the corner of Richmond and York-streets shortly after 6 o'clock on Good Friday night. Before 11 o'clock Gibson returned to his rooming house in Ontario-street covered with mud and in a most disreputable condition generally. No special notice was taken of him at the time, and on Saturday morning he cleaned his clothes and left the house. Since then he has not returned. Just where he has been in the meantime is not quite clear. It is believed that he spent at least one night at the home of a friend. This, however, is not quite clear.

**Used the Telephone.**  
Gibson is the mysterious "Mr. Smith" who telephoned to Harry Rosenthal's office several times during the week of the murder, and he is the man who also telephoned to Joseph Rosenthal's house, and who sent the message to Dunkelman's residence asking for an appointment. His business seemed to be of an illegitimate nature in the ears of Harry Rosenthal, who replied each time to the effect that he could call at his office any time he wanted to see either Mr. Rosenthal, Jr., or Mr. The man, however, could not be frightened away by the fact that Harry Rosenthal had not the slightest notion that an assault had been planned.

**Under Suspicion.**  
Gibson has been known to the police since last fall, when he was discharged from the hydro-electric department. The reason has never been disclosed, but it is intimated that he was suspected of being connected with the disappearance of quantities of copper wire.

On Tuesday of last week Gibson telephoned to Harry Rosenthal for the first time under the name of Smith. He also tried to locate Dunkelman at the same time. He wanted to make an appointment to meet the junk dealer at the corner of Bay and Queen-sts. When he called up Rosenthal later he wanted to meet the men at the foot of Strachan-street, where he said he had a carload of scrap iron to sell.

**Had Some Dealings.**  
On the night previous to the murder (Thursday) both Dunkelman and Rosenthal had some dealings with Gibson in the hydro-electric yard in Strachan-avenue. The police so far have not been able to determine just how the deal resulted, but that it was over the purchase of copper wire and other things stolen from the hydro-electric is known.

At 9 o'clock on Good Friday three men were seen on the Strachan-avenue bridge. No one is known to have seen either Rosenthal or Dunkelman after this until the body of Rosenthal was found shortly after 7 o'clock the following morning. Half an hour

after the finding of Rosenthal, Dunkelman staggered to his home in a semiconscious condition and since then has been in St. Michael's Hospital, in such a weak condition that he has been unable to speak.

**Changed His Clothes.**  
When Gibson returned to his boarding house he went direct to his room and was not seen again until the following morning when he went down stairs and brushed the mud from his coat and trousers. Leaving the house he was not seen again in that neighborhood.

Gibson apparently went directly to a downtown department store and purchased a black overcoat and a suit, and after changing destroyed the old garments. He had changed his shirt and underclothing before leaving home. His shirt, which was covered with blood, was burned by his stepmother.

**Wrote a Letter.**  
The letter which he sent to his stepmother read as follows:

Dear Mother—Leaving for Sudbury. I am sending you this by special delivery. Hope you will get it before I am gone. Write to me to arrive, I am going to work in the mines and will send you whatever I can. Write to me to arrive. Write to me to arrive. I got paid to-day. I never expected it. So do the best you can and let me know if you get it.

(Signed) Charles Gibson.

**Sent From Postoffice.**  
This letter was dated from the Union Station, but Gibson admitted that he wrote it while in the general postoffice. When Mrs. Gibson was taken to the city hall last evening to tell her story of the affair she had the letter in her stocking. The first definite information to be received by the police about Gibson came by way of Detective Taylor. All the force was working on the case, but Detectives Cronin and Mitchell have been working day and night on it ever since the finding of the body. They have hardly had time since to eat.

After Mrs. Gibson had been taken to the detective department Detectives Cronin and Taylor remained in the house with the hope that Charles Gibson, Sr., would return, but he did not.

**Held for Vagrancy.**  
Reginald George Langmaid, whose nervousness led to the arrest of Gibson, is held on the nominal charge of vagrancy. This charge, however, may be changed to that of harboring a fugitive. Several other arrests will be made this morning, it is expected. The police have information which points to several people having assisted Gibson.

**MAJ. GEN. GRANT DEAD.**  
NEW YORK, April 12.—(Can Press.)—Major-General Frederick D. Grant, 82 of the famous general of the civil war, and himself commander of the department of the east, died at the Hotel Buckingham in this city at about 12.10 o'clock this morning.

**JAFF BRINGS JOHN HOME.**

Jaff's 11-month-old mark of you yet, John. John's that's what I want to be, old pal.

