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JURY FOUND TRUE BILL FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Against Oscar Wright W110 Caused the other witnesses had said that McKnight stood on the opposite side of the road near a pile of shingles confidence. I gratefully acknowledge Death of William McKnight---Judge McLeod Explains the Law.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Jan. 10 .- sent before the grand jury, and on The attendance at the opening ses- the application of Attorney General expected murder trial being in wait- summons served upon him to appear day of September last. He had been called that afternoon about two o'clock tion has already been given informal-

cited the particulars of the family missed them. murder, especially to that section of directed to be present.

the criminal code where it is laid down blow being given in the heat of pas- for a time toward the door. and McKnight, who was, according to more sullen than usual.

over twenty witnesses, standing back The jury were selected with very him down and causing his death assailants, and that the attack was to Abner Cripps, Sussex; Wm. Holman,

over the nead with a club, knocking chosen. within a few hours. The prisoner may Hampton; Jas. Strong, Studhelm; Geo. plead that he was beset, and that he S. Dryden, Sussex; Walter Kilpatrick, believed the deceased to be one of his Upham; Timothy Murphy, Studholm; retaliate upon him without any intent Sussex; George H. Barnes, Hampton; to kill him, but this cannot relieve Ellworth Belyea, Westfield; Jas. E. If the man so assailed dies, the law Greenwich; John McManus, Hampton. declares his assailant to be a murber that they are not called on to try said, was here on a charge of what was trouble between Oscar and his step-

who have causes to enter up for trial sec. 220 of the criminal code bearing whether the head was covered or not. ness but the criminal matter entered ment for manslaughter might be im- bruise had caused no fracture. up, on which the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, prisonment for life, or it might be re- At the conclusion of Mr. Currey's crown, and L. A. Currey, K. C., and the circumstances of the case. What the attorney general that with the

or more witnesses were sworn and which involved the taking of life. In bring about his recovery.

sion of the circuit court this morning Pugsley a bench warrant was issued was very large, the jury panels being for the arrest of Robert W. Keith, a had known McKnight for some time. Under the conditions full, and an array of witnesses on the witness who had not reported to the He remembered the evening of the 16th sued, it is necessary that you shall

William C. McKnight, and his step- raigned until tomorrow morning, in He saw the man after he died. In his William C. McKnight, and his step-mother in regard to the possession of which his honor concurred and ad-opinion death was the result of a heavy ed in what was called the Wright certain property in connection with journed the court until Wednesday blow. The injury to the finger which house, which was next to the Wright his father's estate. His honor read morning at 10 o'clock, at which time he had dressed for McKnight was suf- shop. In the evening of the 16th of from the statutes the law relating to all petit jurymen and witnesses were ficient to prevent him grasping any-

blow given would cause death, was torney general moved that the prison- running by the Wright house ran "Let me alone. I can't fight."

possible results, or an absence of any was expected to enter a silence fell on intent to kill, nor can a plea of the the audience and all heads were turned sion avail to shield the aggressor the door opened, and twice the crowd from its results. The depositions were disappointed at the entrance of taken at the preliminary examination some long-bearded farmer. But the were very much alike, and almost all third time the door opened Sheriff of them showed that McKnight had Freeze entered with the prisoner, little or no part in the affray between Oscar Wright. For some minutes he Wright and his stepmother on Septem- was the centre of attraction in the ber 13th last. On that day these par- court room. He was well dressed, and ties quarrelled and came to blows, the looked not much the worse for his imneighbors gathered, sides were taken, prisonment, except that the color had Ira Wright, a brother, and one Mitten faded slightly from his cheek, and his arrived on the scene, a fight ensued, countenance had grown somewhat

of the crowd and taking no part, al- little difficulty. The attorney general though there was some testimony in set aside four men, and the counsel opposition to this, when the prisoner for the defence challenged six, and in Wright rushed at him and struck him less than half an hour a jury had been

