CORONER'S JURY HAS DEFENDERS

Proposed Changes in Methods of Investigating Deaths Conflicting.

Many and varied are the opinions expressed regarding the recommendations of the public service commission that a magistrate should conduct an inquest. The lawyers feel that changes in the administration would be beneficial, and some of the coroners are inclined to think the same way, but are unwilling to commit themselves. Many still think that, with reference to the abolition of coroners' juries, "two heads are better than one."

"A jury is a good thing," said Dr. W. J. McCollum. "It is a safeguard, and where there are seven men many points are often brought out in evidence, but there is certainly room for improvement. We should have a class of men on coroners' juries who, up to the present, have always made some excuse. It has handicapped the police.

As to the question whether a magistrate would be capable of handling technical evidence, he thought that in that case physicians would be able to render assistance and even at that one could go by the rules of evidence only. Jurors' fees, too, he thought, should be higher, and the fact that witnesses would be paid for the trouble taken in giving testimony would in many cases clear up certain points in a case. At present the tendency was to steer clear of that sort of thing.

"I believe it to be a step in the right direction," he said.

The recommendation is supported by Dr. M. M. Crawford, who is also a coroner. He felt that things were rather unsatisfactory in that a doctor often found himself unable to fit his duties as coroner in with his practice. If a magistrate took his preliminary hearing at the inquest he felt it would save time.

Dr. Julian Loudon believed that a coroner should be associated with the magistrate in the early stages of the inquest as he had knowledge of effects of poisons, etc. In England either a doctor or a magistrate could preside, and the latter could make his indictment as soon as the evidence was heard.

Magistrate Jones expressed his approval of magistrates presiding at inquests and also of the abolition of coroner's juries. They served no useful purpose, he thought.

For Abolishing Juries.

The abolition of juries at inquests was heartily endorsed also by R. H. Greer, K.C., former crown attorney, who has acted at inquests lately as counsel. Many inquests would be unnecessary, he said, under the proposed changes, some of which were conducted for the purpose possibly of collecting the fees.

Last year 203 inquests were held, while there were 465 violent deaths. Not including the salary of the chief coroner, the cost of these inquiries approximated $8,437.25, of which amount stenographers' charges were $1,040.60. Jury fees were $3,614.90, medical services, $2,973.75, witness fees $46 and interpreters' fees $12.

It was rumored yesterday that one or more magistrates would be appointed shortly in Toronto.

INJURED BY GLASS.

While playing with several companions near his home late yesterday afternoon, James Anderson, aged 9, of 116 Greenlaw avenue, was badly lacerated about the right arm by broken glass. He was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children, where it was found that several of the main cords and glands had been severed and an operation was found necessary. His condition is regarded as favorable.

RHEUMATIC PAINS HAVE DISAPPEARED

As a Result of Treating the Trouble Through the Blood.

The chief symptom of rheumatism is pain. The most successful treatment is the one that most quickly relieves and banishes the pain. Many rheumatic people suffer pains that could be avoided by building up the blood: when rheumatism is associated with thin blood it cannot be corrected until the blood is built up.

Mr. Ed. Hall, Main-a-Dieu, N.S., suffered from rheumatism for years, but was more fortunate than many victims of the disease, for he found a remedy that so built up his entire system that he is now free from rheumatism. Mr. Hall says: "I was taken down with rheumatism, and at times was under the treatment of several of the best doctors in Cape Breton, but they held out no hope for my recovery from the trouble. I was confined to bed for three years and a helpless cripple from the trouble. I could not move, and had to be turned in sheets. My legs and fingers were drawn out of shape, and sores developed on my body as the result of my long confinement in bed. I was in this serious condition when a friend advised the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I began taking them. The first benefit I felt from the pills was an improved appetite, and then I began to feel stronger, and was finally able to get out of bed and go about on crutches. I continued taking the pills for months, slowly but surely getting new strength, and finally I was able to lay the crutches aside. I will always be lame, as the result of by long stay in bed my left leg has shortened somewhat, but otherwise I am feeling fine and able to do my work as Fishery Overseer. I may add that when the rheumatism came on I weighed 140 pounds, and when I began going about on crutches I only weighed 67 pounds and now I am at normal weight. There are many here who know and can vouch for the truth of these statements."

