

HON. WILLIAM PATERSON DEAD LONG ILLNESS ENDED AT PICTON

Former Minister of Customs, Who Figured Prominently in Reciprocity Negotiations, Was for Many Years Bulwark of Liberal Party in Ontario.

PICTON, Ont., March 18.—Hon. William Paterson, ex-minister of customs, is dead at the home of his daughter here at the age of seventy-five years. He was in ill-health since his retirement from politics in 1911, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Paterson, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a member of the Liberal Party in Ontario, and was for many years its bulwark.

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When the Laurier Government was formed Mr. Paterson became controller of customs, and as such had much to do with framing the tariff of 1897 and 1907. In 1897 he was sworn in as minister of customs, and frequently acted as finance minister in the absence of Mr. Piddington, with whom he acted in framing the reciprocity pact in 1911.

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MINISTER FOUND GUILTY OF LIBE

In Local Option Fight He Called Fergus Citizen "The Devil's Helper."

Special to The Toronto World. GUELPH, March 18.—A libel action was tried here today before Mr. Justice Middleton, which has caused great interest throughout this part of the country. The action was an aftereffect of the local option contest which took place in Fergus, Jan. 6, 1913. The defendant is a minister of the Methodist Church, now stationed at Tara, but formerly at Fergus, and the plaintiff is a prominent resident of Fergus.

The plaintiff charged defendant with the publication of a letter in a local newspaper, in which the defendant referred to plaintiff as a man who had been guilty of unfair play, and as one who was one of "the devil's helpers," and with the use of other language of a ridiculous and contemptuous kind.

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EW RAILWAY SAID TO BE BACKED BY C.P.R.

DUNNVILLE, March 18.—At a meeting of the town council a letter was received from James A. Ross, announcing the intention of the Hydro-Electric Commission to take over the local lines and operate them. Mr. Ross believed the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Railway would receive favorable consideration.

A copy of a resolution was enclosed, requesting the Hydro-Electric Commission to operate the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Railway, and to supply coal to the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Railway.

Within the past month or two another company, the Erie and Ontario Railway, has been organized and is applying for a charter to operate a road from Port Maitland, five miles south of Dunnville, on the mouth of the Grand River, to Smithville and Port Colborne.

The N. S. T. R. This company is said to be controlled by the C. P. R. They propose to establish a car ferry from Port Maitland across Lake Erie to Smithville and Port Colborne.

Options on land between this town and Port Maitland are now being secured, it is said, for this purpose. Opposition is expected to the granting of a charter to the new company.

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OXFORD BRIDGES CAUSE DISPUTE

Investigation Opened Into Statements Made Regarding Their Construction.

ST. THOMAS, March 18.—Things are at sixes and sevens down in East Oxford in regard to the accounts connected with the building of certain bridges in that township. An echo of the matter which has been disturbing the ratepayers in that township for some time was heard at the court-house this morning when a committee composed of Councillors Harley, Denton and C. W. Carroll met to enquire into certain statements that had been made concerning the construction of two bridges in the township, by Reeves Walker, who is the successor of Joshua Lawrence, last year's reeve, and who is acting for the ratepayers of the township.

At the investigation this morning Reeves Walker laid the results of an enquiry that had been conducted in the township before the committee. The official statement was based on the findings of a firm of detectives whom the ratepayers of the township employed to investigate the matter of bridge construction in the township last year. Reeves Walker's report was that the bridge superintendant or the county, it was said, had put on foot, was also said that some of the lumber from the old bridge was not disposed of to the advantage of the county.

Reeves Walker was not present at the meeting, but it is understood that he can explain in detail what have appeared to some ratepayers in the township as discrepancies. The committee will try to get at the bottom of the matter and straighten out the accounts.

