

## FINANCIAL MARKETS

STICK PLAYS STAR PART  
IN WRIGHT-WAY DAMAGE  
SUIT BEFORE ASSIZES

Question at Issue Is "Did Gordon Wright Have His Cane in His Hand When T. M. Way Struck Him With Hoe?"

## DEFENDANT DECLARES BLOW ACCIDENT

Hearing of the Wright-Way damage action was resumed before Hon. Justice Masten at the spring assizes this morning, and will likely be concluded late this afternoon.

Mr. Wright is claiming \$3,000 for injuries alleged to have been received when struck on the head with a hoe in the hands of Thomas M. Way on the afternoon of Aug. 29 last, while the plaintiff was gathering pears from an orchard on his wife's property adjoining to Mr. Way's house.

The plaintiff claims he did not have his cane in his hand when Mr. Way hit him, but that he had left it in the front of the house. The defence this morning, through several witnesses, sought to prove that Mr. Wright did carry his cane back to the orchard. Mr. Way declares it was while trying to ward off a blow from Mr. Wright's cane that the hoe struck his (the plaintiff's) head. John Farr, who was attracted to the orchard by the noise, also swears that Mr. Wright had the cane in his hand, while Helen Patterson told of watching Mr. Wright going to the street after the occurrence with the cane in his hand.

Walter Weston, a boy of ten, the star witness for the plaintiff, declared on the stand yesterday afternoon that the cane was lying across a basket of pears while Mr. Wright was back in the orchard and when Mr. Way is alleged to have struck the plaintiff the blow with the hoe.

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Dr. John Ferguson, the first witness called for the plaintiff this morning, told of attending Mr. Wright and dressing a wound in his head. The plaintiff asked if he was suffering from a blow, the doctor stated:

"Was he suffering from nervousness?" W. H. Henderson, counsel for the plaintiff, asked.

"Yes," answered Dr. Ferguson, "trematic neurosis."

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"What about the plaintiff's weight?" Can you say anything about that?" counsel queried.

"He is overweight, of course," was the answer, and on further questioning stated that the plaintiff was just as subject to neurosis as were thin people. In his opinion, Mr. Wright is

suffering at present from trematic neurosis.

Counsel for the defence then called Mr. Way, the defendant, to the stand. Mr. Way is 73 years of age, he said, and up till seven years ago, when he moved to London, had been a farmer all his life.

"Under the agreement you drew up with Mrs. Wright you purchased 45 feet and the house?" Albert Judd asked.

"Yes."

"And part of the agreement was that you could have the use of the other lot next door?"

"Yes."

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seeking for a boy who left his home in Orford.

Children's Aid officials and police of Western Ontario are seeking Roy Hillman, 16, who yesterday morning left his foster home at lot 18, concession 10, Orford Township, Kent County. Mrs. Minnie McPhail, with whom the boy had been living, is at a loss to know why Roy "hit the trail," fortified with only a .32 calibre rifle and a little cash.

Inspector W. E. Kelly, of the Children's Aid Society in London, was surprised when he was notified of the boy's disappearance, for annually the report on the boy, who was given to Mrs. McPhail by the local society ten years ago, has been most favorable.

