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WATFORD GIRL MURDERED BY REJECTED LOVER

MISS GERALDINE DURSTAN DIES FROM BULLETS FIRED BY CLARENCE TOPPING

Her Chum, Miss Viola McNaughton, Accidentally Shot Through Breast by Constable When Making Arrest. She is Not Yet Out of Danger.

Clarence Topping Will Be Formally Accused in London Police Court Friday of Killing His Sweetheart.

Not for many years have the people of Watford and vicinity received such a distressing shock as they experienced during the past week, caused by the murder in London of Miss Geraldine Durstan, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durstan of Watford, by Clarence Topping, aged 23, a rejected suitor, and the accidental shooting of her chum, Miss Viola McNaughton, the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNaughton, also a resident of town.

The first known of the terrible tragedy was the receipt of a message Friday morning by Mr. McNaughton, stating that his daughter and Geraldine Durstan had both been shot that morning. The parents and other relatives of the victims immediately left for London, together with their pastor, Rev. T. D. Rayner.

The following report of the sad affair, shorn of many surmises, is taken largely from the London Free Press:

History of the Crime
Two girls were wounded, one fatally, in a shooting affray at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. George Cook, 318 York street, early Friday. Geraldine Durstan, 18, of Watford, received two bullets in the abdomen from a gun in the hands of Clarence Topping, 23, her sweetheart, and Viola McNaughton, 19, her chum, was pierced through the chest with a bullet from the revolver of Police Constable Walter Harpur, who was on the scene at the time and whose shot was directed toward the would-be murderer.

Both girls were rushed to Victoria Hospital. The young ladies were given stimulants to overcome the shock as soon as they were admitted to the hospital.

The shooting took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, where both girls boarded, soon after 7 o'clock Friday morning. Topping, who had left the house in a fit of jealous rage five hours previously after his suit had been rejected by Miss Durstan, with whom he is said to have kept company for several months, returned as Mr. and Mrs. Cook and the two girls were about to sit down to their morning meal. He said he wanted Miss Durstan to go with him to her home in Watford to talk over the desired match with her parents.

Twice Cook advised Topping to leave the house in peace and to forget his love affair with Miss Durstan. When he refused the first time, Cook phoned for the police and Constable Harpur responded to the summons. Loathe to see Topping placed under arrest, Cook gave him another chance to leave peacefully, but his advice again went unheeded by the persistent wooer.

Several shots rang out in the bedroom occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cook, where the girls had taken refuge after Topping appeared. The desperate lover had broken through the door and when the police officer rushed in from the kitchen, followed closely by Cook, he saw Topping kneeling over the girl's prostrate form with a smoking revolver in his hand. At the sight of the officer Topping is said to have raised his weapon. Constable Harpur, however, had pulled his gun, and, aiming it at Topping, fired.

Miss McNaughton Appears
Just at that moment Miss McNaughton appeared from behind the bedroom door and the bullet from the officer's revolver is the one that is believed to have entered her chest. Five shots in all are believed to have been fired, one lodging in the wall of the bedroom. It was afterwards extracted and held as evidence.

After the shooting, Topping threw the gun on the bed and was placed under arrest without resistance by Constable Harpur. In the meantime reinforcements were summoned from headquarters and he was removed to the Carling street police station. In police court, Magistrate Graydon remanded Topping for a week pending the outcome of the wounds.

Both girls were rushed to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance. Dr. Homer Black, who had been called, rendered first aid on the way and adrenalin was immediately administered to the heart of Miss McNaughton in the hopes of reviving her from the shock. Stimulants were also given to Miss Durstan and proved beneficial.

Unrequited love and jealousy were the motives for the crime. Though at one time, the girl is said to have shared his affections. Since coming to London last May Miss Durstan is said to have become enamored of another suitor. Topping's solicitations have been repulsed with increasing emphasis and in his desperation he is said to have told the girl that "if you don't marry me, you won't marry anyone else."

An Accident
"He didn't mean to do it," is the statement Miss McNaughton is said by Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner to have been made by the girl to her mother, who with other members of the family, arrived at Victoria Hospital Friday. The statement referred to the shot she received during the melee.

Rev. Mr. Rayner, pastor of the Congregational Church of Watford, which both Miss McNaughton and Geraldine Durstan, the second victim attended, came by automobile, together with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNaughton, parents of the former; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McNaughton, brother and sister-in-law, and Miss Mabel McNaughton, a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durstan, parents of the second girl, also arrived from Watford. According to the story Miss McNaughton told her mother at the hospital. Topping entered the bedroom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, gun in hand. She claims she extended her arm to save her chum and was first shot through the tip of one of her fingers. Topping then emptied two other chambers of his revolver into the body of Miss Durstan. Miss McNaughton said that she was shot by the police constable when she emerged from behind the bedroom door. Topping is said to have thrown his gun on to the bed after completing the purpose of his errand. In all five shots were fired, according to the young lady's story.

The girls were employed at the Holeproof Hosiery Company and had boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Cook since the latter's marriage less than two months ago. Both young ladies had previously been employed at the Strathroy General Hospital, where Miss Durstan first made the acquaintance of Topping. They were to be married before Christmas, according to a statement she is said to have made to Mr. and Mrs. George Topping, of Strathroy, father and mother of the would-be murderer.

Topping has also worked in London for a considerable length of time. He boarded at 149 Bathurst street, and until recently was employed by the William Leff & Co. Lately he has worked as a bricklayer.

He is described as hard working and industrious. Quiet in his habits, he sought advice from no one, but kept his own counsel. He did not return to his boarding house during the night and must have spent the hours of darkness in deep contemplation.

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WATFORD NOMINATIONS

Reeve, Council, Board of Education and Utilities Member Elected by Acclamation

The first nomination meeting held under the change of date was held in the Music Hall, Monday evening, a fair-sized number of ratepayers being present. Town Clerk W. S. Fuller presided at the nomination meeting and was also elected to preside at the speech-making meeting afterwards. The nominations were few, and it looked at one time as if there would not be sufficient names put forward to fill the various offices. There seemed to be little interest taken in the proceedings and during the evening not a single mention was made of the financial statement. Following are the nominations:—

For Reeve
W. G. Connolly by W. H. Shrapnell and J. McKeercher.
W. E. Fitzgerald by W. G. Connolly and C. H. Hollingsworth.

For Councillor
Philip E. Fuller by W. G. Connolly and C. H. Hollingsworth.
John W. Doar by J. Fowler and W. E. Fitzgerald.

Richard Williamson by W. E. Fitzgerald and J. Temple.
Russell McCormick by R. Williamson and J. W. McLaren.

Henry Hollingsworth by J. W. McLaren and R. Williamson.
Frank Lovell by W. E. Fitzgerald and Jacob Temple.

Jacob D. Brown by S. H. Lucas and F. H. Just.

For Board of Education
J. W. McLaren by John McKeercher and W. H. Shrapnell.
W. E. Fitzgerald by C. W. Vail and J. Fowler.

C. W. Vail by W. E. Fitzgerald and Alex D. Elliot by J. McKeercher and A. D. Hone.

Public Utilities Commission
Peter J. Dodds by Ray Morningstar and J. McKeercher.

The Reeve was the first speaker. He thanked the electors for the confidence they had placed in him and had tried his best to do his duty. The change of date of holding the nominations had been placed earlier in order to get away from the holiday season. This year's council was a very agreeable one—if any had made a mistake all had—not a single councillor voting against any resolution. Taxes this year were higher than last year yet it cost \$1,000 less to carry on the affairs of the village. The reason of the increased rate was underestimation last year. The pavement had not yet cost the village one cent, although we received \$840 less from the county this year than last. So far we have received 125% of the good roads county rate and hope to receive the same in future. Have received enough to pay the debentures, and hope next year to receive a larger amount from the county. Speaking of the Soldiers' Memorial he said although the citizens voted on a bylaw to spend \$2000 on this, he thought it would be wise to make haste slowly—the spirit of the people would not change in ten years time and as the \$2000 had to be paid in one year the payment at present would be a burden to the people, and the delaying would not cool the ardor of the ratepayers in this matter. He was trying to get unity of feeling and purpose and felt there was no use rushing into the matter this year. He thanked the ratepayers for their former confidence and asked for their further support.

H. Hollingsworth endorsed what the Reeve had said. He did not spend any money foolishly and was a candidate for re-election.

J. R. McCormick thanked the electors for past support. He had spent \$235 on gravel and repairing sidewalks.

John Doar was not present and P. Fuller was unable to attend on account of illness.

R. Williamson said after listening to the Reeve he thought it would be folly to hold an election. It was easier to criticize than do actual work, and the former should be cut out. He was not a candidate.

Frank Lovell was not a candidate. J. D. Brown thanked his mover and seconder, and said he would not like to interrupt the harmony of the council by being elected. He had no desire to take office again.

W. E. Fitzgerald instead of finding fault with council would suggest the formation of a Board of Trade to

work in conjunction with them. He suggested changing the name of Watford to Androok on account of letters going astray in the mails and advocated the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the village and also the formation of a citizen's band. Regarding a new postoffice he thought the council and citizens should take the matter up with the government. He was not a candidate for Reeve. He said the Board of Education had spent considerable money but most of it could not be helped. He advocated the reducing of the staff of teachers in the public school as there were only 129 pupils attending.

J. W. McLaren said that he had been on the School Board since 1901 and had decided to drop out at the end of the term. He was opposed to the cutting off of one teacher on the public school staff and the doing so would only save about \$700. He did not think it a good move. He thanked electors for past support but had decided to retire.

C. W. Vail had no speech to make. W. L. Millar spoke for the Utilities Commission, said Waterworks had to call on council for \$150 this year but next year he thought it would be self sustaining. The department had now 55 customers. He said a new main would have to be laid along Front street to secure reduction of rates from the fire underwriters. Regarding Hydro it was in a flourishing condition, but urged users to be easy on power Saturday nights as the peak load was recorded from the watts used that night.

This brought the meeting to a close with the result that the present reeve, council and other officers were elected by acclamation, the only change in the personnel being that Alex Elliot takes the place of J. W. McLaren on the Board of Education.

BORN
In Brooke, on Nov. 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peasley, a son—Charles Frederick.
In Warwick, on Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. David Logan, a daughter.
In Warwick, on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Ferguson, a daughter.

