

JURY IN FOSTER-GLOBE CASE GIVES VERDICT FOR EDITOR

Court Orders Judgment
and Costs for Doctor
Macdonald.

THE CRITICISM WAS JUSTIFIED

Jury Also Finds That Plaintiff
Acted in Good Faith.

Toronto, Feb. 28. — The verdict for Dr. Macdonald in the Foster-Macdonald libel suit was handed to Mr. Justice Magee at 5:50 on Saturday night, and was read by the clerk amid the breathless silence of those present. The legal gentlemen present, the members of the press, and the few people who had straggled back to the court in the hope that a verdict might be reached, were all eager to catch every word which the jury had to say of the charge of libel laid by the Hon. George E. Foster against Dr. Macdonald, editor of the Globe.

"Is that your unanimous verdict," asked Mr. Justice Magee, and to this Mr. F. C. Davies, foreman of the jury, replied very clearly and distinctly, "It is our unanimous verdict."

"I ask for a poll of the jury," said Mr. J. F. Hellmuth, K. C., counsel for the plaintiff.

The poll was taken, each of the jurors answering to the question, "Is that your verdict?" with a simple "Yes," or "It is."

Mr. George Wilkie, for the defendant, then asked that judgment be entered for Dr. Macdonald, with costs, and judgment was entered accordingly.

A Stay Asked.
Mr. Hellmuth, for the plaintiff, asked for the usual stay of judgment for 30 days, which was granted. This was to give Hon. Mr. Foster the opportunity to exercise the right to ask the divisional court for a new trial, which may be refused or granted, as the court decides. If a new trial takes place it must be before a jury just as was that which ended Saturday night.

**REV. MR. ROLLINS
IS IN GLENCOE**
Pulpit Was Taken Sunday by
Rev. Dr. McCrae and Rev.
Mr. McKenzie.

The services at the King Street Presbyterian Church were taken yesterday morning and evening by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of the King Street Christian Workers, and Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, respectively. Rev. Mr. Rollins, the pastor, being out of the city.

Dr. McCrae had great difficulty in reaching the city owing to the condition of the roads, which are filled with pitch-holes.

Mr. Rollins is attending a session of the Presbytery of London in Glencoe today and tomorrow.

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BY CALLING FOR NEW TENDERS
FOR POWER HOUSE SUPPLIES**
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Principals:
Hon. George E. Foster,
plaintiff.
J. A. Macdonald, editor of the
Globe, defendant.

Cause of Action:
Speech of J. A. Macdonald at
Orillia on Oct. 20, 1908, in
which he charged concerning
Mr. Foster: "That he asked for
a private rake-off in a deal with
trust funds, that he directed
the suspicious way in which
that personal rake-off should
be paid, and . . . that he
had no right or title to that
money."

Writ:
Issued Oct. 22, 1908, for \$50,-
000 against Mr. Macdonald for
slander and libel.

Trial:
Commenced Thursday morn-
ing, Feb. 17, and concluded on
Saturday night, Feb. 26.

Verdict:
"We, the jury, do agree in
view of the evidence presented
to us, that Mr. Macdonald was
justified in making the state-
ments published by him in the
Globe of Oct. 21, 1908."

"We find that while Mr. Foster acted in good faith while acting in the capacity of manager of the Union Trust Company, his actions are open to criticism, and that he is not entitled to recover damages from Mr. Macdonald."

Costs:
About \$10,000, to be paid by Foster.

FACTORY SITES AND A PUBLICITY AGENT

Automobile Idea Is Catching on
in London—Sites Are
Badly Needed.

The manufacturers' committee will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will discuss the question of factory sites and a publicity agent.

A number of them are well disposed towards automobile industries, and it is thought some definite action that will induce manufacturers of this sort to settle in London will be taken.

"I am greatly in favor of automobile factories," said Ald. Fitzgerald. "They are the very best sort of industry, and we should do something towards inducing them to come to London."