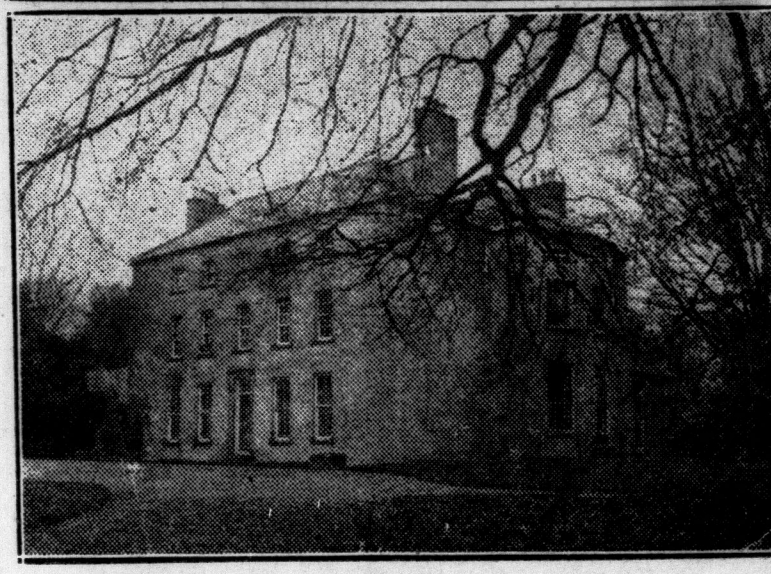
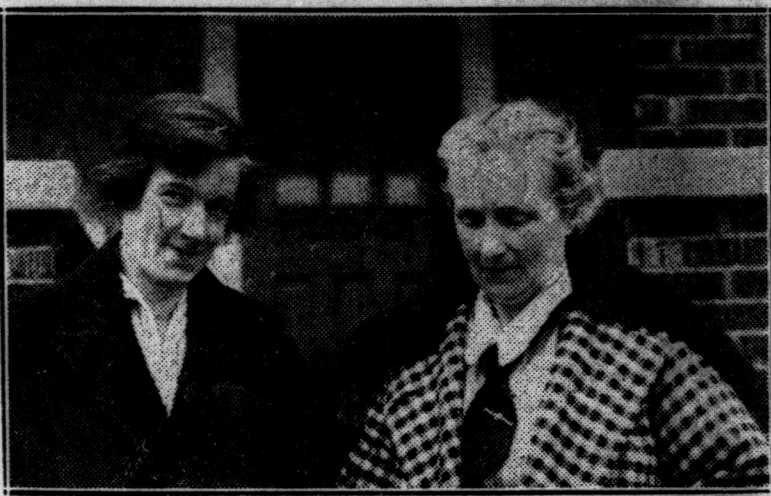
Mrs. McPhail stated that the boy had been violent, and had been expressed a wish to go elsewhere.

When he left home, young Hillman was attired in a dark brown hunter's hat and coat, khaki trousers, a home made red and black flannel shirt, and black shoes. The boy's complexion is fair.

Mr. Kelly believes the boy will return or that he has succumbed to the spring travelling fever, and may have decided to visit Chatham, Sarnia, or even London.

Those who are conducting a search for the boy, ask that anyone able to furnish information about the lad, communicate with Mrs. Minnie McPhail, Glenora, R. R. No. 3, or phone Ridgeway Central 621, ring 2 and 3, or inform Mr. Appleyard of the Children's Aid at Chatham, or Inspector Kelly of London.

Inspector Kelly stated his office would stand the expense any message regarding the boy might entail.



**FLED FROM IRELAND BECAUSE OF "IRREGULARS."**

The Advertiser's photograph here presents Mrs. E. C. Maxwell (left) and her daughter, Mrs. David Mackey, now residing in London, who fled from Ireland to escape the persecutions of the Irish irregular forces. The lower picture shows "Hollyhill," the ancestral home of Mrs. Maxwell's family, from which they fled to Canada. The picture to the right shows W. H. M. Sinclair, Mrs. Maxwell's brother, now British consul-general at Philadelphia. The picture was taken at "Bonnygleng," Mr. Sinclair's home in Ireland, which was recently burned by irregular troops. It was in this home that irregulars recently dispersed a family gathering, ordering the guests, on pain of violence, to leave at once. See story on Page 2.

Wife Trails Her Husband  
To New Home In Detroit

George Loughrey and Elsie Stevenson Arrested for Breach of Immigration Laws—Charge Girl Tried To Break Up Home.

George Loughrey, 50, and married, formerly of 297 King street, and Elsie Stevenson, 21, telephone operator, address unknown, are in the custody of Detroit police, charged with violating the immigration laws. They were first tried to break up the home of Frank Loughrey, only son of the man now in custody. She failed.

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Telephone Operator.

She gave her occupation as a telephone operator, but as she was not employed by the new year dawned she decided to follow another pursuit. One morning she answered an advertisement for a domestic worker. However, she returned to the Loughrey home and said she had not taken the position as she was ill. How-

ever, illness did not prevent her from playing the piano.

Four weeks ago the Loughrey families vacated their home at 297 King street; four weeks ago Elsie Stevenson and George Loughrey disappeared.

Before they left London they informed friends they intended to go to Cleveland.

Soon after the disappearance, Mrs. Loughrey left for Windsor. While there she was seen by a friend, who told her that her husband and the Stevenson girl had gone into the city.

Watches for Husband.

Day after day she wandered through the Michigan metropolis, always watching for the erring husband and the girl who had stolen his affections.

Tuesday afternoon her watching was rewarded. She saw husband and girl strolling along the street. She hid until they passed. Then she trailed them to the Grand River avenue house. Detectives did the rest.

He told Detroit officials his mission was to rescue his father from the clutches of the Stevenson girl. He had spread for him and into which he had so willingly walked.

George Loughrey was formerly employed at the Grand Trunk round house and is reported to have been a steady worker. His son is a G. T. R. employee.

