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City and District

Chief Williams Holidaying.
Chief of Police Williams is holidaying. He has been away since Thursday of last week, and will not return for a week or ten days.

Official Visit.
Mr. Carlyle, inspector of public schools for the county of Oxford, paid Simcoe street school (of which Mr. Wallis is the popular principal), a visit Monday afternoon. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the school and work done.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Scott was held from the residence of his son-in-law, James McDougall, lot 23, concession 6, of Westminster, yesterday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery, and was very largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. McCrae. The pallbearers were Messrs. Adam Nichol, David Jackson, William Blake, James Blake, James Milne and James Crinklaw.

Interesting Lecture.
What promises to be a very interesting and instructive lecture is to be given in the First Methodist Church schoolroom tomorrow evening, when Mr. W. E. Dyer, of Toronto, will present over 100 of Tissot's Bible pictures, illustrating the great characters and events of the Bible. In addition a number of views of the great international Sunday school convention, held in St. Louis recently, will be shown. Mr. Dyer is a bright and interesting speaker, and a large audience should greet him.

Denies She's Dead.
The following appears in the Hamilton Spectator: To the Editor: Having just last evening seen your notice of my death in the Detroit Asylum, allow me, kindly, to contradict the statement. I am not dead, and am not confined to any asylum. I am at my own room in Detroit. I'm fixing for leaving Detroit, so I cannot hear from you where I am at present unless you let me know at once where you got your notice to publish such a piece about me. I am at present at 627 Wabash avenue, and would thank you very kindly if you let me know by return of mail. Yours truly, Mrs. Nellie Bishop, 627 Wabash Avenue, Detroit, Mich. Someone in Milton saw a notice of the death of a Mrs. Bishop in Detroit and telephoned to the Spectator office

the contents of the article published later. Evidently a mistake was made, as the Mrs. Bishop who died in Detroit was not the Mrs. Bishop who formerly resided in Milton and was well known in Hamilton.—Ed.

INQUEST INTO RYAN'S DEATH

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ness did not have any time to do anything before the freight engine struck the yard engine and derailed it. Both engines were going east at the time of the accident. Witness did not know there was a freight engine anywhere near. The force was sufficient to break the buffer beam of the freight engine and hurl the yard engine from the track. It was the switch tender's duty to turn the switch, but he did not do it. Witness saw the crossing watchman turn the switch, but it was too late to avert a collision. The watchman had been standing on the sidewalk on the east side of Burwell street, and it was not his duty to touch the switch at all.

Fireman Ryan.
Fireman Ryan had left the cab just before the accident and had gone out to light the rear head-lamp. After the accident witness found him hanging on to the railing at the back of the engine. The front headlight had also been lit, and it must have been lit by Ryan, although witness did not see him light it.

Dr. F. P. Drake. who, with Dr. H. A. Stevenson, made the post-mortem, stated that both legs were practically severed below the knees. The legs were also badly scalded. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage.

Watchman's Story.
Anthony Mansell, crossing watchman at Burwell street, stated that he turned the switch, because he was told to do so by the switchman. He saw the freight coming up the main line, but the yard engine was then at Colborne street. Witness had often turned switches to oblige the switchmen. Turning switches is not a part of the witness' duties. The freight train was coming east at a good rate of speed.

The Freight Engine.
Engineer Burrell, of the freight engine, stated that he did not see the switch turned. The switch was set for him when he first noticed it. He was then about a hundred yards away on Walker's main line.

Witness did not see the yard engine until a few seconds before the accident happened, and immediately applied the emergency brake, but there was not time to avert a collision. The train was going about six or seven miles an hour.

Fireman Roderick McKay. of the freight engine, corroborated this evidence.

Conductor Joseph Symons was on freight engine No. 636, and also offered similar testimony.

The inquiry was then adjourned till Tuesday night.

NILESTOWN LODGE

TENDERED RECEPTION
Pleasant Event Last Night in the Masonic Temple.

The members of Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, visited Union Lodge, No. 380, last night, and were tendered a reception at the rooms in the Masonic Temple. A most enjoyable evening was spent, during which the first and third degrees were exemplified, the former on a candidate of Union Lodge and the latter on two candidates from Nilestown. Worshipful Master James Dean presided over the meeting and extended a warm welcome to the visitors. Worshipful Master Arthur, of Nilestown, responded.

At the conclusion of the exemplification ceremonies the members present sat down to a banquet, after which a number of addresses of a fraternal character were given. Among the visitors were W. M. T. Arthur, Bros. W. H. Lawson, G. Jackson, J. W. Staples, B. Lawson, D. Duguid, C. Charlton, A. Cornish and C. Lethbridge, Nilestown; C. N. Davidson, Windsor; I. E. Cosford, Guelph; J. Lewis and J. F. Wille, Delaware, and a number of brethren from local lodges.

AGED MAN RUN OVER BY A WAGON
Accident to Mr. Isaac Brooks, the Well-Known Wellington Street Tinsmith.

Mr. Isaac Brooks, a tinsmith, who resides at the corner of Wellington and Horton streets, had a narrow escape from a serious injury, when he was knocked down and run over by a horse and wagon owned by Mr. Alf Tume, at the corner of Wellington and Bathurst streets, about 5 o'clock last evening.

