

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.

BERLIN, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1911.

CROWN AUTHORITIES EXAMINED FIFTEEN  
WITNESSES AT LOBINSKI MURDER INQUEST

## YESTERDAY, MADE BUT LITTLE HEADWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Nowak, One Son and One Daughter Examined, and  
All Told Practically the Same Story--Two New Witnesses  
Tell of Seeing a Team of Horses Pass on the Night  
of the Murder

Seven Hundred Spectators Crowded Into the Township Hall and Two Hundred  
Were Unable to Obtain Admission. Inquest Was Further Adjourned  
Until Wednesday, February 15th.

Staff Correspondence.)  
If the Crown Officials have anything up their sleeve in connection with the murder of Franz Lobinski, they certainly did not show it yesterday, and it is the opinion of many that the Crown is just as much at sea regarding the perpetrators of the deed as is the general public.  
Fifteen witnesses were examined yesterday, including a number who had given evidence at the first sitting of the inquest. None of these, however, could or would throw any additional light on the circumstances surrounding the crime.  
A great deal of attention was given to the members of the Nowak family yesterday. The father, mother, Philip and one daughter, Miss Kate, were examined. They gave evidence in a straightforward manner, and nothing of importance was contained in their evidence. Mrs. Nowak, owing to her imperfect understanding of English, contradicted herself several times in minor details. The other members of the family were excluded from the Court Room while evidence was being given, yet all told substantially the same story.  
Big Day at Wellesley.

It was a big day at Wellesley. Expecting sensational developments the farmers from miles around were in attendance. They began to arrive early in the morning, and by noon the hotel stables were overflowing, while the main street of the village was lined on both sides with cabs, sleighs and other vehicles. It required hours to feed the large crowd of hungry farmers.  
As early as 12.30 the crowd began to move to the Township Hall, determined to have a front seat, even at the price of waiting for an hour and a half.

Many Turned Away.  
Long before two o'clock the hall was crowded, and the late arrivals gathered in a small room at the back of the platform. When the officials arrived at 2.30 fully 700 persons had distributed themselves in various parts of the building, while another 200 had turned away.  
Unfortunately those at the rear of the hall found it impossible to keep quiet and as a result were ignominiously expelled into the cold.  
In the hall proper the spectators were literally packed like sardines in a tin, and it was almost impossible for the constables to maintain order. A threat that the hall would be cleared had the necessary effect, however.

The only new evidence brought out yesterday was that of two neighbors of the murdered man who said they had seen a rig pass on the night of the crime. Both were quite sure that it was a team of horses and a cutter, and that it was going pretty fast.  
A witness named Runstetter told of going to the Nowak home to buy a horse, on which occasion Mrs. Nowak had told him that her son Philip was in trouble, having had a fight with a man in the country.  
The inquest continued until about seven o'clock, when an adjournment was made until Feb. 15th.

It was a much disappointed crowd that left the hall. Having expected sensational developments, they were naturally not exactly satisfied with the day's proceedings.  
Mrs. Nowak, mother of Philip and Martin Nowak was the first witness. While she was giving her evidence the father, daughter, two sons and Tony Heinz were excluded from the room.  
Mrs. Nowak after being sworn, said that she lived near Berlin and was the mother of Philip and Martin Nowak. Witness knew the late Franz Lobinski about twenty years ago but had not seen him since. Lobinski was god-father to Philip Nowak, the whole family knew this. Witness had never visited Lobinski but some of the children had. The two boys and possibly one or two girls had visited him; they visited him only once that witness knew of, and on that occasion they had all gone at once. The boys who went then were Philip and Martin and the girls Katie and Lena. The visit was made early in the summer, not sure which summer—this or last, and couldn't say what month it was. The party on that occasion left the house together in the morning about nine o'clock. Didn't know whose horses they had, but thought it was Keyes. Party when they started out did not say where they were going and didn't say where they had been when they came back. Witness here denied her former statements that the two boys and girls had gone to Lobinski's. Instead she said they left Philip at home and then drove away.

had gone to visit the Dietrichs at Bamberg. None of the family had ever visited Lobinski, except on one occasion, when she thought Philip and Martin visited the old man. Witness would not say whether or not anyone accompanied the boys that time. The visit was in the summertime, but how long ago the witness couldn't say. It was either last summer or the summer before. It was on Sunday forenoon, and witness thought the rig belonged to Keyes of Waterloo. Witness here stated that she thought the visit was made last summer. The two boys and the two girls were in the party. They had left to visit Lobinski but to visit other people. Witness' sons had never to her knowledge left the house to visit Franz Lobinski, witness did not know of one particular occasion on which the boys had visited Franz Lobinski. She had never heard from anyone that Philip and Martin had visited Lobinski.

