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**CHILD PLEADED
GUILTY TO THEFT**

"Good-Bye," She Said to P. M. Love, Putting Her Hand in His.

MOST PATHETIC CASE

Little Orphan of Eight Years Goes Wrong—Children's Aid Society Will Take Charge of Her.

The little 8-year-old girl taken in charge by the police on Saturday evening in connection with stealing purses from local stores, appeared before Magistrate Love in his office this morning, and admitted having taken two purses.

The child was placed under the care of Inspector Sanders of the Children's Aid Society to look after, and will for the present be allowed to remain with her guardian. Her parents are both dead. Few of the people in the courtroom, who did not know, ever suspected that the pretty little child sitting quietly beside a woman who is her guardian, is one of the cleverest purse thieves that probably ever appeared in a juvenile court in Canada.

Remarkable Case.

"It is one of the most remarkable cases I have ever had to deal with," said Magistrate Love. "She seemed a nice, affectionate little thing, too. When she was leaving she came over, and gave her little hand to me to shake and said good-bye. I feel sorry for her, and hope that something can be done for her."

**MAJOR BEATTIE
DISLIKES "NATION"**

In Naval Debate Says it Has a Flavor of Independence.

SEES PINK TEA FLEET

Hot Exchange Between Dr. Neely and Dr. Edwards Over Loyalty of French-Canadians.

Ottawa, March 8.—The temperature of the House of Commons, which has remained in the neighborhood of zero for the past week through the depression caused by the protracted talk on the naval bill, took a sudden rise today, and for a time the atmosphere of the chamber was distinctly sultry. The first sign of a change came when Mr. Neely, of Huron, rose to put a question to Mr. Clark, the member for South Waterloo, who resumed the debate. The son of German parents, who settled in Canada some forty years ago, Mr. Clark claimed to be in a position to know something about the Fatherland, and he at once cut the ground from under the feet of his colleague in the Opposition by expressing his firm conviction that Germany had no designs upon Britain. "Then he proceeded to condemn the Government's naval proposals, and wound up an interesting though illogical speech by formulating a policy of his own—one of the many that have emanated from Mr. Neely's following—to construct dry-docks on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Though obviously opposed to the Dreadnought contribution scheme, Mr. Clark had a word of criticism of his leader's amendment to offer, and when Mr. Neely ventured to put a question to him on that point he declined to be drawn, and the member for South Huron was hounded.

Edwards Wrathful.

This was the preliminary to a storm which broke when Mr. Edwards attempted to interrupt Mr. Neely, the young member for Humboldt, who followed Mr. Clark with one of the cleverest speeches of the debate, besetting Dr. Neely's reference to his unfortunate speech, which was interpreted by all who heard it as a reflection upon the loyalty of Quebec. Dr. Edwards appealed for a hearing, and amid considerable confusion, he stated that he had imputed disloyalty to any section of the people, and demanded a withdrawal of the charge. Mr. Neely, however, refused to accept the withdrawal, and Dr. Edwards continued to demand a retraction, and eventually, in response to the ruling of the chair, Dr. Neely accepted the withdrawal of the charge. The matter had not been fortunate in his use of the English language.

There was another lively exchange later when Mr. Gladu, of Yamaska, rose to speak. Criticizing Mr. Foster, he declared that the member for North Toronto had never cleared himself from the accusation made against him in the House two years ago by the minister of Justice. Mr. Glen Campbell at once jumped to his feet with an indignant snarl in order to be heard above the din which prevailed, claiming that Mr. Aylen's words were a slur on the House, and that he would be better to give a notice of motion than to go on a spree.

Enter Major Beattie.

A distinct element of comedy was added to a varied and somewhat tedious debate when Major Beattie (London), who expressed the fear that the officers of Canada's navy would have nothing more to do than eat three meals a day and give notice of motion. Major Beattie regretted that the debate had been introduced into the House, and he expressed his regret that the military services that had been rendered by Britain to Canada. He argued that it would be better to give a notice of motion than to go on a spree, and he was followed by Mr. Neely, who declared that he would be better to give a notice of motion than to go on a spree.

Desires Like "Nation."

