

WOMAN ATTEMPTS LIFE OF SELF AND BABY TURNED ON THE GAS AND TOOK LAUDANUM

In the C. P. R. Hotel, on
Richmond Street,
Last Night.

REGISTERED AS
MRS. H. YAKE

But Is Said To Be an Unmar-
ried Woman of Thames-
ford—The Old Story.

"Thamesford.
"Dear Ada—After careful con-
sideration I have decided that I
cannot marry you. You had better
go back to your parents. They will
keep you providing I do not come
around. I am away from the west.
Good-bye. Yours, HIRAM YAKE."

The above letter, received by Miss
Ada Baker, a young Thamesford
woman, stopping at the C. P. R. Hotel,
on Richmond street north, last night,
almost resulted in a murder and a sui-
cide.

Miss Baker came to the hotel last
night about 11 o'clock in company with
her little 2-year-old son, of which
Hiram Yake, of Thamesford, is al-
leged to be the father.

The woman registered as Mrs. Hiram
Yake, London.

Odor of Gas.

This morning about 8:30 George
Clough, the hotel porter, detected the
odor of gas as he was making the last
call for breakfast, and summoning
Thomas Morley, the bartender, they
broke in the door of the room.

On the bed in her nightgown was
the woman in an unconscious condi-
tion.

The child was lying on the floor,
naked.

It was also unconscious.
The two men saw at a glance what
had taken place, and made haste to
shut off the gas-jet, which had been
turned on full, and throw open the
window.

Dr. Aikenhead Called.

Dr. Aikenhead, who has charge of
Dr. Tillman's practice during the
latter's absence, was sitting in the lobby
of the hotel at the time, and he was
hastily summoned to the room.

After an hour's work the baby was
revived, but the woman remained un-
conscious until several hours after-
ward, when, after being taken to St.
Joseph's Hospital, she was revived.

The child will recover, but some
doubts are expressed as to the recov-
ery of the mother.

Took Laudanum Also.

In addition to turning on the gas,
the woman had taken a large quantity
of laudanum, an empty two-ounce bot-
tle being found on a table standing
near the bed.

On the table were also a number
of letters, including the one given
above.

The Letters.

Several of the letters were sealed
and their contents could not be
learned.

One of these was a letter to Dr. Mc-
Williams, the Dundas street physician,
who has known the young woman from
her infancy.

Two of the letters were open ones.
One was addressed to Mr. and Mrs.
Baker, of Thamesford, the parents of
the girl.

The other was from Hiram Yake,
and read as mentioned.

Respectable Parents.

Thamesford advises state that Miss
Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
John Baker, a well-to-do and respected
couple of that place.

Mr. Baker, the father, recently sold
his farm and is now living a retired
life in the village.

Is a stonemason's helper, and resides
with his widowed mother a few doors
from the Baker home.

A short time ago Mr. Baker entered
suit against Yake for the support of
his daughter's child, and it is under-
stood that Yake has of late been con-
tributing towards the child's support.
Miss Baker left Thamesford yester-
day afternoon, but it has been learned
that she was in London last Tuesday
and stopped at the Iroquois Hotel.

In London Before.

Mr. J. McDonald, proprietor of the
Iroquois, stated today that a woman
registering as Mrs. Yake, and carrying
a small baby had come to the
Iroquois on the night of June 9.

The woman appeared to be melan-
choly and spent the entire evening
until nearly 12 o'clock trying to get
into touch with someone at Thames-
ford. In this she was unsuccessful.

The appearance and actions of the
woman made Mr. McDonald suspi-
cious and a close watch was kept
on her until about 2 o'clock in the
morning when she was heard moan-
ing loudly in her room.

When questioned she replied that
she was ill, but that she would be all
right in the morning.

(Continued on Page Eight.)

ENGINEER NOT FILLED WITH JOY BECAUSE OF BIG STICK MOTION

Doesn't Think He Will Be Able To Do Much With the London
Street Railway Company, Which Ald. Stevenson Says
Is Doing as It Likes in the City.

The action of the city council last
night in giving plenary power to City
Engineer Graydon in dealing with the
London Street Railway has not filled
that official with joy.

"I do not know that I can do any
more than at present," said Mr. Gray-
don. "It simply means that I can
instruct the city solicitor to bring an
injunction against the London Street
Railway instead of waiting for the
council to do that. It will perhaps
result in action being taken against
the company sooner than it otherwise
would be."