Seven men rescued during small fires.

Priest and Three Others Are Saved With the Aid of Ladders.

Canadian Press Despatch.

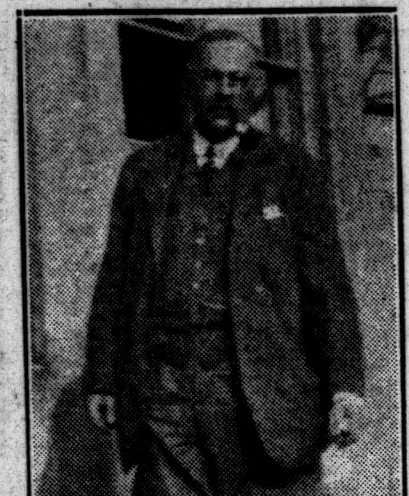
Toronto, March 21.—Seven men were rescued by firemen in the course of the early hours of this morning in this city. In one of them at Newman Hall University Club there were some particularly exciting scenes when fire was discovered in the cellar when all the occupants were sound asleep on the floors above. Rev. Father John E. Burke, the rector of Newman Hall, was trapped on the second floor with three other men, and were rescued via the ladder route when the firemen came. Others on the third floor were helped out via the balcony. The flames had spread with astonishing rapidity up the stairway, but were extinguished by the firemen without much further damage. The cause has not been ascertained.

There were two other fires in factories, from one of which the watchman, Thomas Shields, was rescued by the firemen.

Rotary bombards city to get daylight-saving.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, March 21.—By unanimous vote, members of the Rotary Club of Montreal, at their meeting here today, decided not only to support and work for daylight saving time, but to secure petitions to this effect from employees and to bombard the city council with them in an effort to induce it to reconsider its previous decision against the summer time adoption.



**EDUCATION BOARD MEETS TO REVISE 1923 ESTIMATES**

Members Will Gather for Special Meeting This Afternoon.

WILL NOT BUY LOT

Empress Avenue School Will Accommodate All West Students.

Estimates of the board of education will be reconsidered and revised at a special meeting of the board this afternoon.

Slight changes in the amounts set aside for interest and sinking fund on the debenture debt will be made to meet the cost of erecting a new school in London West, provision for which was not made in the original estimates.

It is not expected, however, that the change will increase the estimates over the original amount, as the addition of \$180,000, which will be required for the new public school, will be more than counter-balanced by the elimination of \$220,000, which had been requested for a new Collegiate Institute in the east end of the city.

Might Be Eliminated.

In the original estimates, too, provisions were made for debentures amounting to \$200,000 for the purchase of a new site in West London, and the immediate building of a school, this amount might also be eliminated. It was pointed out by an official of the board that a sufficient amount to meet regulations of the present Empress Avenue School, a house which serves as an annex, and the property connected with both, to meet the cost of a new and larger site.

Some arguments have been advanced by residents in that section of the city that the present site should be retained, in that it is central and seems adequate to serve the purpose. But members of the board and school officials are unanimous in the opinion that the property while satisfactory as to location, is much too small. More than three acres of land will be required to provide room for a 20-room school which eventually will be built, and a playground large enough to meet regulations. The present site is little more than one acre in extent.

Will Add Rooms.

The new Empress Avenue School will be built large enough to care for the whole of West London. Additional rooms will be added as the population in that section of the city grows.

The decision of the city council to grant a debenture issue to cover the cost of adding four rooms to Boyle School, the completion of Trafalgar Street School, and to cover the cost of two new rooms added to Tecumseh School, and one at Pottersburg already completed, assures sufficient accommodation to relieve the congestion in the public schools for many months to come.

According to Senior Inspector V. K. Greer, the state containing the building program relative to public schools has been wiped clean.

The trustees are still urging the erection of a new college, but they have little hopes of securing it this year. From present indications, the matter will be dropped over until 1924.

OTTAWA GREETSPRING WITH HEAVY SNOWSTORM

Ottawa, March 21.—Spring was ushered in here wearing a mantle of snow and otherwise looking altogether out of place.

In spite of the fact that old King St. is supposed to enter the vernal equinox today, old man winter simply refused to be ousted, and responded by a heavy snow storm, which slowed down traffic and kept street cleaners going all night.

SEVEN FRENCH KILLED WHEN TRAIN DERAILED

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Berlin, March 21.—Seven French trainmen were killed today when freight was derailed near Bochum, according to reports reaching here.

MRS. HARDING'S PHYSICIAN ORDERS COMPLETE REST

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Associated Press Despatch.

