

TRUE BILL AGAINST PRODGER PRISONER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

London Man Charged
With Shooting Miss
Frank With Intent
to Kill Arraigned.

TRIAL WAS SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Appears to Realize the Serious-
ness of His Position—Sleeps
But Little.

The grand jury, after being out half an hour in an adjourned session at the court house this morning, returned with a true bill in the case of the King vs. John Prodger.

The prisoner is charged with shoot-
ing Miss Elizabeth Frank with intent
to murder her.

Mr. Sydney Smith, K. C., of Strat-
ford, will act as crown prosecutor. Mr.
Edmund Meredith, K. C., of this city,
has been engaged to defend the pris-
oner.

Prodger, a strong, sturdily-built man
has slept but little during the past
week, it is said, as he realizes that
his position is a most serious one.

Justice Teetzel, in charging the
grand jury yesterday, dealt with the
seriousness of the crime, and it was
generally conceded that a true bill
would be brought in.

The prisoner takes exercise twice
daily, and he is said to have gained
greatly in weight.

Prodger when first brought to the
jail smoked and chewed tobacco al-
most continuously.

Recently he has dropped the habit
entirely.

Later, Prodger was arraigned on
three different counts and pleaded not
guilty to each. His trial is set for
Wednesday morning.

WORKMAN WAS BADLY INJURED BY BLOWING OUT OF STEAMPLUG

E. Whitesell, of 373 Ridout Street, May Lose Sight of His Eyes
as Result of an Accident at Works of George White
& Sons On King Street.

While testing a boiler at George
White & Sons' King street works yester-
day afternoon, Mr. E. Whitesell, 373
Ridout street, was badly scalded by
the explosion of a steam plug, and it
is feared that he will lose the sight
of both his eyes. His condition is
serious, and complications are feared.

Whitesell is a steam fitter, and has
been employed for some time with the
company.

Yesterday he was engaged in testing
several boilers for efficiency. He fixed
one up, and had 120 pounds of steam
on, to see if the fittings and the rest
of the machinery were in good work-
ing order.

The Explosion.

The machine ran for a time, and
Whitesell was preparing to run the
steam test a little higher, as the ma-
chinery is built for 200 pounds steam,
when he noticed a slight leak, and
stooped down to see what the trouble
was. He had barely got his head out
of the way when there was a terrific
explosion.



MISS LIBBIE FRANK,
Victim of the Shooting on the Wel-
lington Road in April Last.

COLLECTOR HAYS DOES GOOD WORK

But 16 Per Cent of Taxes of 1910 Re-
main Uncollected.

There remain but 16.6 per cent of the
taxes of 1910 still to be collected.

Collector Hays has completed the sec-
ond instalment, and has now received
\$28,300 in cash.

With \$12,500 discounts allowed, there
have been turned over to the city the
sum of \$20,800, out of a total of \$208,000
to be collected. The department have
still \$111,200 to collect.

Major Hays received \$8,000 more on
the second instalment than in 1909.

"The taxes are coming in splendidly,"
said Major Hays. "We have collected
33.4 per cent, an excellent showing."

HELD AT QUARANTINE

Rigid Inspection of Ships From Naples
at New York.

New York, Oct. 4.—The steamers Santa
Anna and Modica which arrived last
night from Naples, were held today at
quarantine for a rigid inspection of all
on board.

Leaving Naples at the height of the
cholera epidemic, the arrival here of
these steamers has impelled the port
health authorities to renewed efforts
to prevent any person showing the slight-
est symptoms of suspicious illness from
entering the country.

MONTREAL MEETING NOT CALLED TO DISCUSS THE G. T. R. STRIKERS

Mr. W. D. Egan, superintendent of the
western division of the Grand
Trunk, with headquarters at Detroit,
was in the city this morning on his
way home from Montreal, where, with
other G. T. R. superintendents he was
attending the conference called there
yesterday by Manager Hays.

It was stated officially to The Adver-
tiser that the conference was not cal-
led in any way discuss the taking
back of the strikers, but so that the

superintendents might get their in-
structions regarding the fall retrench-
ment.

Before the end of the month a large
number of laborers will be laid off, and
in some departments the working
hours will be reduced. It was stated
that less than 50 men will be affected
in this city, and that all those who are
off are navvies who had been taken
on during the busy time in the sum-
mer to help through with the work.

