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UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE GALLOWS.

The Fiend Who Slew Jessie Keith Captured.

CHATTELLE MAY BE "JACK THE RIPPER."

The Identification Is Almost Complete.

The Mystery of Elma Township Is Near Solution, and the Authorities Think That Almeda Chattelle, Tramp, Is the Monster Who Has Befouled the Fair Fame of Ontario—The Chain of Evidence Being Put Together Link By Link and Closely Encircling the Vile Assassin.

Stratford, Ont., Oct. 24.—Justice, which has moved with slow tread in the case of the butchery of Jessie Keith in Elma Township, near Listowell, has at last struck with an iron heel. The fiend, who was guilty of the foulest crime in Canada's history, is believed to be behind prison bars in Stratford jail, and during the 24 hours that he has been at work on the case Chief Detective John Murray of the Ontario force, has succeeded in proving that the old adage, "murder will out," is not the fiction which people have of late been beginning to regard it as. And the alleged murderer is Almeda Chattelle, the tramp who no later than last night was made the recipient of a donation raised by subscription at the hands of the Listowel people, who were looking for the butcher in order to tear him limb from limb. The evidence against the accused is all but complete. So far the evidence is made up of a chain of circumstances, God's witnesses, as it has been called, but there is not a link missing.

The Fatal Chain.

Here is what has already been established: A valise was stolen from the house of Donald McLeod at Ailsa Craig on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Chattell was seen prying around the premises on that date and a stick given to him was found in the house. Chattelle was observed by Robert Morris at 11.30 on Friday, Oct. 19, the day of the murder, walking towards the scene of the crime, and within a mile of the bush, carrying a valise, since recognized as the one stolen from McLeod's. Mrs. McLeod positively identifies as her property the valise found in the swamp and a portion of its contents. She also identifies the blood-soaked white petticoat found tightly wrapped around the neck of the dead girl, the Glengarry cap worn by the prisoner when he was arrested, the waist which Chattelle was wearing and also the waist which was in a parcel which the accused dropped just prior to his arrest at Cataract. On a knife found in the prisoner's possession are detected blood stains. The prisoner tacitly admits that he stole the valise, and that he hid it away, intending to return and get it.

Is He Jack the Ripper?

That the murderer was insane when he committed the crime there is not the slightest doubt in the minds of detectives or anyone else. There is even a suspicion growing that he is none other than Whitechapel's Jack the Ripper, and while The World is not advancing this hypothesis, there are certain facts which coincide to a remarkable degree with this theory, wild as it may seem. Chattelle has been a sailor. In his statement to the officers he explained that he had sailed all over the world, only abandoning a seafaring life two or three years ago. He is a Frenchman. The Ripper was a sailor and a foreigner. Jessie Keith had not been subjected to an outrage before or after death. The assassin had simply removed the organs. What he did with them, it is believed, will not be a secret after noon to-morrow.

Detective Murray arrived here on an early train from Listowel with a couple of witnesses who had seen the supposed murderer of the girl. Morris' identification was so positive, notwithstanding the doubts of the other half dozen people who had met the tramp, that the detective was convinced that the right man was in custody, and he arranged for Morris and a couple of others to accompany him to Stratford. Meantime he had wired Ailsa Craig for Mrs. McLeod, the owner of the valise, and Messrs. McEwan and McLean, who saw a tramp hanging about the McLeod place the day it was stolen, to meet him here, which they did.

Complete Identification.

The identification by Mrs McLeod of the various articles of clothing found concealed in the swamp near the murdered girl was positive and complete. Shortly after 10 o'clock the witness, accompanied by Government Detective Murray, Constable Woods and your reporter, visited the office of County Crown Attorney Idington. First the valise was shown to her, and she recognized it as the one stolen from her house in Ailsa Craig on Oct. 2, the day of the Ailsa Craig fair. She was equally positive as to its contents, all of which she identified as her property.

When shown the farmer's black bonnet she said, "Yes, that is it." Asked if she was sure there could be no possibility of mistake, she said, indignantly, "I have worn it long enough. I think I ought to know." "Why, those jet and feather trimmings were put on by me. Oh, no, there is no chance of mistake," she added.

