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## TANNERY FIRE MYSTERY

WITNESS WAS RATTLED

Murdock McIntyre Denied Certain Conversations, But Didn't Satisfy Coroner.

The inquest into the cause of the recent destruction by fire of Johnston's tannery on River-street was opened before Coroner Dr. Johnson at the city hall. Part of the evidence of one witness, that of Murdock McIntyre, a currier employed at the tannery, was taken, and thru severe examination by J. Walter Curry, counsel for the insurance companies, witness apparently became somewhat mixed.

Mr. Johnston, owner of the tannery, will have a counsel present at the adjourned session.

The tannery was insured in a number of companies, but they are said to have objected to the dangerous character of the building and withdrew. The inquest was made at their request and not by order of the coroner.

Under strict examination by Mr. Curry, McIntyre gave an account of the first fire, the process of work at the tannery and the custom as to the use of benzine in degreasing the pelts. McIntyre emphatically denied certain statements he was supposed to have made in a conversation with four men unknown to him to be private detectives, in the King Edward Hotel. He also denied having drawn any plans for them put in at the inquest by Mr. Curry as exhibits, showing the shape of the buildings, and where the fire originated. Witness was sure that there was no degreasing process inside the tannery, but admitted that benzine had been used with the press. He swore the benzine tank, in which the skins were degreased, was never in the

main building, and also denied a statement credited to him, that he had taken from the lot of degreased skins thru the storage warehouse door.

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## THE "SAVOY,"

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Mid-Day Lunch for Busy People—Every day, 12.00 till 2.00. Try it.

## THE WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 4.—(6 p.m.) The day which was this morning over the lake region has since moved to the Lower St. Lawrence Valley, attended by a light snowfall in Ontario and Quebec, with local rains and rain or snow in the Maritime Provinces. The weather has been decidedly cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and comparatively mild in Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 29 below—3 below; Atlin, 10—31; Victoria, 23—42; Kamloops, 15—30; Calgary, 8—31; Edmonton, 4—23; Battleford, 30 below—zero; Prince Albert, 20 below—3 below; Qu'Appelle, 15 below—4; Winnipeg, 18 below—4 below; Port Arthur, 8 below—2; Parry Sound, 16—32; Toronto, 30—37; Ottawa, 6—28; Montreal, 3—22; Quebec, 1—23; St. John, 10—44; Halifax, 12—40.

**Probabilities.**  
Lower Lakes and Ontarian Bay—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds; fair and decidedly colder. Local snow flurries.

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 4	At	From
Arable	Cape Race	Liverpool
Claudia	Cape Race	Liverpool
Victorian	New York	Liverpool
Emp. Ireland	St. John	Liverpool
Emp. Britain	Liverpool	St. John
Hyperion	Boston	Glasgow
Franklin	Liverpool	Boston
Iberian	Manchester	Boston
Amelia	New York	Boston
Teutonic	Southampton	New York
Repulse	St. Michael's	New York

## TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Dec. 5.  
University Women's Club, luncheon, 1 p.m.  
Canadian Institute, address by J. B. Tyrrell, 8.  
Progressive Thought Club, room 30, Forum Building, Phillips Thompson, on "Duties of Citizenship," 8 p.m.

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## BIRTHS.

LUCAS—On Nov. 30, 1908, at the residence of her parents, 15 Duke-street, Margaret, wife of James L. Lucas, in her 33rd year.

Funeral Monday, at 2:30 p.m., to St. James Cemetery.

MODEL—On Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 1908, at his residence, 50 Markham-street, John August, dearly beloved husband of Ruth Mitchell Model, in his 50th year.

Funeral notice later.

MORRISON—A brief illness, at his residence, 75 Winchester-street, Toronto, on Friday, Dec. 4th, 1908, James L. Morrison, in his 70th year.

Funeral private, on Monday, the 7th, at 3 o'clock. Interment in St. James Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.

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## RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE TO SOAK THE GOVERNMENT

Agent Parsons Says Usual Thing

to Pay Extra—Halifax Marine Probe Finished.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Judge Cassels has finished his work here. The enquiry came to an end this afternoon, after several witnesses from here may be summoned to Ottawa to give their evidence.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Watson, addressing the court, said that his learned friend and himself considered that from the evidence already adduced, sufficient had been shown to indicate the course of dealing in the department at this agency, as well as the prices paid and the conduct of the officials, and that they thought the enquiry should be adjourned.