JOHN CORRIN WAS FINED \$200 MOTHER PROMPTLY PAID MONEY

John Corrin, the young man who
was convicted of stealing suitcases
from local hotels and railways depots
some time ago, was fined \$200 and
sentenced to one month in jail by
Judge Macbeth this morning.

The cash was produced by the pris-
oner's mother and turned over to the
court. Corrin, who is a little over
twenty years of age, and of rather

weak intellect, according to physicians
who examined him, will be released on
Oct. 17.

The sentence dates from Sept. 17,
when Corrin was convicted. Judge
Macbeth in passing sentence explained
that he had taken the prisoner's
good character into consideration and
that he had been as lenient as pos-
sible.

GREAT RUSSIAN FIRE.

Krichiev, Russia, Oct. 4.—A fire wiped
out a large section of this town today.
Three synagogues, the prefecture of po-
lice, and 44 other buildings were burned.

GLOOMY PREDICTION.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—Prof. Rein, of
the Red Cross, who was sent by the
Government to South Russia to study
measures of combating the cholera, pre-
dicts that there will be an outbreak of
the epidemic in 1911 more serious than
that of the present year.

AEROPLANE POSTAL.

Paris, Oct. 4.—M. Piquet, the French
governor of Madagascar, announces that
he is about to inaugurate an aeroplane
postal service on the island.

\$13,500 DAMAGES FOR GEORGE ROGER

C. P. R. Firemen Had His Back
Broken By a Blow From
a Standpipe.

IS CRIPPLED FOR LIFE

Jury Brought in a Verdict for Big Sum
After Hearing the Evidence Sub-
mitted at the Assizes.

George Roger, the young C. P. R. fire-
man, who was struck on the head by a
standpipe at the side of the company's
tracks at 477, Ont. last October, when
he leaned from the cab window to ascer-
tain the cause of a noise behind the ten-
der, was yesterday awarded \$13,500 in
damages at the fall assizes. The company
also pays the costs, but has 30 days in
which to appeal the verdict.

Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., con-
ducted Roger's case, while Mr. I. F.
Helmuth, formerly a C. P. R. fireman,
for the company, on behalf of the firm
of Angus McMurphy, of Toronto.

The young man suffered a broken back
in the accident, and only a very re-
markable operation by physicians at
Galt saved his life. It is claimed. He
was carried to and from the courtroom,
as he has no use of his legs.

Whether he will ever recover the use
of his legs sufficiently to walk is only a
guess, according to the testimony of the
physicians.

A local masseuse was called by Mr.
C. C. Gibbons, but as no person knew
his name, the lawyer and sheriff
shouted repeatedly for "Mr. Massage
Man."

The gentleman had left the court with
his patient, however, and was not to be
found.

No further effort to locate him was
made.

The Evidence.

The injured man was first called,
and stated that his memory as to
what happened at the time of the ac-
cident is practically a blank. He had
earned as high as \$90 a month, but
when business was slack his pay had
dropped to as low as \$26. Rogers was
called to and from the court room,
but was able to sit up and answer all
questions without difficulty.

Dr. McKendrick, of Galt, who at-
tended Rogers when he was taken to the
Galt Hospital, described the very
unusual operation that was performed
when it was discovered that the
plaintiff's back was broken, and that
his injuries might result in his death.

Parts of the spinal column were re-
moved, the covering over the cord was
sewn up, and cords were drawn over
in an effort to form an arch over the
part where the vertebrae had been re-
moved. There is no record of any simi-
lar operation having been performed.

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HENRY HORNE SUES LONDON STREET RY.

Valuable Horse Was Lost in a
Runaway Accident in
West London.

SNOW ON THE TRACKS

Blamed by the Plaintiff for the Up-
setting of His Cutter in January
Last.

The case of Henry Horne against
the London Street Railway Company
for damages opened at the fall as-
sises at the court house this morning.
Mr. Horne's horse, sired by the fa-
mous Grey Wolf, was so seriously in-
jured in a runaway on Oxford street,
near the Wharfedale road, West Lon-
don, in January last, that it had to be
destroyed. Mr. Horne claims that he
also suffered serious injury, and that
the trouble was caused by snow
banked up on the road beside the
street railway tracks.

Consulting Engineer A. O. Graydon
took over the case for the company,
and of later doing the work and send-
ing the bill to the street railway com-
pany.

He estimated that the snow was
banked out about eighteen inches
above the level of the railway tracks,
and that the top edge of the bank
next the tracks would be about 20 to
24 inches high.