Ald. Stevenson's Idea.
"My idea in making the motion,"
said Ald. Stevenson, "was to allow

Mr. Graydon more power than he has
at present. All he can do now is to
write letters. I want to give him
power so that when the company does
not live up to its charter, he can com-
pel it to do what is wanted without
waiting for the council to take the
matter up. The company plays one
against the other and before any ac-
tion is taken it has gained all the
time it wants regardless of its effect
upon the citizens.

"Now Mr. Graydon can go ahead
and make the company live up to its
charter. If it does not do that, it
would forfeit that charter, and we
would be in a position to do business
with somebody else. I think the move
is a good one."

Water Scheme Meets With Favor Bylaw Will Probably Carry Monday

It Offers a Reasonable Solution
of Problem—The
Details.

There is a great deal of interest
being shown in the water bylaw to
be submitted to the people on Mon-
day next. It is believed the scheme
will be accepted generally by the peo-
ple, as a reasonable solution of the
water problem.

The primary object is to preserve
spring water for domestic use, and
guarantee to the city an abundance
of absolutely pure water for many
years to come.

It embraces the Kilworth springs,
with a flow of 500,000 gallons at a
cost of \$125,000. It is the opinion of
expert engineers that this source of
supply can be developed to a much
greater capacity, but the aim of the
commissioners has been to keep well
within the estimates.

Mr. J. M. Moore has given his op-
inion that this amount of water will be
cheaper to the city than the filtra-
tion of a like quantity of water.

In addition the Cronyn and White
springs are included. These springs

show fully 800,000 gallons of absolute-
ly pure spring water. These springs
were included in the Maury scheme.
The water is of the very best quality,
and here again it is believed the flow
will be greater than the estimate.

The high pressure part of the scheme
is also meeting with a great deal of
favor. It guarantees a lowering of the
insurance rates, and affords adequate
protection to the business and manu-
facturing sections of the city. A uni-
form pressure of 80 pounds to the
square inch is guaranteed throughout
the whole system, but this can be
raised to 200 pounds in the high pres-
sure area.

Then there is the filtration plant, in
reserve, in case of emergency. Chair-
man Jones gives it as his opinion that
there will be plenty of spring water
from this scheme to furnish spring
water for Londoners during a genera-
tion at least.

"It is an ideal system," is the way
Engineer Moore sums it up. It com-
bines all the strong points of the var-
ious projects which have been before
the citizens.

The total cost of the scheme is
\$500,000. If the bylaw carries taxpayers
of this generation need have no fur-
ther anxiety about the water supply.

Douglass Committed To Insane Asylum Man Who Raised Row at Big Bell Restaurant a Few Days Ago— Mind Has Become Unbal- anced

Andrew Douglass, the man who
created such a disturbance at the Big
Bell restaurant recently by holding up
the proprietor with a revolver, and
afterwards pointing it at Ernest Kent,
another boarder, was tried on a charge
of insanity by Magistrate Love this
morning, and committed to the asy-
lum.

Mr. Myers, proprietor of the res-
taurant, stated that up to June 8 Mr.
Douglass had been a model boarder,
very quiet and regular in his habits.

Throughout that day he acted
strangely, and in the afternoon step-
ped up to a man and asked him if he
were the fellow who was knocking him
around there.

The man said no, that he did not
know him, and asked him who he was.
Douglass wanted to fight with him.

Later some of the boarders who
were upstairs came down and told
him that Douglass was walking up
and down the hall waving a big razor,
and threatening to cut their throats.

People who slept in the next room
told witness in the morning that
Douglass had been sharpening razors
all night, and threatening to cut
everybody's throat.

The boarders said Mr. Myers would
have to put him out or they would
leave, as they were afraid of him.

Witness called Douglass in from the
street and asked him to leave. He
said he wouldn't leave, and that the

only way to get him out of the house
was to have him arrested.

The police refused to come and told
Mr. Myers to throw him out himself.
Together with Mr. Kent, a boarder,
went up to do so. They found Doug-
lass in his room. Myers went in, and
Douglass slammed the door in Kent's
face.

Wanted To Be Arrested.
Myers asked him to go out quietly,
but Douglass said he wouldn't unless
he was arrested, and told witness to
settle things, or he would do it him-
self that night. Kent then came in,
and Douglass, putting his hand under
his pillow, got a revolver.

