

YOUTH ADMITS FLEEING TWO CITY BANKS

COURT REMANDS YOUNG MAN WHO CONFESSES FRAUD

Fred Fowler of Mount Brydges Secured \$650 in Worthless Checks.

FIVE OFFENCES

Fred Fowler, 24, Mount Brydges, who pleaded guilty a week ago to two charges of false pretences and one of fraud in connection with the passing of a worthless check for \$15, pleaded guilty this morning to obtaining a total of \$650 from two local banks by representing himself to be the owner of considerable farm property. He was remanded a week for sentence by Magistrate Graydon.

In addition to fleeing the banks out of money, it was learned that two other bank managers had advanced money to the youth on similar representations, but had been told in full by relatives of the young man.

On Nov. 3 last, Fowler told one bank manager he owned a 75-acre farm and asked for a loan of \$300, which he received.

Dec. 10, he applied for a loan of \$350 from another bank, representing himself to be Lloyd Scott of the Township of Delaware.

Fowler, after receiving the money, made no effort to leave the city, but registered at a local hotel, and has been spending the bank's money freely.

"The offense is most serious," said Mr. Graydon. "It is the most outrageous. What did you do with the money? Is it all gone?"

"Yes, sir."

"There are five convictions against you now. Have you anything to say?"

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"ABUSIVE AND DEFAMATORY." This is the way A. C. Gordon Drake describes the blanket insinuations against last year's city council. He demands that the names of alleged culprits or an apology.

SPECIAL COURSE POULTRY RAISING

Over Fifty Students Attend Classes Opened in the O. A. C.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, Jan. 8.—The annual short course in poultry-raising opened at the O. A. C. today with over 50 in attendance. The course is an extensive one, and besides lectures, includes practical work. Instruction is being given in location of poultry farms, situations, construction, ventilation, preparation of plans and estimates of poultry houses for various purposes, origin and characteristics of breeds and varieties of fowl, principles of breeding and mating, judging, hatching and rearing; foods and feeding, marketing eggs and poultry, as well as other work, a knowledge of which is required to turn out a good poultryman.

Considerable interest was taken in the municipal election in Puslinch Township, notwithstanding the fact that Wm. Schultz was elected as councillor.

Wm. Crowe, Fred Rozell, Daniel Hoskett, Marshall Haines.

In Eramosa, W. A. Dickinson retained the reevehip. Council: E. Doughty, A. McNabb, Wm. Swanson, Wm. Barber, E. Alton.

Rooskwood council: F. Smith, Wm. Harris, Robert Thatcher, R. Peart.

ROBBERY SUSPECTS ARE HELD AT PORT ARTHUR

Canadian Press Despatch.

Port Arthur, Jan. 9.—Suspected of having been implicated in the robbery of the paymaster of the Dominion Forge and Stamping Company at Walkerville, Ont., early in November, John Sheridan, alias Lewis, alias Donnelly, alias Arnold, 34, and Harry Morden, 27, were arrested by the police here late yesterday. Both state they came from Windsor, through the United States to Duluth, and then over the international highway to Port Arthur. They admit their identity, but are non-committal in connection with the robbery, in which \$5,000 changed hands at the point of guns. An escort is en route from Walkerville, and will return with the prisoners.

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It had been already anticipated that the prospect of Hon. Ernest Lapointe being transferred to the position of minister of marine and fisheries would be seized upon to further the claims of the maritimes for the appointment of a maritime province man who knew something about fisheries to the former position.

The presence in the capital today of William Duff, M. P. for Lunenburg, who has been engaged in the shipping and fishery business all his life, and who year ago headed a commission, which toured the Dominion and investigated the fisheries question confirms the anticipation.

The recognition of the kind suggestion of Hon. Lapointe, to the position of minister of fisheries, will not please the maritimes. Mr. Duff is a lawyer. Neither, it is said, would the transfer of Hon. E. M. MacDonald from defence to marine and fisheries satisfy Mr. MacDonald, who is a lawyer, and not a fisherman.

