York County and Suburbs of Toronto

INSTANTLY KILLED AT LEVEL CROSSING

W. J. Beaver Walked in Front of Passenger Train at Bloor Street.

GATES WERE CLOSED

Death Calls Three Residents of Ward Seven—Other News.

Stooping under the gates at the level Bloor street crossing of the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk tracks about 10.30 yesterday morning, William James Beaver, a young Irishman, 21 years of age, walked directly in front of an east-bound G.T.R. passenger train and was instantly killed.

The young fellow, who, with his brother James of McCaul street, came to this country from Ireland but nine months ago, was an employe of the Canada Bread Company, whose works at Dundas and Bloor streets are close to the railway crossing. During the earlier part of the morning he obtained leave to go back to his boarding house at 117 Perth avenue for something he had forgotten, and it was on his return to work that he met his death.

Death Instantaneous.

Hurrying along Bloor street, apparently late in returning, he disregarded, or did not hear, the frantic shouts of the gate-keeper warning him of the oncoming train, climbed beneath the gates, and, looking in the opposite direction, ran forward to his death. The cowcatcher of the locomotive struck his head and tossed his body back to the road, several yards distant. Dr. Rawbone of 81 Perth avenue was summoned, but death must have been instantaneous, and his services were in vain.

The body was removed to the city morgue in the police ambulance, where an inquest was opened by Coroner R. R. Hopkins last night and adjourned. The funeral takes place on Wednesday morning from Speers' undertaking parlors, Dundas street, to Prospect Cemetery.

Dangerous Crossing.

This is not the first fatality which has occurred at this level crossing. The gates provided are maintained by both railway companies, and are of the usual double-arm type, meeting in the centre of the roadway. A single short-arm crosses the sidewalk at both sides of the crossing, but these are little used, as pedestrians seldom regard them as a barrier, and, pushing them up or crawling beneath them, as the unfortunate young Beaver did, continue on their way. The gateman is powerless to prevent this. Bloor street is a very busy thorofare at this point, and it would require a large force of watchmen if every pedestrian were prevented from pushing the gate aside and running over the tracks to gain a few minutes.

Three Residents Dead.

The death occurred yesterday of three well-known residents of West Toronto. John Dickie of 7 Royce avenue succumbed to an attack of pulmonitis early yesterday morning, in his 55th year. He is survived by a widow and large family. The funeral takes place from his late residence to Prospect Cemetery this afternoon.

The death of George Cooper at the Hospital for Incurables was also learned of with regret by his friends in Ward Seven. The late Mr. Cooper was 60 years of age, and formerly lived with his son, Edward, at 395 Quebec avenue. The remains will be sent to Schomberg, his former home, for interment. The funeral takes place this afternoon from Speers' undertaking parlors to Prospect Cemetery of the late Alexander Sabiston, Rev. Mr. Geggie conducting the service. The late Mr. Sabiston was 54 years of age, and, as a brother to James L. Sabiston of Summerville, he was well known thruout the township.

Series of Lectures.

An illustrated address, entitled "The Light of the World," in St. John's Parish House last night, marked the opening of a series of Lenten lectures which the Young People's Association of the church are holding weekly until Easter.

Sir Robert Laird Commandery, No. 3, G.R.C., Knights of Malta, held a well-attended meeting last night in St. James' Chambers. A number of candidates were advanced to the first degree, the uniformed drill corps assisting in the work.

Not Merely Sentimental.

The advocates of the changing of the name of the Junction telephone exchange do not appear to be unanimous on the adoption of any one name as a substitute as yet. Many names have been suggested, including, in addition to West, Humberside, Keele, High Park, Dundas and others. In conversation with The World last night, a resident subscriber said:

"The proposed change is not merely a sentimental one, as Manager Dunstan implies. The present name of Junction served when we were a small town, but we are now practically a city of ourselves, and deserve a name more euphonious than Junction. Prospective buyers, who have not seen West Toronto in recent years, do not like the sound of the name, remembering the town's former appearance, and turn naturally to a district such as Hillcrest or Parkdale."

Printing Changes.

The matter of changing bill and letterheads does not bother the anti-Junctionites, who claim that every merchant changes his stationery occasionally, and a change in his phone name, and not his number, would not necessitate an immediate alteration of all his printed forms, and the erasure of the name from his delivery cards, etc.

The annual dance in connection with the Old Boys' Society of Annette Street Public School will be held on April 17.

This was arranged by a meeting of the executive committee last night, and it was also decided to present the old girls of the school, who are present, with souvenirs made from the old school house bell.