Then two petticoats were shown to her. Both had originally been white, but one of them was now dyed a deep crimson by the blood which had flowed from the deep gashes in the throat of poor Jessie Keith. It was the garment that was wrapped tightly around the throat of the otherwise nude body of the victim when the searchers discovered it, hidden beneath moss and rotten wood in the Elma Swamp.

The second petticoat was found in the valise with the other articles identified by Mrs. McLeod. The nerves of the members of that little group in the County-Attorney's office were all at a tension as the witness took these petticoats in her hand to examine them, for their identification would prove beyond all doubt that the man who stole the valise was the butcher who had slaughtered the young girl. After carefully examining the garments, Mrs. McLeod remarked, "Yes, they are mine. There is no question about that. I made them and recognize the articles." The petticoats are alike and consist of simply a plain white skirt. Examining the garments, Mrs. McLeod remarked, "Yes, that is mine. I easily recognize it, for it was too short for me and I lengthened it by inserting a couple of inches of material below the head band and by tacking insertion on the bottom."

Links in the Chain.

But there was a stronger link than this to the chain. Detective Murray had in his possession an article which, if recognized by Mrs. McLeod, would prove not only that the man who stole the valise was the murderer, but that the prisoner was that man. When stripped, after being brought to Stratford Jail, Chattelle had on beneath his shirt a woman's black cashmere waist, trimmed with flowered black satin. This waist was unhesitatingly identified as her property by Mrs. McLeod. When arrested the prisoner wore a black cloth glengarry, or tam o'shanter. This cap was identified by Mrs. McLeod as the property of her husband and was stolen at the same time as the valise.

It will be remembered that when pursued by Constable Travis and a few moments before his apprehension the prisoner dropped on the track a parcel, which was afterwards found to contain among other articles a woman's black waist. This was a mate to the one the prisoner had on when he was arrested, and it was also identified by Mrs. McLeod as her property. The finding of these two waists in the man's possession is another important link in the chain of evidence against him. Before burying the valise Chattelle seems to have taken out the two waists with the idea of using them as undershirts. Several other articles, including a pair of white stockings which were found in the valise, were also identified by Mrs. McLeod as her property. Another pair of stockings and a towel have been identified by a Stratford woman as having been stolen from her place.

A Trip to the Jail.

The interest now centered at the jail. Accompanied by Young, Gordon, McCowan, Conductor McLean of Ailsa Craig and Messrs. Robert, Morris and F. Smith of Listowell, Detective Murray and Chief Woods repaired to the jail, with a view of seeing if the witnesses could identify the prisoner. Morris, it will be remembered was the only person who had observed the suspected murderer in the vicinity of the scene of the crime who was positive when confronted with the prisoner at Listowel Station that he was the same man. As previously pointed out, the fact that Chattelle's beard had grown considerably during the four days which have elapsed since the murder, and the additional important circumstances that the hat which he wore at the time he made the journey along the railroad track had been replaced with Donald McLeod's tam o'shanter, fully explains why the other witnesses who confronted him at Listowel last night did not identify him. These witnesses, it will be recollected, John Atwood and A. Laird, who saw him at 10.30 going down the track toward the swamp; Johnston Kidd, who was ploughing in a field close to the swamp on the day of the murder and was asked for a drink of water by the way; Mrs. Cattell, who gave him the drink of water, and Henry Leslie and wife, who saw him on the town line going away from the scene of the crime. When presented to Morris and Smith in his cell in the jail the tam o'shanter had been removed from Chattelle's head and a cap similar to the one witnesses described him to have worn on the day of the crime placed on his head.

"That Is the Man!"

As they looked at the prisoner Morris said: "That is the man I saw, there is no doubt of it." The testimony of Morris is regarded as the most important, as Morris saw the prisoner both before and after the crime, a sufficient interval elapsing between the two occasions to give him time to enter the bush and commit the deed, emerging from the bush on another line. Smith, who saw the murderer a few minutes after Morris passed him, also positively identified Chattelle. Neither witness had the slightest doubt as to the correctness of his identification. The authorities are also confident that when the other witnesses are again confronted with Chattelle, minus McLeod's tam o'shanter, they will be equally quick in picking him out. Then Gordon McEwan was asked if he could recognize the prisoner as a man he had seen before. The boy, who is an unusually bright lad, said he was positive that Chattelle was the tramp to whom he had given the cane produced on Oct. 2. He met the man near the fair grounds. This establishes Chattelle's presence in Ailsa Craig on the day the valise was stolen from the house of Donald McLeod.

