

M'LACHLAN PAYS THE PENALTY FOR BRUTAL TRIPLE MURDER

Executed at Whitby This Morning for the Slaying of His Wife and Two Little Children—Walks to the Gallows Calmly and Leaves Statement.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Whitby, July 13.—Archie McLachlan, who murdered his wife and his two young children last October, at Uxbridge, was hanged in the county jail here at seven o'clock this morning. McLachlan, through one of his spiritual advisers, Rev. W. B. Tighe, made a statement before the execution to the effect that people should remember what drink had done in his case. He also left with Mr. Tighe, for delivery to the representative of the Toronto Globe, a sealed envelope containing a fuller statement with the explanation that that paper alone had given him a fair show.

Keeps His Nerve.

McLachlan, while walking from the cell to the scaffold preserved the same self-possession which had characterized his behavior ever since the tragedy. The rainfall last night swelled the wood of the scaffold platform so much that Hangman Arthur Ellis had to hit hard with a hammer half a dozen times the bolt allowing the trap to drop. The body fell seven and a half feet, the fall breaking the neck and causing instant death. Heart beats were perceptible for eight minutes. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from hanging.

FARMERS OPTIMISTIC NOW RAIN INSURES GOOD CROPS

Barley Will Be the Best in Years—Dangers of Past Few Weeks Appear to Have Been Exaggerated—Farmers Want More Help.

The farmer's tone has changed. Pessimism has given way to optimism. Over half an inch of rain has fallen since yesterday morning, and the farming community is jubilant. The long-expected rain will be untold.

The reports of damage by the drought appear to have been overestimated, and many of the farmers state that their crops were never better.

MISS MAYOU RESIGNS IS COMING TO LONDON

Former Lady Supt. of Victoria Hospital Is Leaving the Labrador Mission.

Word has been received here that Miss Edith Mayou, formerly lady superintendent of Victoria Hospital, and for the past few years engaged in the deep-sea mission work in Labrador, has resigned her position under Dr. Grenfell, and is returning to London. It is stated that Miss Mayou will arrive here shortly, and will take a long rest.

PARTY OF LONDONERS OFF FOR THE LAKES

Large Numbers Left Today and Will Embark On the Hamonic.

A large party of Londoners left this morning for Sarnia, where they will make the trip up the lakes on the steamer Hamonic, and then go on further to their destinations. Among the party were Dr. Burdon and family, going to Portland, Oregon; Senator and Mrs. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burns and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young and son, and Rev. and Mrs. Alfred G. White, en route for Duluth; Dr. McEwen, going to Calgary; Col. W. M. Garsshore, Jack McKellar and Arthur Kingsmill, going to Winnipeg, and Miss Hodges, en route for Calgary.

THE CROP REPORT GENERALLY GOOD

Ottawa, July 13.—The monthly crop report of the census and statistics office, issued today, shows that the condition of field crops throughout Canada at the end of June was generally satisfactory, with the exception of parts of the west where the drought had done considerable damage. Fall wheat for all Canada is reported at 55.47 per cent of standard condition.

wished to save McLachlan's relatives the disgrace of usual burial in quicklime in the jail yard.

The crime for which McLachlan paid the penalty this morning was an exceptionally brutal one. He was found guilty of poisoning his wife and setting fire to their home at Uxbridge two little children perishing when the body of their mother was consumed. McLachlan evidently hoped to destroy all evidence of the crime by the conflagration, but an analysis of a woman's stomach disclosed traces of strychnine poisoning, and on this the prosecution based its case. McLachlan's apparent indifference at the time of the fire also told heavily against him, as well as a liaison he had formed with another woman of the neighborhood.

McLachlan originally was from Watford, Ont.

First Hanging in County. Citizens of the county which is to have in McLachlan's hanging, the first capital punishment in the criminal history of Ontario County, took the affair very seriously. Many went out of town over night so as not to be here when it took place. Yesterday the gruesome sounds of executioners hammering together the scaffold could plainly be heard throughout the jail corridor. At intervals while this work was progressing he inquired particularly as to its being properly constructed so as to void any hitch. With his feet raised high against the wall while reading the newspapers, which were ordered for him, he discussed his tragic end with calmness.

