

# TAMWORTH GIRL MISSING FOR WEEK; DETECTIVES BAFLED

## Absolutely No Trace of Miss Blanche Yorke Since Last Wednesday--Doctor's Home Was Searched for Clue--Went to Have Throat Treated; Not Seen Since Leaving His Office.

From Thursday's Daily  
 Tamworth, Ont., July 15.—Since Wednesday evening last, Miss Blanche Yorke, daughter of Mr. Charles Yorke, a farmer, residing near here, has been missing. A week-long search has failed to give the slightest clue to her whereabouts. There is nothing even to suggest whether she is alive or dead. Miss Yorke is a dressmaker, and for a few days previous to her disappearance, had been doing some work for Mrs. Welch, who lives in the center of Tamworth. On Wednesday evening last, after leaving work, she departed, apparently with the intention of spending the night at her home which is a mile and a half outside of the town.

In company with Miss Agnes Welch, she left the Welch home at about eight o'clock in the evening. She did not, however, set out directly for her home, leaving an appointment with Dr. Robinson, whose office is just around the corner from the Welch home. Dr. Robinson has been treating Miss Yorke for some time for throat trouble from which she has been suffering. Miss Welch accompanied Miss Yorke to the doctor's gate, where the two parted. After treatment by the doctor, Miss Yorke is supposed to have left on her way home, but has not since been seen by anyone in the town, and her whereabouts is a mystery.

Not Missed for Days.  
 Mr. Yorke and his family were not much exercised over the failure of the daughter to return on Wednesday night, as they concluded that she had stayed for the night with Miss Welch or with other friends in town.

It was not until Friday that fears were aroused. On that day, it is stated, Mr. McGregor, a young farmer near Croydon, drove to the home of the missing girl, to fulfill his appointment to take her to the Orange celebration at Deseronto. He was much surprised when he was informed by the parents that she had not yet returned from the town. The parents believed that she was still at the Welch home.

Alarms were raised when upon enquiring at the home of Mrs. Welch, it was found that Miss Yorke had completed her work there and had left two days before.

A search of the town failed to reveal any trace of the missing girl. The Provincial Police Department were notified and a detective is now on the case, working in the vicinity of the town. Little success has as yet attended their efforts, so far as is known. All sorts of explanations hinging on the nearest threads have been suggested, but nothing tangible to work on has been unearthed.

Searched Doctor's House.  
 A body of men in the town, upon learning of the circumstances surrounding the girl's disappearance, made a search of Dr. Robinson's house, but nothing was revealed that would throw any light on the mystery.

People in Tamworth did not realize that Miss Yorke had disappeared until rumors commenced to be spread on Saturday. Miss Welch herself, who was one of the most intimate friends of the lost girl, says she knew nothing of her disappearance until Saturday when she heard from a number of people in the town that something mysterious had happened.

Miss Welch is completely non-plussed. She can offer no explanation as to what has happened to her friend. It is a complete mystery to her.

Miss Yorke was very well known in town. She was born and raised at her home, which is a mile and a half from the center of the town. She is twenty-two years of age. For the last ten years or so she has been employed about Tamworth as a professional dressmaker.

"She is a perfect lady," said Mr. McKim today, in speaking of the case.

Was Popular in Locality.  
 Miss Yorke was known for her cheery smile and constant good nature. She was very popular among her large circle of friends.

On the day of her disappearance, according to the statements of those who saw her on Wednesday last, she seemed to be in the usual good health and spirits.

For some time Mr. McGregor, the young Croydon farmer, has been keeping company with the girl. He had made an appointment to take her to the Orange celebration at Deseronto on Friday. He is greatly worried about her disappearance.

People in the town are much exercised over the case. By Sunday it was almost the sole topic of conversation. Many confusing rumors have been spread, and these have made it more difficult for those working on the case to get at the bottom and clear up the mystery.

Last night it was stated that the mystery was still as deep as ever. The young woman's relatives have made it their work on at all. No person has come forward who saw Miss Yorke after she left Mrs. Welch's home. Suicide is not even hinted at. Those who best know the young girl state that she was in the best of health and spirits and that she would not take her own life. People will not believe, even in the theory of elopement. The woods all around Tamworth are being visited by searching parties, some being of the belief that she had been waylaid on her way home by ruffians.