During the debate he had heard Canada described as a nation. He preferred the phrase "Dominion within the empire." The word nation implied of separation, and he trusted that Canada would continue to live under the good old Union Jack.

The adjournment was moved by W. S. Goggin for Hon. W. R. Emmerson.

**MANY MEETINGS FOR
THE CITY COUNCIL**

The Mayor and Aldermen Will Be Kept Busy for a Month.

For the next month, the city council will have many meetings, and the larger number of them will be long sessions. The estimates will have to be considered, and the rate struck. The inaugural meeting will be held tonight when the heads of the different spending bodies under the council meet the finance committee to informally discuss the situation.

On Friday evening, the water commissioners will meet the council, and take up the question of a chief engineer. This session will be a long one. The week following all the committees will meet, and the next week a decision will be made towards settling the estimates down to a reasonable size.

**IMPROVEMENTS
TO BE CURTAILED**

Local Improvement Debentures Charges Amount Now to About \$16,000 a Year.

HOW THE SCHEME WORKS

Council This Year Will Not Be Able To Do Very Much in Regard To Saving on This Account.

The local improvement debentures are causing a great deal of talk at the city hall, and the statement is freely made that it is the amount of money paid each year for interest and sinking fund on these that keeps the tax rate high.

As a matter of fact the local improvement charges do not amount to a mill on the dollar of the tax rate. Last year the sum of \$16,870.38 was paid out of the tax rate for this purpose, while in 1908 the sum of \$15,819.12 was paid out.

It can readily be seen that this sum is much less than a mill on the tax rate each year, which is computed at \$25.00.

The Consolidation.

This is due to the consolidation act of 1906. Prior to that time the city's share of the local improvement debentures came out of the general fund. There was no renewal of debentures. It had reached considerable sums of money. In 1902 the sum of \$16,233.74 was taken from the tax rate. In 1903 the sum reached \$19,837.31. In 1904, \$22,930.24, and in 1905 it reached \$27,242.94, much over a mill.

Then the debenture debt was consolidated. Under that act the city had power to reissue local improvement debentures.

A considerable drop was made in the amount taken from the tax rate—in fact, in that year the rate was very low.

Debt Increases.

Owing to the large increase in the amount of sidewalks laid there has been a gradual increase in the debenture debt. As mentioned above the sum of \$15,819 was paid out in 1908, while in 1909 the sum of \$16,870 was paid out.

The renewals amount to a considerable sum. In 1906 the city paid out the sum of \$44,532.12 in debentures. The sum of \$29,042 was reissued. In 1909, the sum of \$49,250 was paid out, and the sum of \$32,378.62 reissued.

But the worst has passed so far as the debenture debt is concerned. There has been a decreasing amount of walks laid each year, and there will not be nearly so much curb and gutter laid as in the past.

City Engineer Graydon has warned council after council that the local improvement rate was growing too rapidly, and the advice he gave is being heeded at last.

The reason for the extension of the life of the debenture is that a sidewalk will last for more than ten years. The life time of the original debentures. The renewal practically makes the life of the debentures co-extensive with the lifetime of the walks—the proper method.

It is not likely that the council will be able to effect a very great saving in local improvement in the future, although in the future a noticeable saving will accrue.

JAKE SCHAEER DEAD.

Denver, Col., March 8.—"Jake" Schaefer, the noted billiard player, died here this afternoon of tuberculosis.

UNCLE SAM'S CROPS.

Washington, March 8.—The quantity of the 1909 wheat crop in farmers' hands was about 23.5 per cent, equivalent to 173,344,000 bushels, compared with 21.66 per cent, or 143,698,000 bushels, of the 1908 crop on hand, March 1, 1909, and 23.8 per cent, or 152,571,000 bushels, the average for the past ten years according to the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture.

The quantity of corn is estimated at 27.4 per cent, equivalent to 1,350,865,000 bushels, compared with 29.5 per cent, or 1,047,763,000 bushels, last year, and 38.2 per cent, 925,386,000 bushels, the past ten years' average; and of oats, 33.1 per cent, equivalent to 363,159,000 bushels, compared with 34.6 per cent, 278,847,000 bushels, last year, and 36.4 per cent, 310,763,000 bushels, the past ten years' average.

