

TRACES OF THE MISSING MAN

Jas. Buchanan of this City Believes He Saw F. J. Might, the Missing Peterborough Merchant on Train to Montreal.

It now seems possible that the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mr. F. J. Might, the Peterborough merchant, may be cleared up and Mr. James Buchanan, salesman for the Ritchie Company, has perhaps supplied the essential information.

It will be recalled from the account published in The Ontario last Friday that Mr. Might disappeared from his home in Peterborough on Sunday, Feb. 4th. He was the proprietor of the Turbitt stores and a gentleman of wealth, position and influence. He left his home for a walk on the morning of the date mentioned. He was seen that afternoon near the Auburn mills and late that night he was seen by the night watchman near his store. After that no trace of him could be found, although an unremitting search has since been prosecuted by friends and relatives. Mr. Might was in a very nervous condition following the collapse of his store building some three years ago and this condition was accentuated by the late explosion and destruction of life at the Quaker Oats plant. It was feared that in a moment of aberration he had made an end to his life. In hopes of discovering some clue the river at Peterborough has been dragged.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7th, Mr. Buchanan, of the Ritchie Co. bought a ticket and proceeded to New York, via Montreal. On the train between here and Montreal he noticed a well dressed gentleman acting very strangely and nervously. The appearance of the man and his usual conduct fixed itself on Mr. Buchanan's mind. Upon the latter's return from New York he read the report in The Ontario and at once formed the conjecture that this might be the missing merchant. He communicated his idea to Mr. C. M. Reid and the latter at once advised him to notify the relatives at Peterborough. This he did.

Last night, Mr. Caldwell, brother-in-law of Mr. Might arranged to meet Mr. Buchanan at the Grand Trunk station here. Mr. Buchanan was shown a photo of Mr. Might and at once positively identified it as that of the man he had seen on the train.

Mr. Caldwell had made further inquiries en route. The conductor of the train also identified the photo.

Mr. Might, it was he, went as far as Montreal. There he changed and went on to Point Levis. After that no further trace of him has yet been discovered, although it was ascertained that he had purchased a ticket for Moncton, N. B.

An Example of Giving.

The following letter was received by the Patriotic Fund Committee in reply to a letter sent to outside firms doing business in Belleville, and is an example of generosity which could well be followed by our citizens at large.

Montreal, Feb. 17, 1917. Canadian Patriotic Fund Com., Belleville, Ontario, Gentlemen.

Your esteemed favor of the 16th inst. to hand. We gave the Patriotic Fund and Red Cross Committee one cheque for \$2,000.00 last week, thinking this amount would cover our branch offices. However, as we wish to do all we can to encourage the good work, and those who are giving their time and energy on behalf of it, we enclose our cheque for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) With best wishes for the success of your worthy undertaking, We are, yours truly, C. W. Lindsay, Limited.

Died in Buffalo.

John A. Davis a former well known Grand Trunk employe of this city, died yesterday in Buffalo at the residence of his son. The body will arrive here at midnight and be taken to the residence of his daughter Mrs. H. J. Pignen, 271 Ann Street. Mr. Davis who was seventy-three years of age leaves the following his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Pignen, Belleville and Mrs. Andrew Pearson, Toronto; one son Mr. C. L. Davis, Buffalo and one sister, Miss E. J. Davis of New York. He was a member of Mispah Lodge No. 127 I. O. O. F.

Capt. Sandford went to Madoc on Saturday to conduct an inspection.

A WELL-KNOWN LADY COMING

Well known and much beloved for her patriotic and philanthropic work is Mrs. Eleanor McLaren Brown of London, England, who on invitation of His Worship the Mayor, representing all the citizens of Belleville, will address an audience of the men and women of Belleville who will no doubt crowd the City Hall to its utmost capacity on Monday evening the 26th inst. Mr. George McLaren Brown, European Manager of the C.P.R., and Mrs. Brown have been the moving spirits in the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital and in the Canadian War Contingent Association and other organizations through which our Canadian soldiers have been so cheered, helped and cared for. But the personal kindness of both Mr. and Mrs. McLaren Brown, and their earnest solicitude for the welfare of our lads at the front is beyond all praise and gratitude. The officers and members of all the Canadian Clubs, Daughters of the Empire, Khaki Clubs, Red Cross and Patriotic Associations, will delight to hear and honor this public spirited, eloquent, and indefatigable woman who comes from the very center of the great war work, and who will give her farewell address in Belleville on Monday evening next. Admission is absolutely free and we bespeak a warm welcome for the speaker who can give us the "last word" on all the Red Cross and Patriotic work that has been done and is being planned for that immediate and imminent future in which the need will be so great. Mrs. McLaren Brown, has spoken only in Hamilton, Toronto, London, Montreal and Ottawa, so Belleville is highly favored in securing her visit, and it is a recognition on her part of the great work of the ladies of Belleville and the surrounding district during the past two years, a work in which the men of Belleville are also vitally interested on behalf of their sons—those "happy warriors," to whom Mrs. McLaren Brown has devoted herself and her talents and with such irresistible success. Set aside Monday evening for this rare treat and opportunity.