From Friday's Daily  
 Tamworth, July 16.—After searching for four days the members of the Yorke family have abandoned all hope of finding the body of Miss Blanche ("Happy") Yorke, the 32-year-old dressmaker of this village who disappeared from Tamworth on Wednesday night of last week. It is now the opinion of the Yorke family that the girl is being detained in the custody of parties unknown. It is expected that by Sunday important developments will occur. Mr. Samuel Yorke, a brother, who has been on the scene since Saturday night, and who has aided a posse throughout the bush and waters in search for his sister's remains, stated to The Mail and Empire tonight that every foot of territory through which Miss Yorke might have rambled had been thoroughly searched, and he was now satisfied that his sister had not committed suicide.

"We are practically assured that our sister did not commit suicide," said Mr. Yorke. "With the search today we are practically finished with the hunting of the bush and rivers. We have covered every foot of land and water within a radius of four miles, and I know for certain that my sister is not dead. If she was we would have found her today. I have, however, made arrangements to continue the search for the dead body of my sister tomorrow. Although we made a thorough search, there are a number of escarpments which might have escaped our attention, and we will look into these as they come to us. Of course, we don't expect to find anything, but we are making sure that there is no loophole left in the country.

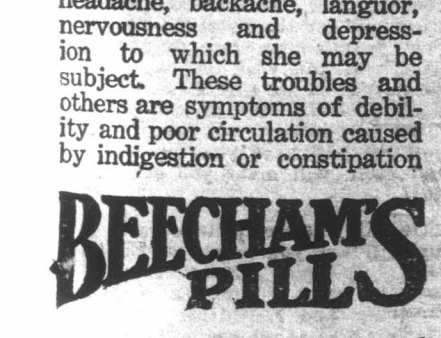
Not in Vicinity.  
 Mr. Daniel McGregor, fiancé of the missing girl, has also been tireless in tramping through the bush and in searching the neighboring waters. Although he organized a number of gangs to assist, totalling about 200 men, his efforts have likewise been fruitless.

Late tonight Mr. McGregor left Tamworth for his home at Croydon, where he owns a large farm. To The Mail and Empire he stated that he intended to remain on the farm for the next few days, until he was convinced that some definite news had been received regarding the whereabouts of his sweetheart.

In the absence of Miss Yorke was noticed Mr. Samuel Yorke had just arrived on a visit from Eldorado, where he is general storekeeper. He immediately notified his brother Edward, of Lovell, N.Y., who joined him at once. The two assisted by the neighbors and townspeople made a

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thorough search.  
 Tamworth is a village of about six hundred people, and is situated in the rocky district of North Lanark county. Two large bodies of water, the Beaver and White lakes and the Salmon river run through its limit. Beaver Lake is within half a mile of the Yorke homestead, while the White Lake is about two miles away. The bush runs almost parallel with the village, and was first thought that the girl had succumbed in the bush or fallen into the lake. The woods were thoroughly covered by searching parties, while the lakes were scoured by boating crews. As this is the eighth day since the girl was missing it was taken for granted that the body of Miss Yorke had been drowned would rise to the surface.

Abduction Theory.  
 In order to ascertain for certain whether anyone answering to the description of Miss Yorke left by train during the past week, enquiries have been made at every railway station within a radius of twenty miles, but without success. Train operators and station agents are unanimous in declaring that no such person boarded a car at their depot. It is stated by a number of residents of the village that an automobile drove through the streets on the night of the young girl's disappearance, and that when it left it was bound southward. This leads the community to believe that Miss Yorke may have been abducted.

Enquiry is being made at the various mercantile houses in Kingston and Belleville to ascertain if the missing woman had arrived at any of these places.

Dr. Robinson's Story.  
 Dr. C. K. Robinson, who was the last person to see Miss Yorke before her disappearance has been in practice here about six months. The doctor made a flying visit to Kingston on Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning he was at waiting in Yarker station for the train to pull out. Dr. Robinson declared emphatically that he had only seen the girl since the first of the month and that he did not know of her family.

"Miss Yorke came to see me a week ago Wednesday," said Dr. Robinson. "About half an hour after she left I noticed that a bottle containing tablets of bi-chloride of mercury was missing. Of course, I don't know where the bottle went, but it was missing. Now, remember I am not trying to draw any conclusions. I am only stating the case as it is. My trip has nothing to do with the case."