Some Interruptions.

Mr. Geo. C. Gibbons caused Mr. I. F.
Helmuth some worry throughout the
latter's examination by frequent in-
terruptions.

While Mr. Horne was giving his
testimony he stated that it would be
as safe to cross the company's tracks
at a smart jog as at a walk.

"Then," said Mr. Helmuth, "if the
road was in such shape every rig go-
ing at any speed must have turned
over."

"A great many of them did," inter-
rupted Mr. Gibbons.

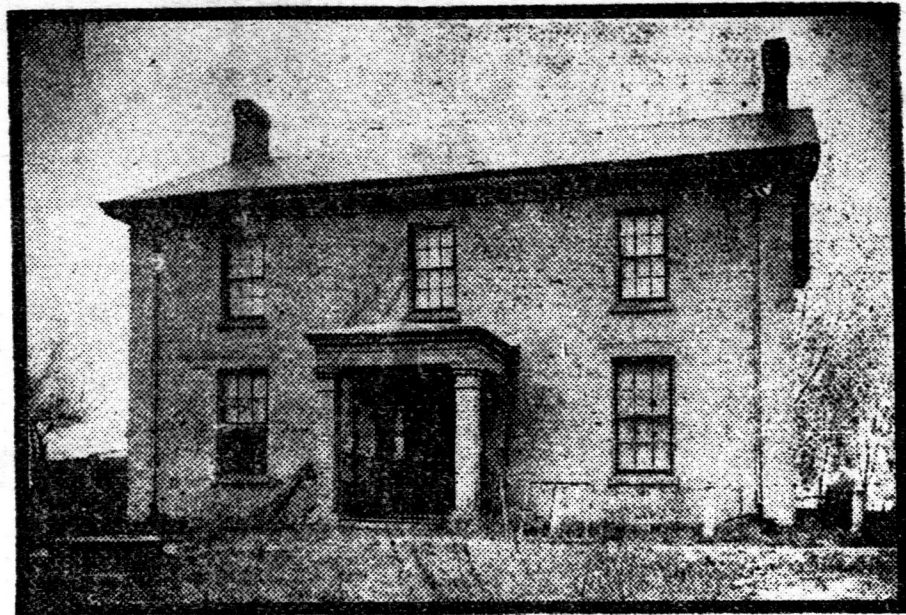
Mr. Helmuth protested strenuously
and called upon his lordship to put an
end to the trouble.

Mr. Horne's Evidence.

Mr. Horne stated that he lives
about three miles west of the city on
Oxford street. He is 58 years of age,
and the accident has caused him a
great deal of trouble. For many weeks
he was "as deaf as a bat," he said,
and since last January has not been
able to drive a speedy rig going
at any speed must have turned
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THE FRANK HOMESTEAD ON THE WELLINGTON ROAD.
John Prodger is charged with having broken a window at the side of the
house, and then pursuing Miss Libbie Frank, 70 years of age, through
the rooms to the front, where she was shot three or four times. She
recovered, and says Prodger was her assailant.

DELEGATION OF 50 WILL BE SENT TO INTERVIEW DR. PUGSLEY

Imposing Deputation Will Wait Upon the Minister of Public
Works to Impress Upon the Government the Need For
Improvements to Harbor at Port Stanley.

The city council will name a depu-
tation of fifty to go to Ottawa to in-
terview Hon. Dr. Pugsley regarding
improvements to Port Stanley harbor.
Mayor Beattie sent a communication
to the council, informing them that the
board of trade had taken steps to send
a deputation to the capital in reference
to Port Stanley, and the council should
take some action regarding the ques-
tion. He urged immediate action, as
the interview would probably take
place before the next meeting of the
council.

Ald. Tancock moved that a depu-
tation be sent, and the motion carried
without discussion. Then there fol-
lowed a debate on the number to be
sent.

His worship pointed out that at a
former meeting three aldermen and the
mayor had been named. However, that
was such a long time ago that the
personnel of the deputation had been
forgotten.

"We have a lot of money invested
in the London and Port Stanley Rail-
way," said Ald. Eckert. "It is merely
a question of investing a little more
money to make what we have already
invested much more valuable. We
want to keep trying until we get what
we want. I think we should send down
a good-sized deputation."

Ald. Richter did not think a large

deputation was of any particular
value, and moved that Mayor Beattie,
Ald. Eckert, Ald. Ashplant and Ald.
Pocock be the deputation.

