News from Coast

The telegram to Mrs. Faulkner was dated at Los Angeles 10.06 a.m. Saturday and read:

"Picked up morning paper and learned mother was killed yesterday and warrant sworn for my Who started this story? arrest. Fine advertisement for my family. Please wire details."

It was signed by a man giving the name of Harold Vermilyea.

Crown Attorney Donnan and the police were at once notified of the message. It appeared to them and the family of Mrs. Vermilyea that it would be well to wait for a while in the hope that another message asking for details would arrive. As expected it did, about 2 p.m., this time by telephone and after a careful check-back, according to information from Ontario, California, it was from the police station in that city, that the cal: was coming. Mrs. Faulkner delayer as long as possible in order to give the Crown Attorney time to arrive to listen in on an extension line in the Faulkner home.

After this conversation it was stated that it was difficult to obtain from Vermilyea any concise answers to questions put to him by Mrs. Faulkner.

Man is Held

The crown attorney drove to the city police station and telephoned to Chief of Police J. H. Lock of Ontario, California, and asked if Vermilyea was in the station and had phoned from there. The answer was in the affirmative. Later Mr. Donnan asked Lock to trace the whereabouts of Vermilyea's automobile for the past few days.

Mr. Donnan requested that Vermilyea be held for a time and the request was granted,

Traffic Officer Sam Ervine was despatched about 4 o'clock to the Attorney General's Department at Toronto with a warrant of arrest on a charge of murder against Vermilyea.

Later in answer to Mr. Donnan's query Chief Lock wired:

"Have car checked. Coupe was



in the pursuit, leading to the arrest of the accused man.

Attorney General Arthur W. Roebuck did not wish to prophesy what action would be taken by his department. "It will all depend on what happens in California," he pointed out. "We are taking the usual precautions and an officer is leaving right away to bring his prisoner as soon as possible."

Provincial authorities communicated with the British consul at Los Angeles over the week end to initiate extradition proceedings by applying for a provisional extradition warrant.

With the arrest of Vermilyea in-California, guards who were watching the safety of the members of the Faulkner and Vermilyea families were taken off their posts.

Vermilyea has been engaged for years in the fruit exchange busi-He and his wife were sepness. arated a few years ago and there was a court action over the custody of the children, the father winning possession. His former wife is resiging at Sacramento with relatives. On Monday further investigations

for blood stains or marks were made at. Belleville by Dr. E. R. Frankish of Toronto, pathologist. He examined clothing worn by Mrs. Vermilyer on the night of the murderous attack and took back to Toronto her hat, coat and other clothing bearing stams.

It is said there the pathologist is to examine a spot on the upholstery of the taxi said to have been driven to and from Belleville and also a spot on the woodwork of a hote! room believed by police to have been occupied by a man who dreve to and from Belleville in a taxi on the night of the slaying, to discover if they are of blood.

TAXICAB OFFICIALS STATE MAN IS DRIVEN

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mint package and two fresh cigars found in Vermilyea's clothing were stamped "made in Canada" and a piece of soap found in one pocket was stamped with the name of a hotel in the Province of Ontario.

Meantime Vermilyea gave to officers a day-to-day account of what he said were his movements since September 25, when he drove away from his home.

Driving Upstate

He said between that time and last Saturday morning he had driven extensively through the State, visiting packing-houses and looking for employment.

He was asked about a letter sent to his mother, Mrs. Nathaniel Vermilyea, aged 76, who was hacked to milyea. Bannas when he read the death near the Belleville home of story of the murderous attack at her son-in-law. Dr. J. A. Faulkner, once notified the authorities that Ontario Minister of Health. Bright he had driven here on two occassaid in this letter Vermilyea wrote ions and waited for his passenger. he was badly in need of money. He was shown pictures of Harold Vermilyea told officers the letter Vermilyea who is accused of the mas mailed in Los Angeles last murden



Crowded Highways Resulted in Mishap That **Took Toll of Six**

By The Canadian Press

The long holiday week-end in On-

tario was marred by loss of nine lives. A young boy was electrocuted, a man was fatally shot, while hunting and another was drowned. Crowded highways resulted in mishaps, that took a toll of six lives.

The drownings victim was Romeo Fortin, 23, of Chapleau, Ont., who went to his death in Sylvanite Lake, 23 miles from Chapleau. Harry Clifton, 55-year-old Pembroke, Ont., resident, was accidentally shot by a companion while hunting.

Fifteen-year-old Stanley Novak, son of Walter Novak of Waterloo. Ont., was electrocuted, when he climbed up a street lighting pole and came in contact with a wire, falling 30 feet to the ground.

Curtis Book of St. Anne's. Ont.. was fatally injured on the Brant= ford-Hamilton highway by a motor



POINTS OUT ROUTE

John Bannas, Toronto taxicab driver, who came to Belleville over the weekend to point out the route he took on Monday night of last week and on Thursday night with a passenger who left the car while it was kept waiting on streets in East Belleville. Bannas is the man who gave the police a clue on Friday morning that the man he had as fare might be the man wanted by the authorities in connection with the murder of Mrs. N. Ver-

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