There was a making of some effort to placate the Maritimes has been somewhat violently borne in upon the government by the disaster in Halifax and Kings. It is held that the appointment of a practical man like Mr. Duff to the portfolio of marine and fisheries, times and would be the same time please British Columbia and other portions of the Dominion interested in fisheries, the annual value of which, the Dominion is about 70 millions a year. If in addition to this better rates for coal and other shipments westward were given, it is stated that Maritime Province members (and what what what?) would support any measure for the winning of the west.

The chief difficulty lies in the fact that the Maritime Provinces are already fairly heavily represented in the cabinet, while representing the four western provinces, there are only four ministers in the cabinet. It does not appear to be the intention of Premier King to increase the number of his ministers.

Strong efforts will be made to secure the services in the cabinet of Hon. Charles Dunning, premier of Saskatchewan, while the hope is expressed that Hon. T. A. Crerar will come in "without strings."

There are two main difficulties of serving Mr. Dunning in the place there is the difficulty of finding a successor to him as premier of the province. Four names are mentioned: Hon. James Gardiner, minister of highways in the Dunning government; G. Hamilton, minister of agriculture; S. Latta, minister of education; and James Cross, attorney-general, all of whom have had long experience.

The second difficulty would be in the securing of a seat for Mr. Dunning. At present there is only one Liberal seat in Saskatchewan and that is held by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture. It is, however, regarded as possible that a seat might be opened up upon consideration, open a seat for Mr. Dunning. T. S. McMonica, M.P. for Battleford, and Fred Johnston, M.P. for Last Mountain, have favored a Liberal-Progressive union. Either might retire for Mr. Dunning. Mr. Crerar would have to run again for re-election in Marquette, and unless some definite understanding was reached with the Progressives he might have a hard run.

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CRERAR EN ROUTE EAST TO CONFER WITH KING

With Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan He Comes To Ottawa.

EXPECT AGREEMENT

Many Changes in Cabinet, To Include Progressives, May Result.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Negotiations for a Liberal-Progressive agreement are assuming definite shape. Hon. T. A. Crerar, former Progressive leader, and Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan, are speeding east and should be in Ottawa on Thursday, when it is expected discussions will begin.

So far as the government is concerned, however, official confirmation or otherwise of a policy of "broadening out" is lacking.

There was an extended meeting of the cabinet council this afternoon, and it is presumed that the situation was discussed. But the only announcement made was that Hon. T. A. Crerar will come in "without strings."

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CLERK PRESENTED WITH SMOKING SET

Court House and Registry Staffs Honor County Official.

Citizen Gets 30 Cent Check

A check amounting to 30 cents was received this morning by a London man from the department of income taxation in Ottawa.

The Londoner had overpaid his income tax and the extra amount was forwarded to him. Counting the price of the stamps on the check, the stamp on the letter, the envelope, and the time taken to address and mail the letter, it is estimated that it cost the government fifteen cents to pay the London man the thirty cents owing him.

Partnership Added.

Woodstock, Jan. 8.—N. E. Birch, who has been county clerk for the past 16 years, was presented with a splendid mahogany smoking stand and a box of cigars by the members of the court house and registry offices staffs.

Aid Hospital.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Woodstock Hospital Trust have received a gift of \$150 from the Braemar Women's Institute.

Division Court.

There was a court opened with a light docket this morning, but the most important case was that of Tucker vs. Coventry, which required the expert advice of D. Douglass and A. McCormick as to the safety of the saddles. Young Tucker was thrown from a racehorse owned by Coventry and sustained a broken leg. His honor adjourned the case that he may have an opportunity to consider one or two points.

V.O.N. Report.

The Victorian Order of Nurses' report for December showed visits made, 213; cases, 25 new ones; two religions and two nationalities; nurses' visits to patients, 56; visits to nurses, 87; one social service visit; infant welfare, 62; night visits, 3; free visits, 10; baby clinics held, 3; attended, 60; cases listed, 231; home visits, 52; consultations, 15; left district, 3.

North Dumfries.

The bad roads and weather were responsible for a smaller vote than usual and delayed returns of the election in North Dumfries yesterday, in which Samuel Rohr was elected reeve. Councillors are: W. Lockie, T. Scott, G. P. Moore, J. Manson and N. Daniel.