Douglass followed them down the
hall, threatening to shoot. A police-
man was called, but would not go in
for assistance. Douglass came down
stairs in the meantime, and said to the
boarders:

"Just one little thing, and you would
have got it. He and the boarder were
going to fight when the police arrived
and took him to the station."

Great Trouble.
Dr. MacArthur testified that the
prisoner had acted as if he had had
great trouble, and was under a delu-
sion that he was being persecuted.

Even within the last day or so he
threatened to kill them if he could
find out who they were. He told the
doctor he never saw them, but knew
them by their voices. Dr. MacArthur
recommended that he be confined in
the asylum.

Douglass answered all questions ra-
tionally in court, giving his age as 37,
and his home as Scotland, where, he
says, he has a brother and sister. He
declined to give their address, saying
he did not wish them to know where
he was.

DOMINION POWER COMPANY'S BILL

Will Not Come Before the Committee
Until Wednesday.

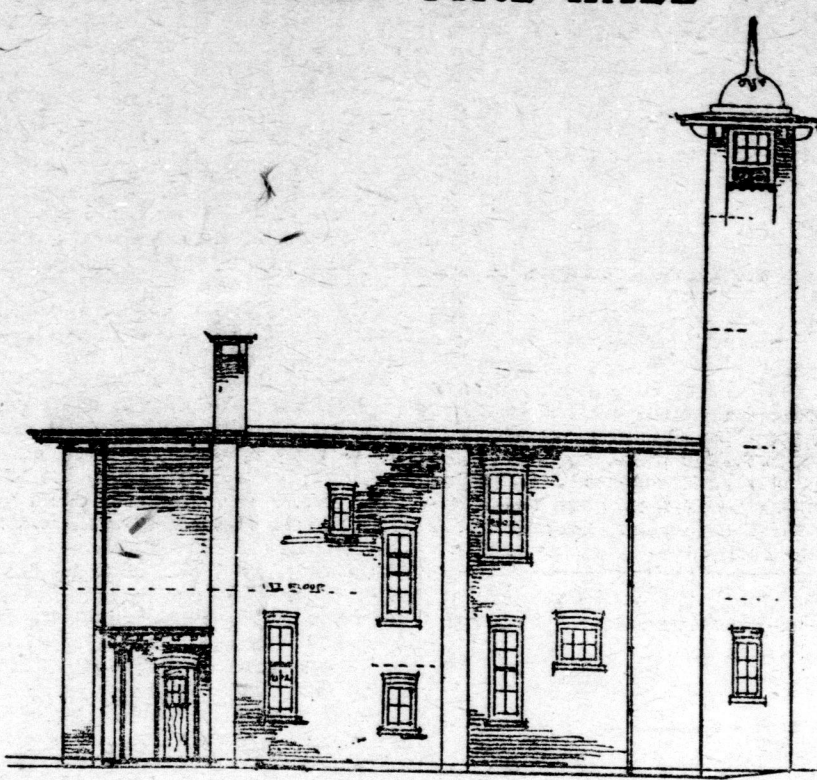
The Dominion Power Company's
bill will not come up in Ottawa to-
morrow as was announced, but will be
considered on Wednesday, June 24.
Mayor Stevely had made all ar-
rangements to protest against the bill
and had appointed Ald. Booth as the
representative of the city before the
committee. He was to have left for
Ottawa this evening, but at noon was
notified by Acting Mayor Stewart that
he need not go as the hearing was
postponed until next week.

NO CHANCE FOR PATRICK

New York, June 16.—The application for
a writ of habeas corpus by Albert H.
Patrick, who is serving a life sentence in
Sing Sing prison for the murder of Wm.
Marsh, an aged millionaire, has been
denied by Judge Lacombe in the United
States circuit court.

Patrick set up the claim that his con-
viction and sentence to death, which has
been commuted to life imprisonment, was
a result of a conspiracy to plunder the
Rice millions. The motive, he asserts,
was to prevent him from enforcing Rice's
will, leaving the greater part of the Rice
fortune to him.

THE NEW FIRE HALL



By courtesy of City Architect Nutter.
The above cut was made from a blue print of the new fire halls, which
are to be erected in the North and South Ends of the city.

COUNCIL EMPOWERS MR. GRAYDON TO DEAL WITH STREET RAILWAY

Ald. Stevenson Says the Management Is Playing Tag With the
City and That the Engineer Should Have More Power
—Other Matters Dealt With Last Night.

