

JUROR NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Watched Cortege As It Passed Hotel Where Jury Housed

With head bared, and standing at the window of the Belvidere Hotel, Front Street, on Sunday afternoon, Robert E. Roy, juror on the Vermilyea murder trial, watched the funeral of his father, Robert Roy, aged resident of Trenton, pass through the city on the way to West Huntingdon cemetery, where interment took place. Owing to the gravity of the case upon which the juror is serving extra precautions have been taken by Mr. Justice Nicol Jeffrey, presiding justice, to have the jurors under close guard at all times. It had been expected that all jurors would attend the funeral of Mr. Roy at Trenton on Sunday.

COLLAPSES, DIES AT COURT HOUSE

Albert Quincey Spectator, Victim of Heart Seizure

Death came suddenly to Albert Quincey of 3 Fahey Street, this city, early this Monday forenoon. Being interested in the proceedings at the court house, he left his home early this morning apparently in his usual state of health. He had not complained of feeling ill, but while waiting to go upstairs in the court room before court opened he was taken with a heart seizure and expired immediately. There was a small crowd about at the time and it is believed that climbing of steps and excitement caused the seizure.

The late Mr. Quincey, who was in his 62nd year, was born in Belleville, his parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. John Quincey. He had resided in Belleville all his life and was well and favorably known by many friends who will regret his sudden death. For twenty years he was a machinist employed at the Canadian National Railway shops here. He was an adherent of the Church of England.

Surviving to mourn his sudden passing and to whom the sympathy of their friends will be extended, are the widow; one daughter, Miss Dorothy at home; two sons, Arthur of Belleville; Beverley Quincey at home, and an uncle, Mr. Benjamin Quincey of Belleville.

OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

Toronto, Feb. 25.—(CP)—Two officials of the Ontario Treasury Department have been suspended pending an investigation by Chester S. Walters, Controller of Revenue, Premier Mitchell F. Heppburn said today.

The Premier gave no reason for the suspensions nor would he make any further comment on the government's action. He declined to reveal the names of the suspended officials.

CHOPPING MILL BURNED

Streetsville, Ont., Feb. 25.—(CP)—Fire today caused \$15,000 damage to Johnson's "hopper" mill and for a time threatened to spread to houses in the town. Streetsville is about 20 miles west of Toronto.

Gaining entrance by means of breaking a pane of glass and reaching in to unfasten a rear window, robbers broke, entered and burglarized Walker's Hardware Store early Sunday morning, stealing two valuable .22 calibre rifles and over 1,500 rounds of ammunition, that fitted the stolen rifles. The robbery was discovered by H. T. York, an employee of the Walker Hardware Co. who discovered the break-in, when he went to the store early Sunday morning to tend to the fires in the basement.

Mr. York discovered the rear window open and after a short investigation immediately called in the local police. Other employees were notified and after a general check-up of the stock it was disclosed, that only two .22 calibre rifles were missing, a single shot and a repeating rifle. Further search disclosed that over 30 boxes, 50 per box of .22 calibre shells were also stolen.

Careful scrutiny by the police brought out the fact that the robbery was completed by youths of a tender age, as the opening in the window through which they procured entrance is much too small to admit an adult. A rear door was open, however, and may have been opened by a young boy to later admit older accomplices. No snow having fallen early Sunday morning the foot prints underneath the window were indistinguishable on the hard icy surface. The local police are still investigating, however.

HIGHWAYS COATED WITH GLARE ICE

Forecaster Says—Wind Will Swing to Bring Cold Weather

(By the Canadian Press)

Strong easterly gales swept over Southern Ontario today bringing rain, sleet and snow which coated highways with glare ice and endangered the lives of travellers. The Meteorological Bureau at Toronto forecasted the wind would swing around to the north resulting in decidedly colder weather.

At Kitchener, a raging snowstorm—the most severe of the season, threatened for a time to block motor and street railway traffic. The blizzard, however, did not last long but many bad drifts were caused. Rain fell in the Brantford and Galt districts after an early morning snowfall and highways were covered with a treacherous slippery crust.

Northeast winds brought a cold snap to Northern Ontario and there were snow flurries in the southern portion.

Following a brief thunderstorm early this morning an admixture of rain and sleet descended upon Stratford and district all morning, making travelling treacherous.