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FREE TRADE WOULD PROVE DISASTROUS

H. H. Stevens, M.P., So Declares in Addressing Ward Six Conservatives.

The free trade policy was roundly condemned and the national policy of protection vigorously upheld at a large meeting held by Ward Six Liberal-Conservative Association in the Royal Templar Hall, last night. H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver, who was the principal speaker, declared that Canada's only hope of maintaining her economic independence rested with her industries. If the tariff was thrown on the industries would be automatically killed, as they could not exist under free trade.

He made a vigorous attack on free trade, saying that the citizens would soon have to choose whether they wished to keep Canada as a progressive wealthy country, or whether they wanted independence destroyed. A federal election in the near future was inevitable, he thought, and already the country was beginning to be deluged with free trade propaganda.

The great argument put forward by the free traders, he said, was that England was a free trade country. Free trade along the same lines as England was strongly advocated by this element, who, unless the real situation was explained, might easily delude many voters. Great Britain, he maintained, was not a free trade country.

Would Speed Disaster.

"If Canada drops the national policy it will be disastrous in more ways than one. Protection serves a dual purpose; that of aiding industry and therefore enriching the whole country, and also saves the laboring men from having to compete with cheap foreign labor. If it wasn't for protection, Japan and other countries where the workers receive pittances, would be able to send their goods in and undersell our own manufacturers.

"The King policy is senseless, and no man having studied the matter thoroly and who has a spark of patriotism in his make-up can possibly get up and declare in favor of free trade. We Conservatives are strongly against it and we intend to support our leader, Hon. Arthur Meighen," he concluded.

Manufacturers' Views.

C. J. Bodley spoke on behalf of the manufacturing interests. In answer to the question as to why the manufacturer wanted protection, he said that he not only wanted to make a profit for himself, but he genuinely wanted to see Canada as a whole, prosper. The Canadian market is limited and, altho American goods are continually inundating Canada, it is the hardest thing imaginable for Canadian goods to get into America. Canadian goods are being kept out of the States, and if free trade existed, Canada would be swamped with American goods, and Canadian manufacturers would have to go out of business. Canadian manufacturers, who have a limited market, could not compete with countries who have great markets.

"While we have the greatest love and respect for the motherland, I do not believe in a preferential tariff to Britain," he said. "Britain has her own style of protection which is more effective than ours. It is a fact that she makes a discrimination in shipping rates on stuff she wants kept out of the country. It does not matter where the tariff is put on. It is just as effective if put on as shipping rates than it is as a customs tariff."

In connection with the big campaign for members, reports last night showed that up to date nearly three thousand new members have joined the ward six association. The leading teams were those headed by George W. Carberry, W. M. Wright, R. J. Clarke, Robert Laughlin and A. R. Williamson.

PASSENGERS WERE LUCKY.

Twenty passengers had a narrow escape from injury yesterday afternoon when a Dundas street car jumped the tracks at Bay and Richmond streets, went about ten feet and just missed a Hydro pole.

CAN STOP APPEALS TO PRIVY COUNCIL

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general subject was too big to be discussed on a trifling estimate in committee of supply.

On the orders of the day, Hon. Mackenzie King tried to prove that Premier Meighen had misled the house respecting the resignation of Sir Herbert Ames. The resignation was dated Ottawa, Feb. 14, 1921, and was witnessed by W. S. Middleboro, M.P., chief government whip, and Doctor Whidden, Unionist member for Brandon. Mr. King said that everybody knew that Sir Herbert Ames was in Europe on the day named and, therefore, the resignation must have been written a long while ago. Surely the prime minister knew all about it and had misled the house by various statements during the debate on the address.

Mr. Meighen said he was quite willing to stand by the record as it appeared in Hansard. As a matter of fact, none of the premier's statements cited by Mr. King departed at all from the truth. Quite likely he knew all about the Ames resignation some time ago, but it so happens that the direct question was never put to him at any time.

