

GREEN'S DEATH AN ACCIDENT.

Coroner's Jury Could Place Blame
On No One.

Dead Fireman Fell In Running at
Critical Moment.

Other Firemen Considered the Wall
Quite Safe.

The inquest into the death of Roy Green, the fireman who was instantly killed a week ago Monday night at the fire at the south end street car sheds by being buried under a falling wall, resulted in a verdict of: "Accidental death while in the discharge of his duty, and no blame attached to anyone."

At one time it looked as if the jury intended to fix the responsibility on some person, as they called the Coroner back and wanted more evidence to clear up two points: How the fire originated and who was responsible for the ditch being there and the depth of the ditch.

Coroner McNichol, who was in charge, told them that the origin of the fire had nothing to do with the cause of death, and that as the ditch was on private property it did not matter if it was forty feet deep.

The jury brought in a verdict a few seconds after this.

Thomas Dunford was passing on Hannah street, and saw fire coming from the back end of the building. He ran to Hilton's grocery and sent in the alarm to the police, who, he supposed, sent it on.

Chief TenEyck was next called. He said he was late getting to the fire, as he was out on an errand. He arrived a short time before the accident, and said when he got there the building was a goner. His attention was drawn to two houses on fire on Charlton avenue and Locke street. He gave a detailed account of the fire from then till the wall fell. Hearing a noise suddenly, the chief turned round and saw the wall falling, and saw two men running out from the runway into which the wall was falling. Captain Aitchison told him Green was under the wall. The chief said he did not notice anything wrong with the wall at any time.

The chief said he did not order the King William street company in, and they were there when he arrived. They had apparently used their own judgment as to a suitable place to fight the fire from. It seemed to him that Green fell, and was buried before he could get up. Alexander Henderson, second assistant, told him Green was under the wall. He did not see what tripped him, but saw them fall. He closed his eyes as the crash came. Witness was waiting for the wall, but had no idea it would fall.

Dr. Baugh gave medical evidence. Captain Robert Aitchison said on reaching the fire his company laid a line into the north alley beside the building. They were playing a stream on the hags, when Mr. Cameron, second assistant chief, ordered them to play on a house to the north. They went back to the barn, and had been there a short time, when someone shouted "Look out!" The men started to run, but were turned and ran back. His opinion was that Green fell in a small ditch.

William Seal, fireman at King William street station, could not add anything to the captain's testimony, except that he was caught in the wall, and in answer to the Coroner said he would not hesitate to go into such a place.

Alexander Henderson, fireman attached to the same company, said he saw no danger, and thought the wall was safe. He said in reply to the Coroner that in his opinion no one was to blame. Alexander Johnson, jun., saw the wall falling and waited for no more. He heard the shout, and saw the men running from the hose, which they dropped. Michael Galtie said he gave the warning when he saw the wall falling.

Mr. John Gillespie also testified to what took place when and after the wall fell.

Now For Boys' Clothing at Oak Hall.

To-morrow morning a big sale of boys' suits and overcoats will start at Oak Hall, and will be run on similar lines as the one just applied to the men's department.

Four hundred and fifty boys—large and small—suits and overcoats have been selected for clearance, no matter what price, from \$7.00 down to \$1.00. On Thursday the price for your choice will be \$7.00, and the price will drop 50 cents each day until Feb. 13, when it will have reached \$1.00 for any garment left. The north window will be kept filled daily with the best lines left each day, and salesmen will endeavor to sell the best lines first, so that the first customers will get the best garments.

On the last day of the sale of the men's goods, which was held in the afternoon, there were only seven overcoats and two suits left, all in small sizes; but good sized men squeezed themselves into them early Tuesday morning.

A PROGRESSIVE COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of Crown Council, 333, Royal Templars of Temperance, was held in Green's Hall, corner King and Catharine streets, on Monday evening, there being a large attendance of members. After routine business a musical and literary programme was rendered, refreshments served and a pleasant social time spent. This large Council is greatly adding to its membership, and great enthusiasm is being shown in temperance and beneficiary work. Arrangements are being made to hold oratorical or debating contests with sister Councils in the District, which promise to be of a high order of merit.