The jurors were Geo. Langstroth, against him to put him on trial. An- it was taken by malice. But there had shouted to him through a window when the evidence of the witnesses instance, if a man were in a great pas- producing a row. Then followed a conmanslaughter if they do not convict sion scarcely knew what he was do- way was made, however, and his honor him of murder. He left the case in ing. In the present case the grand was finally obliged to ask the counsel jury had taken a lepient view of the to cease this useless comment. Return-On the jury retiring, the petit jury matter and had indicted the man for ing to the question of McKnight's in-

gallows last July in Woodstock and another would do the same tomorrow. No such serious punishment, however, ould fall to the prisoner in this case. The attorney general briefly reviewed the quarrel which resulted in Wm. C. McKnight losing his life. He pointed out that McKnight had apparently taken no part in the quarrel. Two throughout the quarrel. Oscar Wright had come over with a large stick and struck him a heavy blow, from which my hands, and I am deeply sensible he never recovered but died at 8 next true the prisoner might be thankful that he was not up for murder inthat the prisoner was guilty of man-

The first witness was Dr. Price of which we took upon the great quesnaed for ten o'clock had not arrived ing of the court five witnesses had to dress McKnight's finger, which was ly. I now place it unreservedly in your clock.

At 5.15 p. m. the grand jury came on the lounge in his home, breathing after the roll of grand jurors had into court and returned no bill against very heavily. His skull was severely been called and they had chosen Chas. Oscar J. Wright on the indictment injured. He then produced a human W. Weyman to be their foreman, they for murder, but a true bill against him skull, but Mr. Currrey objected to its were duly sworn, and charged by his for manslaughter. Judge McLeod use and it was laid aside. Dr. Price honor Judge McLeod, who briefly re- thanked the grand jurors and dis- went on to say the injury was chiefly on the right side of the head. The quarrel between Oscar J. Wright, the prisoner charged with the death of would not ask to have the prisoner ar-

finger

he bone. He put no stitches in it, only bandaged it. This evidence was adduced with considerable difficulty. The witness would persist in telling what he had heard, the conclusion he had arrived at, etc., and could scarcely be shut off till he had finished his story. He finally explained to the doctor how he finger was dressed. Mr. Currey then produced one of the clubs and asked the witness if it would not be possible for a man to handle that stick without touching either the index finger

or the one next it. Witness did not think it was possible. About 4 o'clock that afternoon he had called at Mrs. Wright's to claim some property he had loaned her. He had assisted Mrs. Wright up on the shed roof to nail up window in the house in order to keep Oscar, who was in the house at the

ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN **CHOSEN FOR LEADER.**

Conservative Caucus Refused to Accept His Resignation-Hon. George E. Foster Will Act as Leader Pro Tem.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 .- Robert Laird Bor- | comradeship will always abide with den, who led the conservative party me. through the four hardest years of its history, will be the leader through the coming term, and will have behind him support as united and hearty as was

A caucus thoroughly representative refused to consider the resignation he tendered, naming him without a disada to guide conservative interests, Mr. Borden can be provided with a seat, Mr. Foster as senior privy councillor, will lead the party in the house. The caucus was attended by about 75 senators and members, representing every section of the country. Senator DeBoucherville of Quebec, presided. the two former cases, one man had Chief Whip Taylor read letters from paid the penalty of his crime on the several absent members, all expressing regret at unavoidable absence and a strong desire that Mr. Borden be re-

then read Mr. Borden's resignation of position as follows: To the conservative members of the senate and the house of commons: Assembled in caucus four years ago you bestowed upon me the highest mark of your confidence, when you retrary to this, but he discredited the quired me to undertake the arduous testimony of these witnesses. All the duty and grave responsibility of leadconfidence. I gratefully acknowledge my hands, and I am deeply sensible that without your loyal and generous day. Now if these statements were aid freely accorded on all occasions, my task would have been infinitely more onerous. We still firmly believe that stead of manslaughter. There could the policy which we advocated and the only be one verdict arrived at, viz., principles which we upheld in the recent contest were truly in the best interests of Canada, and although we may regret temporary defeat, yet we don't for one moment regret the stand

tained in the leadership. Mr. Taylor

Under the conditions which have en-

Faithfully yours, R. L. BORDEN. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 7th, 1905.