Tickets may be obtained from the secretary of the association, Carson McCormick, 1642 Dundas street.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH WAS JURY'S VERDICT

The adjourned inquest on the body of Frank Bordignon, who was found dead on the G.T.R. tracks near Port Credit on Tuesday last, was held at Port Credit yesterday before Coroner Dr. Sutton.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, finding that the deceased met his death by being run down by an express train while walking on the tracks.

TODMORDEN.

The passing of the first covey of crows over this district yesterday afternoon cheered the hearts of a number of the older residents, who state that this is a sure sign of an early spring. The crows were flying in a westerly direction, probably settling in North Rosedale, where for years past they have made their rookeries during the summer months.

Mr. Williams, who is assisting Township Assessor C. H. McDonald, is canvassing Todmorden, listing up the owners of kennels and one or more dogs for the purpose of taxation.

SCARBORO COUNCIL HAD BUSY MEETING

Many New Issues to Be Dealt With — Business Not So Rural Now.

DANFORTH EXTENSION

Hydro Radial Agreement, Municipal Union and Other Matters.

Time has wrought great changes in the Scarboro Township Council meetings. A few years ago the business to be dealt with was of strictly rural character, but now at every session the council is called upon to deal with some problem or application for improvements which is the direct result of the growth of the City of Toronto. There was so much business to be dealt with by the council yesterday that many matters of importance had to be laid over for a future meeting.

An agreement was signed between the township and the police village of Agincourt regarding the division of taxes. The village will collect its own statute labor money and get its share of taxes for local expenses.

Private Main.

H. E. Graham applied for permission to lay a private main on Victoria avenue, Kingston road, but the council delayed permission until arrangements have been made for protecting the township against any accidents that might occur when the work is in progress.

The tax collector, Mr. Green, returned his roll, which showed taxes outstanding to the amount of $1435.61, that he was unable to collect. Mr. Green's roll and report were accepted.

After considerable discussion regarding the deviation of the Danforth avenue extension to the Kingston road. Surveyor Gibson was instructed to prepare a blue print of the extension.

Mr. Maclean's Scheme

The suggestion made to the city council by W. F. Maclean, M.P., that the Townships of York, Etobicoke and Scarboro might combine with the City of Toronto for mutual advantage in municipal matters, was discussed, Reeve Cornell expressing the opinion that Mr. Maclean's idea was much more feasible than the proposed metropolitan area.

The council decided to wait until a conference had been arranged between the city and townships, however, before taking the matter up officially.

Hydro Radial.

A draft agreement regarding the Toronto and Port Perry Hydro Radial was submitted by the Hydro-Electric Commission for the council's approval. The contract provides for the issue of debentures by the municipality as collateral security, and stipulates that no agreement must be made with any other railway.

As the route of the radial has not been settled yet, the council decided to lay the agreement over for further consideration.

George Shorting, who had a sleigh destroyed recently in a township gravel pit, when a bank slid down on it, applied for damages, but the council decided to inquire into the matter before admitting liability.

High Level Bridge.

A plan of a high level bridge across the Don at Eglinton avenue, prepared by Frank Barber for the York Township council, was submitted with a letter from Mr. Barber explaining the proposition. This was also referred to a future meeting for further discussion.

At a meeting of the board of health, Dr. Ian Coutts reported the township clear of infectious diseases. There had been one case of hog cholera at Scarboro Village which had received due attention from the provincial authorities.

RICHMOND HILL.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Sterling. "The Life of Browning" will be given by Miss Mary Trench, and a reading from Browning by Mrs. Earle Newton. There will also be a duet by the Misses Switzer.

BELL COMPANY WILLING IF SUBSCRIBERS ARE

The manager of the Bell Telephone Company, K. J. Dunstan, discussing the suggestion that the name of the Junction exchange be changed to "West," states that if a petition is prepared and signed by all the residents of the district the telephone company will be willing to change the name of the exchange as desired. The company refuses, however, to make a change until they know that those having telephones in the district are all in favor of it. The company considers that a change would entail a great deal of trouble for merchants of West Toronto in altering their bills, letter-heads, and the painting on their wagons, and consequently have to be careful before consenting to any change of this kind.

THISTLETOWN.