Mrs. Nowak said she remembered being in Mr. Reade's office in Berlin last week and answering some questions, but didn't know whether or not she had said Martin and Philip had visited Lobinski's. Couldn't say whether or not Philip and Martin had been in Lobinski's house. Philip or Martin had told witness that they were in Lobinski's house. Witness had been told this when the boys were there the first time either last year or this year. Mrs. Nowak didn't recollect the next time the boys were there to visit him. Didn't know of Philip, Martin and Tony Heinz ever going to Lobinski's house. Philip and Martin had told her of the house in which Lobinski lived, but didn't mention the number of rooms, did not tell her of anything Lobinski had showed them. Philip worked at home and Martin at Ahren's shoe factory. Mrs. Nowak was not sure when she first heard of Lobinski's death. Philip was at home during week in which Lobinski died, but didn't know in which week the old man had died. Philip never went out driving anywhere.

Chief O'Neil was at the Nowak house one afternoon a few days ago. It was about two o'clock, another man was with him. Didn't know whether two other men had been at the house.

## Kate Nowak.

Being sworn, said she lived in Berlin and was a brother of Philip and Martin Nowak. Witness did not know Franz Lobinski, but had been told by her mother and father that he was a god-father to Philip, but Martin and Philip lived. Witness had two sisters, one married and living in Berlin, and the other in Ballston, N. Y.; this sister had been away for about seven years and came back again this summer, none of the girls were ever at Lobinski's. Martin and Philip had been out twice that witness knew of. The last time, about two years ago her brothers were accompanied by Clemens and Pross Dietrich. They went away in the morning and came back at night after the others had gone to bed. Martin and Philip had spoken of their visit, telling of the kind of house Lobinski lived in, and said that they had talked outside of the house, but didn't go inside. Philip's mother had told him to go and see his god-father before he died. Philip hadn't talked much about the trip. About eight or nine weeks ago Philip, Martin and one of the Dietrichs had visited Lobinski again. The two sisters and brothers had driven as far as John Dietrich's, where the girls were left and Clemens Dietrich and the two boys drove over to Lobinski's, and walked back to Dietrich's. They were away about an hour and a half. It was about a mile and a half from Dietrich's to Lobinski's said they saw him outside, and said they were there about ten minutes. Philip worked at home and Martin in the shoe factory. Witness, first heard of Lobinski's death by reading the paper, which said his death had occurred about two days before. On Wednesday night of that week Philip was over at Philip Karn's, a next door neighbor. He left about 7 or 7.30 and said he was going to Karn's. He came back about ten o'clock and went to bed, and was at home for breakfast in the morning. On the next night (Thursday) Philip and Tony Hintz were at Sobisch's near Waterloo. They got back about twelve o'clock and said they had been at Sobisch's. They had a sleigh and Hintz visit Lobinski. Instead she said they left Philip at home and then drove away.

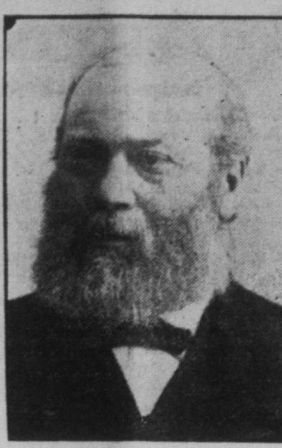
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## Dr. McEachern.

Said that in his opinion there was no possibility of the blow, which caused Lobinski's death, being self-inflicted. The immediate cause of death was hemorrhage, produced by the blows.  
Clemens Dietrich.  
Knew the Nowak family and Philip and Martin Nowak pretty well. About a year and a half ago witness and his continued on page 5.



THE LATE JACOB CONRAD.

From Thursday's Daily.

In the death of Mr. Jacob Conrad, Sr., which took place yesterday morning Waterloo loses one of its oldest and most respected citizens.

The late Mr. Conrad was born on Sept. 5th, 1836, at Bamholder near the Rhine, Prussia, Germany, where he learned the tin-smithing trade. After serving his apprenticeship he worked in several cities in Germany, and in the year 1854 at the age of 18 years he emigrated to America. His first experience on the water was a remarkable one and after 12 days sailing he landed in New York, the beginning of May. From there he went to Buffalo where his first job was unloading stones from a canal boat. This was only followed for 2 days when he secured a situation at his trade. The wages in those days were very small indeed but with the energy and aggressiveness of a young man he struck steadily to his work. In August of the same year he was stricken with cholera which was very prevalent at the time. In April of the following year he came to Berlin and after working there a short time was in the employ of Mr. Sandy Robinson. On April 8th, 1858 he was married to Wilhelmina Kriesel, and in the same year started in business for himself in the house at present occupied by Mrs. J. Becker, daughter of the late Martin Schade, corner of King and Princess streets.