"You sent a large deputation to meet
Sir James Whitney about the West-
ern University," said Ald. Richter.
"The deputation was too large, and the
Premier informed you to that effect."

Get Good Men.

"Let us send a deputation worthy of
the municipality," said Ald. Stevenson.
"If necessary let us get outside our
own membership until we get good
men to go."

He moved that the whole council
be named a deputation to attend, and
Ald. Fitzgerald seconded it.

"The council should bear the ex-
pense of the whole deputation, both
of travel and otherwise," said Ald.
Underwood. "We should send a depu-
tation worthy of the city."

"I will move that the mayor and No.
1 committee name a deputation, not to
exceed fifty persons, to go to Ottawa,
at the expense of this council," said
Ald. Eckert. "It is not likely that we
can get more than 25 to go, but we
should have as large a number as
possible."

Ald. Underwood seconded the motion.

Ald. Stevenson then withdrew his
motion, and Ald. Eckert's suggestion
carried, all the sum was appropriated by
the council, and the deputation of Ald.
Richter, voting for it.

REAL ESTATERS TALK INJUNCTION

Object to City Sending a Depu-
tation of Fifty to Ottawa Re-
garding Port Stanley.

HOW ABOUT THE MONEY?

Ald. Richter Wants to Know How the
Council Proposes to Get the Funds to
Finance the Trip.

The finance committee will name the
deputation to go to Ottawa, and it
is quite safely said that the number
selected will not be fifty, but rather
much under that figure.

Ald. Richter has been looking into
the law of the matter, and he is puz-
zled to know where the money is to
come from.

According to the municipal act the
amount of money to be expended on
travelling expenses, entertainment of
distinguished guests, etc., is limited to
\$1,000. That sum was appropriated by
the council in the spring, and since
that time fully \$700 has been spent.

Real Estaters Busy.

Consequently, it is stated, that any
further expenditure would be illegal.
In all probability nothing would have
been said on the question had not the
real estaters got busy. This organiza-
tion does not view with favor the ap-
pointment of so large a deputation
and some influential members de-
clared that they would take out an in-
junction to restrain the city from ex-
penditure so much money.

Whether or not they will do so de-
pends upon the action of No. 1 com-
mittee in naming the deputation.

"I do not know where the money is
to come from," said Ald. Richter. "We
are limited by the municipal act in
our expenditure for this purpose, and
I do not see how we can get away from
that."

He will counsel in the committee that
a small deputation be named. There
will be opposition to his sug-
gestion no doubt, but he will en-
deavor to keep the cost down as low
as possible.

Board of Trade Pleased.

In the meantime, the board of trade
members are becoming very enthu-
siastic over the proposition, and already
15 have signified their intention of
going and will pay their own way.
Others are considering the matter, and
there is no doubt that a large num-
ber will go down from this city, irrespec-
tive of the action of the city council.

Aldermen Backing.

Some of the aldermen are "backing
up" on the vote in the council last
night.

As a matter of fact, Ald. Richter
was the only alderman who voted
against it.

The yeas and nays were not called
for, so the vote was not recorded.
Some aldermen now state that they
did not vote for or against the
proposition. In any event, only one
man voted against the motion of Ald.
Eckert.

H.E.C. QUOTES POWER AT \$40 H.P. LONDON'S PRICES ARE CALLED IN

COUNCIL MEETINGS ONCE A WEEK

Some of the Aldermen Favor the
Move.

There is an agitation among certain
aldermen to hold council meetings once
a week, rather than on the first and
third Mondays.

It is thought that the business is be-
coming so extensive that it is impossible
to get the work properly done by fort-
nightly meetings.

"We should meet once a week," said
one alderman. "That is the only way to
do business, and I think it would result
beneficially to the city."

ARRESTS SOON IN BOMB OUTRAGES

Los Angeles Police Hot On Trail
of Dynamiters.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—That im-
portant progress in the search for the
perpetrators of the Los Angeles Times
disaster may be made today is indi-
cated by a statement given out here
by Earl Rogers, the Los Angeles at-
torney, who is in charge of the in-
vestigation of the explosion. Mr. Rogers
said:

"We have important information in
our possession."

He expressed the hope that the in-
vestigation would develop sufficiently
today to justify a disclosure of the
findings made. Determined efforts are
being made to trail the launch Peers-
less, in which the dynamite was pur-
chased, and which is believed to have
now being sought was taken away. A
mysterious craft answering in every
particular the description of the
launch has disappeared from Rich-
ardson's Bay, Sausalito.

