

MIDDLESEX ASSIZES ENDED

Business Soon Concluded After Emerson's Case Was Decided.

Two Persons Sent to the Central-Suit Against Street Railway Company Goes Over—Several Cases Settled Without Trial—Good Words for the Management of the Jail and Insane Asylum.

The business of the Middlesex fall assizes was completed on Saturday afternoon, immediately after the murder trial, which will stand in the history of London as one most exceptional in character. The court room was practically deserted by the crowds that thronged the place from the beginning of the trial until its end. The finale was marked by an occurrence seldom witnessed in a British court of justice, bringing to a sudden termination the proceedings of the occasion, and characterized by conduct that, from court officials and those most interested, received pronounced commendation. To those who have had many years' experience in London's court house, say they never saw such an occurrence there before, and hope never to see it repeated.

When silence permitted, the business of the court was resumed. At 3.30, George Donaghy, who pleaded guilty to assaulting and wounding P. C. McDonald, and David Stewart, of Front street, South London, who pleaded guilty to an attempted indecent assault upon Miss Maude Thompson near Clark's bridge, while she was on her way home from church, were brought up for sentence.

When they had been arraigned, Mr. Louis F. Heyd, Q.C., moved for the sentence of the court upon the prisoners.

George Donaghy, when asked by the judge if he had anything to say in his own behalf, replied: "I would ask, your worship, to let me off, or make the sentence as lenient as you can. It was drink that got me into this trouble."

The judge—Yes, and it will get you into trouble again.

Prisoner—No, sir; I'll never touch it again!

Judge—It is said that you were convicted of a crime similar to this, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

Donaghy remained silent for a moment, and then admitted the truth of the statement. He said he knew his record was against him, but he asked for another chance.

The judge—You had better be careful. The third time may be your last, and deprive you of your liberty for a very long period. The crown has been very lenient with you. The judgment of the court is that you be imprisoned in the Central Prison for six months.

"David Stewart," said the judge, "have you any thing to say why the judgment of the court should not be passed upon you for the in-

dictable offense of which you are guilty?"

Prisoner—Your lordship, it is the first time I have ever been in any trouble, and it was liquor that got me into this. I have a wife and family, and I hope I will never get in any more trouble.

The judge—I am sorry for your wife and family—everybody must be—and I am sorry for you; but I cannot pass over a crime of this kind. I dare not give you a light formal sentence, you having pleaded guilty of attempting a crime that most women would sacrifice their lives to prevent. In some countries it is not safe for a decent woman to go out alone on the public highways after dark. That state of things does not exist in Canada, and things does not exist in the public mind that would give an encouragement to that state of things. The law must be administered, so that every woman may feel that she is as safe on the public highway as in her own home, if need be, at night or in the day. In the public interest and under the circumstances in your favor of previous good character, and not forgetting your unfortunate wife and family, the court's judgment is that you be imprisoned in the Central Prison for 12 months.

Wm. Griffiths, tried on a charge of stealing harness from Thomas Webb, of London township, was honorably acquitted.

McKenzie vs. McDonald—An action to have a certain lease annulled and void, and for possession of the land leased, being part of lot 3, con. 3, Nissouri, on the ground of breach of covenant. Judgment for the plaintiff without costs. Buchner for plaintiff, Love & Dignan for defendants.

In the case of J. B. C. Franks, charged with theft, the crown offered no evidence, and consented to judgment for the accused, on the latter agreeing not to bring any action.

Moore vs. London Street Railway Company—An action to recover \$2,000 damages, and on which the petit jury failed to answer certain questions put by the judge, but assessed the damages to plaintiff at \$150, was argued by Mr. Hellmuth for the company and Mr. Fraser for plaintiff. The case had been left by the jury that considered it in such a condition that the judge deemed it unwise to interfere, and the case stands until the next competent court (stands in the cause), or to be settled between the parties, each paying their own costs.

Hobbs vs. Harrigan—An action for administration, was settled out of court. Magee, Q.C., for plaintiff; B. Meredith for defense.