Haggart made a strong speech, warmly eulogizing Mr. Borden and moving that the caucus decline to accept his resignation, and that Borden be requested to attend an adjourned meeting of the caucus, for the purpose of the party met tonight and absolutely of hearing, what his supporters had to say in favor of his retention of the

Dr. Roche of Marquette, followed in senting voice as the one man in Can- a similar vein, and was followed by Col. Sam. Hughes, McCarthy of Calgary, Cockshutt of Brantford, Dr. Chisholm of East Huron, Dr. Sproule, Ames of whom the path of duty is so dear as it | Montreal, McDougall of South Toronto, is to Mr. Borden, can decline. Until Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and Dr. Stockton, all of whom earnestly endorsed the motion, which was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Hon, Mr. Foster moved, seconded by Dr. Daniel, that the following be appointed a committee to send a telegram to Mr. Borden, conveying the decision of the caucus, and the request that he attend the adjourned meeting at the earliest possible moment. Senator De Boucherville, Foster, Dr. Roche, Sen-ator Perley, Wilmot, Monk, McCarthy, Lefurgey and Taylor.

A motion of Mr. Bergeron, seconded Sproule, that pending the return of the leader to the house, the senior privy councillor lead the opposition, was

The caucus then adjourned. At the close the chairman and committee appointed for the purpose met and sent the following telegram:

OTTAWA, Jan. 10, 1905.

R. L. Borden, Halifax : The caucus of the conservative members and senators decline to accept your resignation of the leadership, and in the name of the party in the house and throughout the Dominion, respectfully request you to retain the position, and desire you to attend an adjourned meeting of the caucus at the earliest possible opportunity."

While nothing has been definitely decided, it is understood that Mr. Borden will sit for Carleton county. Mr. Kidd. the member-elect, will retire for him. A writ will be issued without delay. and it is possible that in a few weeks \$1,000 a year for 20 years, they to own after the house meets, Mr. Borden will be back in his old seat.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 10.-The telegram from the conservative caucus was whom arrangements would have to be when the court adjourned for the noon recess. They were, however, expected there was a long period of waiting by 6 and 7 in the evening that he was hearty co-operation in the ranks of the hearty co-operation. He was lying that he was resolved to hand this residence at the was resolved to hand this report. He was lying party. Let me add that the happy Pinehurst after midnight. He deferred over to the new board of directors for memory of your loyal support and a reply till tomorrow.

> called, but he was not in court. MRS. HESTER ALWARD

The next witness was Mrs. Hester

September last she was in her house. thing with his left hand. The wound Ira Wright had come to the door and The trial of Oscar Wright, charged had been caused by a knife or axe. The inquired for her husband. She had seen that an assault with a weapon liable with manslaughter, was commenced blow on the head had caused a severe him different times after that. She to cause death, and actually causing Tuesday morning at ten o'clock in the case of concussion of the brain. To saw him near McKnight on the street. death, even though there was no intended the following at the death was in a threatening attitude and tent to kill, or knowledge that the roll was called for the jurors the attitude and mcKnight was backing up and saying blow given would cause death, was still murder. No one could shelter himself from the consequences of his large crowd had gathered in the court acts by a plea of ignorance as to the latter prisoner. About the time the prisoner about 20 years, and his step-mother about 40 years. The latter part of the affray. When known the prisoner about 20 years, and his step-mother about 40 years. The latter part of the affray. When known the prisoner about 20 years, and his step-mother about 40 years. The which McKnight had injured Oscar Wright came out with a monkey was the one next the index finger. If wrench, and ran towards them. She he was recorded as saying before Sti- saw Oscar come back to the Wright pendiary Morrison that it was the in- shop door. Saw Keith come up and to keep him out. Some men came and dex finger it was a mistake. The cut asked Oscar why he didn't let the old was near the centre of the finger. It woman alone. She heard something him across the road. Soon after he was a clean wound, and extended the that sounded as though Keith had been came back and sat down on the shop whole length of the finger and in to struck. She saw a carriage with a man and woman in it drive up, and in up two men got out and took off their a short time went away again. The coats. One said: "Show me the men carriage came back the second time with two men in it. Oscar Wright and Oscar started off across the road joined them and the three went over towards the place where witness, Mcto the crowd. She heard repeated blows, one especially that sounded very loud. She heard some person say they've killed Billie, meaning Mc-Knight. She heard much more talk Oscar and his stepmother striking at that she could not tell.