"But we will have to settle the question of sites first. We want sites more than anything else. If we had them, we could easily get the rest."

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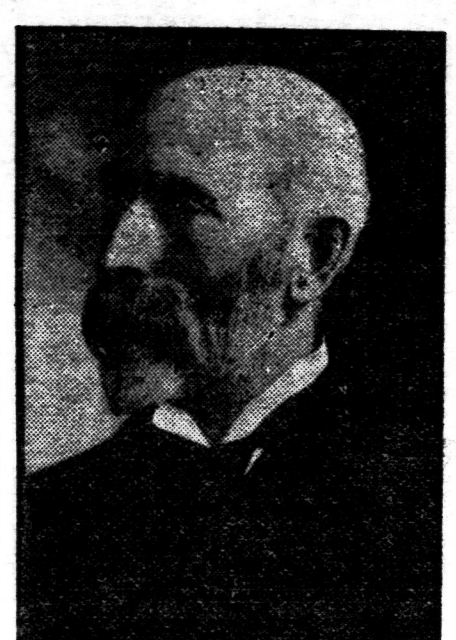
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**CHAIRMAN McMAHEN
Of the Water Commissioners.**

WM. TYLER DENIES WOMAN WAS WIFE

Mild Sensation When a Case of
Non-Support Came Up
in Court.

RATHER PECULIAR STORY
Magistrate Remanded the Prisoner
Until the Woman Who Is in
Woodstock Can Be
Brought Here.

William Tyler, of 286 York street, was arrested last night on a charge of non-support, preferred against him by Mary Tyler, who claims to be his wife. Tyler caused somewhat of a sensation in court this morning by telling the magistrate that he wasn't married to the woman.

Mrs. Tyler has been looking for Tyler for several days, and yesterday went to Woodstock in search of him.

Alleged Wife in Woodstock.
As she was not back, there was no refutation of Tyler's statements, and the court, after remarking that it was a hard thing to say about a woman with whom he had been living so long, remanded him for a week, until Mrs. Tyler can be communicated with.

Tyler, it is stated, recently came into a sum of money, and it is said he has been drinking heavily ever since.

Other Cases.
Henry Walsh, a drunk, was remanded for a week. Wm. Merrill, another drunk, was also remanded for a week. A case against Harry Jackson, who some time ago threw a sign through a window of the London House, was further adjourned.

**SCARLET FEVER
EPIDEMIC FLAGS**
No New Cases Have Been Re-
ported Since Saturday.

The scarlet fever epidemic is apparently at a standstill. No more cases were reported Sunday, although one patient was taken to Victoria Hospital on Saturday. This makes in all 35 scarlet fever patients that are now in the contagious wards. This is the greatest number that have ever been treated at one time. There are also 10 diphtheria patients in the contagious wards.

**CALL THE FIRE DEPT.
AND ROB FIREMEN**
Thieves Sound an Alarm and
Loot Lockers During Fire-
men's Absence.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Feb. 28.—An ingenious robbery was committed here this morning. An alarm was rung into the fire hall from box 14 at 3:43 a.m., and also to the Bain fire department, which responds to a call from this box. On arrival at the scene of the supposed fire an empty house, no fire was to be seen, but footmarks were plainly visible around the house. A search was discovered that a small fire was burning in the floor of one room, and this was at once extinguished, but a quantity of cotton was there half-burnt, showing the fire to be intentional. While the men of the Bain fire department were out at the fire their quarters were ransacked, and \$28.85 stolen from one man's locker, the rest of the money and valuables being locked up in trunks. It is evident that the same person lit the fire, sent in the alarm, and then rifled the firemen's rooms.

This is the second attempt to start a fire within a week, the other being a school building.