The old gentleman was crossing the street when he noticed the approach of the outfit. He made an effort to save himself, but the driver evidently became confused and drove directly towards him. Brooks was knocked down, the wheels passing over his arm and leg.

Federians came to his assistance and helped him to the sidewalk, where he was found to have received no serious injury, other than a number of severe bruises.

Y. M. C. A. BIBLE CLASS
ELECTED OFFICERS

Mr. Fred Gidley Was Chosen President Last Night.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. Bible class met in the lecture room last night and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Fred Gidley; vice-president, Mr. Arthur Bryan; treasurer, Mr. J. W. P. Jones; secretary, George Millar; membership committee, Walter Harrison, Chester McFarlane and W. Wendell Holmes.

Last night's meeting was largely attended and the outlook is that the Bible class will have a most encouraging and successful season. Mr. C. E. German will be instructor and will take charge of the classes this year.

ELECTORS OF SOUTH PERTH

The regular men's meetings will commence in the Auditorium on Oct. 25, when Miss Alice Chapman, of Boston, will be present.

Mr. McIntyre concluded his speech by an eloquent tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "the greatest Canadian this country has produced." He pointed out that there had been no misfeasance of office, and no charges against any member of the Government. He was confident that the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be returned on Oct. 26.

Mr. Graham was given a very hearty welcome. He regretted that the campaign had been reduced to so low a level by the Opposition. When in St. Marys not long ago Mr. Borden had dealt altogether with scandal, and had not touched the policy of the Government, nor yet his own policy. It seemed as if the policy of the Opposition was now to seek for something nasty to say of their opponents. Since Mr. Borden had dealt with such questions he could not refrain from making an answer, for fear some would say that the charges could not be answered.

"But before I touch this subject, I must pay my tribute to your representative, Mr. McIntyre," said Mr. Graham. "He is much more reticent in the House than his ability warrants. There are a great many more men there who make a great deal of fuss and much more noise, who have not half the ability of your representative. He is one of the most convincing, logical, and, I might add, polished speakers, in the House of Commons. He has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the House, and has done his duty faithfully. More men of his type are needed at Ottawa. We were delighted with the assistance Mr. McIntyre has given in shaping legislation."

Mr. Graham pointed out that there was a constitutional way of preferring charges against a member. With all their insinuations and innuendoes the Opposition had not dared to make a single charge against any member of the House of Commons. Mr. Graham challenged them to do so.

The only charges made were against some officials. It was a strange coincidence that 90 per cent of those charged were appointed by the Conservative Government. However, reports had come to the Government's notice that there was something wrong in the department, and it was investigated. The committee reported that there was a lack of conscience in the administration of the affairs of the department, but the men were not named. Another commission was named, with Judge Cassels in control. This committee must name the men, and if any are proven to have been dishonest they will be dismissed immediately.

Mr. Graham referred to the timber scandals, so-called. The Conservatives claimed that the Government had given away timber lands.

"They have made these statements, and our Conservative friends should not be annoyed if we say something," said Mr. Graham. "They had the management of the affairs of the west for many years, and all they grew was rebellions. They cost much money, and many men. I have no hesitation in saying that by judicious management the Government could have prevented the cause of the rebellion."

The present Government had not given away one acre of land, timber, or otherwise, save to settlers. The Opposition during its term of office had given away 50,000,000 acres to the railroads, but the Laurier Government had not given away one acre since 1896.

The timber limits were sold by the present Government to the highest bidder. The tenders were put in, and were opened on a certain day. This was the system in vogue under the old administration. There was no set price and it may have been that some limits were sold too cheaply. However, Hon. Frank Oliver did not say this. Now there is a set price, and the limits are sold by public auction to the highest bidder. That was true in every instance.

"During Hon. Alex. Mackenzie's time, from 1873 to 1878, timber limits sold at an average of \$22.06 per mile. From 1878 to 1896, during the Conservative administration, timber limits brought only \$4.13 per mile, when timber had quadrupled in price. From 1896 to the present time, the Laurier Government had sold timber limits at an average price of \$81.62 per mile. The real test is not what Foster says nor what I say, but the facts. The reason why the price of timber limits was so small was due to the fact that in 1883 the Conservatives gave away 10,000 square miles to their friends for nothing. We have sold only 6,000 acres in twelve years. They also cry that we are wasting the timber of the west, and that there will soon be none left in that country. At the present rate of sale by the Laurier Government there is sufficient merchantable timber in sight to last Canada 225 years. We need not worry about that."

The Saskatchewan land deal and the Robb's Irrigation scheme were touched on. Mr. Graham pointed out that the former transaction was one of the best bargains the Government had made, for it had caused the settlement of land hitherto worthless. The Government had received a good sum of money from it, and in addition it was one of the most thickly populated sections of the west. Mr. Borden would not discuss the Robb's transaction in Medicine Hat because the people of the west who knew the facts knew it to be a good thing for them. The Conservative candidate in Medicine Hat supported the transaction.

The meeting broke up with cheers for the candidate, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the King.

Mr. Graham dealt with railway matters at some length, and concluded

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