WINNIPEG CHEERS FOR THE PREMIER

Big Amphitheatre Packed With Thousands to Hear Him. SHOWS ROBBLIN BLOCKER

Winnipeg, July 12.—Winnipeg Liberals reserved three cheers for today. They gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier a rousing reception. Two thousand awaited the arrival of his train at the Canadian Northern depot this morning, headed by the civic board of welcome, members of the council, the board of trade, and business organizations. Yet the greeting was by no means a mere party affair. At the civic luncheon at the Royal Alexandra following the auto tour around the city, the acting mayor, Controller James Hayney, whose son was yesterday's election. But there are bigger considerations than party. There is the welfare of our common country. We may differ as to ways and means, we may agree to disagree, but we are all one in the patriotic desire to do our part towards the development of a loyal, prosperous, contented and upright citizenship. We seek to become more intimately acquainted with your wonderful west, to extend the hand of welcome to our new fellow-citizens, who have come from all lands to work with us and to learn at first hand the new duties which devolve upon us in the expansion of our country.

Winnipeg the Middleman. Winnipeg is the middleman of the commercial economy of the west, the conduit from the producer on the prairies to the consumer in older Canada, from the eastern manufacturer to the western operator. It is a city of young men. Looking over the five hundred who lunched with the premier, one saw few grey heads. Here Sir Wilfrid came in touch with the west—Continued on Page Eight.

REAL ESTATE TALK OF BUYING A HALL

More Room Needed to Vent Opinions On All Matters.

At the next meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association, the question of buying a hall for the association will be considered. For some years the members have held their meetings in special rooms, which they rent. There has been a feeling for some time that the membership would warrant the purchase of premises down town which the association could use for commercial purposes and still have their own hall upstairs. "A number of our members think very favorably of the matter," said one real estate. "We have a good attendance at our meetings, and if we were to buy premises with a store under and rooms above we could have a fine hall and fit it up to suit ourselves. Other organizations have halls, and their meetings are not nearly as well attended as ours are. Our membership is steadily growing, and on many occasions our room has been badly crowded."

REV. ROBERT JOHNSTON ON DECLARATION OATH

London, July 13.—Preaching at Perth, Rev. Robert Johnston, of Montreal, referred to the King's accession declaration. He said Canada would heartily sympathize with the protest of the Scotch churches against the proposed new form. It was with interest interpreting the agitation to substitute for the denial of Roman Catholic doctrine a declaration asserting allegiance to one particular denomination of the Protestant Church.

MAN NEAR RODNEY BREAKS HIS NECK

St. Thomas, Ont., July 13.—Walter Currie, a farm employee working on a farm near Rodney, yesterday fell off a load of hay and was instantly killed, breaking his neck. The deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family.



REV. J. MONRO GIBSON, Noted British Divine Who Is Visiting in London.

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LATE MRS. M'LACHLAN WORKED IN LONDON

For Two Years She Was a Resident of This City.

Mrs. McLachlan, wife of Archie McLachlan, who was hanged at Whitby jail this morning for her murder, was for two years a resident of this city, and was employed at the time by a family now residing in South London. Members of the family speak of her in the highest terms, and say they never could understand what she saw in McLachlan, whose general reputation was not good.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—Fair. FORECASTS. Toronto, July 12-3 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh west and northwest winds; fine. Thursday—Moderate variable winds; fine and warmer.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather. Victoria 72 54 Cloudy Calgary 88 52 Clear Winnipeg 80 50 Fair Port Arthur 68 48 Clear Port Sound 76 46 Fair Toronto 76 40 Clear Ottawa 80 68 Fair Montreal 82 68 Fair Quebec 82 68 Fair Father Point 68 52 Rain

Rain has fallen throughout Ontario and Quebec. High temperature again prevails in the Western Provinces, with, however, indications of occasional showers.

SHOWERS OCCURRED YESTERDAY OVER Southern and Western Ontario, but elsewhere in Canada the weather was fine. Temperatures were much higher in the Western Provinces, and in parts of Southern Alberta have exceeded 80 degrees.