From there he moved to the premises at present occupied by his sons William and Jacob which at that time was a small two story building. This was later torn down and in the year 1888 the present 3 story building was erected to meet the growing demands of the business. He continued in the business until the year 1899 when he retired and the business was taken over by his two sons William and Jacob.

During his residence in Waterloo he has always shown the spirit of patriotism and Waterloo was always present in his mind. In the year 1870 he was elected a member of the village council which position he held for four years. In 1878 he was elected a member of the town council and held this position for 6 years. From 1884 to 1886 he was reeve and in 1887 was elected mayor of the town of Waterloo. He also held the position of reeve in 1891 and 1892.

For a great many years he was a member of the School Board and during his time as such the present trees were planted, starting from small shoots he has lived to see them mature and a certain amount of credit is due him in looking into the future with a view of a beautiful school ground for the rising generation.

For a number of years he served on the Park Board and was one of its most valued members.  
The funeral of Waterloo he was captain of the volunteer fire brigade and on two occasions was President of two Saengerfests held in Waterloo. He was an honored member of the Harmonic Singing Society and took a great interest in keeping up German songs in Waterloo. For over 40 years he has been a member of Grand River Lodge A. F. and A. M. and he was also a member of German Lodge L. O. O. F. for over 30 years.

In 1878 the deceased made his first trip to the Motherland and while in the old land paid a visit to the Exposition in Paris. He visited several large cities in England and Germany and while in his home-land he was shown over the battle-fields of Metz, Gravelott, Mars, la Tour and Spichern near Saarbrück. In 1890 he again visited Germany with his wife and daughter Ottilia. (Mrs. Dr. F. J. Weidenhammer) and after spending a few weeks in his birthplace they visited the birth-places of his wife and other cities in Germany and France.

The surviving children are, William, Caroline, (at home), Mina, (Mrs. C. Huelmergard), Lizzie, (Mrs. A. E. Sanderson), Jacob, Waterloo, Charles, (Berlin), Martha, (Mrs. E. Frey), Ottilia, (Mrs. Dr. F. J. Weidenhammer), Hawkesville, Alma, (Mrs. J. Herb. Smith) and fourteen grandchildren.

The funeral will leave his late residence King St. north, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28th, to St. John's Lutheran Church for service and thence to Mt. Hope cemetery for interment.

The above is the anniversary of the birthday of his deceased wife.

## Mrs. Christian Maas, of Weber St., Died This Morning.

An aged, well-known and highly respected resident of Berlin passed away this morning at four o'clock, in the person of Mrs. Christian Maas, (widow) Weber St. East. Deceased had been an invalid for the past twelve years. She was in her 61st year.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, at two o'clock from the residence, to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Funeral of  
The Late  
Jacob Conrad

The funeral of the late Jacob Conrad, took place this afternoon from his late residence, King Street, Waterloo to Mount Hope Cemetery.

Services at the house were conducted by Rev. Z. Beckelman, after which the members of Grand River Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the impressive Masonic services. The Harmonic Society sang during the funeral services at the house. The members of the L. O. O. F. of which Mr. Conrad was also a member, attended the obsequies in a body.

Impressive ceremonies were conducted at St. John's Church, the choir and the organist, Mrs. Spady, rendering a beautiful musical service.

The obsequies were largely attended by the relatives and friends of the deceased, who was held in the highest respect and esteem.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Dr. J. H. Webb, J. B. Hughes, George and Chas. Moog, Sr., C. W. Schiedel, J. M. Scully.

At the grave the services were conducted by the Masonic order, and these were of a beautiful and impressive nature.

Among the many floral remembrances was a wreath from the family, a sheath with red roses from the grandchildren, wreath from the L. O. O. F., wreath from the Masonic Lodge, lyre from Harmonic Singing Society, spray of carnations from Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schram, Hillsboro, Ill., spray of sweet peas from Mr. and Mrs. P. Gies, lyre from the Waterloo Musical Society.

A beautiful wreath from the family was placed on the grave of the deceased in commemoration of the anniversary of her birthday.