MARRIED
At the Methodist parsonage, Warwick, on Saturday, Nov. 17th, by the Rev. R. Johnson, Stella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Marriot, 6th line of Plympton, to Mr. Myers Sommerville, Sarnia.

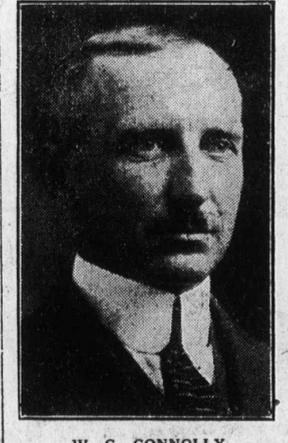
DIED
At Detroit, Mich., on Nov. 20th, Nelson T. Chambers, formerly of Watford, in his 37th year.
In Victoria Hospital, London, on Saturday, Nov. 24th, 1923, Geraldine Bessie Durstan, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durstan, in her 19th year.
In Watford, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1923, F. J. Hughes, in his 80th year.

IN MEMORIAM
In Loving Memory of Catherine Wiley Morris, who passed away 6 years ago today.
We have only one mother to miss. When she has departed from this, So love and revere that mother while here, Sometime you won't know that dear kiss.
—Annie Kearney, 1923

Appreciation was expressed of the musical numbers, contributed by Frank Hillis, who sang "The Old Pioneer," to the delight of all, and Florence and Neil O'Neil.

The meeting was also of the opinion that the time was now opportune when the citizens of Watford should give due consideration to an Old Boys' Re-Union within the near future, promising that a large delegation would go forward from Toronto. It is the feeling that the success of a re-union would be greatly assured if the larger centres throughout the Dominion would follow in the footsteps of the Toronto citizens by way of the formation of "Old Boys' Committees," with which the local committee in Watford could cooperate.

With over 200 former Watford people in Toronto and thousands of others scattered throughout the Dominion, all anxious to come back to the old town and visit the scenes of their youth, it is almost imperative upon the people in Watford to get together and make preliminary arrangements for an Old Boys and Girls Reunion here some time next year.



W. G. CONNOLLY
Elected Reeve of Watford for 1924
By Acclamation.

WATFORD OLD BOYS ORGANIZE IN TORONTO

Reunion Proves a Grand Success and Will be made an Annual Affair

Over 170 Watford old boys and girls gathered at a reunion on Friday at Hunt's Restaurant, Bloor and Yonge streets, Toronto, to pay their respects to Watford in which the greater number of them were born and in which others had spent many years of their lives.

T. G. Mitchell, J. W. McLaren and F. Luckham went from Watford to attend the meeting and speak in glowing terms of the enthusiasm shown by all who attended the meeting, the event in every way far exceeding the expectations of the promoters, in the number attending also in satisfaction at the outcome, all of which speaks favorably for the success of future gatherings. Many people who had not seen each other for years were present at the gathering and all showed great interest.

Mr. A. T. Thom was chairman of the meeting. Apart from expressions of a formal welcome, making special mention of those who had specially come to Toronto from the old town, he made mention of the part Watford had played in the war, and on behalf of those present expressed a desire to pay tribute to those who had paid the supreme sacrifice, as well as greetings and remembrance to those bereft.

The speeches of the evening were largely reminiscent, but that of Mr. W. B. Race, Superintendent of the Institute for the Blind at Brantford, was especially interesting inasmuch as he so well and vividly recalled old days and paid respect to old-time citizens, many of whom have since passed away. Mr. Race told how he went to Watford at the age of 23 to assume the Principalship of Watford High School, and refused a house at \$5 a month rental because he was offered one at \$4, and how he had to have water brought in buckets from the well because of the conviction in the mind of the owner that a pump spoiled the taste of the water, the old-timers nodded to each other and smiled, because those were days of careful spending and strong prejudices. His review of Main street and his tribute to the business men of Watford met hearty applause from his listeners.

Mr. Race was followed by Hon. I. B. Lucas, Rev. Robert Hadow, editor of the Presbyterianian, and Dr. U. M. Stanley of Brantford—men who had spent their youth and young manhood in Watford. It was a reunion of old friends and neighbors—an evening when old men recalled the stirring days of their youth and younger men met old schoolmates for the first time in decades.

It was felt that this should be an annual gathering, and the following officers were appointed to complete the necessary arrangements: Hon. Presidents, Hon. I. B. Lucas and Rev. Robert Hadow; President, A. T. Thom; Vice-President, R. V. Collier; Second Vice-President, James Williamson; Secretary, David White; Treasurer, Arnold Cook. Executive Committee—George McIntosh, Will Thom, Jas. Ramsay, Clarence Cook, David Roche, Sam Mitchell, Dr. H. Clutterbuck.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1923

A TOWN MANAGER

The Grimsby Independent is advocating a change in the present system of municipal government, and says in part:—"Business men to day are too busy to devote even the smallest little bit of time to municipal affairs. Some of them, after much persuasion, are finally forced to accept a seat around the council board, but what is the result after they are persuaded? They either neglect their own business in order to look after the citizen's business or else they neglect the ratepayers' interests. There is one way in which a municipality can protect itself from going to pieces as a result of this, and that is the doing away with the present system of a mayor, reeve and council and the electing instead of a commission of three men and the hiring of a town manager, thus putting your municipal affairs on the town manager basis—a system that has been tried out in many cities and towns in United States and found to be a success. Under this system three men are elected as a commission for terms of one, two and three years, so that at no time is more than one inexperienced man on the commission. The commission acts in much the same manner as the board of directors of a manufacturing plant, meeting once a month and reviewing the work and finances of the previous month. This commission employs one man, who is known as a town manager. This town manager runs the town, looks after all the works of the town and transacts all the business of the town under the supervision of the commission in the same manner as a manager of a factory runs his factory. He is hired on a yearly salary and it is up to him to run his town and produce results the same as a factory manager has to do.

URNS MILLIONS OVER TO THE ORPHAN BOYS

Hilton Hershey's name was unknown to millions of people a fortnight ago who have since heard it. Mr. Hershey is rather a curiosity. He is a manufacturer who lives in Hershey, Pa., and does not advertise and his business has been built into a huge success despite this fact. But he got a tremendous lot of free advertising when he announced that his business, valued at \$60,000,000, was to be run in the future for the benefit of orphan boys. It is said that this year the business, which is the manufacture of chocolate bars, will show a profit of \$4,000,000, most of which will be turned over to the boys. As many of them as can be given a home until they are eighteen years old. Then, with a good common school education and something more than the rudiments of a trade they will be given \$100 cash and turned loose on the world. Mr. Hershey has no children of his own. His wife is dead. He is 66 years old, and in explaining his great gift, he remarked quietly that he did not need much money for himself and was not likely to need even that for many years. Therefore he turned to the philanthropy that particularly interested him. He said that if he had children himself he might have been different, although he believed that leaving large fortunes was a mistake.

THE BRITISH IMMIGRANT

(Parkhill Gazette)
British women are being sent out to Canada as immigrants and all sorts of men are being induced to come to Canada, some of whom very soon tell us that they are sorely disappointed upon arrival and are sorry that they came. This kind of talk comes from the pap-fed immigrants of today and was not known when farmers were being hewed out of the wilderness and the foundations of civilization were being laid on our prairies. We are insisting today that the immigrants we welcome should have some ready cash to bring with them to this land of ours. Yes and some of our grand fathers spent their last shilling for a drink of butter milk when they got off the boat at Port Stanley. Who made this country what it is today? Immigrants who were assisted and persuaded to come out here and who came with money in their pockets? No.
The farming communities on the prairies and elsewhere in Canada were found and built up by penniless adventurers, who had nothing but their stout hearts, strong bodies, and the will to do and dare as their

initial capital. And their descendants of the third generation have become so accustomed to plenty, to comfort, to the flesh pots of Canada, that they would put a bar across the door and allow only hand-picked immigrants, with money to come in because, they cannot see how they can make good in Canada without money.

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LAMBTON CORN, GRAIN AND SEED GROWERS

A joint meeting of the Executives of the Lambton County Corn, Grain and Seed Growers' Association, the Lambton Pure Bred Live Stock Breeders Association and the Lambton Poultry Association was held in the Agricultural Office, Petrolia, on Saturday last. It was unanimously decided to hold the Annual County Winter Fair, comprising these three organizations, in Petrolia, on February 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1924.

The Corn, Grain and Seed Growers' Association are planning to stage an entirely new form of exhibit. An added feature of great importance will be a Two Day Convention addressed by prominent authorities emphasizing the importance and value of pure seed in the production of our annual crops. An effort will be made to reach the indifferent grower who, by his careless methods, is a menace to the agriculture and crop production of the county.

The Pure Bred Live Stock Breeders will contribute to their Annual Sale the best offering of choice individuals, male and female (beef breeds) that has been here-to-fore offered by the Association. A steady improvement in the quality and conformation of the individuals offered is evident each year since the inception of the Sale. An inspection of the animals offered will be made during the month of December. Parties wishing to list animals should notify the Secretary at once. The Association is preparing to organize a sale of registered dairy cattle some time in the early spring.

Poultry keeping from the breeder of fancy exhibition birds to the utility classes of the mixed farmer will have their innings at the Annual County Poultry Show. Poultry keeping as a branch of mixed farming is growing in extent and importance and value each year. The lowly hen who has to scratch for her living is a large factor influencing the cash returns on the average mixed farm. The egg production of the Dominion of Canada will be featured by an exhibit from the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch.

Things Are Pretty Quiet Has Nothing to Lament Over

He was an assistant chemist in a big laboratory—clever, and ambitious to succeed. His mother needed his help, there was a younger sister to be put through school and there were ambitions of his own linked with a winsome co-ed he learned to love while at college.

To long hours without proper rest; indifferent nourishment and especially the dust, the fumes and the flying particles of chemical matter, which settled in his lungs, gradually broke down his health. An attack of the flu didn't help. He got so easily tired out and so weak his work that some serious trouble was suspected.

Well, it turned out to be "T.B." and now he is taking the cure at the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives. The doctors say he will get better, but he cannot go back to his former occupation. He smiles pluckily and says he has nothing to lament over, new plans will have to be made, but the hospital is giving him back his health, and that is the big thing.