Angus McLean, the engineer at Gunn & Co.'s factory at Ailsa Craig, took a good look at the prisoner and said he was the man he observed peering into the window of Mrs. McLeod's house on Oct. 2. He carried the cane which Gordon McGowan swore he gave him a short time previously, and which was found in the house after it had been robbed. Shown the cap, he said it was undoubtedly the same. From the moment the first witness looked into his face, until the scrutiny of all was completed, the swarthy face of the prisoner did not change in expression, nor did a word issue from his cavernous mouth. From under his shaggy eyebrows he calmly scrutinized the men whose evidence will probably send him to the gallows. The same bearing of assurance which characterised him after his fears of violence had been allayed at the depot at Listowel was manifested.

Made Damaging Admissions.

Detective Murray questioned him at great length, while his story in the main did not materially vary from that told last night, still some fatal admissions were made by the man. He did not deny being at Ailsa Craig on the day of the McLeod robbery. When the question was put to him point blank, "Where did you get that woman's waist you have on?" he replied: "That woman, Mrs. McLeod, says it is hers. I'm not denying what she says." He admitted that he had carried the valise with him on his travels, and had hidden it away, intending to go back some time and get it, but he declined to say where he had concealed it. He also failed to remember where he was on Friday night. What admissions he made to the detective, the latter, of course, declines to divulge. He is content with saying: "We have the right man, you can depend upon that, and we have sufficient evidence already to convict him. We need no confessions." Chattelle has evidently been a very muscular man in his day, and looks like a person who has done very hard work. His hands, as stated yesterday, are of immense size, while his massive shoulders, now stooped, indicate that he must have been a veritable Hercules in his early youth.

Is the Murderer Sane?

At the first blush, the horribly mutilated condition of the victim's body would indicate that a butcher knife had been used by the murderer. But it can readily be concluded that a man of the strength and with the abnormally developed hands of this monster could easily have done the work with the one-

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Damaging Testimony Against Mrs. Maria Hartley.

SHE WAS TIRED OF HER AGED HUSBAND.

Story of Her Amour With the Hired Man.

Many Witnesses Tell of the Relations Between the Accused Woman and Ling, the Man Whose Confession Has Been the Strongest Evidence for the Prosecution—The Case for the Crown Outlined and the Jury Told That the Prisoner Must Be Found Guilty of Murder or Acquitted.

Brantford, Oct. 24.—The trial of Maria Hartley for the murder of her husband, Caleb Hartley, at New Durham, on Sunday, May 13, by administering poison, commenced this afternoon before Justice MacMahon at the Brantford Fall Assizes. Mr. Lount, Q.C., appeared for the Crown and Mr. B. B. Osler for the defence. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Mr. Lount opened the trial and stated the case for the Crown.

Sarah Allen, wife of Constable Allen, New Durham, the first witness, was called, and said to Mr. Lount:

I live in New Durham and knew Mr. and Mrs. Hartley for about 30 years. They had been married about 20 or 21 years. I knew them more intimately in my younger days than latterly. I have not lately been on visiting terms with the Hartleys, and had not been in their house for some time. Last Christmas, however, they had Christmas dinner with me, and on that occasion the prisoner was talking to me about her husband, and said if he was only out of the way she could marry Ling. She began it in this way: She was talking about Ling, and I said that I did not know anything about him, and Mrs. Hartley told me that if her husband was out of the way she could marry Ling. I asked her why she wanted to do that; she said she liked a younger man. I told her Ling would tell on her in a short time, and she said she was not afraid of that, she would treat him well and could keep him. This conversation took place when they were together, and Mr. Hartley and the son Fred were in another room. I have frequently heard the prisoner say she did not like her husband.

"I know Ling only by sight. He never was at my place with Mrs. Hartley. I cannot recall any occasion when I saw the prisoner and Ling together on the road."