AFTERNOON SESSION. In the afternoon Mrs. Alward was again on the stand and was crossquestioned by Mr. Currey. She said she did not see Oscar Wright strike any person with the monkey wrench. She did not think he looked as though he were going to strike any person. time, from getting out. He had hand- She had seen Mrs. Wright striking at him from the results of his action. Weddall, Kingston; A. L. Peatman, ed the nails up to her. He did not Oscar with a long pole, but she did not consider he was a participant in the see Oscar attempt to strike her back. The attorney general then addressed quarrel. He was only there to look She heard Sam Keith asking Oscar derer. The grand jury must rememthe jury briefly. The prisoner, he after his property. He knew of the what he was bothering the old woman for, and Oscar asked him if it was the prisoner, but merely to decide known as manslaughter. When hu- mother. While he was assisting Mrs. trouble he wanted. When the car- ed. About 9 o'clock p. m. on the 16th whether there is sufficient evidence man life was taken the law presumed Wright in nailing the window, Oscar riage drove up she did not recognize of September last he had been called the occupants. After the carriage re- in to see Wm. McKnight. He deother jury will be called to express an were circumstances which would re- to make it good and secure. Witness turned she saw two men take off their scribed the condition of the wounds as opinion upon his innocence or guilt duce this act to manslaughter. For did not consider that he was aiding in coats, but did not know who they were. Dr. Price had done. Witness said she had often heard beshall have been taken in open court, sion when he took life the jury could and that jury may find a verdict of decide that the man in heat of pashouse belonged to. Very little headhold furniture of Mrs. Wright. Mr.

to the sheds and show him what be- lan, O. H. Warwick, Wm. Shaw, H. longed to her. He showed no disposition to claim sanything belonging to her. During the fight she had seen R. O'Brien, W. H. Thorne, W. W. nothing definitely. What she had told Hubbard, A. O. Skinner, W. M. Jarheard.

WILLIAM KILLAM.

The next witness was Wililam Killam, an engineer, residing at Havelock. He had known the parties concerned in this quarrel for some time. He came home on the evening of the 26th of September in time to witness door trying to get in, and Mrs. Wright had a long stick in her hand (the same as produced in court) and was trying took hold of Oscar Wright and took doorstep. When the carriage drove that wanted to fight." These two men Knight and others were standing. Witness left the others when he saw them coming and got on the top of a fence, where he could see the affray. He saw each other with long sticks. The next thing he saw was a man running past him, and when he got by him a short distance he struck Wm. McKnight a blow on the head while running and then disappeared in the crowd. He could hear the blow distinctly. Witness said he had not seen the Pattersons, father and son, present at the time of the affray. Witness was then cross-examined by Mr. Fowler and Mr. Currey in turn at

some length.

DR. G. W. FLEMING.

Dr. Geo. W. Fleming was next call-

CHAS. A. COATES Charles A. Coates of Havelock Corner was next called. He was a brake- bers of his late staff with an address Currey asked the witness if her hus- man on the train. He had known and a beautiful mahogany hall clock. band had a buffalo in another man's Oscar Wright about 20 years. On the house and he went and took possession evening of the 16th of September he Bulyea had the first interview today ors and talesmen were called on to the lesser offence of mansiaughter. and talesmen were called on to the lesser offence of mansiaughter. answer their names, and attorneys He called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought there may be the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know. She thought the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know the called the attention of the jury to in the nature of the wound to indicate did not know the called the attention of the jury to in the called the attention to th should be some different way of get- time. McKnight was coming toward members and senators will be held in were called on to make up the docket. chiefly on the difference between mur-There was, however, no other busi- der and manslaughter. The punish- right eye, just above the eyebrow. This by taking it by force as Oscar Wright out of an alleyway and went toward question and arrange a plan to be prehad done. Mr. Currey asked if her McKnight. He pulled McKnight's sented to the government.

husband were unable to get the buf- coat and said "— you, I'll give you.

The first meeting of the tenth parliaattorney general, appeared for the duced to a few months, according to cross-examination, witness explained to him if she would law." He punched McKnight in the ment will be tomorrow afternoon, when crown, and L. A. Currey, K. C., and the circumstances of the case. What the attorney general that with the Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., for the pri- they were called on to decide now was bandage as it was on McKnight's hand answered most decidedly "no, for he ditch. Then he heard glass break, and er. Members and senators are arrive whether this was culpable homicide. it would be impossible for him to would lose it all in the end." This shortly after Oscar Wright came to ing in large numbers and the formal At one o'clock the court adjourned This offence was one of a very serious handle a club. Although witness answer provoked general laughter ward McKnight with a monkey wrench opening on Thursday promises to be nature. During the last seven months thought McKnight's injuries were fatal throughout the court. She told of her and said: "— you, I'll give it to you." On reassembling of court, some dozen he had had to deal with three cases he had done all that could be done to She did not think he had anything and didn't want to fight. Alexander sued than there is accommodation for.