## Sold a Farm.

The farm on the Breslau road, east of the village, belonging to the Peter Reist estate, and consisting of 105 acres, was auctioned off at the Town Hall this morning. The successful bidder was Norman Clemens and the price \$4600.

## Mrs. Susannah Scharlach Passes Away

It is the Record's sad duty today to chronicle the death of an aged respected lady in the person of Mrs. Susannah Scharlach, relict of the late J. G. Scharlach, who died on Sunday morning, Jan. 20th inst. at 9.45 o'clock.

The deceased lady had been ill for about three weeks only. Her age was 73 years, 10 months and 20 days. Previous to her last illness she had enjoyed good health all her long lifetime.

Mrs. Scharlach was born in Hilsbach, Groshertzogtum, Baden, Germany. She and a sister, Mrs. Anna Oberholtzer, migrated to New York when the former was seventeen years of age and lived there two years. In the meantime her parents had come to Berlin from Germany and the two sisters left New York and joined the family in Berlin.

In 1856, Mr. and Mrs. Scharlach were married. The husband and father predeceased his wife 26 years ago. To them were born nine children, five of whom are dead. Those remaining to mourn a loving mother are: Mr. Jacob Scharlach, Mr. Geo. Scharlach, Mrs. Louis B. Albrecht and Miss Susannah Scharlach, all of whom are residents in Berlin.

Mrs. Scharlach has two sisters living, namely: Mrs. Anna Oberholtzer and Mrs. Christian Krueger. She lived to see sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren born.

Her friends and neighbors had a deep respect for the deceased lady. She was admired for her Christian graces. During her long lifetime, she was a faithful and consistent member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and her cheerful resignation when informed that her death was imminent proved her preparation.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. the remains will be conveyed from the family residence, 15 Mascot lane, to St. Paul's Church for service and from thence to Mt. Hope Cemetery for interment.

The Record extends its sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Hon. Adam Beck in his address before the Ottawa Canadian Club this afternoon, outlined a project by which hydro-electric power would be made available to the farmers of Ontario for farming purposes.

The hydro-electric power commission is entering upon this wider sphere of the cheap power movement.

The scheme, which is already in operation in Germany, and is being adopted in the State of Massachusetts, provides for the creation of crops, the harvesting and the heating and lighting of the farm-houses by electricity.

## Milk Cows by Hydro.

The cows are to be milked by electricity, the land fertilized by electricity and irrigated through a system operated by electric power.

The plowing, threshing, etc., is to be done by electricity.

The inauguration of this new branch of the hydro-power project is the Ontario Government's answer to the charge that cheap power is for the urban communities, and that the farmer derives no benefit from it.

## First goes to Tillsonburg.

The first step is to be taken in the dairying region below Tillsonburg, application for the necessary power having already been made.

The intention is that the commission shall carry a low power line down through the district, to be served with cross lines at intervals, over which the power is to be carried on to the farms.

The power which begins at 3,200 horsepower, will step down to 2,200 and 2,200 at the point of consumption, under the system as in use in other places. A group of farmers agree to take a maximum of power and to use the full amount alternately.

## For Domestic Purposes.

For domestic purposes, such as cooking and lighting, there will be power for simultaneous use by the group. The commission will thus be in a position to dispose of "summer power," at great advantage to the rural districts of Ontario.

Fertilization by electricity, whereby wheat has improved wheat by 45 per cent and strawberries as high as 128 per cent.

The farmer may run his cream separator and pump his water by this power. The new departure will involve no special financing by the commission. The new lines will be paid for out of the surplus now on hand, and the cross lines feeding the farms will be paid for by the users.

The farmer will get electrical energy at a price below the price of steam. He will get it at cost, paying power prices for what he uses in his kitchen, and his expenses under this head will be cut in half.

The commission will deliver this power for agricultural purposes to a rural municipality just as power is now sold to an urban municipality, the distribution being done by the municipality. To do this no additional legislation will be required, but it may be deemed advisable to obtain the necessary statutory authority for serving a small group on the same principle as was laid down in the telephone bill.

## Contemplated Some Time.

The use of electric power for farm purposes has been contemplated by the hydro-electric commission for some considerable time, and the necessary details are now being gone over by the engineers. The application of electric energy in this way will in all probability be first demonstrated at the provincial agricultural farm at Guelph, where the various devices will be in operation, plows, threshers, milkers, cream separators and so on.

The first practical use by farmers is likely to be made in the heart of the natural gas district. Ontario, it is explained, offers a more favorable field for extensive farming by the use of electricity than does Germany, where the cost of power is materially higher, but where nevertheless, the practice has been established successfully.