Contributions to aid Muskoka Hospital in its work may be sent to Hon. W. A. Charlton, 223 College Street, Toronto.

PETROLEA GIRL STRUCK BLIND

Petrolia, Nov. 24.—Word was received here by W. G. Fraser stating that his daughter, Miss Shirlena Fraser of Winnipeg, had been struck stone blind. Miss Fraser, who has for several years held a responsible position with the Dominion Express company, was counting the cash one night last week when she was seized with a severe headache. Her manager advised her to go home, and shortly after arriving at her lodging she was stricken stone blind.

Although specialists have been attending her there seems little chance of her regaining her sight. She will be taken to Rochester, Minn., Hospital, conducted by the famous Mayo Brothers. Before the attack of headache Miss Fraser had never been troubled with her eyes and never wore glasses.

Autumn Weddings

VANCE—MUNROE

The marriage of Miss Augustine Munroe, R.N., second daughter of Mrs. Margaret Munroe of Forest and Frank Vance, only son of Mrs. Ellen Vance of Plympton township was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, November 24th, by the Rev. Mr. Stones, Baptist minister, at the minister's home, Wyoming. The bride, who was attended by Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Millham of Bosanquet, was prettily attired in brown. Mr. and Mrs. Vance left for London and Toronto and will reside at their farm in Plympton.

HOSFORD—McGOWAN

The wedding of Annie Elliot, daughter of the late R. C. and Mrs. McGowan, to Matthew Hosford, was solemnized at the family residence, "Maplehurst Farm," Blyth, on Tuesday, November 20, at high noon. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Walter McGowan, was becomingly attired in a gown of white crepe de chene with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds. The ceremony, which took place beneath a bower of evergreens, interspersed with white berries and graced with a bell of white mums, was performed by Rev. J. H. Hosford of Watford, brother of the groom, assisted by Rev. George Telford, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Little Miss Natalie Hosford, niece of the groom, made a dainty flower girl. After the ceremony more than 50 guests enjoyed a delicious wedding luncheon, at a table beautiful with golden mums. The groom's gift to the bride was a lovely rope of pearls and to the flower girl a gold locket. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hosford left for London, Detroit and Watford, where they will spend a short time before taking up their residence in Victoria Road, Guelph.

A Farmer Who Gave His Health for His Son

John is a big framed, heavy-handed farmer, with a gentle voice and grey eyes that beam out hopefully at you from behind steel-rimmed spectacles. John wanted his boy to be a doctor, so he worked hard, early and late, cultivating his rocky acres to save the money. He got run down, had two or three attacks of the flu—until he got so weak he couldn't work and after some fainting spells and enforced medical attention he learned the dire news—tuberculosis. If Mrs. John had been living probably he would have had better care and better food.

He was received at the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives and now with skilled medical and nursing attendance, and the wonderful air of Muskoka to bring health to the tired lungs, John is actually getting better, and he is an enthusiastic booster for the Hospital.

He believes he is well enough now, after ten months, to go back to the farm, but on the doctor's "advice" he is staying on to make sure there will be no relapse. There is a lot of lost time to be made up on that farm, but maybe he can still send his boy to college.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Sunday next is Advent.
Ford size Tires \$7.50 up.—Rt Morningstar, Wat-Ford Garage.
Buy your suit and overcoats Swift's.

Watch our window for display specially priced Aluminum Ware.—McCormick & Paul.
A shiek is now merely a male person who can act as a dancing partner and provide the "eats."

A man always pays for being trimmed, either by the barber someone not of that occupation.
Dec. 4th we need a lot of money. Pay your bills before then and oblige Swift's.

Trinity church Sunday school Christmas entertainment will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the Lyceum. The attention of Bell Telephone subscribers is directed to an important announcement in the Watford column.

The Presbyterian Sunday School entertainment will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Please reserve tickets.

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The members of the Board of Education whose term expires this year are W. E. Fitzgerald, C. Vail and J. W. McLaren. The former two were re-elected by acclamation Friday and Alex. Elliot fills the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. McLaren.

Remember that thousands of other people are mailing an unusual number of letters and parcels, too, at this season, and if they all pile up together the last few days, it is impossible to get everything handled and delivered on time and somebody is bound to be disappointed. Mail early and see that your friends get your Christmas greeting before the day's festivities are over.

Young Men's Knapp Felt Hats for Christmas. They are correct, read Saturday Evening Post.—Swift's.

She was very pretty and she was dressed in the latest fashion. As she tripped up the stairs the office boy gasped, then grinned. She came to a standstill before him. Could you tell me if Mr. Jones is in?" she asked. The boy nodded and pointed vaguely over his shoulder at the open door. The girl hesitated for a moment. "Do you know if he is engaged," "Engaged!" shouted the boy. "You'd better run away. Why he's married and got two kids."

The weather we are getting these days is somewhat remarkable, considering the near approach of Christmas. Sparrows are diligently building nests and the grass is as green as in September. The Beaver in the north country are not making preparation for the winter, which is a very safe indication that we will have an open winter. Still it will be just as well while hoping for mild weather to prepare for the blizzards which may catch us in January and February.

Hatchway (no button) Underwear in combination only. Sizes 34 to 42.—Swift's.

These are great days from now until Christmas, the children are commencing to talk about Santa Claus and to go up stairs to bed a little earlier each night; to leave dad and ma a free mind to figure out, where its all coming from. The average man with a family finds it the most strenuous season of the year on his finances. But men it's a paying proposition after all, joy for the kiddies, yourself and those who need a Santa Claus; and dividends in happy memories will be your portion in after years. Make this a real Christmas and commence now.

Men's silk and wool hose, good quality and weight, 85 cents a pair.—Swift's.

On Wednesday afternoon the students of the W. H. S. met for the purpose of re-organizing their literary society. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—Hon. President, Murray Cameron; president, Ernest McKecher; vice-president, Kathleen Johnston; sec.-treas., Donald McKecher; pianist, Maxine Rogers; editor, Donald Vail; asst. editor, Gordon McKenzie. Representatives: Form I, Frances Lovel, Vance Kersey; Form II, Doreen Millar, Richard Rogers; Form III, Ruby Atchison, Jack Franklin; Form V, Teresa McManus, Gordon Adams.

There are some members of the Canadian Order of Foresters in Watford and vicinity who will not welcome the drastic changes regarding insurance, that will come into force at the beginning of the year. The committee to inquire into fraternal insurance societies has decided that the Order is not solvent and that in order to make it so greatly increased rates will be necessary. This will vitally effect older members and some in Watford will mean the dropping of insurance carried for many years. In certain instances the increase will amount to five hundred per cent. The position this places some of the older members in seems hard and most unfair.

One of the best known residents of Watford, Mr. Frederick John Hughes passed from this life on Wednesday morning, Nov. 28th, at his home on Simcoe street. Mr. Hughes was born in Elgin county, near St. Thomas, and came to Watford 52 years ago next January. He was a harness maker by trade and followed that calling for many years, afterwards going into the painting and decorating business. In his younger days he was much interested in the welfare of Watford. In politics he was a staunch Conservative and an active party worker all his life. He is survived by his wife and one brother, D. H. Hughes of Shedden. The funeral was held Thursday morning, service being held at the house at 10 o'clock. The remains were taken to St. Thomas and interred in the old English Church burying ground. Rev. J. H. Hosford, rector of Trinity Church, conducted the service at the house and also at the grave.

Wheat 94c, oats 40c, eggs 60c, butter 35c.

The Guide-Advocate staff now carries two Linotype operators. Miss Marie Harrison, of Petrolia, is the new addition.

Mrs. Mary Ramsay, Toronto, spent a few days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and family.

Good English Caps, Mocha Kid Gloves, \$1.50 up.—Swift's.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at 8 p.m., in the basement of the Public Library.

Members present were: W. G. Connolly, chairman; W. L. Millar and P. J. Dodds. Minutes of last regular monthly meeting were read and on motion of Dodds and Millar were adopted as read.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid:—

Waterworks: S. Janes, wood.....\$ 3.25 Goldie & McCulloch, brushes 8.25 Hydro:

F. H. Just, services.....\$ 37.25 H.E.P. Com. of Ont., supplies 33.90 Lowe-Martin Co., record cards 5.88 S. Janes, freight and draying 2.04

Mr. Noble of the C.P.R. Tel. Co. addressed the Commission on the matter of attaching their wires to the Hydro poles along a portion of Main street.

The Chairman was instructed to see the town solicitor regarding the matter and if necessary have him prepare an agreement.

On motion the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 17th.

W. H. Shrapnell, Secretary

FROM OLD SUBSCRIBERS

Ben Parker of Edmonton, writes renewing his subscription to the Guide-Advocate in order to get tickets on the Ford Sedan, and remarks: "You need not be in a hurry to ship the Sedan as our weather is so fine an open car is a luxury."

J. J. Cox, London:—"Enclosed find express order for my subscription to the Guide-Advocate which will give me a chance to try my luck once more in the old town for that Tin Lizzie. Compliments of the season to all old friends."

Mrs. R. W. Darling of Thorndale, Ont.:—"I am enclosing \$2.00 for next year's subscription. I am on the contest for the Ford Sedan so please drop two tickets in the box with my name and address. I trust I will be lucky enough to have to go to Watford for my Sedan on New Years Day."

J. J. Williams, the Real Estate dealer of Kellier, Sask., says:—"Herewith please find enclosed Bank Money Order for the sum of \$4.00 for two years subscription from expiration of last renewal. I will be entitled to four tickets for the Ford Sedan. We have had an exceptionally nice fall, crops are good, but prices for grain are very low. With best wishes to old friends around Watford and vicinity."

Thos. L. Swift, who is now at Swan River, Manitoba, writes:—"Herewith find postal note for \$5.00 please extend my credit for said amount and send me tickets, one of which I expect will draw the Grand Prize in the Community Club Contest. We are having real California weather here for the past six weeks, no frost or snow, and the Swan River is wide open. One of our local fishermen caught 16 pike on Monday Nov. 19th, one of which weighed 11 1/2 lb.—"weight can be certified." I am now a reader of the Watford publication for 40 years and find myself looking for its coming every Tuesday with increased pleasure."