There was little doing at the coun-
cil meeting last night.

Ald. Stevenson got after the London
street railway because of the com-
pany's dilatoriness on the Dundas
street pavement.

A debate was also indulged in over
the initiation of a pavement on Car-
ling street between Ridout and Tal-
bot.

There were few communications.

The London Street Railway.

City Solicitor Meredith wrote saying
that the city has full power to compel
the London street railway to live up
to its bylaw, according to section 55,
of bylaw 918.

Mayor Stevely thought that the com-
munication should be filed, as the street
railway was now making satisfactory
progress on Dundas street.

Ald. Stevenson objected very strong-
ly, and declared that the matter should
not be dropped. The company was not
making any headway, he insisted, only
a handful of men being at work on the
streets.

All the city engineer did was write
letters and he could do no more. In
the meantime suits were being entered
against the city on account of the bad
condition of the roads. Several physi-
cians' rigs had been broken and a
medicinal man had been severely injured
on Richmond street. All these acci-
dents were due to the fact that the
streets were not being paved.

(Continued on Page Four.)

Big Convention of C. O. O. F. Opened in City Hall This Afternoon

High Officers Are in Attendance
—Business of Great Im-
portance.

The annual convention of the C. O.
O. F. of Canada opened this afternoon
at 2 o'clock in the city hall with an
attendance of 150 delegates from all
over Canada.

The convention will last until
Thursday evening, at least, perhaps,
until Friday.

The chief business before the con-
vention will be the discussion of a
new constitution which has been
drafted.

New Constitution.

"The new constitution will furnish
the chief matter of debate for some
time at least," said Grand Secretary
Fleming, of Toronto.

"It is a very important question,
and will have to be thoroughly thresh-
ed out. We expect about 125 or 150
delegates, and we will attend strictly
to business."

"So far as I know there will be no
jaunts or anything of that nature. We
try to discourage that, as it interferes
with our business greatly. We have
a great deal to do, and only a short
time in which to do it; so we will
have to work hard. I look for a very
successful convention."

Among the P. G. M.'s of the order
attending the convention are Mr. B.
Thomas, Toronto; Mr. C. A. Lapp, of
Brighton; Dr. Hugh Bingham, of Tor-
onto, and others.

The officers of the order are: P. G.
M., D. A. Young, Montreal; G. M.,
W. T. Junkin, Fenelon Falls; D. G.
M., W. Irwin, St. Thomas; grand sec-
retary, Mr. R. Fleming, Toronto;
grand representatives, Dr. Adam
Thomson, Galt, and Robt. Clark, Troy.

So far as can be learned there will
be no official welcome of the delegates
by Mayor Stevely.

The annual address of the grand
master is being read this afternoon.
The elections of officers will take
place tomorrow.

Mr. W. Irwin, of St. Thomas, will
be chosen grand master, it is thought.
Satisfactory progress has been re-
ported by the officers of the order, and
the order is in good shape.

No. Two Ward Will Show Increases

The assessors are at work on No. 2
ward and report that the ward will
show substantial increases in both the
population and property.

The final results in ward 3 are not
made out, but it is expected that they
will be ready within a day or two.

ALD. STEWART IS THE ACTING MAYOR

In the Absence of Mayor Stevely Who
Is Away on Business.

Ald. Stewart is acting mayor to-
day in the absence from the city of
Mayor Stevely on a business trip.

He has instructed City Architect
Nutter to prepare plans for the laun-
dry for Victoria Hospital.

"The work on the Isolation Hospital
is progressing favorably," he said to
The Advertiser.

FOT WEDDING PRESENT
OF \$15,000 RESIDENCE

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, June 16—8 a.m.

Today—Light, variable winds; fine.

Wednesday—Moderate easterly winds;
fine, with a little higher temperature.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the
thermometer at the local observatory for
the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday

Highest, 69°; lowest, 45°.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary..... 52 46 Fair

Winnipeg..... 54 46 Rain

Port Arthur..... 48 32 Clear

Parry Sound..... 48 28 Fair

Toronto..... 58 44 Clear

Ottawa..... 56 46 Clear

Montreal..... 52 50 Fair

Quebec..... 52 50 Cloudy

Father Point..... 48 46 Rain

The first column in the above table re-
cords the temperature at 8 o'clock this
morning, and the second column records
the minimum temperatures during the 24
hours previous.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 52-68; Vancouver, 52-68; Kam-
loops, 52-68; Edmonton, 48-74; Battleford,
45-74; Prince Albert, 42-68; Regina, 50-72;
Dunipier, 42-68; Port Arthur, 32-48; Parry
Sound, 50-64; Toronto, 46-64; Ottawa, 52-
60; Montreal, 58-68; Quebec, 62-74; St.
John, 42-62; Halifax, 50-60.