THE WEATHER
TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 28.—3 a.m.
Today—Generally fair; colder tonight.
Tuesday—Strong winds; snow or rain.
TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.
London, Saturday... .. 10 40
London, Sunday... .. 34 41
London, Monday... .. 38 40
Victoria... .. 42 34 41
Winnipeg... .. 16 14 -26 34
Fort Arthur... .. 22 0 2 29
Perry Sound... .. 36 14 30 36
Toronto... .. 44 34 38 43
Ottawa... .. 40 24 28 40
Montreal... .. 34 28 40
Quebec... .. 40 32 20 40
Calgary... .. 38 26 40
Edmonton... .. 12 4 12
Bathurst... .. -12 14 18
Prince Albert... .. -20 42
Moosejaw... .. -3 38
Hull... .. 12 42

A SARNIA CITIZEN HELD UP GOING THROUGH THE PARK

Desperado, at Point of a Gun, Orders Arthur Lumley to Deliver
and Decamps Without Any Loot—Police
Investigating the Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 28. — In the police court this morning Arthur Lumley told a hair-raising story of a bold highwayman. According to his account he was held up last night at the end of a pistol. Lumley was returning to the town from Point Edward, quite late, and took a short cut through Bayview Park. Suddenly he was confronted by a tall stranger, who ordered him to stand and deliver, backing up his de-

mand with a six-shooter. Lumley obeyed promptly, whereupon the desperado took him behind a tree and went through his pockets. Fortunately his victim was not carrying any money, and having satisfied himself of this, the hold-up man made off. Lumley says the man wore a mustache, but as it was very dark at the time he could give no further description that might lead to identification. The police are investigating.

A LONDON TOWNSHIP FARMER CHOKED TO DEATH TODAY

John Mason Meets Tragic Death Through Piece of Steak Sticking
in Windpipe—Was Rushed to City Hospital But Too
Late to Save Life.

John Mason, a farmer living on concession 4, London Township, choked to death of a piece of meat early this morning. He was brought to St. Joseph's Hospital post haste, and the meat removed, but life was extinct.

Mason was eating a piece of steak for breakfast, when suddenly his son noticed him choking. He was pounded on the back, and every precaution taken to restore him, but to no avail. While the son's wife tried to dislodge the meat, the son hitched up the horse and drove the old gentleman to St. Joseph's Hospital.

The roads were bad and it took a considerable length of time to reach the city.

Aid Too Late.
Dr. W. J. Stevenson immediately took charge of the case, and succeeded in removing the meat from the windpipe, but it was too late to save the man's life.

He and the hospital staff worked over the body for more than an hour but to no avail.

Deceased is survived by one son and daughter. No arrangements have been made for the funeral as yet.

MEDICAL STUDENTS ATTACK THE DOG-CATCHER IN FORCE

Rousing Battle on Waterloo Street, in Front of the College—
Commander Blackstock and Assistant Weaver—A Muddy
Affair—One Dog Escapes From the Wagon.

Ill-fortune seems to hover in the footsteps of one B. Blackstock, dog-catcher-in-chief to the city of London.

This morning the Blackstock forces were skirmishing down Waterloo street with General Blackstock deploying in the van, while Captain "Skin" Weaver brought up the rear guard with one unfortunate prisoner, a fat little brown dog, sad-eared and plump.

Where Fate "budded in" was in bringing the forces just opposite the Medical School. The spirit of Liberty stirred in the bosoms of the embryonic sawbones the moment they saw the outfit, and they rent the air with a discordant anthem to the effect:

"Blackstock, my dog has fleas; Blackstock has fleas!"

Then they tumbled into the street in a body.

Horse Felt Cheap.
The horse of the dog-catcher did not seem to be pleased with the effort, but began to show signs of restlessness that only increased the ardor of the students. Feeling that Weaver was not quite competent to handle his net at this particular moment, the students operated upon him and successfully removed it.

Then the horse became more frightened still, and backed around till it had succeeded in backing the rear end of the wagon out, and the one unfortunate canine, with a muzzle tied roughly round its chin, made a hurried exit from the wagon and disappeared.