## Market Prices

The regular weekly market this morning brought out only a fair attendance. There were no features, such as increased prices or overabundance of produce. The following prices prevailed:

Eggs per doz.	30c
Butter per lb.	25c
Lard per lb.	18c
Cheese per lb.	16c
Limburger per cake	20c
Cream cheese per qt.	10c
Pork sausages per lb.	17c
Bologna per lb.	15c
Ham (cured) per lb.	18c
Head cheese per lb.	15c
Apples per basket 15c, 20c and 25c	
Potatoes basket	20c
Potatoes per bag	75c
Turnips	3 for 5c
Cabbage per head	5c
Sauerkraut per dish	9c and 10c
Beef in qrs. per lb.	10c and 12c
Pork in qrs. per lb.	10c and 12c
Hay per ton (1st class)	\$15.00
Hay per ton (2nd class)	\$13.00

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The County Council wound up the business of the inaugural session at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and an adjournment was made to the next meeting to be at the call of the Warden. This will be in April unless conditions arise which make an earlier session advisable.

The business yesterday afternoon was all routine, consisting only of the receiving of reports and the passing of by-laws.

All the members were present when Warden Christianman called the members to order.

## Finance Committee.

Chairman Buchanan submitted the following report, which was adopted without discussion:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to recommend:

(1) That the following accounts be paid:

Victoria Industrial School, keep of boys	\$33.86
St. John's Industrial School	
Keep of boys	26.07
Alexandra Industrial School,	

keep of girl 16.25 |

Geo. D. LaCourse, ticket for  |

Judge Chisholm, services as 5.25 |

Government Auditor 8.00 |

Stuebing & Smith, stationery 2.15 |

Clark Bros, stationery 7.55 |

John Buskard, stationery 5.00 |

Joseph Doss, stationery 2.50 |

S. R. Hart & Co., stationery 15.20 |

Municipal World, stationery 5.00 |

Jafray Bros, Ltd, printing 5.00 |

Herman Rittinger, printing 5.00 |

Reformed Printing Company  |

printing 71.85 |

Merchants Printing Company  |

printing 71.85 |

David Dean advertising  |

2 That the Clerk write to the  |

Minister of Education on behalf  |

of the Council urging the extension  |

of the vacation in rural schools to  |

Sept. 1st.  |

3 That the reward for the apprehension of horse thieves be increased to \$150.

4 That Reeve Euler be a delegate to the Trustees Association.

5 That the following grants be made, viz:

Prisoners' Aid Association \$10.00 |

Hospital for Sick Children 20.00 |

Ontario Municipal Association  |

annual fee 10.00 |

29th Waterloo Regiment 300.00 |

Hesper Poultry & Pet Stock  |

Association 25.00 |

6 That no action be taken in connection with the petition from the County of Wentworth in regard to Market fees.

7 That no action be taken in connection with the request of the Salvation Army for financial aid for their Rescue Home.

County Property.

Chairman Weaver presented his report as follows:

Berlin Water Commissioners,  |

water rates \$ 8.38 |

F. G. Lang, brooms 2.15 |

Adam Dengis repairing system 4.00 |

J. Hainsworth, plumbing repairs 4.30 |

The Bell Telephone Company,  |

rent of instruments 123.50 |

Your committee would further recommend the purchase of two additional tables for the court room, similar to those now in use.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

House of Refuge.

The following report was presented by Chairman Turnbull:

That we have considered the notes of inspection of the House of Refuge made by Dr. Bruce Smith and will look into the matter of putting in a tile floor in the men's wash room at our first meeting at the House.

That the agreement for the care of Miss Alice Brown at the Toronto Hospital for Insane be signed, the cost of maintenance to be paid monthly in advance and one half to be refunded at the end of the year by the Township of Waterloo.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Roads And Bridges.

The Roads and Bridges Committee reported as follows:

That the following account be paid:

W. I. Read, plank \$3.28 |

That the account of the County of Brant for repairs at the sink hole be left over for further investigation by the Reeve of North Dumfries.

That a grant of \$10 be made to the Ontario Good Roads Association and that the members of this committee and the County Road Superintendent be a delegation to attend the annual meeting.

That Messrs. Cassel, Gmelin and Katzenmeier along with the Warden and Clerk be a special committee to take any further action they may deem necessary to safeguard the interests of the County in the latter case.

All of which was respectfully submitted.

By-laws.

The by-law appointing County representatives to the Board of Education was given its third reading. The following were nominated: