York County and Suburbs of Toronto

LATE GEORGE SYME BURIED YESTERDAY

Funeral Procession One of the Largest Seen in West Toronto.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Orangemen and Public Men Present From All Parts of County.

Mourners came from all parts of the county and from points thruout Ontario yesterday to attend the funeral of the late George Syme. The procession which followed his remains to their last resting-place was one of the largest West Toronto has seen for some time, and testified to the great esteem in which he was held, not only by his fellow-citizens, but by all people with whom he came in contact.

After a brief service at his late residence, 4 Annott avenue, the remains were conveyed to the church where he had been an elder and a constant attendant for the last 28 years, Victoria Presbyterian Church, Annette street, where the funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll. Rev. Mr. Pidgeon of Vancouver, who was pastor of Victoria Church during the greater period of the late Mr. Syme's activities there, by a singular coincidence returned to review the work and zeal of the departed elder.

Procession Formed.

After the church service the cortege reformed, with the session of the church walking as a body behind the hearse. As an Orangeman, the late Mr. Syme was known from end to end of the county as one of the staunchest upholders of the principles of the order, and it was but fitting, therefore, that his brethren in Orangeism should be present to conduct for him the service which he had so often attended for others.

The pallbearers were representative of the various Orange communities into which in life he was universally welcomed. These were: Captain Tom Wallace, M.P., of Woodbridge; Reeve Thos. Griffith of Weston; ex-Ald. W. A. Baird, county master; J. Chancellor Boylen, Charles Yetman, sr., and Edward Connolly. Following these came representatives from Weston, Woodbridge, Eglinton, Mimico, New Toronto and Runnymede. Then the members of his old lodge, Carlton Purple Star L.O.L., No. 602, and the members of the various West Toronto lodges, with whom he was universally popular. A long line of carriages conveyed his sorrowing relatives and the great number of friends from the outlying farming districts of the township, where during his life in Tory Glen he was known and liked by all.

Service at Graveside.

The service at the graveside was Orange thruout, and was conducted by C. A. Carter, acting W.M. of L.O.L. 602, assisted by J. G. Wright, deputy county master. Among the many mourners at the cemetery were seen: Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., West York; George S. Henry, M.L.A., East York; R. L. MacCormack of West Toronto; F. Banning, W.M., L.O.L. No. 920; W. McKittrick, W.M., L.O.L. No. 905; I. C. Woolner, W.M., L.O.L. No. 1897, and many others. A large open carriage preceded the procession to Prospect Cemetery, piled high with a great number of beautiful floral tributes from the multitude of friends of the deceased.

SHARP HORSE DEALER LOST CASE IN COURT

Traded Horses With Boy of Fifteen and Sold His Bargain —Must Restore It.

In the county police court yesterday, Fred Hoare was charged with stealing a horse from James Arnott of Fairbank last Thursday. It was proved by the evidence that Hoare had induced Arnott's son, a boy of 15, to trade horses with him, at the same time assuring the boy that if his father was not pleased with the deal it could be called off, and the horse returned. A few hours later, however, when Arnott tried to get his own horse back, he found that Hoare had sold it.

Magistrate Brunton found Hoare guilty and ordered him to return Arnott's horse and pay the costs of the prosecution.

Steve Cosma and John Stovski, Austrians, who have been living in G.T.R. boarding cars at New Toronto for some time, were sent to jail for forty days on a charge of vagrancy by Magistrate Brunton in the county police court yesterday.

SUCCESSFUL SEED FAIR HELD AT AGINCOURT

Excellent Exhibits of Grain and Other Products — Interesting Discussion.

AGINCOURT, March 9.—The annual seed fair of the Agincourt Branch of the Farmers' Institute, in the skating rink here this afternoon, was among the best ever held by the association. The exhibits of all kinds of seed grain, potatoes and other farm products were large and of especially good quality. Scarboro farmers are proverbially careful in the selection of seed grain, and to this end the excellent system of agriculture followed may be attributed much of the success attending their exhibits in the local and provincial fairs. William Doherty, the president, was in the chair, and, following the judging, an interesting talk was given by Mr. Steckley of Newmarket, district representative of the Ontario Agricultural Department. At the June session of the institute, which is always very largely attended, there will be three classes in judging—two in cattle and one in horses—and in these certain awards will be made. James Stewart is secretary of the institute.

R. L. Patterson, a well-known resident of the village, who has been seriously ill with blood-poisoning, has so far recovered as to be pronounced out of danger.