Father's Relief.  
 Mr. Charles Yorke, father of the missing girl, when seen by The Mail and Empire, stated that he was confident that his daughter was alive. He said he did not believe that there was anything in the coincidence of the disappearance of his daughter and the missing of the tablets of bi-chloride of mercury. "I don't know where the tablets went, but I believe she was either made away with, or she is being detained in some place against her will. A number of neighbors have told me that a strange automobile was seen in the village on the night she disappeared. The departure of the car occurred about the same time that she was last seen. It being noted that she left Dr. Robinson's office shortly before 10 o'clock. Since she has been absent, we have made special enquiries as to whether she was seen on any of the trains from Tamworth and Napanee or Kingston, and she was not. As my girl was well known the conductors would have easily recognized her, there being only two trains a day."

Mr. Yorke stated that when his daughter disappeared she had only fifty cents, and if she intended to travel far it would be necessary to have borrowed money. As the population of the village is small, any transaction of this nature could easily be ascertained. He is of the opinion that if his daughter left town it was in an automobile.

"Knowing Blanche as I do," continued Mr. Yorke, "I'm sure that she did not leave the village willingly, and I believe that she is still being held captive against her will."

The Missing Dressmaker.  
 Miss Yorke left the doctor's office, the latter states, about 9:45, and a lad named Henry Card says he saw and spoke to her shortly after that time. Since that hour no trace of her can be found, although hundreds of men, aided by the local and provincial police, have searched the vicinity. As the result of this unsuccessful search, a theory has been abandoned by the family of Miss Yorke, and efforts are being directed towards tracing a motor car which passed through the village about the time of the girl's disappearance.

Business Opportunities in Western Canada.  
 All of the cities and towns of West ern Canada served by the Grand Trunk Pacific are enjoying rapid and substantial growth and a business in tramping through the bush and in searching the neighboring waters. There are calls from these young communities for men with experience in every trade and profession. The majority of new hotels was described by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as the best in America and one of the leading business men in the Dominion writes of his stay there as follows: "The magnificent new hotel were fine. We were charmed with the hotel which we credit to its owners. I am sure it will have an international reputation and more business than it can handle."

Placing the New Corners.  
 Mr. D. J. Fairfield, immigration agent here placed five people on farms this week. Four in Ontario and one in Prince Edward. Two of the newcomers are from Australia.

# DEEP INTEREST IN RESSPASSAGE

## Herchimer Avenue Residents Throughed the Court Room.

From Friday's Daily  
 The trespass case of Bertram Deater vs. Charles Hulley was begun in police court this morning before Magistrate McNeill. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. W. D. M. Shorey of Belleville and Mr. W. S. Morden, K. C., of Toronto. The date changed was June 23d.

Mr. Deater first related his purchase of the land. He had given no permission to Mr. Hulley to cross, nor had Mr. Hulley made application for such a permit. Mr. Deater stated that the defendant crossing from Victoria Avenue on the way to Mr. Frank Elvins' land.

The new proprietor has improved the land and fences. Mr. Hulley operated a station on Victoria Ave. There is a gate at Victoria Avenue which remains locked. Plaintiff had often found the fence out. For instance last Friday afternoon he found the new fence around the miller's property and he had taken it for granted that it was out again. Since then someone has cut a hole in the fence nearby. There are no roads through this land from Victoria Avenue and gravel has been taken out from the Victoria Avenue entrance. The old gravelway is in the corner near Mr. Roy's. The land is used for pasturing sheep and cattle and for golf playing. There are nine acres. The land extends from the street and contains about seventy acres. There are sheep and cattle paths all over the place.

To Mr. Morden.—The plaintiff stated that there is a settlement on Herchimer Avenue, Unit 1, a few feet from the only means of getting to the city was by Dundas St. The plaintiff himself if he had crossed the Henderson property before he purchased it, would have crossed the street and taken several paths leading from Victoria Avenue. There was no stile, but a step in the rail fence and another was at the Herchimer Avenue end. When the new fence was built the step was removed. Of course, I don't know where the bottle went, but it was missing. Now, remember I am not trying to draw any conclusions. I am only stating the case as it is. My trip has nothing to do with the case."