Frank H. Butler vs. O'Dell—An action arising out of a speculative deal in wheat, and to recover a certain sum was settled. Graydon for plaintiff; Hellmuth for defense.

Mayell vs. Dymont—An action to recover \$3,000 on alleged loss on account of breach of contract, was settled and consent judgment entered. Hellmuth for plaintiff; Munro Grier for defense.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

The presentment of the grand jury was read by Col. John Macbeth, clerk of the crown, and the judge replied briefly, thanking them for the able manner in which they had performed their arduous duties. The document reads:

"We regret that some of the cases, with which we have had to deal were of a very serious nature. There were not a large number of persons accused of crime; but if, however, the guilty

were allowed to go unpunished it would seriously impair the welfare and safety of the country." They paid a tribute to Governor Boston for his management of the jail, which they had passed through and found to be a model of neatness and cleanliness. All the prisoners were in a good state physically. The inmates numbered 21—27 men and 4 women. "We would," the document goes on, "call your lordship's attention to an aged woman, who became an inmate of the jail in May, 1896, as being insane, and we would recommend her removal to the asylum; also four other inmates for the same reason. We visited the asylum, where the aged could be provided with better treatment. Such an institution would add greatly to the efficiency of the asylum, as an institution for the insane. The presentment is signed on behalf of the jury by Mr. J. E. Northcott, foreman.

PLEBISCITE RETURNS

British Columbia's Majority for Prohibition So Far is 488—Other Figures.

According to late returns South Lanark county gives: For prohibition, 1,058; against, 602; four polls to hear from.

Fraser Valley (B. C.) vote is still unknown. Wellington gives 101 for and 124 against. Total British Columbia vote so far: 4,260 for and 3,772 against; majority for, 488.

Complete plebiscite returns from the Manitoba constituencies outside of Winnipeg are not expected before early next week.

In Marquette a majority of 1,000 for prohibition is expected. Provencher will probably go several hundreds in favor of prohibition. Lisgar is also expected to roll up a large majority for prohibition. Brandon returns are incomplete, but a heavy majority for prohibition is assured.

Later plebiscite returns give L'Islet county 1,260 nays, 55 yeas. Montmagny county, 1,240 against, 32 for. Rimouski county, 1,127 against, 33 for. Beaver county, with incomplete returns, majority against, prohibition about 2,200. Portneuf county returns so far received give a majority of 278 against.

The returning officer for Bothwell county reports as follows: For, 2,066; against, 800; majority for, 1,266.

Complete returns from North Brant and Wentworth show a majority for prohibition of 1,014.

North Grey—Majority for, 1,106; one place to hear from.

Center Wellington—Over 900 majority for, with two places to hear from.

Nipissing—Majority against, 317, with four places to hear from.

South Grey—Complete returns show that only 47 per cent of the total vote of 1895 were in favor of prohibition. The correct majority is 647.

Haldimand and Monck—Complete returns: Majority for, 239.

Montmorency county, Que., gives a majority of 900 against.

Lotbiniere, Que.—For prohibition, about 100; against, 1,900; returns incomplete.

Levin county, Que.—Yes, 152; no, 2,573; majority against prohibition, 2,421.

CHECKED BY SNOW AND RAIN

The Forest Fires in Colorado Under Partial Control.

Great Loss of Life Believed to Have Resulted From the Wisconsin Conflagration—More Than 100 People Missing.

Denver, Col., Oct. 3.—Snow and rain have checked the progress of the forest fires on the main range in Colorado, and it is now thought that the further destruction of timber is prevented. At least all danger to the threatened towns is over. The temperature here has fallen perceptibly, and dispatches from the mountain towns indicate a similar fortunate change. At present nothing like a correct estimate of the damage done can be given, and it will be days before a correct statement of the losses by the fires that have been raging for a week or more can be made.

GALE AND FIRE WORK TOGETHER.