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McPhail stepped up about this time and said: "Hold on there now." They then let McKnight up and walked over toward the Wright shop. When Mc-Knight came across he noticed him holding up one hand with a bandage Oscar attempted to open the door and Mrs. Wright struck him with a stick. Sam Keith, Mrs. Wright's son by her first husband, come up and said: "What are you bothering the old woman for?" Fred Dunham, Sam Keith and Chip. Keith then caught Oscar and pulled him away, while Mrs. Wright followed with a stick trying to strike him. Oscar threatened to kick the men if they didn't let go of him, and they released him, Wm. Mc-Knight during this time was standing near witness on the opposite side of the street. He took no part in the IS THE GREAT SPECIFIC FOR matter. The court was then adjourned until

10 this morning. **EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.**

Annual Meeting Elected-Looking For New Grounds.

The annual meeting of the Exhibi ion Association was held last evening in the board of trade rooms. R. B. Emerson, president, was in the chair Those present were: Dr. Hetherington, R. O'Brien, Col. Markham, D. J McLaughlin, R. R. Patchell, T. H. Esabrooks, Mr. Allan, Mr. Northrup, W F. Burditt, Jas. A. Estey and J. F

Gleason, secretary. The directors' report of the exhibition of 1904 was read by the president. The secretary then presented the financial statement, showing about \$2,000 to the credit of the association, which would leave to their credit after this year's expenses were paid, about \$1,500. The reports were adopted by the meeting. The report of the special committee on grounds was read by Col. Mark ham. The committee reported that after investigating the matter of es-

tablishing a race track they had decided to abandon all efforts to secure a track in connection with the present building. They had found it not easy to obtain a suitable property for exhibition purposes. They had examined one lot of land which seemed to meet fairly well the requirements. plan of this lot had been prepared and was submitted to the members. This land is owned by Messrs. Thomas and James Gilbert, who promise to conall improvements at expiration of the lease. There were three tenants having leasehold rights on this property, with consideration.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of twenty-one directors for the William Killam's name was next against her or her husband. She had ensuing year. The following gentlemen called, but he was not in court.

Mrs. Wright's keys for safe-keeping were elected: S. S. Hall, D. J. Mcand Oscar had asked her to go with him Laughlin, T. H. Estabrooks, C. B. Al-B. M. FAWCETT, B. Schofield, R. B. Emerson, J. H. Mc-Avity, W. F. Burditt, Col. Markham of it she gleaned from what she had vis, E. L. Rising, A. Macaulay, John Sealy, J. A. Estey, R. R. Patchell.

DISPUTE SETTLED

Opposition Wins in Seating Contest.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.-The first skirmish between the government and the opposition outposts has resulted in a decided victory for the latter, who have made peace with honor on the seat al lotment dispute and averted the scene that threatened to mar the opening of parliament -

The centre of the fight was about the four front desks in the seventh row from the Speaker. Laurier yesterday suggested splitting the seats, putting one liberal and one conservative at each disputed desk. This. Whip Taylor flatly refused to do. At the conference with Laurier today he offered to compromise, which was reluctantly agreed to.

As a result the opposition held two front desks, which will be occupied by Taylor(Leeds) and Northrup (East Hastings). Lancaster (Lincoln), and Fowler (Kings). The two further back to to liberals. The new arrangement seats Daniel, Stockton and Crockett together one row nearer the Speaker than at first proposed, with Carvill and Loggle in the rear and in a row farther away. The opposition now occupy the

desks in the seventh row. Whip. Tay-

lor is delighted with the result. Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, lately retired from the position of commissioner of agriculture and dairying, to undertake the erection and management of Sir Wm. Macdonald's new agricultural college at St. Anne de Bellevue, Que. was presented yesterday by the mem Premier Haultain and Commiss

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WON GOLDEN OPINIONS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 .- The retiring speaker, Belcourt, established a pleasant precedent this afternoon by bidding an official good-bye to the staff first six rows solidly, and the first two of the house and members of the press gallery at a reception held in the speaker's rooms, Mr. Belcourt has won golden opinions on every side during his tenure of office, and many regrets are expressed that the government dare not violate the custom of alternating French and English speakers and retain him for a longer time.

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