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# POST MORTEM SHOWED SOME BAD BRUISES

## Rough Treatment Evidently Caused S. McConnell's Death.

The jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Sampson McConnell formerly of Belleville, who died on Wednesday morning at Deseronto, met at that town and after viewing the remains ordered an autopsy. Drs. Newton and Vandervoort performed the post mortem and found evidence of rough treatment. The body was badly bruised and inflamed, about the abdomen and these bruises evident in the post mortem. The inquest was adjourned until July 23rd pending further developments.

Constable Donaldson went to Bloomfield with a warrant for the arrest of Harry Aylesworth, a stepson of the dead man. It is believed that sensational developments may appear at the adjourned inquest. Mr. Andrew Aylesworth, caretaker of the Royal Military College, another stepson took the body to Kingston for interment.

# ASSAULTED A CO. CONSTABLE

## Stranger Gets Five Months in Ontario Reformatory.

From Friday's Daily  
 William Smith, the man who struck and assaulted County Constable J. P. McInnes of Foxboro, on Monday 19th of July, at that village, was this morning sentenced to five months in the Ontario Reformatory.

Smith had been acting queerly and Constable McInnes undertook to leave from the man his business. He addressed the man several times but received no response to his requests for information. Finally he asked Smith if he spoke English. He said yes and tried to know who the constable was. As soon as the words "constable" were mentioned, Smith turned and struck Mr. McInnes over the level eye with a stout stick he was carrying. The constable threw up his hand to protect his head and Smith struck him again in the ribs with the aid of Mr. Reuben Wally. Mr. McInnes took Smith into custody. Magistrate Masson found Smith guilty. The latter said he did not know anyone from whom he could get a recommendation. He came from Toronto after a short stay.