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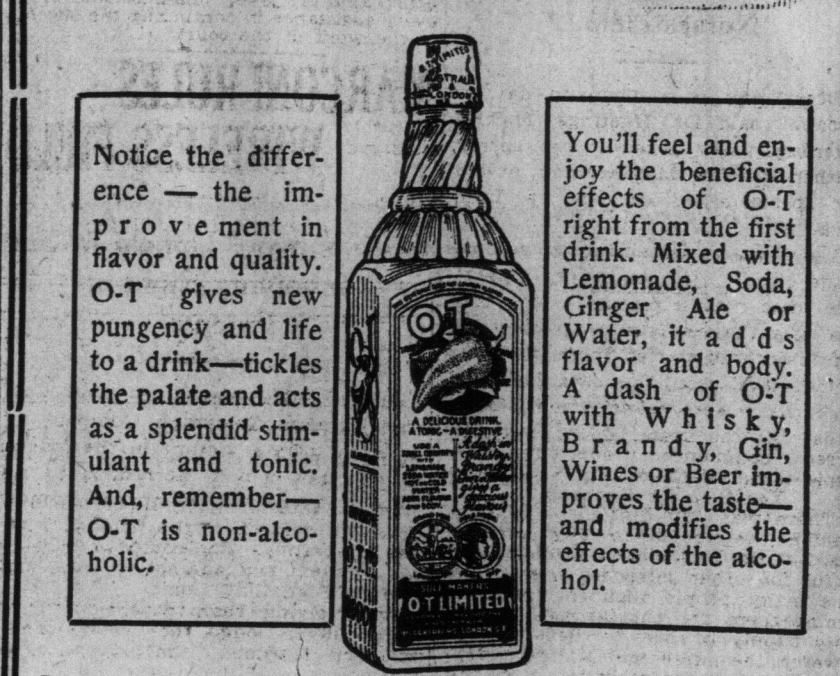
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You men who like a good drink---

--a satisfying drink--something to set the blood tingling in your veins and make you feel keen and bright: Here's a suggestion--

try **O-T** with your next drink!



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FARMERS' DAUGHTERS TO BOX-PACK APPLES

WYOMING, March 18.—Box packing of fruit is likely to become a new field of labor for farmers' daughters in Lambton.

At the recent packing class and demonstration held here, one of the prizes was captured by Miss Beryl Fisher, daughter of A. Fisher.

Miss Fisher has won for herself a record already in handling fruit, having for several seasons proved particularly efficient in the Johnson evaporator when in operation here.

A number of girls and young women are keenly interested in the matter and many expect to put in a great deal of time at it this season.

WOODMEN IN CONVENTION.

LONDON, Ont., March 18.—The convention of the Woodmen of the World, which was organized in this city 21 years ago, opened in the auditorium of the new Masonic Temple at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the head counsellor, Dr. W. S. Harrison of Toronto presiding, and 150 delegates, representing subordinate camps in every part of the Dominion, being in attendance.

The report of the head clerk showed that the order made splendid progress during the past year.

CONFISCATED LOTTERY SHEETS.

LONDON, Ont., March 18.—Londoners who anticipated taking a little fling in German lottery tickets will be disappointed. They were expecting the "take-a-chance" sheets yesterday, but they will have to continue expecting, for the postal authorities have confiscated every one sent thru the mails to local "subscribers."

FIRE HERO A LONDON MAN.

LONDON, Ont., March 18.—William Gray, who proved himself a hero at the disastrous fire in the Woodbine Hotel at Toronto Tuesday night, is a former Londoner, a nephew of James Gray, a well-known dry goods merchant. He was formerly a printer and learned his trade with the Southern Printing Company in this city.

By G. H. Wellington

That Son-in-Law of Pa's



HEART SONGS COUPON



THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S



PA, I'M SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GET OUT OF THERE AT ONCE!

WHAT D'Y MEAN, GET OUTA HERE? I'M SHAVIN'.

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'RE DOING—I SAID GET OUT!

WELL, GOSH, BLINK IT, WHAT'S TH' IDEA, ANYHOW?

ALL CLEAR, NOW CEDRIC, DEAR—YOUR PA IS OUT!

YES, AN I'M GOIN' T' STICK AROUND AN' SEE WHY I'M OUT!

THAT'S A HOT, LITTLE FELLOW, A HOT BAWTH WITH THE PROPPAW SOAP WILL SOON RID YOU OF THOSE BALLY FLEAS!

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