Excellent progress is being made by the Home Guards in drill under the command of George B. Little, a South African veteran, and on several occasions military men from the city. The skating rink, which is admirably adapted for the purpose, has so far been used.

REPORT CORRECTED.

The officers elected at the inaugural meeting of the Birchcliffe Heights Ratepayers' Association were: President, Harry Wright; vice-president, Thomas Holme; secretary, William Lane Barker; financial secretary, Henry Amos; committee, Messrs. Cable, Willans and Loader.

HYDRO BUSINESS GROWS IN WESTON

Four Hundred Consumers and New Applications Still Coming.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Westminster Congregation Rejoices on Fifty-Sixth Birthday.

Superintendent A. G. Peirson reported at last night's meeting of the Weston Water, Power and Light Commission that a contract for thirty-three and a half horse-power had been signed by J. A. Simon, to be used in his grist and planing mill on the old Wadsworth estate.

There were now, stated Mr. Peirson, over 400 consumers on the books. The electric revenue last year amounted to $13,367.90, and the water revenue to $4,307.58.

A letter was received from A. M. Campbell, asking for street lights at the lower end of Church street, adjoining Beech and Joseph streets, where none now exist. The matter was referred to Commissioner Cruickshank, as chairman of the electric department.

Inspector Needed.

An application was received from Mr. Rumney for the position of inspector of interior wiring installations. As contractor, he had a house at the lower end of the town ready for inspection, but did not know where to get an inspector, there being none within the municipality. It was stated by the superintendent that, while Toronto had installed an inspection department, the provincial hydro would itself handle the work outside within a radius of the city.

The superintendent was instructed to write to the Hydro Commission for information regarding the appointment.

The commission warns prospective users of current outside the limits of the town that it will not accept responsibility for possible damage or injury from wires strung on Bell Telephone or other private poles.

The Roman Catholic Church has been granted free use of water for a skating rink.

The provincial analyst's report shows the Weston water supply for February to have been free from infection.

Westminster Anniversary.

Following the anniversary services of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay, foreign mission secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and special music was rendered by the choir, the anniversary supper and entertainment was held last night. Tea was served from 6 till 8 p.m., and afterwards a very enjoyable program was gone thru, the following artists contributing: Miss Leslie Rose, soprano; Miss Pugsley, elocutionist; Melville H. Staples, tenor; Mr. Dayton, accompanist.

The chair was occupied by the Rev. T. A. Symington, minister of the church, and congratulatory addresses to the large audience were delivered by Dr. Strachan of Rosedale Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mr. Black of Eglinton Presbyterian Church, the Rev. D. J. L. McKerroll of Victoria Presbyterian Church, West Toronto, and among the resident ministers present were the Rev. Dr. J. A. Long of the Methodist Church and the Rev. E. D. Renaud, B.A., of the Baptist Church.

The church celebrates its fifty-sixth anniversary, and its fourth in the present building.

UNIONVILLE CONSIDERING A DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Plans Now Being Prepared — Home Guard to Apply for Rifles Soon.

UNIONVILLE, March 9.—The lecture room of the Unionville Methodist Church was practically filled this afternoon by the ladies of the local branch of the Women's Institute, all busily engaged in the manufacture of clothing for the soldiers at the front. At a patriotic concert held a week ago $70 was realized and with this material was bought for today's work.

Dr. John Watson of Toronto presided at a concert and dance held in Victoria Hall under the auspices of the local lodge of the Chosen Friends. Music was furnished by the Miller Orchestra.

Home Guard.

Lieut. R. B. Elliott is in charge of the local division of the Home Guards, the organization of which was completed last night. It is expected that more than 50 members will be enrolled and application will shortly be made to the county military committee for rifles. Training will take place in the basement of the public school.

The village council have in view a plan for the putting down of a drainage system on Main street. E. A. James, engineer in charge of the York County Highways, has reported favorably on the scheme, and on Thursday application will be made to the commission for a grant to assist the village in carrying out the work.

MIMICO

Mimico Council has been offered a site for a municipal yard opposite the new library, for $1500. The lot has a frontage of 120 feet on Station road, and is 194 feet deep. Residents in the neighborhood are afraid the yard might be detrimental to adjoining property, but it is likely that the ratepayers will be consulted before further action is taken.

The council recognized the good work being done by Union Jack Chapter, I. O. D. E., on Monday evening, by voting the chapter a grant of $50.

After this week municipal business will be transacted in the secretary's office of the new library.