The Cross-Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. Osler—I am the wife of Constable William Allen. He had charge of the inquest on Mr. Hartley. What I have told here to-day was told first to some of the family, after the first of the inquest. It must have been on a Sunday evening, after the death of Mr. Hartley. But I did not tell my husband until after the inquest, unless he was at the table at the time I told the family. Afterwards Detective Rogers called on me and I told him what I knew. It looked to me very much as if Mrs. Hartley wanted Hartley out of the way. I have given you the very words to the best of my knowledge. I had not had any talk with Mrs. Hartley for some time, probably a year, when one evening on the way to church she called in. We had no conversation about her husband then.

Hartley Looked Very Ill.

Daniel Quigg, shoemaker, New Durham, was then sworn. He said: "I live near New Durham, on the 11th concession, about half a mile from Hartley's place. I knew Caleb Hartley for about five years before his death, and his wife for a shorter period. Hartley used often to call at my shop, and sit and read the paper. I also did business at his store. He came to my place often as it was on the way to the post office. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley's relationship became one another, from what I have seen, have not at all times been like those of man and wife. I have heard Mrs. Hartley sometimes complain that her husband did not do what was right. That he was lazy. I remember seeing Mr. Hartley on the morning of the day he went to Hamilton, and he then seemed to be quite well, although two days before that I saw him and he did not look well and complained of not feeling well, I saw him on Thursday, May 3, after he returned from Hamilton. He came into my shop in the morning and looked very bad, so bad, indeed, that I would not have known him but for his clothes. I cannot see very well. He looked very bad, puffy in the face and every once in a while he shivered where he stood, he told me.

Mr. Osler: "I object to this evidence."

Mr. Lount then read from the statutes a clause where the evidence of what was said by a deceased man may be taken when it relates to what he said in regard to his physical condition.

Nettie Quigg corroborated the evidence of her father, the preceding witness.

Damaging Testimony.

Mrs. Kate Woodard of Hawtrey swore to a visit paid by the prisoner and Henry Ling to her house one Sunday in April, and to the familiarities that took place between them in her presence. The visit was a clandestine one and she threatened to tell the woman's husband. Prisoner replied that she did not care.

Mr. Osler cross-examined witness rather severely. He contrasted her evidence given before the coroner and the police magistrate and that now given before the court, in which a number of discrepancies were pointed out.

Witness burst out sobbing and was removed from the witness stand in a fainting condition.

Her cross-examination will be resumed on Thursday morning.

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LEADER MARTER'S CABINET.

Conservative Caucus Appoints Advisors for the New Party Chief—Mr. St. John Is Junior Whip.

The caucus of Conservative members of the Legislature was continued yesterday at The Empire office, the day being given up to a discussion of methods of organisation. The absentees were Messrs. Walter Beatty, Leeds; William Robb Beatty, Parry Sound, and James M. Savage, Algoma.

An Executive Committee was elected and made up as follows: The four Toronto members, Messrs. Smyth of Kingston, Lieut.-Col. Keens of Burlington, Dr. Willoughby and J. W. St. John. These two latter gentlemen have been elected whips of the party. The final decision on all matters of policy will be left to the Executive Committee.

The following are supposed to be the figures in the two ballots for the leadership on Monday: First ballot—Nineteen votes were cast, of which Marter secured 9, Whitney 6, Ryerson 2, Howland 2. Second ballot—Marter 12, Whitney 7.

Easery for Meredith's Place.

London, Oct. 24.—The Liberal-Conservative convention nominated Mayor E. T. Essery as their candidate for the seat in the Legislature, vacated by the resignation of Mr. W. R. Meredith.

AHEAD OF TIME.

Why Ladies Promenade With Their New Furs These Days.

Certain it is that the weather is not yet severe enough to necessitate the carrying of muffs, nevertheless many of the fair sex may be observed in Kingstreet with Dineens' latest productions in that line. The new styles in all furs are so pretty that ladies who are farseeing enought to purchase early in the season cannot resist the temptation to wear them.

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The liveliest and most interesting paper of its kind printed on this continent is Our Monthly, published by the manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The October number contains a sketch of the life of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia, a full page illustration of the Macdonald Monument in the Queen's Park, and an unusual variety of spicy articles upon a variety of subjects. "How to Keep Out of Jail," "A Fender for Juggernaut," "The Adventures of Bob Moon," "A Chapter of Theosophy," and the accident of birth of inanimate things. Get a copy from John P. McKenna, Bookseller and Stationer, 80 Yonge-street, near King.