BROOKE

Ford size Tires \$7.50 up.—Ray Morningstar, Wat-Ford Garage. Snappy neckwear for Christmas ranging in price 60c up. Every tie boxed.—Swift's.

Mr. Leonard Annett, Brooke, is attending the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto this week.

Sutorville Sunday School purpose holding their annual Christmas Tree and Concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th. Admission 25c and 15c. Everybody welcome.

20% DISCOUNT on Counter Check Books if ordered from us during December. Can you afford to lose 20%? Phone 11w to-day—this grand chance will be withdrawn by the manufacturers any day.—The Guide-Advocate, local agent.

WARWICK

Ford size Tires \$7.50 up.—Ray Morningstar, Wat-Ford Garage.

Men's blue and white striped overalls, Snag Proof make, \$1.75 pair.—Swift's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Dann sailed on the S.S. Montlaurier for Plymouth, England, to spend the winter. Zion Methodist Church are holding their annual Christmas Tree and Concert on Friday evening, Dec. 21st. Come and have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid. Barnes of Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marsh of London motored to Jarvis last Friday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Mr. W. P. Parker of Buffalo.

The Young People's Club of Grace Church met at the home of Miss Susie Reycraft, 2nd line, on Thursday evening and during the evening the Club presented Mr. and Mrs. Steadman with silverware in Old Colony and the following address was read by Amelia Pyke and the presentation made by George Westgate.

To Mr. and Mrs. Steadman, Dear Lillie and Jim:—

We, the members of the Young People's Club wish to express our joy to you in this new venture. We are glad, for ourselves that you are living so near that we shall not be deprived of your society. We desire to let you know our appreciation of your fellowship in this Club, and to extend to you our best wishes for a long and happy life and wish at the same time to ask you to accept from us a little token of our regard for you. In hope of ever continuing the friendship which has existed amongst us in this Club, we are sincerely yours, Signed on behalf of the Club, Geo. C. Westgate, pres.; Amelia Pyke, treas.; Leila Westgate, sec.

Although taken by surprise Mr. Steadman made a suitable reply and thanking the friends for their gift and good wishes. After which the hostess served a dainty lunch. The evening closed by singing "They are Jolly Good Fellows."

The Young People's Society of Knox church, Warwick, held a social evening at the home of Miss June Baird and re-organized for the coming year. The following officers were elected, hon. pres., Rev. H. V. Workman; pres., Mr. Arthur Minielly; vice pres., Miss June Baird; secretary, Mr. George James; treasures, Miss Ina McIntosh; convener of devotional committee, Mr. Robert Ross; convener of Look-out committee, Miss Elsie Minielly; convener of social committee, Miss Annie Ross; organist, Miss Grace Thompson.

BROOKE COUNCIL

Inwood, Nov. 24th, 1923 Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of former meeting read and on motion of Johnston-Holbrook, were adopted.

Mr. Neil Dean made application for a loan of \$300 under the terms of "The Tile Drainage Act."

Loosemore—Johnston, that application be entertained and by-law be prepared to impose a special drainage rate on s e 1/4 of lot 6, con. 3, and Reeve authorized to issue debentures to the amount asked for.—Carried.

Bylaw to impose a tile drainage rate upon s e 1/4 of lot 6, con. 3, submitted and read.

Campbell—Holbrook, that bylaw be read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

Brooke Municipal Telephone System asked that \$500 be advanced for telephone purposes. Granted on motion of Loosemore and Johnston.

Bylaw to divide pro rata the sum of \$227.99 to lots and roads assessed for Monro drain, submitted and read.

Johnston—Loosemore, that bylaw be read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

Loosemore—Johnston, that bylaw be read and finally passed, appointing Municipal Nominations for 1924, to be held in Code's Hall, Alvinston, between one and two o'clock p.m., and naming the following parties as Deputy returning officers for the several polling sub-divisions, as follows:—No. 1, Andrew E. Gray; No. 2, Jno. McAlpine; No. 3, J. Y. McKeown; No. 4, Robert R. Clark; No. 5, Guy V. Risk; No. 6, Archie C. Walker; No. 7, Norman McDermid; No. 8, Ed. Peaslee; No. 9, Archie Fisher; No. 10, Howard Shirley; No. 11, Wallace Watson; No. 12, Donald McDonald.—Carried.

Report of Geo. A. McCubbin, O.L.S., read on the proposed repairs to the Higgins drain in the Township of Warwick, estimated cost \$2823.00.

Loosemore—Johnston, that report be adopted and bylaw be prepared authorizing the levy and collection pro rata of the sum of \$148.99, being Brooke Township's proportion of the costs.—Carried.

Bylaw submitted and read to authorize the levy and collection pro rata the sum of \$148.99 from off lands

and roads assessed for repairs to the Higgins drain.

Johnston—Holbrook, that bylaw be read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

Johnston—Holbrook, that report on the Lamb drain be laid over as requested by interested ratepayers.—Carried.

Campbell—Johnston, that Cowan, Cowan & Gray, Solicitors, Sarnia, be paid \$37.00 in settlement of Kearney's account for repairs to J. S. Bell's auto broken, the total amount being \$49.10.—Carried.

The following tenders were received for repairs to 4-5 Con. road drain: Victor Beix \$300; Charles Alderman \$300.

Annett—Johnston, that the accepting of tenders of the 4-5 Con. road drain be left with the Commissioner.—Carried.

Johnston—Holbrook, that Council do now adjourn to meet in Alvinston on December 15th, as per statute.—Carried.

W. J. Weed, Clerk.

WARWICK COUNCIL

Warwick, Nov. 19th, 1923 The council met today as per adjournment. Members all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were passed:

Russel McCormick, grant to Agr. Society.....\$ 25.00 Mrs. Thompson, bridge and damages on Leach drain 40.00

R. Jones, ditto.....25.00 F. Williamson, ditto.....25.00 James Sayers, ditto.....25.00

J. McCormick, ditto.....40.00 Robt. Sutton, ditto.....30.00 Mrs. W. Bryce, ditto.....30.00

Fred Bryce, ditto.....65.00 John Maher, ditto.....30.00 W. H. Lambert, ditto.....30.00

S. B. Chambers, com., ditto 45.00 Geo. A. McCubbin, survey of Attwood drain.....48.00

Geo. A. McCubbin, survey of Jarriott-Tyler drain.....43.00 Geo. A. McCubbin, examining Higgins drain.....15.00

Geo. A. McCubbin, plans for Higgins and McKenzie bridges.....59.00 H. Coupland, gravel furn.....15.30

C. Hollingsworth, cement for Hagle drain.....4.20 A. Smith, 1/2 cost sheep worried by dogs.....5.00

Guide-Advocate, printing as per account.....21.50 Guide-Advocate, ptg Jarriott-Tyler drain bylaw.....14.00

Hy Rivers, tile furnished.....6.00 N. Herbert, ser. Kingston dr 20.00

Bert Evans, work on break-water on Hagle drain.....5.50 Russell Muma, ditto.....2.50

R. Hall, gravel furn., 1923 328.60 J. Cooper ditto.....83.30

J. Cooper, 9 yds cement grav. 4.50 A. Morgan, work on Birchall drain.....1.50

L. Eastbrook, ditto.....1.25 Muma—Chambers, that the petition of Meredith Blain and others be entertained and the Clerk be instructed to notify C. A. Jones, engineer, to examine the same and report.—Carried.

Parker—Muma, re the complaint of S. W. Edwards and all parties interested in the Edwards drain, as Mr. Fred A. Wynne has filled in the overflow drain by ploughing and working through the same. That the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Wynne to have the same put in proper shape according to the report of the engineer on same, requesting the same to be done immediately.

The council then adjourned to meet on Saturday, 15 of Dec., at ten o'clock for general business.

N. Herbert, Clerk.

A heavy leather mott, a special. \$1.00 per pair.—Swift's.

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DECISIONS RESPECTING NEWSPAPERS

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If a person orders his paper discontinued he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and then collect the whole amount whether the paper is taken or not.

The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers or periodicals from the post office, or removing and having them unpaid, is prima facie evidence of intention of fraud.

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Set comprises 9 pieces, 70 in. buffet, latest design table, etc., a beautiful set, see it in our window. Complete \$250.00

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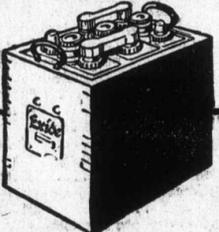
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EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the estate of David Ross, late of the Village of Watford, in the County of Lambton, Gentleman, deceased, are to send in full particulars of such claims together with the nature of security (if any) by mailing them to Cowan, Cowan & Gray, at Watford, on or before the 21st day of December, 1923, and after the said date the executors will proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have received notice.
Cowan, Cowan & Gray,
Solicitors for Executors.
Dated this tenth day of November 1923. n16-3t

SALE BY TENDER OF Real Estate of the late David Ross

Tenders will be received by the executors up to the 15th of December, 1923, for the following properties or either of them:
1. Postoffice building, Watford, and lands connected therewith.
2. Dwelling house and four lots.
3. 19 vacant lots to the north of the house.
4. Vacant lot on Beattie street, Strathroy.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
For further particulars apply to the executors.
Cowan, Cowan & Gray,
Solicitors for Executors.
J. W. McLaren and Ross Luckham
Watford, Nov. 17th, 1923. n23-3t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

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Cowan, Cowan & Gray,
Solicitors for the Administrator
William Williamson
Dated this 17 day of November, 1923 n23-3t

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS—Mr. and Mrs. Durstan and family wish to extend their sincere thanks to all who sympathized with them in their sad bereavement.

SALE REGISTER
Wednesday, Dec. 5, stock sale on lot 14, con. 8, Brooke, 40 head of cattle, 40 pigs and 7 horses. 8 months credit, 6% off for cash.—Robert Watt, proprietor, J. F. Elliot, auct.

20% DISCOUNT on Counter
Check Books if ordered from us during December. Can you afford to lose 20%? Phone 11w to-day—this grand chance will be withdrawn by the manufacturers any day.—The Guide-Advocate, local agent.

