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**MURDER CHARGE WITHDRAWN**

Changed to Assault and After Hear-  
 ing Magistrate Dismissed the Case  
 (Kincardine Review-Reporter)  
 The thrice postponed case of Thack-  
 er vs. Hodgins, enlarged at intervals  
 due to the fact that Thacker's injur-  
 ies prevented him from appearing  
 was aired before Magistrate McCart-  
 ney on Friday afternoon.  
 Samuel Hodgins, con. 3, Bruce Tp.,  
 had been at liberty on \$5000 bail, the  
 charge being that of attempted mur-  
 der, when his car ran over Latchford  
 Thacker, Kinloss Township, and seri-  
 ously injured him on September 7th  
 last. The fact that bail was allowed  
 proved that the charge was not view-  
 ed as final by the court.  
 However, the case was called for  
 Friday. Thacker came to the court  
 room on crutches, his right leg being  
 weak yet, even though about ten  
 weeks have passed since the affair.  
 Attorney Freeborn appeared for the  
 Crown and O. E. Klein of Walkerton  
 for the defendant.  
 When the court opened Mr. Free-  
 born stated that the first charge had  
 been laid without consulting the  
 Crown authorities and asked that it  
 be withdrawn and one of assault oc-  
 casing actual bodily harm made.  
 His request was granted by the Mag-  
 istrate.  
 Mr. Klein for Hodgins elected to be

tried at the next court. The evidence  
 was then taken.  
 Latchford Thacker was unable to  
 stand so he was allowed to sit before  
 the Magistrate. He stated that he  
 was a married man with six children,  
 the eldest being under ten years of  
 age. Hodgins, accompanied by Sam  
 Lewis came to his home in Hodgins  
 Ford car about 9 a.m. on the 7th of  
 September. Thacker spoke to Lewis  
 and then to Hodgins. They had come  
 for young Sam Hodgins who had  
 spent the week-end with Thacker's  
 son. There was no quarrel. He spoke  
 to Hodgins generally for some ten  
 minutes. He then asked Hodgins  
 what he meant by the remark he had  
 made to him in Kincardine on the  
 12th of July (that Thacker had inter-  
 fered in his nephew's business) and  
 also asked if he didn't know that  
 his brother had told him.  
 It appears that Hodgins was the  
 executor of his brother's will and that  
 when notice appeared regarding the  
 sending in of accounts, Thacker sent  
 in an account but had not been paid.  
 He was about to have this settled by  
 Hodgins. He was about to ask Hod-  
 gins regarding this when Hodgins  
 made to start away. Thacker then  
 ran to the gate of his barnyard and  
 shut it. He just got it shut when  
 Hodgins rammed the fence with his  
 car. The gate knocked Thacker down  
 and the car ran over him, breaking

his leg. The car did not stop but  
 continued on its way. He wanted  
 to talk to Hodgins so he closed the  
 gate, not because he was sore.  
 Harold Thacker, the 10-year-old  
 son of Latchford Thacker, gave evi-  
 dence but was not sworn. He simply  
 told of the car starting after his  
 father ran to the gate and that the  
 car was going about as fast as his  
 father ran.  
 William Thacker, a brother of  
 Latchford's, who was called over af-  
 ter the accident, said that he found  
 his brother lying on the ground un-  
 able to move. He examined the place  
 of the accident and saw no indication  
 that any attempt had been made to  
 prevent the accident. He was there  
 when Hodgins returned an hour or so  
 later with a Mr. Stanley. The latter  
 came in and asked how badly Thack-  
 er was hurt. He told him and also  
 stated that Hodgins had better stay  
 out on the road as long as he was  
 there.  
 Mr. Klein in addressing the court  
 said that Hodgins had gone to Thack-  
 er's on a peaceful mission. He had  
 got the boy and started to leave but  
 Thacker attempted to pen him in and  
 virtually make him a prisoner. A  
 man so foolish as to run ahead of a  
 car and close a gate as it approached  
 could not but expect to get hurt.  
 There was no evidence that Hodgins  
 had deliberately hit Thacker. Hod-  
 gins went so far as to knock the

left and hit the post. There was  
 no crime on the part of Hodgins in  
 trying to gain his liberty. Thacker  
 attempted a breach of the peace in  
 trying to hold Hodgins and Hodgins  
 had a right to break through any  
 fence. There was no evidence of  
 assault here and in Mr. Klein's opin-  
 ion the case should not be sent up  
 for trial.  
 Mr. Freeborn stated that the point  
 was that Hodgins showed guilt by  
 not stopping when he saw that he  
 had hit Thacker. If the defence put  
 up was true then Hodgins would  
 have naturally stopped. There was  
 no evidence of a breach of the peace.  
 Thacker merely wanted to talk over  
 the affair.  
 Magistrate McCartney read that  
 "assault defined, is the act of inten-  
 tionally applying force to the person  
 of another." There was no evidence  
 given to show that Hodgins inten-  
 tionally run into Thacker, so he dis-  
 missed the case.

**GAS AND BEER TAXES FAIL**

There is a shortage of a million  
 and a half dollars in the receipts  
 from the taxes on gasoline and beer  
 in this province as compared with  
 the estimates of the provincial treas-  
 urer. The people have failed to  
 drink and the cars have failed to  
 consume. It looks like a drive a-  
 gainst the imposition of direct tax-  
 ation, but there is probably something  
 more behind the reason than meets  
 the eye. It is possible to explain  
 the falling off in the beer consump-  
 tion by the long period of prohibi-  
 tion which has taught the people to  
 forget and the rising generation  
 knows nothing of the beverages of  
 the olden times. But there are ru-  
 mors that cause the information of  
 other conclusions. The people soon  
 found that four dissappoint four  
 beer, which had been praised gener-  
 ally by the attorney-general as non-  
 intoxicating was true to his descrip-  
 tion. It not only failed to cheer and  
 sat heavily on the bosom like a fresh  
 sorrow. The innocuous fluid failed  
 and the only kick there was in it  
 was the kick a customer made when  
 he had to pay ten cents a glass for  
 it. The case against gasoline is on  
 another footing. You can lead a  
 car to a garage but you can't make  
 it drink gasoline especially when the  
 man behind the wheel thinks that the  
 three cent tax should have been taken  
 off the price of gas instead of  
 added to it.

When Walter Brown Jr. and Wm.  
 Brundell, the two young men charged  
 with the robbery of the store of A.  
 F. George, at Port Elgin, on Sunday  
 night, Oct. 29th, appeared before  
 Police Magistrate McCartney, they  
 were remanded for Thursday, their  
 next court date.