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- HOUSES FOR SALE**
- \$1600—Two storey frame house, South Pinnacle Street, water and gas and hot water heating. Large lot with barn.
  - \$2300—One and one half storey frame house, Pinnacle Street, Large lot, city water.
  - \$1000—Solid brick house, Blecker Ave. three minutes walk to G. T. R. station. Large lot. Will make first class boarding house.
  - \$3500—Up-to-date eight room, brick house on John Street. Electric light and gas. Full-sized basement. Five minutes from Front Street.
  - \$1500—Solid brick house, George St., full view of bridge Street. All modern conveniences and five basement. One of the best located homes in the city.
  - A bargain at \$2600 on Dunbar Street, eight room brick house with veranda, modern conveniences, electric light and gas, large lot 65x100 with barn. Land suitable for gardening. Seven minutes' walk from Front Street. Apply to Whelan and Yeomans, 29 Bridge St.
  - Double brick house, Mill Street, lately remodelled up-to-date with full plumbing and hot water heating, electric light and gas, large stable, suitable for livery or boarding stable. Deep lot 80 foot frontage. Whelan & Yeomans.
  - \$1000—East Meira Street. Frame house, 6 rooms, summer kitchen, electric light and gas for cooking. All in first class repair.
  - Fine up-to-date frame house on Great St. James St., large veranda, hardwood floors throughout, electric light and bath. Large lot. Whelan and Yeomans.
  - \$2400—Alice Street, 2 story frame house, 10 rooms, electric light and all modern conveniences.
  - \$750—Frame house with large lot West side Yeomans Street.
  - \$2000—2 story, 8 room brick house near Albert College. Easy Terms and handy to G.T.R.
  - \$2500—Five acre block near Albert College, just outside city limits. For particulars apply to Whelan & Yeomans.
  - 16 room brick house, corner Blecker Ave. and Myers St., bath, electric light, gas, city water and spring well. Two large building lots and first class barn. Good terms. Apply Whelan & Yeomans.
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- \$1000—Five 7 room frame house with gas and water in house good large lot with shade trees on South St. Charles Street.
- \$1500—New 2 story, 8 room frame house electric light and water, large lot, South St. Charles Street.
- A new 8 room brick house all modern conveniences, electric light and gas, full size basement. Five minutes from Front Street on North John Street.
- A bargain block of 12 lots on Sidney Street.
- \$250 cash Small frame house and lot, Lingham Street.
- \$4000—Eight-roomed solid brick house, just off Commercial St., on Warjan St., three large lots, finest view of the bay and harbor in the city.
- 1800—On Simclair St., fine 7-room brick house, with veranda, large lot and barn. About 70 feet frontage. Terms arranged. Apply to Whelan & Yeomans. JI-3811w
- \$4500—Large lot of es. side of South Front street, about 80 foot frontage with two houses and other buildings.
- \$200 each—Burnham Street, 5 lots.
- \$212 per foot—Con. Bridge and McDonald Avenue.
- \$550—Albert Street, 60x100, West side.
- \$10 per foot—Foster Avenue, North of Bridge.
- \$1200—5 room, roughcast house and lot, near Albert College and G. T. R. Easy terms.
- \$125—Duffin Avenue, between Pine Street and Victoria Avenue, 5 lots about 60 feet frontage.
- \$300 each, two large lots on Chatham Street North.
- \$500—Corner Dundas and Charles Streets, 50x88.
- \$250—Lot 65x135, Lingham Street just north of Victoria Avenue. The best factory site in the city about 6 acres on bay shore, good dockage and along O.N.R. Double frame house on ground.
- \$750—East Meira Street, about 3 large lots, also fine water power, in good repair. An ideal spot for small factory.
- \$2500—Lot 34, Con. 5, Tyndings, mile north of Dundas, 112 acres, 2 room frame house with kitchen. Drive shed 14x18; shed 21x31; barn 54x84; timber for about 12 years' wood. Frame seven-room house, G. T. R. station. Apply to Whelan & Yeomans.
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- Lot 1 and 2, 150 acres in the 5th Con. Township, over 100 acres clay loam top soil, 2 acres bush and maple timber, small orchard, balance in pasture, well fenced and watered, large basement barn with cement floor, windmill for barn, silo, etc. New 10-room house, frame, with furnace and hot water. Can be bought with or without crop on easy terms. Apply Whelan & Yeomans.
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- 110 acre farm 2nd Con. Widesay, all good work land, well watered and fenced, 10 room frame house, 3 barns, sheds, stables, drive house, etc., 3 acre orchard.
- \$4000 for 100 acre farm, lot 30, 3rd Con. Thurlow, 5 room frame house with woodshed 20x20; barn 30x50 22x20; drive house 22x27. 4 wells with good water; 10 acres swamp with timber; 2 acres apples and other fruit. 70 acres good work land, balance pasture land; one mile from school house, two miles from post office and church. R.M.D. applied for. 40 acres in hay, 5 acres in fall wheat. Easy terms.
- \$7000—Township Huntington, 200 acres clay loam, 125 acres work land, balance wood and pasture. Good springs, barns 45x30-30x50-24x40, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, hog pens, hen house, implement shed etc., well fenced and watered, and all in good repair. Easy terms.
- \$6500—First class 100 acre farm, 5th Con. of Thurlow, 9 room house with kitchen and woodshed attached, large basement and 2nd story, all new, never falling well with windmill, R.M.D. and Telephone. Easy terms.
- \$7500—Farm, 100 acres, Fourth Con. Hillier, on Concession Lake, with maple bush and cedar grove, good land, well fenced and watered, two sets of buildings all in first class condition. Easy terms.
- \$5500—First Con. Tyndings, 100 acres of good farm land, with 9 room frame house, barn, silo, drive house etc. All in good repair. Well fenced and watered, close to school, factory and three railroads. Free Rural Mail Delivery at door. Terms easy.
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- \$5000—For a good 125 acre farm, 6th Con. Thurlow, 4 room house, barn, 24x46; 30x64, and drive house 18x24; hog pen, hen house, silo, 3 good wells and spring, about 40 apple trees and small fruit. Fall ploughed and 11 acres in wheat. All well fell, R.M.D. and main telephone.
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- \$2500—95 acres Thurlow near Iatta P.O. Good house, barn, and drive house. Possess after harvest.
- \$4800—Hundred acres, Lot No. 12, Con. 2, Tyndings, 60 acres very rich land, 2 acres sugar bush, balance pasture. Barns 36x50 and 35x45 new drive house 24x36, hen house, hog pen etc. about 20 apple trees, two story 9 room frame house. Three miles from two R.B. stations about 25 acres fall ploughed. All well watered and fenced.
- \$150 each for two lots east side of Ridley Avenue, size 40x170 feet.
- \$125 each for two good building lots 40x174, on Ridley Avenue, next to Bridge Street.