Cause of Asthma. No one can say with certainty exactly what causes the establishing of asthmatic conditions. Dust from the street, from flowers, from grain and various other irritants may set up a trouble impossible to trace irradicate except through a sure preparation such as Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. Uncertainty may exist as to cause, but there can be no uncertainty regarding a remedy which has freed a generation of asthmatic victims from the scourge of the bronchial tubes. It is sold everywhere.

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NECKWEAR with the red and white band, boxed 60c to \$2.00

ALL WOOL MUFFLERS, pleasing colors \$1.60 to \$2.00
Prices

A NEW SWIFT HAT will make you look what you should \$3. \$7

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OUR OVERCOATS are exceptional fine value. They are warm without weight. Prices ranging from \$18.00

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Geraldine Durstan Murdered

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"I told him to leave the house quietly and without causing trouble, when he came into the kitchen this morning," said Mr. Cook. "But he persisted and stayed on, stating that he wanted the girl to go with him. Then I called the police and Constable Harpur arrived. He was going to place Topping under arrest, but I gave Topping another chance to leave the house and then I came back into the kitchen to tell the constable that Topping would not go. Just then we heard the shots and we both rushed in."

Pleaded for Love

The rejected suitor went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook early Thursday night. Together he and Miss Durstan sat talking and the hours passed as he pleaded for her love. Someone else had, however, excited her love since coming to London, and she had previously complained to her boarding house mistress on several occasions that she did not care to have Topping come to see her.

At 2 o'clock Friday morning several hours after the man and woman of the house had gone to bed and to sleep, Mr. Cook awoke to see the light still burning in the kitchen. Getting up, he called to Miss Durstan, thinking that probably she had retired, forgetting to switch off the light. She answered his call and he also heard the voice of Topping, knowing then that both were still engaged in the battle of affection.

Noticing the lateness of the hour, he advised Topping to leave the house and allow the girl to get a night's rest. Then Mr. Cook went back to bed. He believes that the suitor left soon after.

Bright and early Friday morning both girls and the boarding-house master were up and preparing for the day's work. Mr. Cook was in the kitchen of the house when Topping knocked and was admitted by the side door. The girls were in the front of the cottage giving the finishing touches to their toilet and preparing for breakfast.

Calm and Collected

"I want to see Jerry," (Geraldine Durstan was called Jerry for short), Topping is alleged to have requested of Mr. Cook.

"What do you want to see her for?" questioned Mr. Cook. Topping at this time was not excited, but determination shone from his eyes and his attitude bespoke unwillingness to leave without accomplishing his purpose, according to Mr. Cook.

"I want her to go away with me," was the answer Topping is said to have made to Mr. Cook's query.

"Take my advice, the girl doesn't want you. Go away and forget about her," Mr. Cook returned.

When Topping refused to budge, Mr. Cook says he ran to the nearest telephone and called the police department, Constable Harpur arriving soon after in answer to the summons.

The would-be slayer by this time had left the kitchen and had gone into the sitting-room in front, according to Mr. Cook.

"I told the officer I'd give Topping another chance to leave the house quietly," Mr. Cook stated. "Then I went into the sitting-room, leaving the officer in the kitchen, and I advised Topping again to go away in peace. But he stood there without moving and I returned to the kitchen to inform the constable. As I was about to tell the policeman what had transpired, the shots rang out. We rushed into the sitting-room and through the open door of the bedroom we could see Topping kneeling over Miss Durstan, who was lying prostrate on the floor. Topping had his revolver in his hand and it was pointing down at the chest of the girl.

Officer Fired Shot

"How did Miss McNaughton come to be shot?" Mr. Cook was asked.

"The officer did that, unfortunately," said the grieving boarding house master. "He pulled out his revolver, aiming it at Topping, who, with Miss Durstan, was on the floor in one corner of the bedroom beside the bed. The officer fired at Topping and just

at that minute Miss McNaughton came from an obscured portion of the room and received the bullet in the chest.

After the shooting the police department was again notified and reinforcements were sent to the scene. Topping, weak and feeble from the strain under which he was laboring, was placed under arrest without fuss and his weapon was taken from him. Simultaneously, doctors were called, Dr. Homer Black being the first at the house.

He administered first-aid while the girls were being hurried to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance. Topping was brought to police headquarters and charged nominally with shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm. He was brought before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court and remanded for a week, pending the outcome of the wounds.

Meanwhile in Victoria Hospital everything possible was done for the victims. Adrenalin was administered to the heart of Miss McNaughton, whose wound through the chest was the most serious. Blood poured profusely from her back, the bullet piercing her body and possibly part of the heart and lungs. Stimulants were also given to Miss Durstan, whose two wounds in the abdomen were not considered so serious.

Dr. Roy Kingswood, chief interne at the institution, stated that both girls are suffering severely from shock. They were too weak to be operated upon and endeavors were being made to revive them from their precarious condition.

Mrs. Cook, who had left her bedroom but a few minutes before Topping entered, was in the sitting-room at the time. Though excited over the occurrence, she gave a most complete account of the affair to reporters most collectedly. Her husband, a veteran of the 70th battalion and a returned soldier, was overcome when he was reciting the details and sank to a lounge. He is a victim of shell shock received in the battle of the Somme, where he was buried alive. When a glass of water was brought he revived somewhat.

View Scene of Tragedy

Inspector of Detectives Thomas Hickle and Police Constable Harpur, the latter a finger-print expert and in charge of the new finger-print bureau in course of establishment at police headquarters, jointly conducted an investigation. They visited the house and removed many of the articles as evidence. One of the bullets fired in the melee lodged in the wall, but was recovered by P. C. Harpur, on his second visit.

Statements were taken from each of the girls in Victoria Hospital by J. G. Gillanders, acting for the Crown Attorney J. C. Elliot, K.C., He was accompanied by the detective and P. C. Harpur.

At noon Saturday Miss Durstan was removed to the operating room, where physicians attempted to remove the leaden pellets inflicted by Topping her rejected suitor. Neither of the bullets was removed, one being embedded in the bone at the base of the spine. About five o'clock Miss Durstan passed away. The actual cause of death was peritonitis due to perforation of the intestines. An autopsy was held on the body and a preliminary inquest held after a jury had been impaneled by Dr. Wilson, Coroner, and adjourned until Friday. Two bullets were taken from the body of Miss Durstan by Dr. Homer Black and Dr. J. E. McGillicuddy, who conducted the post-mortem examination Sunday. These will be held as evidence against Topping.

The body of Miss Durstan was brought to Watford Monday night and the funeral held from the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon.

Viola McNaughton has shown considerable improvement since the first turn for the better was noted in her condition on Saturday morning. She is not past the danger stage, however, and has not improved sufficiently to permit of a thorough examination being made. Victoria Hospital physicians are guarding against infection and are watching closely for symptoms of pneumonia, which, it is feared, may set in due to the proximity of the wounds to the lungs. In a statement she is said to have made to hospital doctors she said she believed that the bullet which pierced her chest went completely through her body emerging at the rear. Doctors are as yet unable to state whether or not the missile touched a lung or the spinal column.

Acting Crown Attorney J. G. Gillanders is in possession of a signed confession made by Topping on Saturday to jail officials and subsequently handed to the authorities. In his statement Topping admitted that he had gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook for the purpose of committing the deed if Miss Durstan refused to change her attitude to-

ward him.

Topping said Miss Durstan promised to accompany him to her home in Watford on Friday morning when he left her boarding house on Thursday night. Her refusal when he went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook preparatory to the trip caused him, the statement is said to read, to fire the fatal shots. He claimed that he did not know how Miss McNaughton came to be wounded and that the bullet fired by Police Constable Walter Harpur went through his overcoat.

Many witnesses will likely be called at the inquest to be resumed next Friday night at the police station. Topping will appear in police court on the morning of the same day and will likely be formally arraigned on a charge of murder.

The revolver which Topping used to inflict the wounds from which Miss Durstan suffered is a .25-caliber weapon. Five of the chambers are empty, but there is a bullet in the sixth. The revolver used by Police Constable Harpur was a .38 automatic.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell refused to disclose the information contained in the deposition made by Police Constable Harpur regarding the part he played at the house. Chief Birrell would not say whose bullet P. C. Harpur believed entered the body of Miss McNaughton.

Mrs. Harry Durstan, mother of the wounded girl remained in the city Saturday, together with Mrs. Durstan's son, Herbert Lawrence, Watford, friend of Miss McNaughton. Mr. Durstan went home Friday night. Frank McNaughton, brother of Viola also stayed in the city. They have paid visits to the hospital and made frequent inquiries by telephone concerning the condition of the two girls.

Mrs. H. Durstan, the wounded girl's mother, was at the C.N.R. station waiting to catch the train back to Watford when Geraldine died. Informed that her daughter had but a few minutes to live she was rushed to the hospital, but the girl had been dead several minutes.

Mrs. Durstan saw the body. She said "Geraldine, sweetheart, come to your mother. Tell me you are not dead" and collapsed.

The grief-stricken mother was then taken to the home of George Cook where the tragedy occurred. Mr. Durstan took her back to Watford late Saturday night.

According to attending physicians Miss McNaughton is making a game fight for life. Possessed with an unconquerable optimism, she has often expressed the conviction that she will live.

In a signed confession known to have been given jail officials late on Friday afternoon, after being duly warned that it would be used against him, Clarence Topping states he went to his sweetheart's boarding-house on Friday morning with the express intention of killing the girl of his heart, Geraldine Durstan. Although frightened to the point of fainting, the girl had steadily refused to go out with him, and Topping confesses he then fired two shots into the floor and two into his sweetheart.

Topping stated he did not know how Viola McNaughton, the other victim of the tragedy, was shot, and that he had no intention of hitting her. The bullet fired by Constable Harpur went through his overcoat, he claimed.

Jail officials refused to admit or deny that a confession had been made. However The Advertiser definitely established that there had been a confession after Topping eagerly discussed the shooting with turnkeys. It is believed that the document will be used against Topping when he comes up for a hearing in police court next Friday.

On Tuesday Miss McNaughton's condition was improved somewhat over Monday and every care is being taken of her, and hopes are entertained that she will not develop pneumonia.

Topping has been informed of the consequences of his act. He broke down and cried when the information that Miss Durstan had died on Saturday afternoon was imparted to him by jail officials. He appears to feel his position keenly.