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**AGAIN CONSIDERING POLICE BOARD CHANGE**

Council Has Elective Commission Before It Again This Afternoon.

In special session this afternoon the city council again considers the "elective form of police commission."

This follows the announcement that March 28 has been set by Attorney-General Ranney as the day when he will meet representatives from the various cities that desire a change in their present form of police commission.

At least 20 cities will be represented, the mayor declared today enthusiastically, "and I feel sure that we shall have action as we desire this afternoon."

"The question will be considered today, however, and we'll register our approval, I am confident. I believe that we can anticipate serious objection from but three or possibly four of our council, led by Ald. Judd."

COL. W. M. GARTSHORE WRITES FROM SYDNEY

In Letter to George M. Reid, Tells of Business Conditions in Antipodes.

George Reid has just received a most interesting letter from Col. W. M. Gartshore from Sydney, Australia, in which the colonel says that in a general survey of trade conditions there he was struck by the popularity of the Ruggles Motor Truck.

The Sydney agency of the Ruggles Company, he says, is going great guns and he believes the possibilities of increasing this part of Canadian export trade to be almost unlimited.

George Reid this morning pointed out the need of export trade in this country, not only from the point of view of a greater volume of business, but also because it means a constant twelve months in the year demand, keeping the factory busy and the full pay roll employed.

Within the past month, Secretary May of the Rotary Club has received letters from Rotary in Sydney, Australia, and Auckland, New Zealand, telling him that Col. William Gartshore had visited their organizations.

The Auckland Club expressed the hope that Col. Gartshore would tell local Rotarians of the system of entertainment employed in the Antipodes.

Col. Gartshore is expected back in London at the end of the month.

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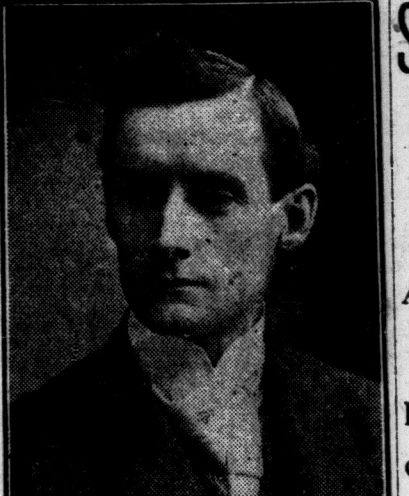
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**CITY'S MONEY "WIZARD."**

City Treasurer James Bell, who today is receiving much of the credit for cutting city tax rate below last year's figure.

Up to noon yesterday, as near as can be ascertained, there were but two persons in the wide, wide world, who knew definitely that the 1923 tax rate would drop below 34.9 points. They were James Bell, city treasurer, and Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee.

A few weeks previous there was a way to reduce the rate to an appreciable degree, if it came to a pinch. That was the city treasurer. He was not quite positive as to the legality of the undertaking, but he was yesterday, and the result is that the councilors in special session this afternoon are able to accede to the clamoring of the populace for a decreased tax rate.

Municipal experts who have surveyed the situation, since the treasurer's announcement at last night's council session, give as their unbiased opinion that the city treasurer deserves untold credit, not because he "discovered" the loophole, but by reason of his foresight and judgment several years ago when the debentures were issued under the circumstances which make possible their retirement today.

With his characteristic modesty, the city treasurer today explained that he had refrained from public utterance until he was positive that the project could be undertaken.

**Lady Carnarvon Abandons Flight**

Takes Ship at Marseilles—Lord Carnarvon Improves.

Associated Press Despatch.

Marseilles, March 21.—Lady Carnarvon, abandoning the idea of flying by airplane and hydroplane, so as to be with her husband, the Earl of Carnarvon, arrived here today from Lyons, where she had been turning to London. The earl is suffering from blood-poisoning, believed to have been caused by an insect bite.

News of Lord Carnarvon's improvement was so reassuring that Dr. Sneyd, the family physician, has decided it will be unnecessary for him to continue to Egypt, and is returning to London. The earl is suffering from blood-poisoning, believed to have been caused by an insect bite.

**FRENCH PRESS CLAIMS GERMANY IS WEAKENING**

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Paris, March 21.—French newspapers are assisting the French, burgomasters are ordering German newspapers to publish it, and many workers are co-operating with troops, the Paris press claims.

lost her, when one day—well, perhaps Oswald might tell it.

"One Sunday afternoon, a little over a month ago, a neighbor next door came in, with the News of the World, and thinking we would like to read it. The first item my eyes fell on was one mentioning my own name in the lost heirs' column, which I read at once."

"Howlett & Whitehead, a law firm in London, I would hear something to my advantage."