WRECKED IN SOUTH SEAS.

Nova Scotia Sealers Endured Great Privations.

London, Jan. 28.—Nineteen Nova Scotia sealers of the schooner Baden Powell were landed at Liverpool to-day. They left Nova Scotia on Sept. 6, 1907, for South Shetland Islands, where they were wrecked. The crew rowed to Pelebe Island, a distance of 70 miles, where they remained three weeks, enduring great privation. They were then observed by a schooner, which conveyed them to the Falkland Islands. Thence they were sent to Montevideo. Four of them married and settled down in the Falklands.



JOHN R. WALSH FOUND GUILTY

This Chicago banker was recently convicted of misappropriating the funds of three banks he controlled, and which had deposits amounting to \$26,000. Walsh was indicted on 182 counts and convicted on fifty-four counts.

MOUNTAIN SAN.

Mid-Week Services Much Appreciated—A Party Held.

The patients appreciate the mid-week services very much, and when, for any reason, they are omitted, it is a great disappointment. The work here is an important home mission, and should not be neglected, and with the large number of patients resident at present, the meetings should be well attended. It is hoped that nothing will prevent their being held regularly in future.

On Wednesday evening of last week a pleasant time was spent in the hall, the occasion being the assistant nurse's birthday celebration. Parlor games and guessing contests took up the fore part of the evening. Miss Beatrice Sturdy being the prize winner in each of the contests. After lunch, an impromptu musical programme was given, which was a very enjoyable part of the entertainment. Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Wyatt, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Steven, each of whom kindly responded to hearty cheers.

There is no scarcity of snow here, and the snow-pow has to be brought into use several times a week to clear the walks.

Unworth will be at the City Hospital on Thursday at 11 a. m. as usual. Donations received and acknowledged are as follows: Pupils of Caroline street school, 5 pairs flannellette sheets, and tea; Mrs. R. H. Hobson, half dozen helmets; Mrs. R. H. Hobson, magazines; Mrs. C. R. Crerar, J. J. E. Press & Sons, 4 park seats.

Visitors—Dr. and Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Cadenhead, Charlie Carter, Mrs. Wm. Southam, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Southam, F. N. Southam, Mrs. Robt. Evans, Mrs. P. D. Crerar, J. J. E. Press & Sons, Buchanan, Ridley, Mawson, Burns, Pearce, Phelp and Kennedy, Mrs. F. H. Whitton, Miss Whitton.

PROF. SEYMOUR.

Large Gathering Enjoyed His Work Last Night.

Prof. W. P. Seymour entertained a large audience in Association Hall last evening, his subject being "Phrenology." He took as his special subject, "The Right Man in the Right Place." He spoke of the man who sometimes gets into a position of trust, and how he will fall sooner or later, as a result of incompetency. Prof. Seymour considered that a man must be right in his make-up of temperament, and mental balance, to be a success in any position. If a man holding a public office be incompetent, the community in which he lives must suffer materially.

Following this address Prof. Seymour provided some amusement for the audience by hypnotism. Some of the subjects were extremely funny.

Prof. Seymour is staying at the Terminal Hotel, and is giving readings in phrenology as a very moderate rate.

LOCAL LEGAL.

Martin vs. Gibson.—W. Nesbitt, K. C. G. Lynch-Staunton, K. C. and A. M. Stewart for defendant Gibson, G. T. Blackstock, K. C., and H. E. Rose, for plaintiff. By consent of counsel this case stands to a time to be agreed upon between the counsel.

Hamilton Cataract Power, Light and Traction Co. vs. Falls Power Co.—W. F. Middleton, for defendants, moved to dissolve injunction. R. C. H. Cassels for plaintiffs. Enlarged until 29th inst. Injunction suspended meantime.

Re Fraser and Canadian Order of Foresters.—Lyman Lee, for society, moved for order allowing payment in to court of certain moneys. R. U. McPherson, for adults, Harcourt for infants. Order granted.