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SIGNS OF FLOOD ARE WANTING WEST LONDON PEOPLE ASSURED

Sewers Are Carrying the Water Away Nicely—River Shows No
Signs of a Break Up—All Reports From the
Country Are Satisfactory.

Signs of a serious flood are so far wanting, and residents of West London are breathing somewhat easier.

The two-days' rain and heavy thaw has made little or no appreciable difference in the flow of the water in the Thames.

All the sewers yesterday and today were running full to the top, but the ice shows no sign of a break-up, and if prophecies from old citizens are of any avail, there will not be any worry about a flood.

Getting Away Nicely.
"Farmers report to me that the water is getting away nicely in the country," said Ald. Tancock. "There is little or no frost in the ground, and as a result the earth is absorbing it very rapidly. A very large amount of the ice and snow will be away long before the ice in the rivers or creeks breaks up. It is very solid yet, and we hope if this weather continues to have little trouble."

Big Staff at Work.
Sunday and today City Engineer and every precaution will be made to Graydon had a large staff of men at prevent a flood.

**BIG CROWD OF HOCKEY FANS
WILL GO TO CLASSIC CITY**
Special Train Will Leave London at 6:30 This Evening for the
Scene of the Final Battle Between London
and Goderich.

London's special hockey train to Stratford this evening will be made up of nine cars, and will probably be handled by a double-header. It leaves the Grand Trunk station at 6:30.

The management of the local team expects to take a great crowd up to see the deciding match with Goderich, and the arrangements will be as complete as possible.

ENGINEER SIFTON STEPS OUT THREATENED TO RESIGN POST WAS TAKEN AT HIS WORD

Sensation at the Meeting of the Water Commissioners Today—Row Begun Over the Letting of Contracts for Supplies for the New Power Station on Horton Street for Niagara Power.

There was a sensation at a meeting of the water commissioners at 10 o'clock this morning when Electrical Engineer E. I. Sifton tendered his resignation, and it was instantly accepted.

This was the culmination of a rather sharp and pointed argument between Mr. Sifton and the commissioners regarding the awarding of contracts for the power station equipment.

On Saturday afternoon the commissioners met, and after a long study awarded the contracts as follows:

LETTING OF CONTRACTS.
Division 1—Ten oil insulated water-cooled Transformers, Central Electric and School Supply Company... .. \$12,000
2—One 40-kw. automatic voltage regulator, Ferranti, Limited... .. 2,250
3—Three 20 "kw. automatic voltage regulators, Canadian General Electric Company... .. 4,600
4—All lightning protective apparatus for both stations, Canadian General Electric Company... .. 1,500
5—Complete set of instruments and wiring connections between all apparatus, Canadian General Electric Company... .. 10,100
6—Complete set portable instruments specified, Ferranti, Limited... .. 1,375
7—Constant direct current arc light transformer and rectifier, and
8—Sixty arc lamps with absolute cut-outs, Canadian General Electric Company... .. 4,300
9—Eight constant current transformers for street lights, incandescent lighting, Ferranti, Limited... .. 2,425
10—1,500 street fixtures as specified, Wheeler Reflector Company... .. 6,256
11—2,000 series 6.6 ampere 75 or 80 watt lamps, Sunbeam Incandescent Lamp Company... .. 2,500
Total... .. \$47,636

MR. SIFTON NOT SATISFIED.
Mr. Sifton was not satisfied, and this morning called a meeting of the board to consider the contracts, as he insisted that they had not been awarded to the lowest tenderers.

When the commissioners met, Mr. Sifton read the following letter to explain his position:

London, Feb. 28, 1910.
Board of Water Commissioners of the City of London:
Gentlemen,—Regarding tenders opened and awarded at Saturday's meeting of your board, I beg to place myself on record as follows:

Out of eleven items, Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 as accepted by you are all to more or less extent contrary to the specifications as approved and sent out by your board. I have not had reasonable opportunity to examine to what extent they do or do not comply with your specifications.