JAMES CONNOLLY IS WOUNDED

59th Soldier From Belleville Received Gunshot Wounds

James Connolly, formerly a well-known barber of this city and a hockey player of note has been wounded. He went overseas with the 59th battalion and this is the first time his name has appeared in the casualty list. This morning Mrs. Connolly received the following telegram relating to her husband: Ottawa, Feb. 19, '17. Mrs. Kathleen O'Brien Connolly, 70 Dundas St., Belleville. Sincerely regret to inform you 454528 Pte. James Patrick Connolly, infantry, officially reported admitted to thirty casualty clearing station Feb. 3rd, 1917, gunshot wound, left leg, shoulder, hip. Will send further particulars when received. "Officer in Charge Records"

A BROCKVILLE WILL CASE.

An interesting Will Case was argued at Brockville yesterday. Walter Smith, a wealthy retired farmer, a widower without children, just before his death, at the Brockville Hospital, made a Will by which he left all his property to strangers. Relatives of the deceased brought an action to set aside the Will on the ground of insanity. A large amount of evidence was put in and law cited after which the case was enlarged for judgment. W. C. Mikel, K. C. appeared for the relatives.

DEATH OF MRS. A. PITTIS

Mrs. George R. Brown of this city is in Toronto today attending the obsequies of the late Mrs. Alfred Pittis, her sister-in-law. Mrs. Pittis had been taken ill about a week ago and died in one of the Toronto hospitals. Mrs. Pittis was born in Belleville, her maiden name being Miss Mary Robertson, and her early years were spent in this city.

HORSE LYING ON STREET

A horse was found lying on Wellington Street last night about 10:30. A little later the animal was led away by the owner.

Miss Viola Hadley of Frankford, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. G. Meagher, 9 Octavia Street, left for home today.

REOPENING OF FRANCK STREET

Maple Leaf Tires Ltd., Secure Promise of G.T.R. for This Change

MEMORIAL ON RECRUITING

Consideration of Matter of Adequate Protection at Bay Bridge—The C.P.R. Station Problem

Concrete work was finished at the Maple Leaf Tires Ltd., yesterday, said Mr. Summers of the company, who appeared before the city council last evening. Material for the roof has arrived and tomorrow more will come in. Mr. R. W. White has been given the contract for the building of the roof. Mr. Summers said Mr. J. W. Evans had been in communication with a G.T.R. engineer who said they were ready to open Franck street at the request of the Maple Leaf Tires and the city. The company will require the use of the street in order to get material on to their grounds, at the least possible expense. Mr. Summers secured the council's promise to look after water extensions and the fixed low assessment of the plant.

Mr. Walter H. Patterson appeared in reference to an account for \$15 for taking elevations for the West Belleville sewers, March 1st, 2nd and 4th, 1915, on instructions from Mr. Evans. He said he had given the account to Mr. Evans from whom he had had no answer.

Ald. Platt—"Do you know why Mr. Evans did not do it?"

Mr. Patterson—"I think Mr. Evans said he was going to Ottawa at the time."

Mr. Henderson—"Mr. Patterson did the work all right?"

Ald. Platt—"It is strange that our engineer should hire another to do the work."

Ald. Robinson said it seemed as if the engineer should be responsible. Mayor Ketcheson—"We shall have to know how you were engaged, we are not disputing the account."

Ald. Robinson moved that the matter of the employment of a city hall stenographer be referred back to the committee. He had a motion dealing with the same problem. The recommendation was referred.

The W.C.A. urged that a 6 inch water main be put in to the hospital. Referred to waterworks.

Ald. Robinson asked why the C.P.R. was not proceeding with the building of the station on the west side.

Mayor Ketcheson said he had not been approached during his term of office regarding sale of city property to the C.P.R. He understood that previously an offer had been made.

W. J. Colleen applied for an increase in salary—referred to the waterworks committee.

Chief Engineer Marshall Spafford also applied for an increase, but the request was not entertained.

A petition for waterworks on Moira street was referred.

A list of officials and their salaries was read and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Ald. Platt, the council decided to tender to the Orange Grand Lodge the use of the City Hall free of charge for their annual Grand Lodge meetings.

Memorial on Militia Act

When a memorial as adopted by St. Catharines City Council regarding recruiting was read, Ald. Robinson thought it a step in the right direction. Others spoke in favor and Ald. Woodley moved that the council endorse it. The vote in favor was unanimous. The memorial reads:—

We, therefore, respectfully but urgently request the Dominion Government to immediately take the following steps which we believe to be of prime importance:—

Firstly.—To bring into force the Militia Act in so far as that Act contemplates the calling out of the first class of the male population of Canada for military service.