SWANSEA

The Swansea Ratepayers' Association will meet tomorrow evening (March 11), at eight o'clock in the Windermere Avenue School. The business will probably include the election of a new secretary. Mitchell Crombie, with about a dozen other skilled carpenters, adversely affected by the scarcity of building work in the district, having accepted an engagement in the shipbuilding industry at North Bay, where they have been promised two years' employment.

FAIRBANK

Chas. T. Lacey, postmaster of Fairbank, having resigned, J. J. Little has been appointed to the position, and has opened premises at the corner of Dufferin street and Eglinton avenue.

The annual election of officers in connection with the Liberal-Conservative Association will take place tomorrow evening.

WOULDN'T ENDORSE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Mutual Aid Association Debates Question of Insuring Soldiers.

WILL GET INFORMATION

Secretary to Write Dominion Government and the Patriotic Fund.

The insurance of soldiers going to the front from the County and Township of York, and the care of the widow and children of the late Gunner William Ball, were subjects discussed at the general meeting of the Northwest Mutual Aid Association in Earlscourt School last evening. Ald. John M. Warren occupied the chair.

Deputy Reeve F. H. Miller, in reply to a question from a member as to what provisions the township were making in the Ball case, said: "Mrs. Ball is not in want, as she is at present in receipt of $45 per month from the Patriotic Relief Fund, and when the officials of the fund were asked if they were going to cut off this allowance, they said not immediately, and some allowance would be made from any amount left over when war is ended. If so much had not been said about Mrs. Ball's case, a lot more money would have been subscribed for the family by the public."

Not Fair to Others.

"It is rather a touchy point for one member of the council to discuss," he continued. "In the first place, it would not be fair to the second and other contingents to pay out a sum of money to Mrs. Ball. If it is good business for the insurance people to insure the soldiers, it would be better business for the council to hand out their own money to the people entitled to it.

"I know of thirteen single men who have enlisted from the township. If we insured them, the money would be thrown away. Then, there is Mr. Crang, who has enlisted, a wealthy man, who would not require insurance. Then, again, there were 400 men who were returned from Salisbury Plain suffering from rheumatism and other complaints.

"Never See the Front."

"It is also impossible to know how many will go to the front. I believe the second and third contingents will never see the front," said Mr. Miller.

"The county council voted $20,000 to the Patriotic Fund, but to vote more money away for what has not yet happened would certainly be bad business. We are waiting to see what the legislature will do in the matter. Insurance would not provide for men who are returned disabled. The money would be thrown away in these cases, and we will have to support them, and some women to whom $1000 would be paid would let it slip thru their fingers.

"I maintain," continued the deputy reeve, "that 80 per cent. of the people in the township will stand by us in the stand we are about to take."

W. Jarvis, supporting Mr. Miller, said the city council acted unwisely in insuring the soldiers, and that the citizens would realize this before long. He suggested that the meeting endorse the action of the York Township Council in the matter.

"I want to know what they are actually going to do before I endorse anything," said H. Parfrey.

Hugh J. Macdonald did not think it would be in order for the meeting to endorse council's action, and asked Mr. Jarvis to withdraw his motion. Several members at this juncture arose and left the meeting, and the matter was dropped.

Resolution Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted: "That the secretary write the Dominion Government and Patriotic Relief Fund, requesting information as to the allowance to be made to the widow and children of the late Gunner William Ball."

John Walshe and George Hughes were appointed a deputation to wait upon the Ossington District Ratepayers' Association, to request the attendance of two of their members at the meetings of the Northwest Mutual Aid Association.

W. P. James reported that Messrs. Book and Steele were appointed delegates from the Silverthorn Ratepayers' Association, and W. H. Maton and Alex. Craig from Earlscourt B.I.A.

It was decided to write the Patriotic Fund, asking for information as to the grading of the amounts paid to soldiers enlisting for the front.

WEST YORK

The annual meeting of the West York Liberal-Conservative Association will be held in the Weston Town Hall on Saturday next, March 13, at 3 p.m. The annual report will be submitted, and the election of officers will take place.

After the business meeting a smoker will be held, at which the following speakers are expected to deliver addresses: Hon. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, Ont.; W. F. Maclean, M.P. for South York; Capt. Tom Wallace, M.P. for Centre York; Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A. for West York; George S. Henry, M.L.A. for East York; Mayor Church and others.

STOUFFVILLE

STOUFFVILLE, March 9.—On Friday evening the business men of the town will tender a banquet to Mr. J. A. Paterson, for the past four years associated with the Stouffville branch of the Toronto Vinegar Company. Mr. Paterson has, during his residence here, actively identified himself with every movement for the welfare of the town, and Friday night's event promises to be a big affair. The Belleville Vinegar Company are taking over the Toronto company, hence the change in management.