The wind was blowing yesterday at the rate of 45 miles an hour, from the southwest when the fire started at the Denver and Rio Grande freight depot at the foot of Cuahares street, and the flames spread with great rapidity. A strip four blocks from north to south, two blocks wide from east to west, was burned over. The Antlers Hotel, one of the largest in the west, several lumber yards and two blocks of business houses were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. Antlers Hotel, \$350,000; Newton Lumber Company, \$60,000; Crisley & Fowler Lumber Company, \$30,000; El Paso Lumber Company, \$25,000; Irving & Sons, blacksmiths, \$20,000; Denver and Rio Grande Railway, \$30,000; Gulf depot, \$5,000; Home Hotel, \$3,500. General losses of business firms and individuals not enumerated above, \$450,000. The fire started in a pile of rubbish underneath the platform of the Denver and Rio Grande freight depot. Within five minutes it had communicated to freight cars standing at the depot, and it spread so rapidly that it was impossible to move any of the cars. Half a car of powder exploded and scattered fire in all directions.

IN THE WOODS.

A special from Red Cliff says nothing is heard in Eagle county but talk of fire from all sections. From reports of new territory in the grasp of the flames, there will be little timber left to tell the tale. A new county sending volumes of fire and smoke heavenward is Bear Willow—Lake Creeks, a magnificent stretch of forest. Ranchmen on Gore Creek are having a desperate time saving their homes. Among the side hills near Minturn, even the ground is burning. Cattlemen are getting their cattle into unburned districts as rapidly as possible, and even then are compelled to keep a close watch on them and keep them moving. A regular gale is blowing throughout the country, which means the fast traveling fire will be driven forward a hurricane of flames.

IN WISCONSIN.

A special from Rice Lake says relief parties are now out through the border districts south and west of Milwaukee. The loss of life from the disastrous forest fires can not now be estimated, but it will be great.

SCORES OF LIVES LOST.

More than 100 persons are missing. Many dead bodies have been found, and they are unclaimed beyond recognition. The remains of one man named Nelson were found today at the bottom of a well where he had gone to escape the fire. At another place a woman and two children were found in a well. The woman was so badly burned that she will die. At another place where a man had been plowing in a field his charred remains and the carcasses of his horses were found. All the cattle, horses and other stock in a large district have been burned to death. Even the wild animals could not escape the flames. The wind was southeast, and blowing at a rate of 40 miles an hour. Fires are now raging in the hardwood timber lands between this city and Cumberland.

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he said "I'm guilty," and after giving him a lecture, fined him \$433, or ten days' imprisonment. His mother explained the mistake, and Magistrate Bartlett gave instructions to the chief of police not to enforce the sentence.

There died in Sarnia, on Friday, Sept. 30, Isabella Mackenzie, wife of Archibald Gray. Deceased was born at Appin, Argyleshire, Scotland, and has been a resident of Sarnia for many years.

Mike Kew, a driver for the Parleian steam laundry at Brantford, had a close call for his life on Saturday. His rig was struck by an engine on the T. H. and B., but he jumped and escaped injury.

The estate of the late Thomas James, of Brantford, amounting to \$25,000, is divided between his sons, Dr. William T. George A. Edwin R., and Charles F., and his grandson, Thomas M., of New York, son of Dr. James.

W. N. Watson, Seaford, received word last week confirming the report of the death of his son Henry. Deceased enlisted in the American army at St. Paul, and went to Manila, where he contracted fever and died in the hospital at that city.

The Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway will ask townships of Orford, Aldboro, Dunwich and Southwold, and the town of Dutton and the city of St. Thomas for bonuses to assist in extending the road from the present terminus at Ridgeway to the city.

A barn owned by George Wiles, Paisley, and rented by George Wiles, was burned Friday night, with the season's crop. The fire was caused by the dropping of a lantern in the hay mow. Loss on barn, \$1,000; insurance, \$600. Contents, loss, \$1,600; insurance, \$1,000.

Another attempt is to be made by the Windsor school board to induce the colored people to accept a school of their own. They promise them a school for their use and colored teachers and janitor, and they will be allowed to run the school as suits themselves. No action has yet been taken.

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