Re Hammer and Canadian Order of Chosen Friends.—Lyman Lee moved for order allowing payment of certain moneys into court. Harcourt for infants. Order granted.

Death of Mrs. McLaren.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—At midnight death claimed Mrs. Isabella McLaren, mother of Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Toronto, secretary of the Presbyterian Home Missions of Canada, in her 88th year.

The recovery of Mrs. Edward Hanlan from an attack of pneumonia is now assured. Her condition yesterday was much improved.

ROYAL ARCH.

Grand Z Makes His Appointments For the Year.

Grand First Principal of the Royal Arch Masons, Mr. John Leslie, of Winnipeg, has announced his appointments to office in the Grand Chapter of Canada for the current year as follows:

To the Executive Committee: R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, Collingwood; R. E. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, London; R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, M. D., Carleton Place; R. E. Comp. Robt. J. Craig, Colborne; R. E. Comp. G. M. Gibbs, Vancouver.

The assistant officers of Grand Chapter are: E. Comp. H. E. V. Tait, M.D., Wingham, Grand Senior Sojourner; Edward Porter, Hamilton, Grand Junior Sojourner; R. E. Comp. Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto, Grand Lecturer; V. E. Comp. J. G. Harkness, Cornwall, Grand Sword Bearer; Richard Stagg, Niagara Falls, Grand Master 1st Veil; M. A. McLaren, Carleton Place, Grand Master 2nd Veil; Beatrice Patterson, Ingersoll, Grand Master 3rd Veil; C. C. Spencer, Picton, Grand Master 4th Veil; L. Herbert Luke, Toronto, Grand Standard Bearer; George McBeth, Strathroy, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. A. Chisholm, Oakville, Grand Organist; Chas. H. Dee, Calgary, Grand Pursuivant; G. W. Cledennan, M. D., Toronto Junction; G. H. Nairn, Windsor; John Weinyes, Nepean; Robt. S. Cull, Guelph; W. J. H. Holmes, Kasko, B. C.; R. R. MacLeod, Lucknow; Clive A. Staples, Cumberland; B. C.; Geo. H. Blair, Meaford; J. T. Stephenson, Rainy River; G. W. Sutherland, Welland, Grand Stewards.

McCLUNG IN MONTREAL.

Head of the Semi-ready Store in Hamilton Visits the Home of This Big Industry.

Joseph McClung, proprietor of the Semi-ready wardrobes in Hamilton, returned to the city after spending a week with the management of the Semi-ready Company and with several of the proprietors of Semi-ready stores in the reading cities of Canada. The meeting will not only result in the early delivery of the spring styles at the Semi-ready store here, but it was one of the gathering for conference and advice with the designers and English buyers of the company. The semi-annual conferences have been instrumental in keeping the Semi-ready styles and fabrics in line with the particular requirements of the Canadian gentlemen. Indeed, much of the wonderful success achieved by Semi-ready tailoring in Canada may be attributed to these confidential relations, and the complete harmony within and without the big organization.

Mr. McClung said the styles and values for the coming season were a revelation to him, and he knew everybody would be delighted. He said that the demand for Semi-ready last year increased over a quarter of a million dollars without the addition of a single store in the circle of Semi-ready agencies.

LICENSE REDUCTION.

Petition for Sweeping Change Presented to Belleville Council.

Belleville, Jan. 28.—A petition was last night presented to the City Council asking that the number of hotel licenses be cut down from sixteen to ten, and the license fee raised from \$450 to \$1,000; that shop licenses be reduced from three to two, and the license fee raised from \$350 to \$500. The matter was referred to a special meeting to be held next Monday. It is practically certain that the Council will submit the matter to the ratepayers, and decline to take action, though they have the right to do so.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

James McLean, Well Known Around Barrie, Found Dead.

Barrie, Jan. 28.—James McLean, an indigent, was found frozen to death this afternoon in the unoccupied premises of the Dyman Foundry Company. It is supposed he went in to sleep. How long he had been there is not known. He was 37 years old, and had been committed to the House of Refuge several times. Leaving each spring, he wandered over the country doing odd jobs.