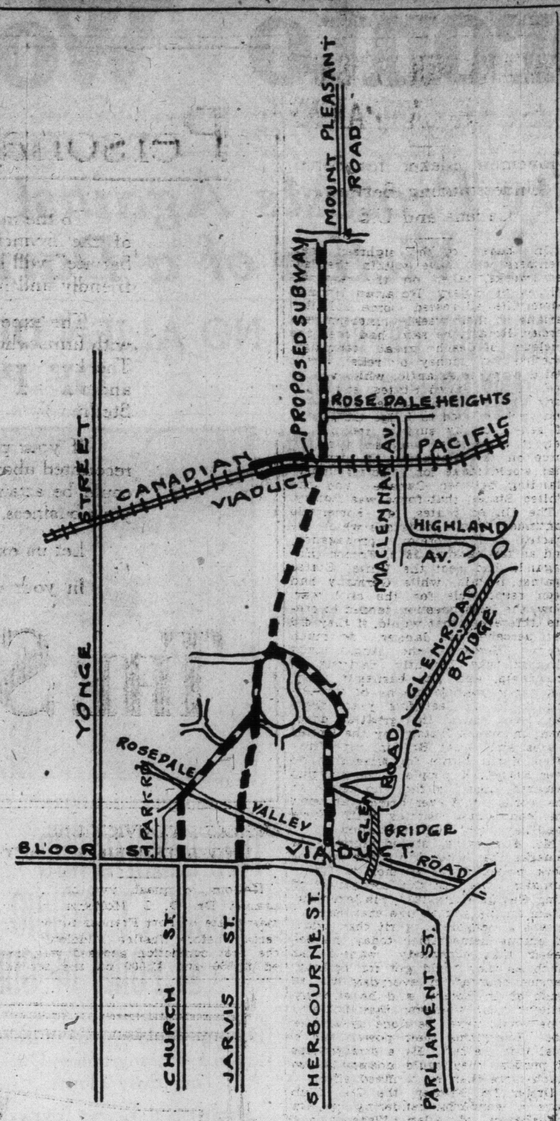
Purchasing Commission.

Ottawa, March 18.—(Can. Press.)—In the house today, opposition members were again critical of the creation by order-in-council of the purchasing commission. They raised the question on a purchase for the penitentiaries. The house, decided Frank Cahill (Pontiac) had twice refused to authorize creation of such a commission.

The minister of justice explained that the purchasing commission was a body with supervisory powers. He argued that the government required no special authority for its creation. Mr. Vien retorted that appointments to the purchasing commission should have been made by the civil service commission, and not by the governor-in-council. Such appointments did not, he claimed, comply with the law.

Mr. Vien suggested establishment of a central store for the purchase of supplies. The minister replied that purchases were now being made in a systematic manner. At this, A. B. Copp of Westmoreland, N.B., cited the case of the Dorchester Penitentiary. Meat purchased in Westmoreland County (in which the Dorchester Penitentiary is situated) had been shipped, he said, to the Montreal market. At Montreal dealers purchased the meat and shipped it back to Dorchester.

Mr. Doherty promised inquiry and information. Goods for the Dorchester Penitentiary, he added, were purchased by contract.



MOUNT PLEASANT STREET CARS THRU ROSEDALE

A STUDY OF PROBLEM NEEDED

THE above plan allows citizens of Toronto to see three possible solutions of an improved bridge and street car route thru Rosedale and under the C. P. R. by a subway east of that company's viaduct over the Reservoir Park ravine, and then on, up the hill, to Rosedale Heights, making connection with the Mount Pleasant road and beyond. Any one of these suggested routes would be better than the proposal of the city to rebuild the long steel bridge known as the Glen road bridge, which would take the traffic away to the east and lengthen the distance, and greatly injure the desirability of making the Mount Pleasant road come down thru Rosedale as near to Yonge street as possible.