Secondly.—Stop the exodus to the U. S. of Canadian young men who desire to escape military duty.

Thirdly.—To nationalize all public utilities, railways, mines, munition plants, in order that all may be used to the fullest capacity for national service and eliminating private gain.

Fourthly.—To take additional steps to insure the proper treatment of returned soldiers, and that a part of this they be employed at Home Service whenever possible. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Hon. the Premier of Canada, the Minister of Militia and the Director of Recruiting at Ottawa.

Bay Bridge Crossing

Belleville may be represented at the meeting of the Board of Railway Commissioners to be held at Ottawa, March 8th, the following application

is to be heard:—"Consideration of the matter of protection at the crossing of the C.N.R. and C.P.R. at the Bay Bridge Road, Belleville, Ont. The committee will deal with this at its next meeting.

INQUIRY INTO CITY SALARIES

And Possibility of Amalgamation of Offices at Ald. Robinson's Suggestion

The city council at the request of Ald. Robinson will investigate the matter of city officials' salaries and the possible amalgamation of offices. On Ald. Robinson's suggestion the following list of salaries was read last evening:

Table listing salaries for various city positions: City Treasurer (\$800.00), from Water Works (\$450.00), from Gas Department (\$1200.00), Clerk (\$1200.00), Tax Collector (\$1200.00), Assessor (\$1000.00), Auditor (\$1080.00), Solicitor (\$500.00), Street Surveyor (\$1050.00), Mgr. Gas Department (\$1300.00), Asst. Gas Department (\$450.00), Board of Health (M.H.O.) (\$300.00), Transit Officer, J. D. Ruston (\$150.00), Broad Insp. B. Quincey (\$50.00), Messenger, J. Harris (\$700.00), Clock Insp., J. Roblin (\$50.00)

Court of Revision

Table listing court revision cases: Sheriff Morrison (\$50.00), J. E. Williams (\$50.00), R. W. Adams (\$50.00)

Water Works

Table listing water works personnel: M. B. Stafford, engineer (\$840.00), Wm. Colleen, engineer (\$750.00), John Colleen, Supt. (\$730.00)

Police Department

Table listing police department personnel: Police Magistrate (\$1400.00), Chief of Police (\$1320.00), F. J. Naphin (\$1000.00), A. Harman (\$375.00), A. Deshane (\$840.00), E. Smith (\$650.00), G. Ellis (\$840.00), Dr. Yeomans (\$50.00)

Fire Department

Table listing fire department personnel: W. J. Brown, chief (\$1080.00), G. H. Campbell, Asst. Chief (\$840.00), R. Symons (\$720.00), D. Reeves (\$720.00), G. Brown (\$720.00), J. Clement (\$720.00), W. Lynch (\$720.00), Ed. Clarke (\$720.00), S. Waddell (\$720.00), S. Barrum (\$720.00), F. Orr, \$720.—Ten firemen at \$10 per month.

Ald. Robinson moved, seconded by Ald. Platt, that Alderman Whelan, Frank Deacon, Platt, and Robinson be a special committee for the purpose of considering into the matter of salaries of the city officials and in order to it possible devise ways and means of retrenchment by amalgamation of offices or otherwise having also a view to the efficiency of the public service, also for the purpose of considering the necessity of employing a stenographer and typewriter operator and if necessary to engage such official, and report to council.

Ald. Robinson said there was a great deal of street talk regarding the cost of civic administration. This being a year of economy, it would be wise if possible to economize.

Ald. Deacon thought it wise to discuss the matter before the whole council. The entire council board should deal with it.

Ald. Woodley, "I certainly will not allow my name to go on that motion. I think all the aldermen should be taken in. I am not in favor of a special committee."

Ald. Robinson—The council would take a longer time to deal with the matter. Then the committee would have to report. When it comes to council, you have the advantage of the information collected by the committee.

Mayor Ketcheson in his visits to other cities last year, found that Belleville's civic administration was being operated at about one half the cost of other cities. He saw nothing against efforts towards economy.

Ald. Robinson cited the case of a city where the clerk took the contract for the civic administration. "I don't think because other towns are doing such and such things, that we should follow suit. Other towns might want to copy us."

SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE

The At-Home held by the Ladies in St. Michael's Academy on Thursday evening was a great success, both socially and financially. The prizes are as follows:—

Euchre. Ladies—1st prize, Mrs. Hamilton. 2nd prize, Miss O'Rourke. 3rd prize, Mrs. F. Milne.

Gentlemen—1st prize, Mr. John Rouch. 2nd prize, Mr. J. Fahey. 3rd prize, Mr. C. J. Peppis.

Five Hundred. Ladies—1st prize, Mrs. Flagger. 2nd prize, Miss West.

Gentlemen—1st prize, Private Doner. 2nd prize, F. Walsh. 3rd prize, J. Alexander. Bridge.

Ladies—1st prize, Miss B. Dolan. Gentlemen—1st prize, Dr. O'Callaghan.

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