BUY THE WEST END PROPERTY.

Mountain Drive and Park Scheme Takes Definite Shape.

Board Wants Appropriation of \$18,000 This Year.

Talked of Discharging Inspector of Tree Trimming.

By deciding to close deals for several pieces of property the Parks Board yesterday afternoon practically assured the success of the mountain drive and park system, which will extend from below the east end incline to near the golf links on the west. The options which the board took up yesterday means an expenditure of \$7,251, and comprises the property required between Queen street and Garth. West of Garth the board has the site donated by W. D. Platt. East of Queen street is the Government land, which the board will shortly make an effort to secure control of, and east of this is the Beckett drive, which it is expected will some day be turned over to the city, and complete the drive to James street. Ald. McLaren secured the options on the west end properties, and the board expressed its appreciation of the time he devoted to it and his success in the matter.

The options accepted were as follows: W. R. Turnbull, \$1,000; J. V. Tretzel, \$2,000; each of these being five-year payments; Mrs. Mullin, \$1,854, two payments; Mrs. McClelland, \$330; H. A. White, \$337, each one year payments, and J. J. Scott, \$1,400, five-year payment.

T. H. Pratt has been working on the east end properties. The board discussed some of the estimates secured, and expects to have things in shape to deal with the matter at the next meeting.

Needs \$18,000 This Year.

The estimates for the year were struck, and the commissioners think that they cannot get along with less than \$18,000, made up as follows:

Salaries—
H. Marshall \$3,163
W. Dunman 720
Searles 504
Temple 504
Findlay 85
Treasurer 150
Secretary 200

Total \$3,163

Labor account \$2,000

Miscellaneous 250

Dundrum debentures 2,718

Museum 700

E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, M. D., Carleton Place; R. E. Comp. Robt. J. Craig, Colborne; R. E. Comp. G. M. Gibbs, Vancouver.

Plants 694

Works account 1,700

Feed account 250

Lighting 500

Water 100

Coal 300

North End Park 100

Insurance 75

Mountain drive debenture 1,250

Shunt & Long, first payment 1,000

Mountain properties, west end 1,800

Mountain drive 500

\$18,000.

Last year the board had an appropriation of \$16,600.

Wanted to "Bounce" Nichol.

The matter of tree trimming caused some discussion, and one of the commissioners wanted to present Market Constable George Nichol, who has been employed by the board, as inspector, with a walking ticket. One of the telegraph companies wrote, sending a list of streets where trees were brushing against its wires. Commissioner Wild explained that more should be done in trimming the trees, and said that in some cases the trees had been brushed and the board blamed. It was explained that Mr. Nichol was appointed inspector of this work in 1904, but he receives nothing for doing, and he was prepared to dismiss Mr. Nichol, on the ground that the work was not properly and satisfactorily done. Commissioner Wild, however, thought he could straighten the matter out with Mr. Nichol, and the board agreed to Parks Marshall. Mr. Hope consented.

Wants to Open Quarry.

John Stuart, owner of the Board purchased some land west of the Flatt property, appeared before the board and said he had a right to cross the Flatt property to the ravine. He asked permission to use the roadway through the ravine, as he wants to buy the loose stone and open a quarry on the Colquhoun property. The commissioners listened, but took no action.

Buffalo for the Zoo.

A letter was received from Hon. Frank Oliver, Ottawa, saying that the board could have the loan of two buffalo from the Government herd, on condition that it sign a bond for \$5,000 that it would comply with requirements in an agreement similar to what was enacted from other cities, and to return the buffalo if the Government required them.

The Government offered two bulls. Commissioner Lees thought they would be hitting into each other all the time. Commissioner Bruce jokingly suggested that this would be a good drawing card. Commissioner Lees thought that if one bull could be secured from the Government and a cow purchased in the States it would be better, and the matter was left in his hands.

Moore & Davis renewed their offer to sell fifty feet, a continuation of Telemachus street to Dundurn Park, at \$14 a foot. Laura Keane was much interested in the offer for the land.