Frank Leeman, a fisherman, says
the launch came into a cove at Sausi-
lito on the night of Sept. 20. He
said he could see three men about it
at night, but no trace of its occu-
pants was to be observed by day.

When Leeman returned from his
fishing on the morning of Sept. 23, the
boat was gone.

From the time the white launch was
last seen at Sausalito by Leeman it
was not observed again until 9 o'clock
yesterday morning, when Wm. Gor-
man saw what he believed to have
been the same boat anchored off
North Sausalito. At noon the craft
had disappeared.

Aluminum letters forming the name
"Peersless," which was the name of the
craft that called at Giant, Cal., were
purchased from a local firm on the
evening of Sept. 22 by two men, who
tallied with the description of two of
the trio of suspects who bought dynamite
at Giant.

The hydro-electric power commis-
sioners now quote a rate of \$40 per
horsepower to all consumers in Lon-
don.

The actual price to the consumer
must afterwards be determined by the
discount. For instance, lighting is
quoted at 10 cents a kilowatt hour, but
the discounts, it is alleged, will bring
it down to 5 cents, perhaps, less. They
have applied the same principle to
power.

However, the water commissioners
are not enamored of the new schedule,
as it is so complicated that they do not
understand it. One commissioner
claims that it will be impossible to
make it intelligible to any customer.
That is one reason apparently that so
little has been done towards selling
power here.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR SUPREME COURT

Several Constitutional Puzzles
Will Be Up for Solution.

[Special to The Advertiser]

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—The fall term of the
supreme court opened this morning
with a full court, and a long list of
appeals, chiefly from the west. There
are several important constitutional
questions now for a hearing. One is
the question as to whether the B. N.
A. act gives a province authority to
incorporate companies and give them
power to do business throughout Can-
ada. The second is the reverse, and
asks the court to say whether a Fed-
eral act can control insurance com-
panies in the various provinces. The
third question is as to jurisdiction over
fisheries.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Nes-
bitt, who is to represent the provinces,
their cases were not taken up today.
However, the Manufacturers' Associa-
tion, through F. W. Waggoner, asked
to be made a party to the appeal and
leave was granted. The manufacturers
want the provincial companies judged
capable of doing business in all prov-
inces and Federal companies the same.

It is thought that the case will not be
argued until next term, but will be set
over until next court.

TURMOIL AT LISBON

Death of Republican Deputy Causes a
Religious Riot.

Lisbon, Oct. 4.—Prof. Bombarda, the
Republican deputy and anti-Clerical, who
was shot by an army lieutenant yester-
day, caused today a religious riot. A
crowd of anti-Clericals assembled in the
vicinity of the professor's home and
shouted, "Down with the priests!"

At Oporto the intelligence caused a
violent collision between the Clericals
and anti-Clericals.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Oct. 3.—Arrived: Noordam,
from Rotterdam; Moltke, Genoa; Santa
Anna, Marseilles; Ternes, Glasgow.

Glasgow—Arrived: Carthagenian, Phila-
delphia; Caledonia, New York.

Avonmouth—Arrived: Monmouth, Mon-
mouth.

Dover—Called: Finland, New York;
Clerbourg—Arrived: Cincinnati, New
York; Kron Prinz Wilhelm, New York;
Gibraltar—Passed: Celtic, New York;
Princess Irene, New York.

Naples—Arrived: Hamburg, New York;
Cape Race—Signalled: Majestic, South-
ampton.

Mr. Beck's Board Does Not Intend to Allow City to Have the Say.

Mayor Beattie
RAISES OBJECTION

Says That the Move of the Hydro-
Electric Commission Is Un-
fair to London.

The water commissioners will not be
allowed to make their own schedule of
prices for Niagara power.

The board attempted to do so not
long since. The result was that the
commissioners were told in somewhat
emphatic terms that the arrangement
of the rates for power was a matter
for the hydro-electric commission to
deal with, not the city. Consequently,
they ordered the schedule prepared by
Manager Dark to be withdrawn, and
this has been done.

When Manager Dark took charge of
the department the water commis-
sioners ordered him to prepare a schedule
of rates to be submitted to customers.
In consultation with Engineer Roberts
he prepared such a scale of prices, the
cost of power ranging from 25 to 50
cents according to quantities used, to
which the power was to be placed.

Commission Objects.