The regular meeting of Thistletown Branch of West York Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. John Lowe on Wednesday, March 18, at 2.30 p.m. A paper will be given by Miss Ella Rowntree on "The Life of Lord Tennyson." Mrs. Chas. Plunkett will contribute a reading, and the roll call will be responded to by quotations from Tennyson. Instrumental music by Mrs. W. Rowntree, vocal selections by Mrs. W. O. Duncan and Mrs. George Stewart, will complete the program.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP TO LICENSE POOLROOMS

Malton village is to to have power to appoint its own road commissioner, and collect 75 per cent. of all taxes, licenses and fines levied within its limits. This was agreed to at a meeting of Toronto Township council.

Mr. Rutledge of Dixie appeard before the council to protest against the action of the Suburban Construction Co. He claims that the company, in grading for their road, blocked the C.P.R. culverts and caused the water to flood his orchard. A letter was read from E. T. Wilkie, chief engineer, arranging to discuss the matter on Wednesday.

Dr. Edgar Leary was appointed M.O.H. at a salary of $50, in succession to Dr. Sutton.

Notice was given of a motion that all pool rooms be licensed. At present there is no bylaw in force regarding pool room licenses in the township. It is suggested that the license fees be $30 for the first table, and $15 for every additional one.

George Bowers asked that the bylaw with regard to rigs obstructing the highway should be enforced.

KING.

The funeral of the late John McDonald, who died last Saturday at his residence in King, took place yesterday to King cemetery. Mr. McDonald, who was fifty years of age and a member of the firm of McDonald and Son, merchants, was highly respected thruout King Township.

SEPTIC TANKS AND CESSPOOLS MUST GO

Weston's Board of Health Will Ask Council to Pass Bylaw.

LIBRARY CONTRACT LET

Plans Approved—Work Will Be Started When Weather Permits.

At a meeting of the Weston Board of Health in the town hall last night the advisability of prohibiting the use of septic tanks and earth closets was discussed and the board decided to recommend to the council that a bylaw be passed making it compulsory for all to connect with the sewerage system.

As a number of residents have had septic tanks and cesspools in operation for years the matter will likely result in a very hot argument when it comes before the council.

Must Use Sewers.

It was reported that the system of garbage collection was working admirably. The cart makes two calls per week at every home, and the board decided last night to have stable manure removed once every week after April.

Dr. Meldrum, the M.H.O., was a strong advocate for the regular removal of stable manure. "Flies kill more men than anything else," he said, "and I'm not going to have a fly in Weston next summer if it can be avoided."

Rigid Inspection.

"Heaps of stable manure are the most notorious breeding places for flies and rigid inspection is the only cure for that nuisance." The board approved of Dr. Meldrum's ideas in the matter and promised to assist in every way to keep Weston clean.

Library Plans Approved.

At the meeting of the library board last night Peter Lindsay, architect, submitted the plans for the new Carnegie library to be built at the corner of King and May streets.

The plans have met with the approval of both the library board and the Carnegie committee, and call for a two-storey building. The basement will be used as a reception hall, and the library will be in the upper flat.

Contract Awarded.

George Sainsbury was awarded the contract for the building. His tender was $7200. Work will commence as soon as the weather permits.

Federated Women's Club.

The Federated Women's Club will hold their regular meeting in the town hall today at 3 p.m. A paper will be given by Miss Graeb of Weston High School staff on "Canadian Women Writers." Miss Archer will read a paper on "Women's Suffrage," and Mrs. H. Church will have charge of "Current Events."

A musical program will be given by local talent.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL UNDER CONSIDERATION

The need of better Sunday school accommodation has long been felt at Hope Methodist Church, Danforth avenue, and the church committee has decided to commence building operations on a new Sunday school building this spring. The population in the district has grown so tremendously during the past two years, and the membership of the church has also grown so rapidly, that this step has been rendered necessary.

Will Consider Plans.

Several sketches of suitable buildings have been under consideration by the trustees, and they will hold an important meeting tonight, at which some definite arrangements will be made. Several donations towards the new building have already been made.

The men's movement which is being conducted at this church is meeting with great success, and women as well as men are attending the special services which are held every Thursday night.

The Rev. W. McMullan, B.A., will be the special preacher tomorrow night, and he will speak as a delegate of the Social Service Congress, held recently in Ottawa.

During Lent the pastor, Rev. John Locke, is preaching a series of sermons on "The Temptation of Christ."

The pastor will deliver a lecture at Huttonville Thursday night, entitled, "Ireland and Other Countries."

Lodge Meeting.

At a meeting of Sproule Lodge, L.O.L., 2253, which was held last night in St. John's Parish House, Norway, Wor. Master W. Ball was elected to represent the lodge at the meeting of the grand lodge, which will be held at Guelph on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next.