The best scheme of all is possibly the extension of Jarvis street into Rosedale, with one or two high level bridges on such extension. Sherbourne street would be another alternative; and Church street to the west would be still another; but what The World suggests—now that the board of works has withdrawn the proposal to spend $900,000 on the rebuilding of Glen road bridge—that the board of control instruct Commissioner of Works Harris to make a joint study of this problem with the engineers of the transportation commission, and also to avail themselves of the survey already made on this problem by the Civic Guild. It is no use spending over a million dollars rebuilding the Glen road bridge; that will add little to improved transportation for the whole of the city east of Yonge street from the north limit of the city right down to the front.

Until this bridge problem is solved the Mount Pleasant line may have to come down to the city from Mount Pleasant road to St. Clair avenue to Yonge street, or by Merton street to Yonge street. But The World publishes the map in the hope that ultimately the best possible bridge plan thru Rosedale will be decided upon, and once decided on, built at the earliest possible moment so as to have a great street car highway from the top of the city to the water front by way of Church street and Mount Pleasant, east of Yonge street.

DROP FENDER MIGHT HAVE SAVED CHILD

Coroner's Jury So Finds After Investigating Arthur Taylor's Death.

Joseph Lucas, the motorman of the Toronto Suburban car which ran down little Arthur Taylor at the corner of Uxbridge avenue and Davenport road at 9 a.m. on March 9, was exonerated from all blame last night at the inquest held in the morgue, conducted by Coroner Geo. W. Graham, but the jury felt that if the car had had a drop fender on it instead of a pilot, similar to those in use on steam engines, the accident would not have happened.

He was going about eight miles per hour, Lucas stated, and he first saw the boy as he was running towards him diagonally, some fifteen feet away. He could not stop in time to avoid the accident, and did not see the boy leave the sidewalk owing to a motor car which was proceeding west on the wrong side of the street. Young Taylor was knocked down, and after the fender had passed over him an angle iron underneath was driven into his neck, severing the windpipe and other vessels in the neck. If the body had been two inches farther on his life would have been saved, as it is believed the angle iron did not touch any other part of his body. The pilot of the car, he said, was about four inches above the rail.

Dr. Julian Loudon, who made the autopsy, said that, owing to the injuries received, death was instantaneous. Some witnesses stated that the motor car which the motorman said was near the scene at the moment of impact was much farther away.

Burglary Is Frustrated By Arrival of the Police

After having bored nine holes in a rear door of the tailoring shop at 823 Bathurst street early yesterday morning, three men were frightened away by the arrival of P.C. Woodbine (455), who was making his rounds, trying the doors. The burglars made good their escape.

GHASTLY THIRD DEGREE TO NEGROES IN CEMETERY

Erie, Pa., March 18.—At midnight, during a severe thunderstorm, Eddie Williams and Fred Maxwell, negroes, were taken to a vault in the cemetery here and made to stand over the body of George Mauer, night watchman, whom they are charged with having beaten to death.

They were put thru a hideous third degree by District Attorney Arthur C. B. Lass in an effort to get confessions from them, Lass admitted today.

The body was exhumed for the ceremony. With only flashes of lightning for light the men were questioned. They continually denied knowing of the slaying. After the third degree Williams kissed the dead man's brow, but the negroes were held on a first degree murder charge.

Mauer was clubbed to death in a factory a week ago by robbers who took a few dollars from a timekeeper's desk. The slayers pitched the body thru the glass of a sixth storey window to the ground.

BOY'S LEG IS BROKEN WHILE STEALING A RIDE

While stealing a ride on the back of a truck driven by Bert Van Winkle, 63 Gwynne avenue, yesterday afternoon, Eddy Gloster, aged 16, 56 Marjory street, had his leg fractured when another truck driven by Herbert Thornes, 482 Palmerston street, collided with the one on which he was riding. He was taken to the General Hospital.

The boy received a fracture of the leg eight years ago. His mother is dangerously ill at their home.

SHOPLIFTING CHARGED.

Mrs. Mary Brown, 484 Ossington ave., and Mrs. Annie Kirkland, 393 Crawford street, were arrested yesterday by Detective-Sergts. Koster and Hazelwood, the former on charges of shoplifting.

SHOULD NOT HALT RELIEF MEASURES, OFFICIALS' OPINION

Unemployment Situation in Toronto Shows No Real Improvement Yet.

FIGURES NOT CHEERING

With very little improvement evidenced in either the relief or unemployment situation officials who have this work in hand say that the proposal of the city to cut off relief measures in about a week's time would cause much hardship.

Robt. E. Mills, who has supervision of the city's relief work, said to The World that there has been little change in the situation during the past two months. Two months ago, the number of persons receiving relief was 17,965, while the number receiving relief this week is 18,451. As the highest number receiving relief was 20,105 on February 22, the improvement shown by present figures is slight.

Demand For Meal Tickets.

With regard to those receiving meal tickets at the Krausmann Hostel, the situation also shows little change. Two months ago, Jan. 18, the number was 1,835, while the number who applied at the Krausmann Hostel yesterday was over the 2,100 mark. At the acute period, Feb. 15, the number was 2,310, which was very little higher than the present figures.

Relief officials say that, altho the board of control say it is time these people got work, there is no work to be had. Every applicant for relief must show a card from the government employment bureau showing that there was no work to be found for him.

Work Still Scarce.

Superintendent Miller of the government employment bureau, when seen by The World yesterday, bore out the contentions of the relief officials that there was no work to be had for the relief seekers.

"It was thought that things would open up when the spring arrived," he said, "but the spring is here now and things are about as bad as ever. There has been practically no improvement."

He estimated the number now out of work as between 18,000 and 20,000. With the exception of the agricultural workers, who are always in demand, there was no work offering and the number out of employment was about as great today as any time during the last couple of months.

Need Public Works.

Regarding the proposal of the city to cut off relief measures in about a week's time, he believed it must mean that the city expected to have some public works under way by that time, which would greatly reduce the number of people out of employment. Otherwise those out of work and unable to find it would be in a very distressing position.

Good news was forthcoming from the women's branch of the government employment bureau. The demand for women to work in factories, especially the clothing industries, had caught up with the supply. With domestics always able to find employment, this left only the office workers among the women who were experiencing any difficulty in obtaining work.

It has been learned that the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, which has been giving relief to disabled soldiers and those who have had vocational training and are out of work, is likely to continue its relief thruout the month of April. The World was informed yesterday that, following on the request of the G.W.V.A. that the relief measures be continued another month, the matter has been taken up with Ottawa, who state that it will be given sympathetic consideration.

ORANGEMEN WIND UP SESSIONS IN LINDSAY

Election of Officers Closes Ontario East Convention of Grand Orange Lodge.

Lindsay, Ont., March 18.—Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East concluded its session last night at a late hour following the election of officers, namely: Grand master, W. Bro. D. J. W. Edwards, M.P., Cataraqui; deputy grand master, R. W. Bro. C. A. Lounton, Aultville; junior deputy grand master, R. W. Bro. H. A. Graham, Kingston; grand chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. J. Puttenham, Foxboro; grand treasurer, R. W. Bro. W. C. Reid, Belleville; grand secretary, R. W. Bro. W. F. M. Clark, Belleville; grand treasurer, W. Bro. W. S. McFaul, Ottawa; deputy grand treasurer, W. Bro. A. E. Blackburn, Wales; grand director ceremonies, W. Bro. T. A. Kidd, Ottawa; deputy grand secretary, W. Bro. D. Sutherland, Ottawa; grand auditors, W. Bros. W. H. Birtch, Richmond, and E. Armstrong, Ottawa.

Smith's Falls, Peterboro, Napanee, Picton and Belleville made a strong bid for the next place of holding the annual meeting, the decision going to Smith's Falls.

GERMAN-MADE PLANES SELL FAST IN CANADA

Ottawa, March 18.—That German-made mercantile airplanes are being made and laid down in Canada, while British manufacturers are being forced to close their factories owing to lack of support, was the amazing statement made last evening at the annual popular lecture by the Engineering Institute of Canada in the Victoria Museum.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICER DEAD.