DIED AT GRAND TRUNK DEPOT WHILE CHANGING CARS ON HIS WAY TO WALKERTON

Death Came With Terrible Suddenness To J. F.
McNamara, a Well-Known Business Man of
That Place—Heart Failure the Cause.

Death came with startling sudden-
ness this morning to John F. Mc-
Namara, a well-known citizen of
Walkerton who was on his way home
from Chicago.

While getting off the Lehigh ex-
press which arrived here at 4:10 this
morning he fell into the arms of his
nephew, Mr. John W. McNamara, who
was traveling with him. He died a
moment later.

Mr. McNamara was 32 years old
and for many months had been tour-
ing the Canadian west and Western
States in the hope that his health
would be benefited.

Race With Death.

He continued to grow weaker and
was hurrying to his home in Walk-
erton.

When he arrived in Chicago yester-
day he was very weak but thought he

would be strong enough to reach
home and came on here.

Dr. Drake, who was summoned
found that death had resulted from
heart failure brought on by over ex-
ertion.

Mr. McNamara was the son of Mr.
William McNamara of Walkerton and
is survived by his parents and sev-
eral brothers and sisters.

Taken to Walkerton.

The remains were taken to the un-
der-taking parlors of Smith, Son &
Clarke and were sent to Walkerton
this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The fu-
neral arrangements have not yet been
completed.

Deceased was a member of the
Royal Arcanum Wrightwood Council,
No. 756, of Chicago.

It is understood he was formerly
in business in Walkerton.

South End Fire Hall To Cost \$6,440 Tenders Were Accepted By Council

North End Hall Contracts Not
Finally Dealt With Last
Night.

At a special meeting of No. 3 com-
mittee, held last night, prior to the
council meeting, the tenders for the
north and south end fire halls were
opened.

The south end hall called for a flat
roof and the tenders were accepted as
follows:

Brick and masonry work—John Nut-
kins & Son, \$2,898.

Carpenter work—John Purdom, \$2,-
250.

Painting and glazing—R. Mulken, \$174.

Plumbing—Noble & Rich, \$300.

Heating—Noble & Rich, \$390.

Wiring, etc.—Commercial Electric
Company, \$53.

Roofing—W. H. Roughley, \$115.

Galvanized iron work—Sutherland
Bro., \$40.

Total—\$6,440.

Will Accept.

Practically all of the contractors
who were awarded contracts for the
South End fire hall have signified
their intention to accept the tenders
for the North End as well, thus fin-
ishing the work of the committee.

Contractor Nutkins will start the
brick work on the two halls as soon
as possible.

It is expected that work on the new
halls will commence shortly.

There were a number of applicants,
but the number was reduced consid-
erably when it was known that the
teachers would have to pay all the ex-
penses of the trip and also engage a
substitute.

Toronto is sending twelve teachers,
and allowing the teachers full salary
while in England.

They will be away until Christmas,
it is thought.

Archbishop McEvay Is in Toronto

His Grace Archbishop McEvay will
arrive in Toronto this evening from
Galt, where he has been in retreat for
several days.

He will be met at the station by a
number of prominent Catholics, both
clergy and laity, and will be escorted
to St. John's Grove, Sherbourne street,
where he will make his residence.

Most Rev. Donatus Sbarretti, papal
delegate, accompanied by his secre-

tary, Most Rev. T. Sinnott, will ar-
rive in Toronto this evening from
Ottawa, and will be escorted to St.
Michael's Palace.

A large number of prominent Catho-
lics from the Diocese of London will
leave by special train tomorrow morn-
ing for Toronto to witness the instal-
lation of Archbishop McEvay.

It is reported that the mayor, at the
request of the clergy of the diocese will attend
this most important function.

Frost Did But Very Little Damage

Farmers today report that last
night's frost apparently has done them
little or no damage.

"Strawberry and other plants this
year are well protected by heavy fol-
lage," said one farmer, "and while the
frost might have done damage in
streaks, generally speaking, it