EAST TORONTO

"A Journey Thru Scotland" was the subject of an interesting address delivered by the Rev. A. Logan Geggie to the All-British Club in Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church last night. The address, which was much appreciated by the large audience, was illustrated by a hundred views of different scenes in Scotland and by several Scottish songs by W. Edwards.

An Irish night will be held next Tuesday, when an address on "Irish Life and Character" will be given by the Rev. A. MacLurg of Cowan Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Rev. D. Wallace Christie, pastor of Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church, addressed the members of the Old Country Club in Parkdale Church last night on "Kirk Folks."

The first monthly meeting of Derby Lodge, No. 295, Loyal Orange Young Britons, was held last night in their new lodge rooms in Dion Orange Hall, Rhodes avenue. It was decided to hold meetings in future every second and fourth Wednesday in the month owing to the large membership and large territory covered by the lodge.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF EDMONTON DENTIST

Dr. A. Montgomery, Who Was Visiting Parents in Toronto, Dropepd Dead.

INQUEST ADJOURNED

Circumstances Surrounding Death of Geo. A. Rollings Being Looked Into.

While visiting his parents at 22 Isabella street last evening, Dr. A. Montgomery, dentist, of Edmonton, Alta., dropped dead from heart failure. The doctor only arrived in Toronto early yesterday, and it was his first visit to his home in some years.

Dr. A. Montgomery graduated in 1894. He is a brother of J. D. Montgomery of the law firm of McMaster, Montgomery and Fleury, and also of R. A. Montgomery, lawyer. During the last four years he had been practicing in the Peace River district.

Inquest Adjourned.

In order to ascertain whether planks had been laid down the embankment of the railway tracks at Strachan avenue for the use of general traffic or for workmen only, employed on the new bridge there, the inquest last night at the morgue under Coroner G. W. Graham, into the circumstances surrounding the death of George A. Rollings, of St. Thomas, was adjourned until next Tuesday night. Rollings, who was 26 years of age, was found dead beside the north G. T. R. tracks at the foot of Strachan avenue on the night of March 1.

Fireman Weaver, when on the witness stand at the inquiry, told of finding the body while he, with his engineer, was bringing a light engine from Mimico to Bathurst street, about 10.23 at night. Yard Master George German testified that the body was found about two car lengths east of the Strachan avenue bridge, and had been dragged for six car lengths in a westerly direction. He also stated there was a train along the north track at 7.45 p.m. The engine attached to this train was examined at Mimico after the accident, but no sign of anything that would indicate that an accident of this nature had taken place was found.

George Rollings, the father, said his son joined the army at Aylmer on Feb. 26, and went to Guelph the same day. On March 1 the young man was transferred to the ammunition column at Toronto. He was seen in the canteen at the Exhibition grounds between six and eight o'clock on the night of the accident. The father, in the witness stand, expressed the opinion that his son was on his way to the Labor Temple, Church street, to obtain a withdrawal card from the Photo Engravers' Union.

Bertha Coulter Hurt.

While playing on the roadway in front of her home at 893 Wilton avenue yesterday evening, three-year-old Bertha Coulter was run down by an express wagon driven by Fred Mosey, 206 Riverdale avenue, and received a fracture of the right leg. She was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children. Mosey explained the accident to the satisfaction of the police and was not detained.

Another Inquest

An inquest was opened at the morgue last night into the death of Arthur Bradley, who died yesterday morning in the General Hospital. It was adjourned until next Tuesday evening. Bradley was struck by a motor car belonging to A. H. Clarke, tanner, of Eastern avenue, on Wilton avenue on Saturday afternoon.

Charged With Deserting.

Pte. G. Renfrew of the Grenadiers was arrested by the military authorities last evening, while on duty at the Island, charged with deserting from the 21st battalion at Kingston.

Winnifred Bulwer and Margaret Ferguson, aged 18 and 19, were arrested in a down-town departmental store yesterday, charged with shoplifting.

Paul Japolinsky, 234 West Adelaide street, an Austrian, was arrested by Acting Detective Koster last night, charged with stealing a small amount of money from George Clifford.

Death Was Accidental.

A verdict of accidental death was returned yesterday afternoon at the morgue by a jury under Coroner Burgess in the case of Samuel Norsworthy, 50 Taylor street, who was killed after receiving a shock from a wire carrying 13,200 volts, early yesterday morning at the corner of Front street and the Esplanade.