London, 5-51; Vancouver, 50-74; Victoria, 50-72; Edmonton, 52-72; Calgary, 50-72; Winnipeg, 50-72; Port Arthur, 44-58; Southampton, 62-78; Toronto, 60-75; Ottawa, 62-78; Montreal, 62-78; Quebec, 62-78; Halifax, 62-78.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East—Fresh southerly and south-westerly winds; warm, with thunderstorms. Lake Superior—Variable winds; fine, moderate temperature. Manitoba—Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fine and very warm.

COUNCIL SLOW ON DUNDAS ST. PAVEMENT WORK IS HELD UP

Fear Is Expressed That Richmond and Dundas Streets Will Be Torn Up for the Fair—Mayor Beattie Says a Move Will Be Made.

Although the petitions for the Dundas and Richmond street pavement have been passed some weeks, not a thing has been done towards laying the pavement, and the merchants are hoping the job will be started before fair time.

The London Street Railway Company have not made much progress on their work. The Barber Company have their men on the ground and are ready to begin at once, but the street railway company have trouble in getting their

"The council passed a motion last week, notifying all those who intend doing work on the street to get it done as soon as possible," said Mayor Beattie. "Notices have been sent out. We do not want to have the streets torn up during the fair, as is usually the case. It gives visitors a bad impression."

Manager King is hopeful, however, that they will get to work shortly. The merchants down town are complaining of the delay, and many of the aldermen have been scored for dilatoriness in connection with this matter.

GIRL STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE ESCAPED WITH SMALL HURTS

Little Dorothy Green Knocked Down at the Corner of Dundas and Adelaide Streets—Child Ran Directly Before the Machine.

Dorothy Green, the little daughter of Mr. G. T. Green, of 622 King street, was struck by an auto at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide streets last evening, but luckily escaped with a slight cut on the forehead and a sprained ankle.

The young man who owns the car was proceeding at a moderate rate with the stripped chassis, as he had crossed the corner of Dundas and Ad-

elaide streets, the little tot ran suddenly from behind a buggy, directly in his path. He applied the brakes, and brought his car up within a few feet, the little girl sustaining only a slight blow.

The young man carried Miss Green to the office of Dr. Mugan, about a block away and had her injuries attended to. Later she was taken to her own home.

GRAND TO REOPEN AUG. 15 RUMORS AS TO MANAGEMENT

It Is Said Mr. John R. Minnhinnick May Be Appointed—The Name of Mr. Robert A. McVean Is Also Mentioned.

The Grand Opera House season will open on August 10 or 15th, probably the latter date. No definite announcement as to who will be manager for the coming season has been made. Mr. Geo. Moorehead, a former Londoner, but now in New York, was offered the position, but declined to accept. It is now rumored that Mr. John R.

Minnhinnick, who has been prominently connected with the Grand for some time, would be made manager. He is in Toronto today, and the rumor could not be confirmed. The name of Mr. Robt. A. McVean, a London theatrical man, who was reported to have signed up with the Schuberts for the season, is also mentioned in connection with the management of the house.

NIAGARA POWER WIRE ARRIVING IN LONDON

City's Distribution Plant Will Soon Be Equipped, It Is Said.

A large portion of the wire for the city distribution line has been stretched, and the rest of the work will be completed within a few days, it is said.

Engineer Roberts has a large staff of men employed at this work, and it is now practically certain that the city will be ready to distribute power when it arrives. The towers for the transmission line from the Falls to London are being rapidly placed, and it is expected that by Sept. 1 a majority of them will be placed.

BIDS WERE MADE FOR HOTEL INVERERIE

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, July 13.—The bids on the Hotel Invererie, of Port Stanley, which was offered for sale under a mortgage at the offices of Leitch & Green yesterday, did not reach the reserve. The property, which was taken down, will probably be sold privately.

A SERIOUS AFFRAY

Three Men Shot in a Row at Swan Lake, Manitoba.