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THE CZAR SINKING RAPIDLY

DROWSINESS HERALDS THE APPROACH OF DISSOLUTION.

The Grand Duke Michael Has Been Declared Heir-Apparent to the Throne After the Accession of the Czarewitch—Grand Duke George Is Very Ill and May Die.

London, Oct. 24.—The Moscow correspondent of The Pall Mall Gazette telegraphs that the drowsiness with which the Czar has been affected is increasing, and it is almost impossible for His Majesty to keep awake, except when he is attacked by the nervous spasms, which frequently seize him. Nevertheless, he is able to take and retain more food. The wedding of the Czarewitch and Princess Alix depends entirely upon the condition of His Majesty, but it will take place today or to-morrow.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent says: Although not stated officially, it is declared that the marriage of the Princess Alix and the Czarewitch was solemnized to-day.

A New Heir-Apparent.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—An Imperial decree issued to-day declares Grand Duke Michael, third son of the Czar, heir apparent to the throne after the accession of the Grand Duke Nicholas, the present heir apparent. Grand Duke George, the Czar's second son, in consequence of the condition of his health, has renounced his rights of succession.

Death Is Imminent.

Paris, Oct. 24.—A despatch to The Figaro, sent from Odessa at midnight last night, says the Czar's death is imminent. The drowsiness, which is frequently apparent just before the end, has set in.

Grand Duke George Is Ill.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—The Cologne Gazette says advices received in Berlin this morning are to the effect that the condition of the Czar has become worse since yesterday. The death of Grand Duke George, the second son of the Czar, who was not long since recalled to St. Petersburg from Abbastuman in the Caucasus, where he was sojourning for his health, is, according to The Gazette, a question of a few days.

The Czar's Condition.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—A bulletin received here at 10 o'clock this morning says the Czar had a few hours sleep during the night and that no increase in the somnolent tendency which manifested itself yesterday was noticeable this morning. His Majesty also showed some appetite.

London, Oct. 24.—The representative in Livadia of The British Medical Journal telegraphs this afternoon: "The Czar's legs were punctured to-day and the oedema by this means reduced.

"Preparations are now being made to perform thoracentesis with a view of relieving the distress in breathing by restoring the action of the heart. Inhalations of oxygen have temporarily fortified the heart. For many hours His Majesty has been fully conscious. He is less despondent and is encouraged by his temporary improvement, but his malady shows little or no real improvement."

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FATAL HOTEL FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Twenty People Carried Out of the Hotel de Normandie in an Unconscious Condition.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—Hotel De Normandie, 64 St. Gabriel-street, was gutted by fire at 1.30 this morning. The fire broke out in the kitchen and the guests were rescued by firemen by way of ladders.

Twenty people were taken out in an unconscious condition. A man named Rouen, clerk in Lavoellette & Nelson's drug store, was taken to Notre Dame Hospital, but his injuries are such that he cannot live. He was badly burned.

A NEAT CAPTURE.

Will Be Placed on Trial This Afternoon.

As the Grand Trunk fast freight from the east steamed into the yard early this morning, it contained on board a repeat order shipment of Howell's famous cutrate $2 boots, button, lace and gaiter (for men only); they will be placed on trial this afternoon for public judgment, and if they are not worth fifty cents more than we ask we will forfeit the price of them to the wearer. We pride ourselves in giving the best two dollar boots (any style) that is offered in the whole Dominion; that is saying a lot, but we can back it up. They are made expressly for us, and we will be responsible to the wearer for their quality, as the sole leather, elastic and sewing are the same as used in all four dollar goods. For the benefit of new readers, our stores are 542 Queen west and 112 Queen east.

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MARRIAGES.

GRIFFITHS — M'GRAND — On Monday, 22nd inst., at St. Paul's, by the Rev. Father Hand, William Chester Griffiths to Rose McGrand, all of Toronto.