New York, March 18.—Salvation Army headquarters here today received news of the death in India from smallpox of Commissioner G. P. French, who had charge of all the Army's work in India. Commissioner French was born in Bristol, England. For some years he directed Chicago headquarters, but later came to New York before leaving for Korea and India.

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EASTERN JUNIOR CHAMPS WILL ARRIVE MONDAY

Montreal, March 18.—Players representing Lower Canada College, who won the junior championship of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association, will leave Sunday night for Toronto to play with the winner of the Stratford-Sudbury game, for the John Ross Robertson Memorial Trophy.

With two exceptions, the eight players who will go to Toronto are Montreal lads. Graham Gory is a Toronto boy, while Hughes is a Kingston product. The team is one of the lightest that has ever won the championship, while they are only a band of youngsters, four being under the age of 16 years.

Canadian Amateur Golf Championship Program

Winnipeg, March 18.—The tentative program for the Canadian amateur golf championship, to be played here August 22 to 27, submitted some time ago to the Royal Canadian Golf Association, has been approved by that body in its essential features.

The year's competition, therefore, as conducted by the Manitoba association, will present certain far-reaching innovations. The handicap limit to govern entries has been reduced to 12. It previously was 14.

The qualifying round has been done away with and match play will be the order from the start.

Present indications are that the tournament will attract a large representative gathering of Canada's best players.

DISCUSS RAILWAY FREIGHTS AND WAGES

D'Arcy Scott and James Murdock Will Address Toronto Canadian Club.

Ottawa March 18.—The Toronto Canadian Club has formally invited Mr. D'Arcy Scott, ex-assistant chairman of the board of railway commissioners, to speak before the club in conjunction with Mr. James Murdock, now vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and formerly a member of the Canadian board of commerce.

Mr. Macdonald, secretary of the Toronto Canadian Club, last night called up Mr. Scott by long distance telephone and formally asked him to be present. This was in view of Mr. Murdock's recent challenge that both men should appear before the club and discuss the relation of railway freights to railway wages at the present time. Mr. Scott accepted the challenge.

As yet Mr. Scott has received no reply from Mr. Murdock in reply to his letter accepting Mr. Murdock's challenge.

BERMUDA TURNS DOWN TRADE PACT WITH CANADA

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 18.—A motion to ratify the Canada-West Indies trade agreement was defeated in the house of assembly today by a vote of 16 to 11.

NEED OF ECONOMY URGED BY WILLISON

St. Mary's, Ont., March 18.—"It is time for us to remember that retrenchment once had a meaning in Canada. It is time for us to remember that without increase in production and extension of settlement, the burden of taxation may become unendurable. It is time to remember that further additions to the cost of production, either by mounting wages over the waste and extravagance which unwise measures of taxation produce threaten commercial distress and disaster."

This was the keynote of an address delivered tonight by Sir John Willison of Toronto, at the annual banquet of the board of trade, attended by more than 400 persons.

FIND DAVID ST. JEAN NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Ottawa, Ont., March 18.—David St. Jean, on trial at the Hull criminal assizes for the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Philoman Lafonde, at Gracefield, Que., last August, by shooting, was found not guilty by a jury tonight.

Judge McDougall, in his address to the jury, spoke strongly in favor of the accused.

Ask Manitoba Leaders To Assist Administration

Brandon, Man., March 18.—A direct appeal to group leaders of the Manitoba legislature for co-operation in carrying on the business administration of the province was made by Lieut.-Governor Sir James Aikens at a banquet tendered to members of the Manitoba legislature by the Brandon Winter Fair board Thursday night. Premier T. C. Norris endorsed the appeal of the lieutenant-governor.

Speaking of the political situation, Sir James stated there was no precedent to the conditions which existed in the Manitoba legislature. No party held a majority and if one group were defeated another might be called upon to administer the affairs of the province, but could easily be defeated by a combination of the other groups.

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