Commission Chairman.

At the first meeting of the public utilities commission of 1924 held today, George Hancock was re-elected chairman. The main discussion of the meeting was on the financial position of the Board, it being generally felt that the overhead expenditures should be reduced.

Born in Galt.

Dr. A. C. Caldwell, mayor-elect of Dundas, is a Galt "old boy," born and educated here. His father, J. C. Caldwell, now of Hamilton, was proprietor of the Central Hotel here for many years.

ENGLISH LAW SOCIETY GIVES NOVEL RULING

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 9.—The council of the bar of New South Wales recently sought the opinion of the council of the English law society as to the propriety of the sons of judges appearing as barristers in court when their fathers are presiding. The reply to the query has just been made.

It is that, broadly speaking, there is no objection to the son of a judge acting as barrister in a court where his father is presiding, but that the application of the principle is a question of good taste and the council of the English law society is unable to lay down rules for the courts in Australia.

DISMANTLED BATTLESHIP IS RESCUED BY TUGS

Associated Press Despatch.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—The dismantled battleship Louisiana was turned over by coastguard cutters yesterday to tugs, which proceeded with the ship to the shipyard.

One day's rations for the crew of seven remained when she was taken in tow by the cutters Monday, after having drifted at sea for thirty hours. Four negroes of the "skeleton crew," it was said, held religious services on the drifting ship through-out Sunday night, praying that the vessel be picked up and taken safely to port, and singing fervently.

RYAN DISCLOSES METHOD OF HIDING MYSTERIOUS SAW

Bandit Carried Little Steel Blade On Sole of His Foot.

FOOLED DETECTIVES

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Norman "Red" Ryan told today how he smuggled the little saw file into the Toronto jail. Watched as he was, and even shackled, Ryan was able to keep a saw in his possession and carry it right into his cell despite the fact that he was stripped of his skin in the jail office. He did this magic trick while officials stood by.

In his smuggling stunt Ryan fooled everyone—even Inspector Walter Duncanson, the man who captured him.

"Tell us how you got the saw into your cell," Ryan was asked as he sat in Judge Coatsworth's chambers at 1:15 today waiting for his honor to arrive.

"I carried the file into the cell on the sole of my bare foot," related Ryan.

"Tell us another," suggested the reporter.

Carried On His Foot.

"It's no kid—I did it. I carried that file with me from Minneapolis. On each end was a small piece of sticking gum. Well, at the jail Sunday morning I was searched. I had the file in my coat pocket. I knew they would get it, but I did a desperate stunt. I watched the officers and switched the file to my hand. Then, when I was stripped, I dropped it on the floor and stepped on it with my bare foot—and the gum stuck to the sole of my foot. The gum did it."

"But did anyone see you?"

"Apparently not. I was among the officials. When they gave me my socks I slipped them on quickly, keeping my foot close to the floor. Once I had the sock on I had them. On Monday morning, when I realized I was under a 24-hour steady watch with the jailers eyeing me all the time I knew I didn't have a chance to use the saw. I knew I was finished. I was shackled, too, in the cell. So what was the use?"

Staggered the Governor.

"Then I told one of the guards to send for Governor Basher. Basher came, and I said to him: 'Will you give me a good meal if I show you a good trick?' He said he would, and I pulled off my sock and lifted the saw from the sole of my foot. You should have seen them stagger. I got a lovely juicy steak. Carry on."

So the saw is an old trick. I learned it long ago. But I fooled them at that, despite the army they had with them to watch me."

Ryan stated Governor Basher treated him with every consideration at the jail.

CLAIMS DIVORCE SOUGHT TO ESCAPE NOTORIETY

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Jan. 9.—From the hotel bedroom, to which she is confined by illness, Mrs. Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson yesterday sent relations of her denial of intimacy with Ella-worh Bassett, her business manager, and an assertion that she had originally hired Bassett as her chauffeur on the solicitation of Mrs. Bassett, whom she desired to help.

Reeling on her bed, tears streaming down her cheeks, and her body shaking with sobs, the novelist first made her vigorous denials, then yielding to hysterical nervousness, half screamed: "I am being persecuted