The belief that the bullet which entered the chest of Miss McNaughton passed through her body is gaining headway. Following up the investigation made by detectives Sunday in the bedroom where the shooting occurred, Police Inspector Lucas and Constable Harpur went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook Monday to make a complete search for the bullet which supposedly entered the east wall of the bedroom in a downward direction.

Though they removed plaster sufficiently to reveal the aperture between the lath down to the floor they were unable to find anything of con-

sequence. The belief is expressed that the hole in the wall may not have been caused by a bullet, in view of the fact that the lath and plaster which formed the side of the space give no indications that a bullet struck it.

The murder charge will not be preferred against Topping until Friday morning, when he is slated to appear for the second time in police court following his week's remand to jail, crown officials stated.

May Not Recover

The condition of Miss Viola McNaughton is growing more critical according to information from Victoria Hospital, Wednesday morning and the hope for the recovery of the second victim of the shooting affray at George Cook's residence, 318 York street, last week is not as bright as has been.

Symptoms of pneumonia are beginning to be visible and the relatives of the girl were notified last night to the effect that there is little hope for her recovery.

Unless there is a change for the better it is not likely that the girl will recover," was the information given out by Dr. Roy Kingswood early Wednesday morning.

Efforts to find the bullet fired by Police Constable Harpur have not been renewed following the thorough search made Tuesday in the bedroom where the shooting took place. Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, who has made an examination of the wounds, is certain that there are no bullets in her body and that the missile which pierced her chest went completely through.

Large Gathering at the Funeral of Miss Geraldine Durstan on Tuesday

The funeral of Miss Geraldine Durstan, who was shot by Clarence Topping at her boarding house in London on Friday morning, was held on Tuesday afternoon to Watford cemetery and was very largely attended. The entire community mourns with the stricken family in their sorrow and the deepest sympathy is felt for them.

A private service was held at the home of the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durstan, on John street, and was conducted by the Revs. W. K. Hager and T. D. Rayner, Mr. Hager speaking words of comfort and Mr. Rayner offering prayer. The public service was held in the Methodist church, the large church being filled to the doors long before the hour of service. As the funeral procession entered the church the congregation remained standing.

Rev. W. K. Hager, B.A., pastor of

the church, conducted the service, reading the scripture lessons and offering an earnest prayer for comfort. The choir sang softly the hymns "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me," and Mrs. James Brush sang "Does Jesus Care?" Mrs. Hicks presided at the organ. The address was given by Rev. T. D. Rayner, pastor of the Congregational church.

Mrs. Durstan, the mother of the dead girl, who collapsed on Sunday from the shock of her daughter's death and has been in the care of a trained nurse since, was able to be present at the private service in the house, but was not able to attend the service at the church. By a wonderful display of courage, however, she insisted on going to the cemetery, where from an automobile she witnessed the interment of her daughter's body.

The pallbearers were six young friends of the family: Russell Duncan, George Morris, Orville Jones, Clare Manders, Orville Saunders and William Kerr.

Among the out-of-town friends and relatives present at the funeral were Miss Bessie Pressley, of London, Geraldine's closest friend, and W. Stacey, of London; Mr. and Mrs. Crim and family, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mr. St. Clair and Fred Hawn, all of Sarnia; Mrs. Griesch and daughter of Harriston; Arthur Keys of Windsor; R. J. Lawrence and Mrs. W. J. Johnston of Detroit; and Mrs. T.E. Newell of Strathroy. The Andrews Wire Works Company, in whose employ the girls were while in Watford closed both their Watford and Strathroy plants for the afternoon. Practically all of the Watford staff and a large delegation from the Strathroy plant were present at the funeral, while the Baptist Sunday school of Strathroy which the young ladies attended during their residence in that town, was represented by a large number of young ladies, headed by the teacher of the class the girls attended.

Expressions of sympathy have come in one way and another from the neighboring communities, Arkona, Strathroy and Warwick Village among others. Among the beautiful floral tributes were those from the Holeproof Hosiery, London; Mr. Remick and the girls of the Holeproof mending department, London; Andrews Wire Works' employees, Watford; Congregational and Methodist Sunday schools, Watford; Baptist Sunday school class, Strathroy; Miss Morton, Strathroy Hospital, and many from relatives and friends.

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INWOOD

Mrs. Edward Chapman is visiting her daughter in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson visited Sarnia on Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude Courtright has left for Mount Treat, North Carolina, expecting to be away through the winter months.

Mr. Gordon Dean has left for Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carel and daughter May, from Aberfeldy spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Neil and family visited Mrs. Neil's sister, Mrs. Ward, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown and daughter Pearl were at Watford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Case from Strathroy visited Mrs. Otto Lehrbass on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Atchison and daughter Letha of Alvinston visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White on Sunday.

Mrs. John Moore returned home from London on Monday.

Mr. Alex McMann, Mrs. Fred Hue and Mrs. Eliza Hue were in London Friday last.

Mr. Chas. Merritt and family have moved to their new home on the 8th line.

Mr. and Mrs. John White of Oil Springs spent Thursday with Mrs. Mary White.

Mr. and Mrs. Duquette from Bracebridge moved their furniture to their new home in that town last Saturday.

Miss Blanche Dodge of Alvinston visited Miss Marie Dudley on Monday last.

Mrs. Smilie left on Monday to visit in Leamington.

Miss Maudie Atkin has arrived in town from Sarnia for the Shepherd-Atkin wedding which took place on Wednesday, Nov. 28th.

Mr. Frank Myers and Mr. Walter Atkin were in Sarnia a couple of days recently.

Mrs. James Brewer returned to London on Saturday after spending a few days here.

Miss Beatrice McAuslan was in Sarnia on Sunday.

On Sunday evening last, at the Presbyterian church, a rare treat was enjoyed by the people of Inwood when Mrs. Mary Brookfield-Lowthian, whose visit at the home of Mrs. Albert Atkin was mentioned last week, gave an interesting talk on Palestine.

Mrs. Lowthian is a fluent and earnest speaker and made her address instructive as well as entertaining by her keen observations of political conditions as well as of the social religious life in the holy land.

Mrs. Lowthian is a graduate of a divinity school and an experienced traveller and showed perfect familiarity with her subject. We are hoping to have Mrs. Lowthian with us again in the near future to give an illustrated talk on the Passion Play, that was held at Ober Ammergan last year in July.

CAUSE OF BACKACHES

Every muscle in the body needs a supply of rich, red blood in proportion to the work it does. The muscles of the back are under a heavy strain and have but little rest. When the blood is thin they lack nourishment and rebel. The result is a sensation of pain in these muscles.

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PETROLEA

A miscellaneous shower was held by the triple link Rebekah lodge on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. D. Fox in honor of Mrs. Orton S. Nealy, nee Lilian Morrison. About twenty-five were present and many beautiful and useful articles were given to the bride. The evening was spent in a social way and a luncheon was served. Mrs. Nealy will reside in Sarnia.

John H. Fairbanks arrived at Petrolea on Saturday from San Luis, California, to rejoin his wife, who has been visiting in Sarnia and Petrolea. Mr. Fairbank has a large ranch in California and is enamored of the climate there. San Luis is an old town which, within the last couple of years, has grown so rapidly, that its boundary now adjoins Mr. Fairbank's ranch.

Word was received in town Wednesday of the death of Frank McCann, a former resident of Petrolea in Owen Sound on Wednesday. Mr. McCann died suddenly of heart failure. He is brother-in-law of Mrs. Jas. Whitehead of Petrolea.

Mrs. Whitehead left Wednesday for Owen Sound to attend the funeral. The deceased is survived by two sons, Ernest of Toronto and Harold at home. His wife predeceased him two years ago. Mr. McCann was a son of the late John McCann of Petrolea and is a brother of Samuel McCann, formerly with the Imperial Oil Co., in Sarnia, but now manager of the refinery at Vancouver.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Hunter, aged 74 years, wife of John Hunter, Petrolea, was held from her late residence on Wellington street, Monday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Pitts of the Anglican church conducted the services. Mrs. Hunter was born in Warwick county in 1849 and lived there for several years. After moving to Petrolea she married John Hunter, who survives her.

FOREST

Forest has just opened for traffic 100 rods of cement pavement eighteen feet wide. This section has been installed at the eastern limits of the town, and it is expected that it will be continued toward the centre of the town next year.

The Roman Catholic church is being repaired and decorated. A new roof has been put on and the exterior of the church painted. The decorating inside of the church will not be completed until spring. The committee in charge is John Farrell, chairman, Wm. Addison, John C. O'Donnell, Wm. Malley, Geo. Fiesher, M. Garrett and James O'Donnell.

Heavy shipments of apples, hay and other commodities have left the local C.N.R. depot for different markets lately. In the past ten days there has been 52 carloads loaded here, and the shipments for this season are not over yet.

Mrs. Theodore Vannatter, Ontario street, met with a serious accident recently when she fell from a chair in the yard at her home. The unfortunate lady struck the chair in falling and fractured a small bone near the base of the spine. An operation may be necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimball motored to Fenton, Mich., on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kimball's uncle, S. A. Wolverton, which took place on Monday. They were accompanied by Wm. Cox, Mrs. Richard Williamson and Mrs. John Williamson of Kingscourt, nephew and nieces of the deceased. Mr. Wolverton was 90 years of age, but was bright and active up to his death, passing suddenly away after being about the house as usual during the day.

JAMES C. SHEPHERD

James C. Shepherd died Monday at his home, Forest, in his 81st year. Mr. Shepherd is survived by his wife Emily Tait, two daughters, Stella, wife of Lawson Bailey of Warwick; Odea, wife of Rev. M. Holzler of Philadelphia (Mrs. Holzler is critically ill at her home, having met with an automobile accident); and one son, John G., on the homestead in Plympton, the third generation to live on this place, as Mr. Shepherd followed his father, the late James Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd was a highly respected and well-known man, having resided for many years on his farm on the 8th concession of Plympton, and engaged quite extensively in the cattle business, but retired to live in Forest about nine years ago. Mr. Shepherd was affiliated with the Methodist church. The funeral took place from his residence on Wednesday at two o'clock, interment in Beechwood cemetery.