Swan Lake, Man., July 13.—A serious shooting affray occurred here yesterday morning between 1:30 and 2 o'clock in the rooms above The Echo printing office, the result of which is that Fred Roskelly, Kenneth Peters and George Kilbourne lie seriously wounded. Roskelly is perhaps fatally hurt. Kilbourne and Fred Bowdwell were preparing to retire after lunch, when Roskelly came into the room, and he and Bowdwell got into a quarrel. Roskelly was forced outside and the door closed on him. He returned with Kenneth Peters and attacked the door, but they were met by a fusillade of shots from an automatic revolver in the hands of Bowdwell. Kenneth Peters was shot in the thigh, Roskelly in the abdomen and right arm and groin. Kilbourne's arm was shattered above the elbow. Bowdwell made no attempt to escape, and assisted in carrying one of the victims to the hotel, where he was arrested.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, July 12.—Arrived: Krona Princessin Cecilie, from Bremen; Ancona, Genoa, Osaka, H. Copenhagen; Madona, Marseilles, Bremen, Bremen. Flag-guard-Called: Campana, New York. London-Arrived: Mesaba, New York. Hamburg-Arrived: Deutschland, New York. Bremen-Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II., New York. Rotterdam-Arrived: Estonia, New York. Gibraltar-Passed: Celtic, New York. Naples-Arrived: Verona, New York. Quebec-Arrived: Carignan Head, Antwerp; Salacia, Glasgow; Manxman, Bristol.

A COUNCIL MEETING ON FRIDAY TO DISCUSS A NEW ENGINEER

Question of a Successor for Mr. A. O. Graydon Will Then Be Considered—Pavement Contracts Will Also Be Awarded.

There will be a council meeting on Friday afternoon, in all probability, to discuss the question of a city engineer for London.

Matters are in a somewhat chaotic condition owing to the action of the aldermen on Monday night, and tomorrow an effort will be made to straighten out the tangle.

A meeting is necessary to award the contracts for the Dundas street pavement. Tenders have been called for, and the board of works will open them on Thursday evening. In order to facilitate the work the mayor has decided to call a meeting.

Complaints of dilatoriness in connection with the resurfacing of these pavements have been made, and the aldermen intend to see to it that the work is not placed upon them for unnecessary delays.

Using Mr. Graydon.

As for the city engineer's position, a working agreement such as was suggested in yesterday's Advertiser will be carried out by the council. The aldermen are unanimously in favor of dealing fairly with Mr. Graydon, and it is probable that Mr. Graydon's offer to devote as much time as his health will permit to the work of the city will be accepted.

work of the city will be accepted. The remuneration will be fixed afterwards. "I have decided to call a special meeting of the council to deal with the tenders for the Dundas street pavement, and we will also take the conditions prevailing in the engineer's department," said Mayor Beattie. "The department should not be left without a head as at the present time, so we will make some arrangements for filling the place temporarily."

His wish could not say exactly what the council would do in reference to Mr. Graydon, but in conversation with several of the aldermen the opinion prevailed that Mr. Graydon would be asked to devote what time he could to the office.

Mistake, Says Ald. Jeffries.

"It is a mistake to allow Mr. Graydon to sever his connection absolutely with the department," said Ald. Jeffries. "He has a most intimate knowledge of the city, and it will be necessary to have that knowledge tabulated and filed away for future guidance."

"That will require time, and Mr. Graydon can do that as no other man could. It will cost him a great deal of time, but it will be worth it to obtain the knowledge he has time as his health will permit to the work of the city."

WHO RESCUED ETHEL SIMMONS? MEDAL TO BE GIVEN THE HERO

But There Are Five Names Mentioned and Inspector Sanders Does Not Know to Whom Honor Is Due—Young Lady Will Have to Settle the Question.

A Humane Society medal will be awarded the persons who rescued Miss Ethel Simmons, of Queen's avenue, at Port Stanley, on Saturday last. Inspector Sanders is investigating the facts, and will report to the society the person he considers entitled to recognition.

Several claimants for the honor have come to the front, no less than five now being mentioned in connection with the rescue. Among them are Simpson Parkinson, of this city; Lew Westover, Henry Turner, Port Stanley; Jack Robinson, a former policeman of this city; P. C. Kelly, of London, and several others whose names have not been reported to the society.

Mr. Sanders will interview Miss Simmons at the latter's opportunity, and will obtain her story as to the person most entitled to the credit for her rescue.