The City Solicitor will be consulted, and if necessary the board will be represented when the Hamilton, Waterloo & Guelph Railway is placed before the Railway Board on February 4th.

ORONHYATEKHA'S NIECE.

Lillian Washburn, whose Indian name is Ge-ja-ge-you, a niece of the late Dr. Oronhyatekha, the leading lady in the presentation at the Gaiety Theatre, Toronto, this week, entertained her aunt, Princess Viroqua, the late doctor's favorite sister, who is well known in Toronto, between the acts at last night's performance. Miss Washburn was brought up by the princess, and on her arrival here telegraphed to her aunt to spend the week in Toronto. Oronhyatekha's sister arrived last night and watched her niece perform from a seat in the wings. She will remain for a week.

THE RIGHT HOUSE

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

Winding up the January sales

Don't miss your share—Only two days more

LAST opportunity—the farewell—finis. In two days more the great Right House January sales will have ended. It has been a wonderful month. Every selling record has been broken, but then we expected that, for every value-giving record was broken, too.

Did you get your share of the savings? The chance is still open. Some of the very best opportunities of the whole month will be offered for these last two days. It will mean the saving of many dollars for you if you bring every possible need to The Right House to-morrow or Friday.

Here is a list of great sales for these last two days. Come expecting the best bargains you ever dreamed of and you will not be disappointed.

Coats

Furs

Millinery

Skirts

Blouses

Underskirts

Carpets and rugs

Linoleums and matings

Curtains and draperies

Flannelette underwear

White muslin underwear

Knit underwear

Linens

Embroideries

Dress goods

Plain silks

Stockings

Women's gloves

Watch for the big February sale of beds and bedding—Full details in Saturday's papers

Corner King East and Hughson Sts. **THOMAS C. WATKINS** Hamilton Ontario



To-night Bennett's will see another big crowd in attendance. The employees of the Westinghouse Company have taken a large number of seats, while the advance sale has been much larger than usual. The show deserves all the praise that has been heard about it. It is strong from overture to the final curtain, and Bennett patrons are extending laurels to it on all sides. Little Hip is greatly in demand, and has won the hearts of all the children, and his act on the stage is considered a distinct novelty. Estelle Wordette and Jules Kusell have made themselves genuinely popular in their sketch, "The Honeycomb in the Catskills," and "The Watermelon Trust" is another popular number, the singing and dancing in it being something above the average contribution of colored actors. The Zezzell-Vernon pantomime turn called "The Elopement," with the burlesque boxing that follows it, makes a great hit with all. No fault can be found with the rest of the bill. Van Houten, who opens the show, has a lot of good things to say, and Amelia is a dancer of superlative quality. Her fire dance is wonderfully realistic, the effect of the licking, curling flames rising through a mass of smoke being copied by the stage lights and draperies. Amelia wears most faithfully, Henry and Francis have a number of domestic truisms to tear off, and though they appear to be jesting a lot of their remarks are very earnestly true. Willie Weston is a first rate laryngologist, and shows by his dingo song that he can be original as well. The orchestra under the skilled leadership of Jim McDougall has immensely improved. It is now a treat to listen to, and the accompaniments to the songs and dances are a pleasure in themselves. During the rest of the season Mr. McDougall will introduce all the popular music, operatic as well as waltzes, and his addition to the orchestra has considerably augmented the attractiveness of the theatre.

At the Savoy Theatre.