Mr. Watson said that it would be necessary for some witnesses to attend before the court at Ottawa, and he named Mr. Hines, foreman of Longard Bros.; Mr. Wilson and Hon. David McPherson.

Judge Cassels agreed to the adjournment, and thought the investigation might be resumed at Ottawa on Tuesday week.

The afternoon session was chiefly devoted to the examination of Agent Parsons, who had been called to the stand.

Dealing with the large increase of employees in the dockyard during the month of October, Mr. Parsons said that in his opinion they were necessary by the demands of the department, and were taken on as a result of an interview he had with the deputy minister in Halifax early in October or late in September.

Also pressed by counsel to make a statement that the increase in employees was due to the election campaign, Mr. Parsons remained firm.

The agent, however, pointed out that all the extra labor employed were recommended by the members—Messrs. Roche and Carney—and no one was put

at work who did not meet with their approval.

Towards the latter part of his evidence, Mr. Parsons made what was taken to be an important admission. He said he was recognized by him, and acted upon that in work and materials supplied to the government a little more should be charged than to an ordinary person.

Counsel also brought out the fact from Mr. Parsons, that previous to the stranding of the Lady Laurier, year or two ago off Yarmouth on an uncharted shoal, the location of the dangerous reef had been reported to him by some fishermen, but that the information had not been sent to headquarters, as a result of which the steamer went ashore and the repairs consequent thereon cost about \$30,000.

Mr. Parsons then started to explain in detail the work which called for such large increase in employees during October. He said that the trees required thinning, the paths kept in condition, and the admiralty grounds looked after.

**Could See Thru That.**

Judge Cassels interrupted Mr. Parsons' counsel and remarked that he hoped that counsel would credit him with having a little common sense.

Mr. Stevens, assistant engineer to Mr. Schmidt, testified as to work done to the steamer Aberdeen, when she was repaired, and told of two appliances that were placed in the steamer at a cost of \$400, which proved useless, and were of no practical service. The witness remarked that such expenditures occurred before. Witness said he had received no gratuities, loans or gifts.

Geo. E. Book was the last witness examined. He supplied the department since 1897. During the past three fiscal years he had received about \$20,000 from the department. Asked if he had a written contract, the witness replied in the negative, but explained that after the change of government in 1896 he offered to supply the coal at the same figure that it had previously been furnished by A. E. Crosby, the present member-elect for Nova Scotia.

Book said his offer had been agreed to, but that when he rendered his bills they were objected to as being excessive, although he had only charged the same figure as had been paid Crosby, which he learned from the auditor-general's report. As a result, the witness said, he had to supply the department, and had done so ever since, with coal at mine prices, and the only profit he made was ten per cent, allowed him by the owners on all sales made by himself. His account with the department amounted to \$20,000 in three years.

**Run by the Members.**

A. Deb. Tremaine said it was not correct that he said that it was impossible to properly administer the affairs of the office owing to the intervention of the members.

"We do not know what the members ran the whole show. You felt you had to do what you were told or you might lose your berth?" remarked Judge Cassels.

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## LICENSE REDUCTIONISTS RALLY AT MASSEY HALL

N. W. Rowell, K.C., and Canon Cody State Case for Temperance Reformers.

Last night's meeting in Massey Hall in favor of license reduction might be regarded as encouraging both by friends and opponents of the measure. The floor and balcony were fairly filled, but not more than a dozen were seated in the gallery.

The platform was filled with the Alexander Choir and a number of sympathizers, among whom Controller Spence and Harrison, and Aldermen Vaughan, Bengough, Foster, Graham and Hales with Mayor Oliver represented the city government. Mayor Oliver had a great reception, and said he was not ashamed to be a temperance man. Men could do without liquor as he had done his life, and he was a pretty fair specimen. If a man had to forget his principles to be mayor he did not want to be mayor, but he was going to be mayor, he affirmed.

J. N. McKendry was a good-humored chairman, and Rev. Mr. Graham offered prayer. The tone of the meeting was set by the mottoes on the wall, "A step in the right direction," and "The bar-room must go."

**Asked to Take Sides.**

N. W. Rowell, K.C., and Canon Cody made the speeches of the evening, but Rev. A. B. Winchester touched the heart of the audience most deeply. Mr. McKendry adjured everybody to take sides. Those who did not were no good. He quoted a barkeeper who told him, "It is