A Difficult Problem. "It is somewhat difficult now to know who really was responsible for saving the young lady's life," said the inspector. "Half a dozen names have been mentioned to me, all with friends

who have urged their claims for recognition. There is no doubt in my mind that the person who rescued Miss Simmons is entitled to every credit, and nothing should prevent him from receiving the honor. Apparently it is somewhat difficult to arrive at the facts. When we do, we will recommend an award."

Mr. Sanders also took a fling at conditions prevailing at the Port, and pointed out that more protection should be offered to bathers at the beach.

Ropes Are Required.

"A series of ropes should be stretched there to afford proper protection," he stated. "The depth of water should be shown at each rope in order that every bather would know, exactly where they were, and what the depth was. The ropes should be buoyed. Many a swimmer would have been saved from drowning had there been life buoys close at hand. A drowning man really does make an effort to reach them, while he would lose heart if the distance was very great. Every possible protection should be afforded bathers at Port."

ACTION FOR DAMAGES OVER LAND DISPUTE

Mr. F. W. Daly Has Had Written Issued Against Mr. John Richards.

Mr. G. N. Weekes has issued a writ on Mr. John Richards for unstated damages. Mr. Richards is the owner of some low-lying lots on Adelaide street north of the Dundas street bridge, and the plaintiff claims that the defendant, in order to get earth to fill up his lot, excavated the road in front of Mr. Daly's property, causing the bank to fall away, to the injury of the property.

The case is not settled, it will probably come up at the fall assizes. It is a high court action.

NO TROUBLE AMONGST QUEBEC BRIDGE EXPERTS

The Railway Department Denies Story That Two Engineers Had Resigned.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, July 13.—The press dispatch from Montreal sent out last night to the effect that the board of engineers in charge of the construction of the Quebec bridge had been disrupted by the resignation of Engineers Fitzmaurice and Modjeska, is officially denied by the railway department here. No resignations have been received.

Engineer Modjeska was at the department yesterday discussing with Deputy Minister Campbell matters in connection with the bridge, but the question of resignation was not mentioned at all. There have been of course differences of professional opinion among the three engineers as to the best plans to adopt. Such differences among experts on a work of such magnitude are practically inevitable, but a final agreement was reached months ago as to the plans and specifications, and the work is well advanced.

The most difficult work of the board is now completed. The supervision of actual construction, according to contract, is a comparatively easy task, and even if Mr. Modjeska and Modjeska were now desired to retire, arrangements could be made for the work to go on without any very serious disruption.

The pay of the members of the board is \$1,000 per month. Recently Mr. Fitzmaurice returned to the department a salary check for \$6,000, on the ground that owing to his absence in Europe he had not seen that he had properly earned the amount.

WHEAT MAKES JUMP TO A RECORD PRICE

On the Local Market This Morning It Went to \$1.05 a Bushel.

Wheat reached a record price today on the local market for this time of year. Last week wheat was quoted at 95 cents and \$1 a bushel. This morning it jumped to \$1.05 a bushel. At this time last year wheat was quoted no higher than 90 cents a bushel. It has been rather a scarce commodity on the local market for some time past. Very little has been brought in and the dealers have been unable to get a supply.

A VERY NERVOUS THIEF STOLE MONEY FROM TILL

Goodge's Store in South London Lost Seven Dollars Last Night.

A nervous thief helped himself to \$7 from the till at Goodge's fancy store at the corner of Bruce street and Wortley road last night between 6 and 7 o'clock. Mr. Goodge went to the rear of the store for a few minutes to serve some ice cream, and it is thought that this is the time when the thief got busy.

It was stated that a boy was seen running away from the store. Mr. Goodge stated to The Advertiser today that he had not reported the matter to the police.

DEATH OF W. H. ATKINSON

Well Known in London, and a Former Lucan Man.

Mr. George Atkinson, of 450 King street, received a telegram this morning from Deloraine, Manitoba, announcing the death of his brother, William H. Atkinson, formerly of Lucan. Mr. Atkinson was 66 years old, and had been ill for some time. For many years he conducted a sawmill at Lucan. Twenty-five years ago he went to Deloraine, and had resided there ever since. Besides his wife and family, he leaves two brothers and three sisters: George, of this city; James, of Linden, Alta.; Mrs. Charles Haskett, of Lucan; and Mrs. William Haskett, and Miss E. M. Atkinson, all of Lucan.