Dainty Gertie Carlisle, as the saucy village cut-up, and Sager Midgely's fat yokel, in his hilarious comedy sketch, "After School," at the Savoy this week, kept another large audience in ripples of laughter last night and carried Mr. Midgely and his pretty partner a real ovation. The whole sketch is so delightfully refreshing that one is apt to agree with Mark Twain, who has described it as the funniest thing on the stage. There is funniest, breezy dialogue, fun, singing, and dancing in abundance; in fact, enough entertainment is crowded into the time the sketch occupies the stage to make it in itself well worth a person's while to visit the theatre this week. Millie Spellman's troupe of trained bears, seven in number, is an exceptionally attractive added feature, and the bears well deserved the generous applause that greeted their performance last night. They are a well-trained lot of animals, going through their tricks with but few commands, working willingly and quickly, and doing many feats that call for careful training. Although it is essentially a drawing card for the younger folks, it will interest the older ones as well. In "A Heathen Idol," Marty Healy and Beatrice Vance have introduced a rather novel idea that provides fifteen minutes or more of rollicking fun. Billy Broad, the Wandering Minstrel, is another of those who unearths several good laughs with a bright line of jokes and songs. A real clever comedy act by Aldo and Vannerson; a clever little Irish skit by O. T. Fiske and Nellie McDonough; Kennedy and Wilkins, one of the best dancing teams through here this season; Junior Rosemore, singing comedian, and the pictures are the others.

Military Theatricals.

G. Company, of the Ninety-first Regiment, will have a military theatrical night in the Conservatory of Music, Reginald hall on Thursday of next week, Feb. 6th. The programme will consist of the one-act military drama, "Our Bitterest Foe," two scenes from Sheridan Knowles' "The Hunchback," and a new adaptation of the comedietta, "The Area Belle."

Last Night's Show.

"Fascinating Flora," a musical comedy in two acts, was the attraction at the Grand last evening. The scenes were laid in Paris and New York, where a conservatoire of music, a stockbroker's office and Manhattan beach hotel make the setting. There is enough consistency in the story to furnish lively and amusing situations, of which advantage was taken by the company.

The comic opera favorite, Adele Ritchie, as Flora Duval, played the title role. This is not the first time she has appeared before a Hamilton audience and her work last evening only increased her popularity. Her

himself heart and soul into the part and gave one of the best performances of his life.

There was no child for the firemen to save, but they saved for Southern a part that brought him new fame and that now is standing his son in good stead.

"A Message From Mars."

It is not expected that all of the human family is going to be reformed of its selfishness. That there is need of radical reform with the majority of people there is no denying. Theatregoers were so much pleased after witnessing a performance of "A Message From Mars" on a previous occasion that they still have fresh in their memories the convincing lesson taught by this play against the besetting sin of selfishness. They also well remember the delightful humor of the play, the brilliancy of its dialogue, the realism of its scenic embellishments and the splendid architecture of the play in general. It will again be placed on view at the Grand next Monday evening.

Between the Acts.

"The Futurity Winner," which is one of the headlines at Bennett's next week, introduces a sensational race between three horses on the stage. Thoroughbred Kentucky mares will be used and special mechanics will effect similar to those used in the Ben Hur production will be installed for this race. This act has all the excitement of the close finish, and is considered the most ambitious imitation of a horse race ever attempted within the limitations of a stage.

"Human Sunders" is the bill to be offered by the Earl Burgess Stock Company at their special matinee performance at the Grand on Friday afternoon. It is said to be one of their best plays.

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and has the advantage of the sage advice of practical men, who may be said to have learned all that is worth knowing. Bob Berry, a Lancashire wrestler, is one of the best of good guides, and gives advice that Rogers materially profits by.

"Rogers" bouts with his wrestling partner, Jim Esson, occupy thirty consecutive minutes, and appeal to the expert as an exceptionally fine exposition of wrestling as a fine art. There are no periods of rest. It is one continuous run of quick changes, in which Esson conspicuously figures. Several minutes elapse before Rogers gains the first fall in the catch-as-catch-can style. Meanwhile, there is a variety of deadly holds, and a sharp exclamation from Esson that cannot be construed into joy as the result of an arm-lock or some such trifling (?) hold, that betokens a short stay and a merry one—i. e., a fracture or suspended animation. It is something far more serious than a display.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—President J. J. Mc Caffery went to Montreal last night to assist in the formation of a local company to take over the Montreal Club.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—The Canadian amateur boxing championships will be held in Massey Hall on Feb. 19, 20 and 21, under the management of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. This committee will have charge of the event—President Stark, Secretary Crow, J. G. Merrick, Francis Nelson, Thos. Brownlee, A. N. Garrett, and B. Darlington.