ARKONA

A bazaar will be held in the Methodist church, Arkona, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid on Saturday, Dec. 8. Sale of fancy and useful articles to commence at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served from 4 to 6. Lunch 15 cents. All welcome.

The bazaar and supper, on Saturday last, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church was well attended. The supper served was very fine, and the display of articles for sale was lovely, showing the results of a good many hours labor.

Ladies heavy wool gauntlet gloves at Fuller Bros.

Miss Stella Wilson of Strathroy visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson last week.

Russell Dunham spent the weekend with his friend Donald McKenzie, Nairn.

Quite a number of Arkona Masons attended an "At Home" given by the Forest brethren on Wednesday evening. They report an excellent time.

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WANSTEAD

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The concert held under the auspices of the U.F.Y.P.O. Club in the school house on Friday evening was a decided success. The building being filled to capacity. Mr. J. C. McNeill performed the duties of chairman in his usual capable manner. The principal item on the program was the play "The Village Doctor". All the parts were very well taken. Mr. Ross Anderson acted the part of the Village Doctor in a highly professional manner, while the part of Jane, the heroine in the play, was exceptionally well taken by Miss Edna Williams. Much credit for the successful presentation of this play is due Mrs. Noble who acted as interlocutor. Other pleasing numbers were several splendid readings by Mrs. Petter, Wyoming, solos by Mr. Sussex, interspersed by selection from the Kingscourt Orchestra. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$33.00.

The regular monthly meeting which was also the annual meeting of the U.F.W.A. Club was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Knight on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 21st, with a good attendance. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, reports of the year's work were given by the retiring officers. The Club was found to be in splendid condition with increased interest manifest in its several activities. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up and resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Calvin Hodgins, re-elected; vice-president, Mrs. McPhedran, re-elected; secretary, Mrs. Edwin Morris; treasurer, Mrs. Orville Ramsay. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. McPhedran on Dec. 12. The program will be of an interesting nature and all members are urged to attend.

One of the largest shipments of live stock ever made by the Wanstead Farmers' Club was made on Saturday last when one car of cattle and two cars of hogs and lambs, on a double deck car, was shipped to Toronto. The co-operative idea is steadily growing in this vicinity as evidenced by the new shippers who are taking advantage of the services rendered by this club, and not only is the idea growing here but it is growing throughout the country. The annual report of the Live Stock branch of The United Farmers' Co-operative Company just issued shows an increase of 595 cars of stock over last year. This company is now doing the largest live stock business in the country.

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KERWOOD

Mrs. deGex entertained the members and friends of the Women's Institute on Wednesday afternoon, at her home, Chantry Farm. The president, Mrs. Geo. Freer presided and after the opening exercises, roll call was answered by useful Christmas gifts. During the business part of the meeting it was decided that a grant be given to the Rest Room fund and other matters of importance were laid over till the next meeting. Miss Irene Eastbrook then favored with a vocal solo which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Nona Wilson read a paper on "Hints in Cases of Emergency", which contained some valuable suggestions. Misses Callahan and Sullivan rendered a delightful piano duet, and vocal solos were given by Mrs. deGex and Mrs. Murby in their usual pleasing style. A report of the London Convention was given by Mrs. deGex. She spoke of the great work the Women's Institute on a whole are doing and thought that we as individual members should strive to do our bit toward this great movement. This brought the meeting to a close and a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

A very pleasant and profitable meeting under the auspices of the W.M.S.W. was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Wright on Nov. 15th, with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. S. Langford, presided, and after the devotional exercises Mrs. James Richardson gave an explanation of the Rest Fund for which the collection was taken. Miss Eva Wright sang a solo in her usual pleasing manner and Miss Irene Eastbrook gave a very interesting report of the W.M.S. convention in Watford. Mrs. Geo. Johnson read a paper on "Immigrant Builders" which provided much thought for those present. The meeting closed with prayer by the president. The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. James Richardson. Everyone welcome.

Mr. A. H. McLean and Mr. Howard McLean made a business trip to Toronto over the weekend.

Mrs. Frank Wright is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert of Longwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Richardson of Warwick Village spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Leacock and family visited Mrs. John Beattie of Alvinston recently.

Mr. Thos. Freer and family of Enniskillen were recent visitors in the village.

The young people of St. Paul's church have decided to re-organize and will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Gimlet on Friday evening, Nov. 30th, for that purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Loftus McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sullivan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Aneas McLean.

The Young People's League of the Methodist church met as usual on Tuesday evening of last week with Miss Gladys Johnson in charge. The topic "The Origin of Thanksgiving" was very ably given by Mr. Harold Irwin. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, the Young People met with the Cairngorm League and report a very pleasing time.

Don't forget the Kerwood Methodist Sunday school entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 21st. Watch for announcements.

Mr. Russel Johnson has returned home after spending a couple of months out West.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones and little daughter of Rochester, Mich., are visiting relatives in the village.

Dr. LaVerne Denning and wife of Toronto are visiting the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Denning.

Mr. Dorman of Ailsa Craig is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Johnson.

Mr. Horace Wheatley left on Saturday for his home in England.

Mrs. Harold Wilson and little son spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Dann of Lobo.

The Board of Trade, also the Trustees of the village met one evening last week to talk over the advisability of lighting the village streets.

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of S.S. No. 13, Brooke, IV—Hazel Griffith, Sr. III—Humina Lucas, Gerald Swain, Jr. III—Merle Lucas, Marjory Rowland, George Melton, Daniel Coates, Frederick Coates, II—Maxwell Rowland. I—Marian McEachern, Elmer Swain, Ronald Rowland. Primer—Leon Johnston, Clara Rhyms, Richard Edgar—Ellen V. Lucas, Teacher.

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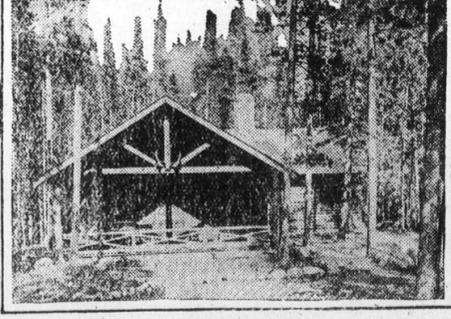
Quebec to Repeat Carnival Success



1. The Guns which once defended the citadel now accommodate the small revellers. 2 and 6 are Ski-ing scenes. 3. These are out for a "bouncing" good time. 4. Skating in the Exhibition Grounds is also the order of the day. 5. "Nagik" was born this year to the Chateau Frontenac dog team and he will probably figure largely in the dog race featuring the Winter Sports Program.

QUEBEC is again to have a real, live carnival that shall be truly representative of the wonderful sporting attractions of the ancient Capital. The success of the dog races held in Quebec last year has encouraged the organizers to sponsor a very much bigger program for this year, and a comprehensive series of sporting events will be held on February 21, 22, and 23, in which all the sports for which Quebec is so naturally adapted will be represented, and culminating in a grand masquerade ball at the Chateau Frontenac. In addition to the international races for the Eastern Dog Sled Derby Trophy, curling and skating. The whole of these events will take place within the Exhibition Grounds, and it is proposed to once again give Quebec an ice palace. The people of Quebec take, and naturally, a great pride in their wonderful old city, and the ancient capital is not so large that its people cannot get together on occasion to fete en masse. A carnival in Quebec is not to be forgotten, for the whole populace absorbs the spirit of the season, drawing its visitors into the gay vortex, so that even the walls which rang to laughter centuries ago lose their aged atmosphere, and lend themselves to the fete. By reason of its even and exhilarating climate, its accessibility and natural and artificial opportunities for sport, Quebec is the home of the winter sports for the continent. Each wintry season, more people are attracted to it, and for long periods it becomes the social centre, as well as the sporting centre of North America. Practically everything that is carried on is on an open scale—Quebec is the soul of hospitality. A hundred rinks invite you to skate, as far as you can see, fir-clad hills invite you to ski through their myriad glorious glades, of toboggan slides there are not a few, and there are many excursions which simply must be made on snow-shoes. As for evening entertainment, the ball room of the Chateau Frontenac is the scene of a dance nightly. There are moonlight excursions, events on all illuminated rinks, music, song and dance,—a thousand things to do.

Canadian Rockies Lure Noted Artists



Noted artists, famous moving picture directors and expert scenic photographers, like thousands of tourists, have succumbed to the lure of the innumerable beauties of Banff and the Canadian Pacific Rockies. Artists in increasing numbers each year spend the summer on the trail in the mountains transferring these beauties to canvas. For seventeen years Carl Rungius, celebrated painter of wild animals in their native haunts, has been a regular visitor to Banff. Now he lives there and most of the year and has built his own bungalow and studio. In 1921 Rungius won the \$1,000 Altman prize, but, being foreign born, was disqualified, whereupon the National Academy of Design bought the painting for \$1,000 and it now hangs in the Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington. Belmore Browne, artist, author, explorer and conqueror of Mt. McKinley, 20,300 feet, lives in his own bungalow-studio in Banff the year round except when exhibiting in New York. He and Rungius both study the mountain goats, sheep, deer and bear in their wilderness homes and paint them and their majestic scenic backgrounds. Richard M. Kimbel, landscape painter, has spent two summers in Banff and is painting at Lake O'Hara, near Lake Louise, and last year W. Langdon Kihn lived a month on the Stoney Indian reservation making pastel portraits of the big chiefs, little papooses, squaws and guides. Leonard M. Davis, who paints wonderful landscapes in Alaska and the Canadian Rockies with a palette knife, has joined the Banff art colony and expects to make his winter home in near-by Calgary. The lure of Canada's Switzerland drew John Singer Sergeant, R. A., to beautiful Lake O'Hara, in the heart of the Great Divide, and with his easel planted in the white and pink heather of an Alpine meadow 6,600 feet above sea level the world renowned painter devoted ten days to painting this exquisite jade-green lake and the towering mountains in which it is cupped. Charles W. Simpson, R. C. A., of Montreal; Oliver Dennett Crover, Albert Groll of New York and many other painters of note have found inspiration in this scenic wonderland. As for those humbler artists, the tourists with cameras, they are to be seen snapshotting everywhere in the bungalow camps, by the lakeside and along the trails making beautiful pictures which inspire their envious friends to visit Banff and do likewise.