According to the evidence Mr. Norsworthy was replacing insulators and pins at the top of a 45-ft. hydro pole with Samuel Clayton. Norsworthy and his partner were warned concerning this live wire. The current from four other circuits on the pole had been cut off and placed on this one wire.

If the current had been diverted from all the wires the entire east end of the city would have been in darkness and the eastern section of the Toronto Civic Railway would have been out of commission until the repairs had been made.

Clayton testified that his partner was drawing up an insulator, a pin and six feet of tie wire with his rope and he thought the tie wire came into contact with the live wire and when he received the shock lost his head and fell. He did not have his safety belt around the pole. When Norsworthy was picked up his skull was fractured and he had several other injuries, any one of which would have caused his death.

That all the repair work on poles is done when one or more of the wires are charged was also a statement of Clayton. A. A. MacKinnon conducted the case for the crown.

Died in Car Barn.

After suffering for some time from acute indigestion, William Little, 86 Lyall avenue, car starter at the Dundas barns of the Toronto Railway Co., dropped dead in the office of the barns yesterday morning. His body was removed to his home. There will not be an inquest.

What appear to be cases of juvenile burglary were committed Monday night in Roden, Leslie and Duke of Connaught schools. The cases were not reported to the police, as the materials taken were insignificant. In the Leslie Street School one window was broken and a stuffed bird and some bird's eggs were taken.

Misuse of Tickets.

For obtaining meals at the House of Industry thru the use of lunch tickets which they had no right to, Alex. Celo, Henry Higola, Divo Moto and Mike Boris were fined $1 and costs or 30 days in jail by Magistrate Denison in the police court yesterday. It was alleged that the prisoners were loaned the meal tickets by those who had rightfully earned them.

Two Years for Dainty.

On a charge of stealing a motor car, Arthur Dainty was sentenced to two years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Denison in the police court yesterday. Dainty had been convicted twice before for taking motor cars, the property of other people, for his own use for a night, and leaving them in some lane to be recovered.

Horse Killed.

A horse driven by Louis Green was killed yesterday morning and its mate was injured by an eastbound car on College street, near the corner of Markham street. The westbound car struck the rear wheels of the wagon and one of the horses fell under the trucks of the eastbound car.

The second horse sustained serious injury, being bruised and cut, while the hip bone was damaged. This animal was taken temporarily to Bedell's stables in care of Toronto Humane Society officials, and later removed in an ambulance to Dr. Fowler's hospital. It will be operated on today and a portion of the hip bone removed.

The owner, J. Pelletteri, of Fairbank, valued the team at $500.

After asking for 50 days on the Industrial Farm Magistrate Denison sentenced Tony Gireck to 40 days on the farm. Gireck has just finished six months in that institution.

Pte. John J. Gargaar of the 19th Battalion, 2nd C.E.F., was handed over to the authorities in the police court yesterday, to be sent to Winnipeg, where he is wanted for a serious offence.

LATE NORSWORTHY—CANADIAN.

The World in its report yesterday of the hydro lineman being killed at the corner of Front street and Esplanade, described the late F. Norsworthy of 50 Taylor street as a foreigner, judging from appearances. The World has since been informed, and is glad to correct the error, that the late F. Norsworthy was a Canadian and his parents were both born in Canada, being of English descent.

NEW LIEUT.-COLONEL

C. W. P. Ramsay, who has been appointed commanding officer of the Canadian overseas railway construction corps. He takes the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

HUMANISTIC ELEMENT IN HARDY'S WRITINGS

John Cooper Pawys Gave Criticism of "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," at Guild Hall.

"A spirit of eternal interest in life characterizes the works of Thos. Hardy, stated John Cowper Powys last night in his lecture on Hardy's works at the Guild Hall.

"As a dramatist he is particularly human," said the speaker. "In his dramatic works his women characters are particularly likeable on account of their distinctly feminine qualities."

Hardy's drawings and illustrations were also dwelt upon at length. "They reveal his spirit more than his works," he said, "and they are particularly true to life." Tess of the D'Urbervilles was held to be the author's greatest work, as it was particularly optimistic, whereas the later works of the author were said to be distinctly pessimistic.

WOUNDED LIEUTENANT.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CHATHAM, March 9.—Lieut. Donald Eric Douglas of the first battalion, first brigade, Canadian expeditionary force, whose name appears in today's casualty list as slightly wounded, is a native of Cedar Springs, near here, and was on the staff of the Bank of Commerce, this city, at the outbreak of the war. He belonged to the 24th Kent Regiment.

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