Residents in East Toronto are still waiting for work to be commenced on the Woodbine avenue sewer. Mr. Godson, the contractor, had stated that work would be commenced early in February, but so far only two loads of timber have appeared on the scene.

BEECH AVE. METHODIST CHURCH PLANS PASSED

The board of trustees of Beech Avenue Methodist Church have passed the architect's plans for the proposed addition to the church. The work will be completed about the first of June.

The residents of Balmy Beach have received information from the works department that the cost of grading Neville Park boulevard has been passed, and that the work on 2901 lineal feet, to cost $8355, will commence shortly.

This will mean 1450 feet of grading on both sides, or about half way to Kingston road.

FEBRUARY HONOR ROLL OF YORK MILLS SCHOOL

Fourth class—Amy Perry 644, George Locke 603, Archie Caisley 472, Tommy Wilkinson 282.

Senior III.—Della Jackson 506, Annie Brennan 429, Hilda Locke 392, Leslie Ashcroft 389, Annie Taylor 345, Frank Little 98.

Junior III.—Nellie Brennan 443, Bertha George 355, Eliza Forsyth 354, Cyril Fulton 338, Edwin Perry 279, John Forsyth 276, Rita Mercier 226.

Senior II.—Lucy Pratt 417, Bella Wright 374, Mary Jackson 359, Gordon Wright 285, Bessie Moynihan 172.

Junior II.—Percy Wood 347, Gladys Little 338, Laura Pratt 316, Clarence Bales 220, Melville Stiles 196, Ollie Pratt 186, Bob Taylor 175, Clara Wood 105.

Class I.—Mamie George, Frank Taylor.

Primary B.—Wallace Mercer, Stanton Moriarity, Otto Mercier.

Primary A.—Bob Tustin, Willie Jackson.

NEWMARKET.

Postmaster J. E. Widdifield has received the plans for the new postoffice and customs house which the federal government proposes to build here. The plans call for a building to be constructed of red brick, with trimmings of cut stone, and a metal roof. The building will be two storeys in height, and will cost $25,000. A tower will surmount the structure, at the top of which will be a large clock. The building will be eighty feet square.

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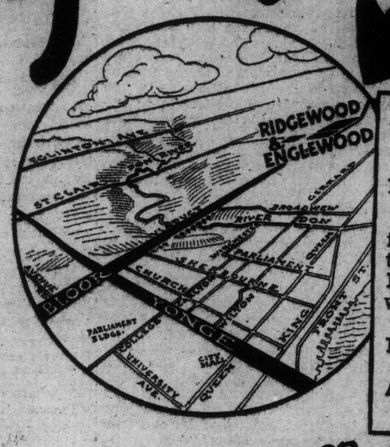

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LUNATIC ABROAD IN THE COUNTY

W. J. Bennock Escaped From His Rooms Last Night and Disappeared.

City and county police are on the lookout for an escaped lunatic, who, according to the report received in the detective office, is likely to prove dangerous in his moments of lunacy. W. J. Brennock, 582 West Richmond street, a brakeman on the C.P.R. Railway, is the man for whom search is being made. At his rooms on Richmond street yesterday he was attended by a physician, who ordered dthat he be confined to the house for that day at least. Some time during the afternoon the man made his escape by a rear door.

The first report of the mad man's whereabouts came from Port Credit about 7 o'clock in the evening, where the constable was told that a man had been seen running around the country in his bare feet, armed with a heavy stick. According to the reports received the man's face was bleeding, as were also his feet from contact with the ice and snow. After that it was reported that the same man had been seen on a G.T.R. freight train east of the Credit, and he is thought to have jumped the train at Mimico or New Toronto.

Brennock, according to the description in the hands of the police, is short, dark and well set. He has been thru the Philippine war, and it was while in this campaign that his mind became unhinged.

E. YORK CONSERVATIVES' SECRETARY MAY RESIGN

C. W. Virtue, president of the East York Conservative Association, has announced his intention to resign from office, and has called a meeting of the association for Friday night, at which it is expected that the reasons for his action will be made known. Rumor has it that Mr. Virtue is seeking a chance in municipal life.

At a meeting held in Norway House to discuss the purchasing of property for a society hall, a resolution was passed to offer $10,000 for the property known as the old Norway House. It was stated that while the present owner, Fred Smith, placed his price at $20,000, he might be induced to make a compromise that would make possible the purchase of the property.