ORCHARD POLLINATION

What to Do With "Self Fertile" and "Self Sterile" Varieties.

All Peaches May Be Planted In Blocks—Not So With Some Cherries, Plums, Apples and Pears—A New Strawberry Disease Known as Leaf Scorch or Mollisiose.

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Many of our commonly grown varieties of fruits are "self-sterile," that is their blossoms will not develop into fruits when pollinated with their own pollen, but require pollen from another variety. The grower who is planning to set out new orchards should carefully study the question of self-sterility and plant accordingly. Peaches May Be Planted In Blocks.

Peaches do not need cross-pollination, and can be planted in solid blocks of one variety with assurance of full crops. They are "self-fertile." Almost all of our other tree fruits, however, are either completely "self-sterile" or partially so. Partially self-sterile varieties may give fair crops in seasons when bloom has been heavy and weather conditions favorable during blooming. A set of three or four per cent. of the blossoms in a heavy bloom will give a crop. It is in seasons of light bloom or of unfavorable "setting" weather that "cross-pollination" is so essential. Bartlett Pears Are Partly Self-Sterile.

A given variety of fruit may vary in fertility with climatic conditions or other modifying factors. In California, the Bartlett pear is partially self-sterile in the coast valleys and is greatly benefited when other varieties are interplanted. Higher up in the foothills of California the Bartlett is sufficiently self-fertile to give good crops even when planted in solid blocks. In Ontario the Bartlett is practically self-sterile, and must have other varieties planted with it to insure good crops. Sour Cherries Self-Fertile; Sweet, Self-Sterile.

Sour cherries are self-fertile, and can be planted in solid blocks of one variety. Sweet cherries on the other hand are all self-sterile, and in some cases, as in the varieties Bing, Lambert and Napoleon, are also "inter-sterile"; that is the pollen of Napoleon for example will not fertilize either Bing or Lambert. Black Tartarian is one of the best varieties to plant for pollination purposes. Most varieties of plums are also self-sterile. Apples vary in fertility, but there are few varieties which do not materially benefit from interplanting of varieties so as to secure cross-pollination.

What varieties of each fruit should be planted together for cross-pollination purposes? The problem is largely one of blooming date. The Experimental Station will be pleased to advise each grower as to his own particular pollination problem.—E. F. Palmer, Hort. Exp. Station, Vineland Station.

A NEW STRAWBERRY DISEASE.

Leaf Scorch or Mollisiose Described and Treatment For It Suggested.

Until recently the leaf spot of strawberry has been considered to be the most serious leaf disease of the cultivated strawberry. During the past three or four years a leaf disease has been observed in strawberry plantations, and which seems to be generally distributed through the southern and eastern parts of the Province. This disease from its appearance can be appropriately called "leaf scorch." Considering the fungus responsible for the disease, it can be designated "mollisiose." Dr. R. E. Stone, of the Department of Botany, Ontario Agricultural College, thus describes the disease and treatment: Symptoms of the Disease.

In the spring, May and June, the strawberry leaves become covered with small, irregular, purplish spots. The spots enlarge and coalesce until the whole leaf may become involved. When the spots have become quite large they turn ashy brown or dirty grey in the center and then small fruiting specks or acervulae appear. In these acervulae hyaline, two-celled spores appear. These spores serve to spread the disease to other leaves and plants. Later, in July and August, the entire leaves dry up and the diseased plants take on a scorched appearance as though burned over with fire. It is not uncommon to see whole beds present this appearance and it becomes difficult to distinguish the plants suffering from leaf scorch from those severely injured by drought and white grub injury. Varieties Susceptible to the Disease.

Not all varieties are equally susceptible to the disease. The most susceptible seems to be Clyde followed by Glen Acre, Haverland, Senator Dunlop, New Williams in the order given here. Control.

Control measures have not been worked out. From field observations the following procedure would seem to be desirable: Clean cultivation. Removal and destruction of all dead leaves in spring. Spraying with Bordeaux mixture.

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CHOP STUFF

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ed to Petrolea after his marriage to Mrs. James Saunders. The funeral was held from his late residence at Petrolea on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was aged 76 years. "Buy in Watford and Win the Ford Sedan or Cash Prize!"

The death of Mrs. Brant Clark took place at the family residence, Port Frank Road, on Wednesday, Oct. 31st, at the age of 78 years and 10 months. Her maiden name was Margaret McIntyre, and she has been a resident of Bosanquet, for many years. She is survived by one brother, George McIntyre of Theford, and two sisters, Mrs. Jos. Rae of Detroit, and Mrs. Abram Burch of Theford, also by four sons and three daughters; Fred at home; Edward of Detroit; George of Hay township; John of Theford; Mrs. R. Wilson of Port Huron and Chafotte and Jane at home.

Word has been received of the death in Detroit of Major Burrows H. Rothwell, one of Detroit's best-known real estate men and a native of Warwick, who, before taking up his residence in Michigan, was one of the most popular men in the military circles of this district. The late Major Rothwell, who was 77 years of age, was severely injured in the pier disaster at Long Beach, Cal., about ten years ago when the pier collapsed and it is to these injuries that the death is attributed. The deceased was senior major in the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford, in which city he was an alderman for five years. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wade Rothwell, formerly lived in London.

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The lure of oil keeps a strong hold on the people of Parkhill. For several years wells have been drilled at intervals and in different places and the latest well is being drilled by the West Williams Oil and Gas Company near Keyser. Indications at a depth of 1,000 feet are reported as good. This is the third or fourth well drilled by this company and their continued effort shows that their belief is strong and that they finally expect to strike oil in paying quantities.

The Canadian National Railways will experiment with a newly constructed gasoline engine on the branch line between Wyoming and Petrolea, it was learned today. The test will be carried out some time next week, with a view to reducing the cost of operating. The gasoline engine has been successfully tried out in the United States and other sections of Ontario. The length of the spur from Wyoming to Petrolea is six miles.

The closing meeting for the year of Plympton township board of health, was held in Dr. Brown's office on Wednesday, Nov. 14th. The estimated population of the township at present is 2677; number of births in year ending October 31, 24; number of infant deaths under one year 2; infant mortality rate per 1000 8.33; number of deaths from all causes 20; death rate per 1000 of the population 7.47.

Viola Riseborough in his recent suit for damages for injuries sustained in a Harwich gravel pit, received from the township a check for the full amount of the settlement in the suit, namely, \$1,500 and taxed costs of \$487.10. It will be remembered that the claim was that he had suffered permanent spinal injuries, and had entered a claim in the high court against the township of Harwich and the county of Kent, who owned the pit.

Katie Gates, 4-year-old child of Alex. Gates, C.N.R. engineer, Sarnia, was instantly killed Saturday morning when a big delivery truck of T. Kenny & Co., wholesale grocers, ran over her head. An inquest will be held. The child evidently was trying to catch on the auto truck, unknown to the driver, who, when leaving the store of J. E. Proctor, backed up a few feet knocking the child down and then crushing her when he started the truck. The big hind wheel stopped on her head.

SEND THEM CANADIAN APPLES

When Christmas comes the question always arises what can we send to our friends "over home" that will not be too expensive, that will be appreciated and will savor of novelty. The answer this season is send them a sample of Canada's "sun kissed" apples. It will not only be patriotic, but they will be a treat. The Express Department of the Canadian National Railways has made effective a rate of \$3.00 for a box of 50 lbs, and measuring not more than one foot and eight inches to be shipped in cold storage from Canadian ports to any station on the railways of Great Britain and Ireland.

Worms sap the strength and undermine the vitality of children. Strengthen them by using Mother Graves' Worm-Exterminator to drive out the parasites.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Several Watford people are in court in Sarnia this week. Fancy Crepes, \$1.35 per dozen. A. Brown & Co.

Service in the Congreg church next Sunday at 11 a.m. p.m.

A maniac behind jail bars as dangerous as one behind a steering wheel.

Get your lists ready and at Swift's. Christmas store all ready.

Lambton Chapter I.O.O.F. meet at the home of Mrs. Sid Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at three p.m.

Stanfield's—Green Label, Blue Label and Black Underwear for men—A. Brown & Co.

Don't mutilate the word "mas" by writing it "Xmas." No cross connected with the mas season.

See our Fountain Pen and Pencil, plain or with gold. All prices.—J. W. McLaren.

Leatrice Joy will be featured "Java Head" the famous American romance at the Lyceum Saturday night.

Good music for Christmas. Columbia Grafonola and "Our X" type at \$96.00, best value on the market.—Carl A. Glass.

The annual meeting of the Watford Fire Co. has been postponed to Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 7.30 good attendance requested.

A ladies' tailored suit is right—hold the style and shaft at Swift's.

Service at Watford Baptist on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 7 p.m. at Calvary at 3 p.m. Subject: Thoughts on Christ's Coming.

We are putting in radios as we can build them. Order now sure delivery before Christmas. Chas. M. Fitzgerald, Watford.

Mr. T. Colliester, Belleville new local manager of the Montreal, is expected here this week and Mr. MacLean goes to fill position at Chesley on Friday.

Smart Boys' Overcoats and at Swift's.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church gave a very enjoyable afternoon and real sum of over \$25 for church.

Art Tailored Suits are go look well and hold the style.

The supreme achievement in picture art "When Knighthood was in Flower" featuring Davies. A world famous produced at a cost of one million half dollars with three people in the cast will be at the Lyceum next Wednesday.

Ladies Coats—one quarter A. Brown & Co.

Mrs. Isabella J. McLaren announces the engagement of her youngest daughter, Isabel to William David Lamb, formerly of Watford. The bride to take place the latter part of the month.

Ladies' Tailormade Suits very special in style and price. Save money on every suit, to 42, \$17.50 up.—Swift's.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 1st at 3 o'clock sharp at the home of Mrs. P. J. Dodds. Ladies to answer the date and time, a answer to roll call "My earliest recollection of Christmas."

Books are always appreciated Christmas Gifts—many of the authors to choose from—gladly order any special book if we have your order. J. W. McLaren.

Sir Joseph Duveen celebrish art authority, declare "Knighthood was in Flower" stupendous reproduction of the artist's court life ever achieved—historically accurate—the setting of the settings amazed with a special orchestra—see next Wednesday.

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