There is every reason to believe from a study of the prices submitted, that under one item alone you have accepted goods \$3,713 less value than you can by accepting a lower tender.

The offers you have accepted include two sets of incandescent lighting switchboards, where only one is required, and I strongly recommend in the interest of economy that one of these switchboards be cancelled prior to placing the order. Yours respectfully,
E. I. SIFTON,
Electrical Engineer.

THE ROW BEGINS.
When he had finished, Mr. Sifton was asked where-in the tenders were not the lowest, and Mr. Sifton pointed out that there was the question of one more switchboard than he considered necessary.

"That's all nonsense," declared Commissioner Darch. "We discussed that matter Saturday, and we ordered it. There is nothing in that."

"The Canada General Electric Company," continued on Page Four.

BIRTHS SHOW FALLING OFF STORK LAZY BIRD IN FEBRUARY

Dan Cupid Was a Busy Urchin Considering the Weather—Th-
Matrimonial Season Bids Fair To Be a Busy One—
Death List Shows an Increase of Ten Per Cent.

The stork was a lazy bird in February, and failed to live up to the record of 1909. According to the statistics in City Clerk Baker's office, 61 homes were visited during the month, during the same month of 1909 he visited 102 homes, showing a falling off of this year of 40 per cent—rather a serious decline.

There were 55 deaths recorded during the month. Of these, 17, or 30 per cent, were of people over 70 years of age—from 70 to 89. Seventeen children succumbed also.

Causes of Deaths.
Pneumonia caused two deaths, Consumption also caused two deaths, while scarlet fever and cancer also took a couple each.

For the same month in 1909 there were 50 deaths, an increase of 10 per cent for 1910.

Dan Cupid was busy during the month, 26 couples being made more or less happy. In February, 1909, there were 18 couples, so this year's record looks like a busy matrimonial season.

THE CUSTOMS REVENUE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

First Eleven Months of Year Shows a Total of Fifty-Four Millions.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The customs revenue of Canada has broken all records. The first eleven months of the year closed today with a total of \$54,081,927, which is more than half a million dollars beyond the previous high-water mark made in 1907. It is confidently expected that when the year closes, March 31, the customs collections will have amounted to \$55,000,000, a gain for the first eleven months this year amounts to \$11,461,228. During the month of February the collections totalled \$5,174,824, an increase of \$1,071,175.

**SLEIGHING RECORD
HAS BEEN EQUALLED**
Seventy-Nine Continuous Days of Deep Snow on the Ground.

It looks as though all records for sleighing were about to be broken. Up to, and including today, there have been 79 days of continuous sleighing. The longest previous record was 79 days, so up to the present this winter is tied with any of the past.

IMPIOUS YOUTHS PESTER CHURCH-GOING PEOPLE

Police Will Likely Be Called Upon to Break Up Overflow Meetings in Vestibules.

It is likely that a number of summonses will be issued shortly against South London lads who have been making a practice of congregating in church vestibules while the service is on. Sunday evenings and disturbing the worshippers. The young fellows, it is claimed, have been conducting themselves in anything but a becoming manner, and as a result of complaints made the police are investigating.

**PHAROAH HANGED BAKER
ALLOWED BUTLER TO GO**
Bakers Quote the Bible to Show That They Always Get the Worst of It.

Local bakers intend taking steps to offset, as far as they can, the Real Estate Owners' resolution in regard to a standard loaf when the matter comes up in Toronto tomorrow, and it is understood that they will have representation before the House to show that the R. E. O. A. have never been satisfied with anything that anybody else has done.

Feel Strongly.
The bakers feel very strongly towards the R. E. O. A., and even charge that the members of the association are in a large measure responsible for the raise in prices on account of house and store rent having advanced from 15 to 25 per cent in the last few years. "The baker always gets the worst of it," one of them said today. "Away back in the early Bible history, when the butler and the baker were accused before Pharaoh, the butler was let go and the baker was hanged. It has been the same way ever since. Bakers have to make a living as well as anybody else."