DISPUTE OVER COLLECTORSHIP

GUELPH, March 9.—The appointment of George J. Thorp as collector of customs at Guelph is not yet certain. The South Wellington Conservative executive undertook to settle the matter off-hand by recommending Mr. Thorp, but North Wellington Conservatives say that they should be consulted, and, it is understood, are supporting ex-Warden Herman Graef of Clifford for the position.

INTEND TO KEEP THE COUNCI BUSY

Oakwood and N. Bracondale Ratepayers Want Many Improvements.

At the meeting of the Oakwood and North Bracondale Ratepayers' Association last night it was decided to change the name of the association to Oakwood and District Ratepayers' Association. The regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month.

Garbage collection was discussed. Deputy Reeve Miller of York Township said that garbage had never been collected until last fall, but the township had now secured one and a half acres of ground on which to deposit the garbage, and when the land was completely filled in it would sell for a good sum. It was intended to send out a team to determine how much of the garbage could be collected in one day.

The association decided to notify the council by letter that they were in favor of the garbage being collected.

Improvement Program.

Speaking on improvements contemplated in the district, the deputy reeve suggested that the ratepayers decide on the improvements necessary and communicate their decision to the council. He promised that the council members would make a tour of the district, as had been granted other associations.

With regard to the renumbering of streets in the township, he said that the council intended to do a good deal of work along that line and charge it to the general rate. It was decided to ask the council to renumber Glenholme avenue, Amherst avenue, Howland Park avenue and Hanson road.

Annexation Discussed.

Later in the evening Mr. Miller referred to annexation, and after considerable discussion it was decided to bring the matter up before the next meeting of the association.

Chas. Barnsley submitted a plan showing how water could be secured for the district in case of fire. Many of the members were in favor of having the plan brought to the notice of the council.

The association will get up a signed petition in favor of having hydro-electric lights installed in the district.

The following committee was appointed to view the streets in need of sidewalks and report to the township council: Messrs. Robertson, Foxcroft, Johnson, Wakefield, Davonport, Bansley, Olton, Walsh, Cooper, Hulton, Barnes and Chiverton.

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FOUR RAILWAYS TO INTERCHANGE

Important Agreement Reached Which Will Be of Benefit to Traveling Public.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Canadian Northern Railway is taken into an interchange of traffic with the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway and the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway. This means that a passenger may purchase a ticket over either of the other lines to a Canadian Northern point, traveling over the other road to the nearest connection with the Canadian Northern; or the passenger may buy a ticket to a point on one of the other roads and travel via the C. N. R. until connection is made with the other line.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY REV. CANON PLUMMER

H. Bright presided over a large meeting of the A.Y.P.A. of St. Aidan's Anglican Church last night, at which the main feature was a lecture entitled "The Importance of Church Music," by the Rev F. G. Plummer, rector of St. Augustine's Anglican Church.

The lecturer pointed out the necessity of combining congregational with choir singing as far as was possible, altho at all times it was the duty of the choir to lead the congregation. He dwelt on the fact that the singing of the choir was an act of worship, and would not like to see it made purely show singing. He advocated the singing of familiar music on the great festivals such as Easter, Christmas and Whitsuntide, so that the congregation would be enabled tdo join in the singing, leaving new music to be sung on the Sundays of less importance when there would not be so many worshippers present. He did not think it was at all necessary to adopt secular music in the churches as there was so many beautiful compositions set expressly for church use.

Controller Church will address the Men's Club of St. Aidan's Church tonight on the harbor scheme. The meeting will be held in the church school room, and an invitation has been extended to the Beaches Association.

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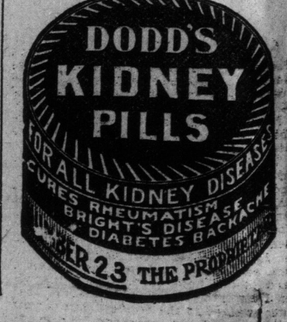
WORKMEN'S HOUSES SCARCE IN GUELPH

GUELPH, March 9.—There is a decided escarcity of good houses to rent in this city. This fact has been demonstrated this week, when a number of men who are connected with the various industries locating in this city went out to look for houses for their families. They found it almost impossible to secure a house such as they desired, no matter what the rent was.

There are a number of cheaper houses, with little or no accommodation in them, to rent, but the better class of house is a hard one to find. This is a condition of affairs much to be regretted, but the only apparent remedy is to get busy and erect houses for the people. The housing problem is one which is being grappled with in a successful manner in other places and surely Guelph will not fall behind.