DIXON — MATSON — At St. Luke's Church, on Wednesday, 24th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Langtry, Frederick J. Dixon of the firm of Davidson & Hay, wholesale grocers, to Nana, eldest daughter of R. H. Matson, general manager of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York.

DEATHS.

SPENCE — At the residence of her mother, 127 Euclid-avenue, on Wednesday, Oct. 24, Florence Priscilla (Flo.), youngest daughter of the late Thomas Spence (baker), in her 20th year.

Funeral from the above address on Friday at 2.30 p. m. Bradford, Ont., papers please copy.

LOW — On Tuesday, 23rd inst., at his residence, 378 Spadina-avenue, John Low, in his 66th year, a native of Montrose, Forfarshire, Scotland.

Funeral from his late residence on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 2.30 p. m., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

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A FUGITIVE BURGLAR SHOT

A PLUCKY STOREKEEPER GIVES THIEVES A WARM RECEPTION.

Thomas Barnes Catches Burglars in the Act of Robbing His Store—Bullets Are Exchanged, and One of the Gang Lies on His Death-Bed as the Result—His Accomplices Arrested.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning Thomas Barnes, Davenport-road and Edmund-streets, was awakened from his sleep by a noise in his store below. Hurriedly donning his clothes, he seized his revolver and quietly stepping out a side door walked around to the front of his store. As he passed into the glare of an electric light the sharp report of a revolver and the sudden crashing of glass startled him, while the ominous whizz of a bullet, in dangerous proximity to his head, warned him his life was in danger. A moment later the form of a man, turning to flee from his store door, loomed before him and he sent a bullet after the fugitive.

Following him two men, one of whom had evidently fired the first shot from within, rushed through the open door and fled in opposite directions. The one possessing the revolver took the same street as the first and fired a second time at Barnes while he ran. Barnes returned this shot when the burglar fired for the third time, but was erratic in his aim, as none of the bullets had the intended effect.

Found the Wounded Burglar.

Two hours afterwards Dr. Dumble was called to 156 Hamburg-avenue, where he found James H. Crowther lying on a miserable couch, and his life fast ebbing away, with two bullet wounds in his body. He dressed the man's wounds and reported the matter to the police.

The Dying Man Confesses.

The ambulance from police headquarters was sent up to convey the wounded man to the hospital. In the meantime the wounded man had confessed to the burglary of Barnes' store.

Detective Davis was soon at the Crowther house in Hamburg-avenue, and placed the other brother, John Crowther, under arrest. In the house he found a portion of the money and goods stolen from Barnes. William Marshall, 46 Armstrong-avenue, was arrested by Detective Davis on suspicion of being the remaining member of the gang. He denied all knowledge of the burglary or the shooting.

Two Bullets in His Body.

When James Crowther was taken to the hospital it was found that Barnes' shots had both taken effect, one lodging in the fleshy part of the right thigh, while the other entered the body from behind and penetrated the right lung. The victim had bled profusely, and, as it was seen, his death was only a question of time.

Crown Attorney Dewart was summoned to take his ante-mortem statement. In this he confessed to the burglary, but said Barnes fired at him before his brother, who was in the store, fired through the window.

From the scene of the shooting to Hamburg-avenue is a distance of almost two miles, and a trail of blood marked Crowthers' pathway home. His loss of blood was very great.

John Crowther was locked up in No. 7 Police Station and Marshall was sent over to the jail. Barnes, who has been a resident of that section for many years, and who is well known, gave himself up to the Junction police, but was immediately liberated on two sureties of $500 each, one in himself, Dr. Gilmour, ex-M.L.A., supplying the other bond.

Before the Magistrate.

Last evening the prisoners were brought before Magistrate Ellis of Toronto Junction for the preliminary investigation. Marshall pleaded not guilty, and elected to be tried by a jury. He was remanded until Wednesday next. John Crowther elected to be tried summarily and pleaded guilty. He was remanded for sentence at the request of Crown-Attorney Dewart, who said there were extenuating circumstances which might have the effect of lightening his sentence.

A Notorious Gang.

James Crowther, the wounded man, is about 20 years of age, John about two years his junior and Marshall appears to be about 21. It is thought they are all members of a gang who have been committing many burglaries in this district during the past few weeks, as the mode of procedure is identical with other burglaries.

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