SLIGHTLY DEMENTED.

Hamilton, March 8.—Charles Winslow went to the office of the Bell Telephone Company this morning and made an offer to buy out the company for \$100,000. He appeared to be very serious and the company officials at first did not know what to make of him. It was finally gleaned that he was slightly demented, and the police took him to the cells. The magistrate allowed him to go after hearing the circumstances of the case.

**NEAT CLEAN UP
ON GILLIES LOT**

Bought From Government for \$10,000 and Sold for \$317,000.

THOSE AUTOMOBILES

That of Mr. J. F. Beck, of London, Was Transferred Direct to Hydro Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 8.—It developed in the public accounts committee yesterday that the Whitney Government are either playing the role of Father Bountiful or they have a stupid set of mining experts in their employ.

In the last session of the House, Sir James Whitney made a very stirring plea to the effect that the Gillies lot was to remain the people's heritage for ever, and many high-sounding phrases of the like sort were used.

After the general elections word was sent out that part of the limit was to be sold by tender. The Government had had experts at work for years, and their reports were received at headquarters. However, section 22 was sold to Young & O'Brien for the sum of \$10,500, rather a small sum, it was thought at the time.

A Nice Clean-Up.

Yesterday Mr. J. C. Elliott, M.P.P. for West Middlesex, had Mr. Young on the stand. It developed that Mr. Young and his partner had spent in round figures \$3,500 on the section, and had then sold it for \$300,000, a clean-up of \$296,500 from April to October of this year.

The statement made a deep impression on the committee. It was especially impressive, owing to the fact that the House had no intimation that the Government had any intention of disposing of the limit. There were only two conclusions to be arrived at—either the Government had not made a proper survey of the properties, or they had not made a good sale.

The Auto Purchase.

Mr. Elliott went into the matter of the automobile purchased for the hydro-electric commission. The deputy provincial secretary was placed in the box, and it was shown that the automobile owned by Mr. J. Fritz Beck was transferred direct to the hydro-electric commission. The records must show from whom the transfer is made and to whom. There was no mention of an intermediate party. The numbers on the automobile were changed. Mr. Sothman's auto was also transferred direct to the commission, according to the records. The old number on this machine was changed also, as in the case of Mr. Beck's auto.

The probings are creating much discussion in the House, and the Liberal Opposition, particularly Mr. Elliott, Mr. Macdougall and Mr. McKewen, are showing great aptitude in bringing to light most important facts regarding certain transactions.

**COL. HODGINS
WASN'T PLEASED**

Breach of Military Etiquette Committed by Automobile Show Well Wishers.

USE OF THE ARMORIES

Militia Department May Grant the Request, and It May Not—The Situation to Date.

Nothing definite has been received from the minister of militia regarding the application of London automobile men to hold a show in the armories during the last week in March.

Some days ago an application was sent direct to the minister asking for the use of the armories.

Later a telegram was received by the promoters to the effect that the armories would not be granted unless the application came through Col. Hodgins, D. O. C.

An application was then made by the promoters to Col. Hodgins. The latter was none too well pleased, it is stated, that an application was sent to Ottawa over his head, and some plain facts were stated by the colonel at the interview.

Protect the Floor.

However, he agreed to send the application to Ottawa, with his recommendation that it be granted provided, that the floor of the armories be protected.

No response has been received to that request. It is being supported by Major Beattie and Mr. John Tolmie, M. P. for North Bruce, and it is thought more than probable that an auto show will be held in the city during the last week of the month.

"We are hopeful that our request will be granted," said one of the promoters. "The citizens are greatly interested in the project, and if we have the armories it is bound to be a great success."

THE WEATHER**TOMORROW—FAIR.**

PORTCASTS.

Today—Fine and moderately cold.

Thursday—Winds becoming strong and northerly; local snowfalls by evening.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Low.	High.
London	48	42	38	48
Victoria	48	42	38	48
Calgary	48	42	38	48
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Port Arthur	48	42	38	48
Perry Sound	48	42	38	48
Toronto	48	42	38	48
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