"I can't say I lost too time in letting them know my whereabouts. A little later I had a reply, stating that I was a beneficiary in an estate of something over two million dollars left by my uncle in England, who died twenty years ago. The money was originally willed over to my father, but he predeceased my uncle by two years. Two other brothers living in England and myself are the next of kin, and my share is supposed to be about seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

**St. Catharine's Man Is Heir To Inheritance of \$750,000**

A Chance Look at an English Paper Changes Poverty Into Wealth for John Colis Osborn.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Catharines, March 21.—"I'm going to take life easy now for a few days," said John Colis Osborn, of this city, registering a smile of contentment that shone from a zenith of happiness, as he related to The Advertiser a story that would make any popular novel read like a government report.

Two weeks ago Osborn, a married man of 38 years of age, with a wife and four children, felt himself in straitened circumstances, barely earning enough in the employ of a local printing firm to support his family by tramping from door to door soliciting orders for next year's calendars.

Today he is awaiting the receipt of a fortune of about seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, left by an uncle, who died in England twelve years ago. Up until some weeks ago no trace of Osborn could be found, and he was about to be given up as a



**STEEL COMPANY OFFICES RAIDED BY STOCKHOLDERS**

Angry Outbreak After Announcement That Holdings Were Swept Away.

RECORD NO PROFITS

Charge Dividends Were Paid Out of Stock Sale Funds.

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, March 21.—Angry stockholders besieged the offices of the L. R. Steel Company today, following the unofficial announcement yesterday that the holdings of 60,000 investors in all parts of Canada and the United States had been swept away. Many of them carried company pamphlets lauding Steel and promising great profits. Some of the literature was issued only a few days before the crisis, that forced Steel out of his enterprises and the companies into a receivership.

Charles Daugherty, chairman of the stockholders' protective committee, told the stockholders that every step was being taken to protect their interest.

"If we don't get back any of our money and we probably will not, we will certainly force criminal and civil prosecution against the heads of the Steel companies," he declared.

No Profits.

Records of the company show that several dividends were paid when the flood of gold was rolling in upon the Steel Companies from the sale of stock. The records also show that in none of the stores, cafeterias, candy and coffee shops, in many cities of the United States made any profit.

Hence the stockholders assume the dividends were paid out of stock sale funds.

This is a felony under the state laws, and punishable as a term in state prison. Mr. Daugherty said that provision of the law under which criminal action against the Steel executives is contemplated.

James H. Hazel, a federal court, has signed an order giving the receivers of the L. R. Steel Company until April 17 to pay to the E. E. Nelson Stores of New England \$250,000 now due as the balance of the original purchase price, declared to be \$1,000,000, \$750,000 paid.

Of that amount \$750,000 has already been paid, the receivers say. Unless arrangements are made to meet the unpaid balance, the Nelson stores will resort to the original owners, thereby wiping from the books of the Steel Company another million, which has been listed at several million.

Leonard Steel is said to be still at his country home at Getzville. He denied himself to reporters who called at the house yesterday, and those who were caring for him said his early removal to a hospital was contemplated. His physical condition is said to be a matter of grave concern to his family and friends, the likelihood of his being able to face numerous charges in connection with the collapse of the enterprises is said to have depressed him greatly.

**FIND CHILDREN'S BODIES IN RIVER NEAR WINNIPEG**

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, March 21.—The mystery attached to the sudden disappearance of Harvey Simpson, aged 5, and Sydney, aged 4, was solved here last evening when the bodies of the two children were found by volunteer workers in the waters of the Assiniboine River, a few yards from the shore.

The body of young Morris was discovered three hours after Simpson's body had been brought to the surface.

**THE WEATHER**

Southerly winds; partly cloudy and mild today and most of Thursday. Pressure is high on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and relatively low from Lake Superior to New Mexico. The weather has been mostly fair and rather cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but has turned milder in Ontario, with light snow in some districts.

It has become somewhat colder again over the greater part of the West.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Station	High	Low	Weather
St. Catharines	48	38	Rain
Victoria	40	30	Fair
Calgary	38	28	Fair
Winnipeg	22	20	Clear
Port Arthur	28	16	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	16	14	Cloudy
Toronto	27	14	Fair
Kingston	22	18	Fair
Ottawa	28	16	Cloudy
Montreal	16	14	Cloudy
Quebec	12	2	Clear
Father Point	18	0	Clear
St. John's	28	16	Cloudy
Halifax	20	10	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 30; lowest, 4. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 30.

**Barometric Readings.**

Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.12.  
Today—8 a.m., 29.28.