ORDERED DESTROYED

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 25.—(CP)—Magistrate T. W. Scandrett today issued orders for destruction of two gambling machines seized early last January. The machines have been held at the police station pending a possible appeal by the owners after they had been convicted in City Court for running gaming houses. One of the machines to be destroyed is of the slot machine type while the other is a game board.

Col. R. H. Greer, defence counsel, had previously addressed the jury in a two and one half hour address marked by a brilliance and oratory seldom heard in a local court. "This man's actions all through were those of a crazy man," he gave as his opinion. He said that defence did not admit the commission of crime, but if he did this he suggested that the jury bring in a verdict of not guilty and insane. He added that there was an institution to take care of such a case. Col. Greer spoke for two hours and a half.

At ten minutes after two o'clock this afternoon Mr. Justice Nicol Jeffrey will begin his instructions to the jury.

Harold Vermilyea on trial for the past seven days on the charge of murdering his 76-year-old mother, Aurelia Vermilyea in this city on October 4, last, will probably know his fate today.

The well-groomed prisoner appearing little disturbed today by the proceedings since trial started, toyed with a small piece of wood, cleaning his nails, as he lolled in his seat this morning waiting for Court to open. The usual wad of gum on which he chews constantly, was again evident. A top coat, usually carried was not brought into court today by him.

For hours this morning one of the largest crowds yet to try and gain seats, waited outside the court for the doors to open. Overcome by the exertion and wait, one elderly resident dropped dead in the crush.

With a table full of exhibits, including photographs, reams of type-written and printed documents and even volumes upon psychiatry and allied sciences, Col. R. H. Greer, K.C., chief defence counsel, assisted by Mr. C. A. Payne, K.C., and Mr. B. L. Smith waited, completely prepared to begin his fight to free his client from the grave charge. Crown Prosecutor G. Urquhart, K.C., also rested behind a table covered with books and papers. Mr. Urquhart has been assisted by Crown Attorney B. C. Donnan, K.C.

Address Is Opened

Col. Greer opened his address at 9:15 a.m. Facing the Jury, the chief defence reviewed the facts. "This man has been accused of killing his mother." Counsel then said, "There are three verdicts open to you. You may find him guilty, not guilty, or not guilty on the grounds of insanity. If the latter verdict is brought in he will be then regarded as a criminally insane man. He will be confined and incarcerated then for a period under the discretion of the Attorney General."

Col. Greer referred to the hereditary taint in the family. "In talking to a Jury composed largely of farmers you know, that it is a fact, that from time to time, this taint may be passed on even through domestic stock."

Cousin Worried Over Money

Fred and Gerald Vermilyea were incarcerated in an institution. Fred worried over money matters; Gerald worried because he lost his job and also worried over money matter. Insane people do not always act the same—the idiosyncrasies of one are not those of the other any more than sane people do. One name given him was that he was a manic-depressive. We agree now that he is a victim of dementia praecox. We know that there is no question of their sanity, they are well defined cases.

Col. Greer referred to another relative, Thomas, who broke dishes and was locked up. The institutions of those days were not so fully taken advantage of then, so he was locked up in his home. Reuben Vermilyea, a son of Thomas, was a morbid. He had a "wearied" manner; he saw spirits. Remember this is many years ago. You'll

that any member under stress would break down under pressure much sooner than a normal mind. "Having this established, I may well, fairly and properly ask you to do your duty well and truly to find this man not guilty upon the grounds of insanity. His Lordship will explain this later.

"You will be instructed, as is always the case, to see this man is given a reasonable doubt; he has the right to ask and demand the right of any reasonable doubt. We will not quibble or argue about what the case means or the seriousness of it.

"I perhaps in my own language, described the case when I asked the doctor, if there was not a cloud hanging over it from which lightning might strike at any time.

Tried to Get Away

"Harold, who was 49 last fall, was born with a bad stutter. I gather he was worse than the average young man. He graduated, still stammering; and took a course to cure it. Before he left home, the suicidal tendencies in the family had given the evidence of insanity; haunted by some misgivings within himself he got away as far from home as he could. You would think that as an older boy he would have stayed on the farm. We gather that he was a little afraid of himself. We find from the doctor, Dr. Robertson, that the first boy is always thought more of by the mother. So we find in this family that even tho' he was away, he never forgot—that he always wrote once a week and oftener on other occasions."

Accused Adored by Mother

I might point out that the shocking aspects of this case that he was the adored and petted son of a loving mother. A crime on the face of it like this that if a man committed such an act—Great God, he must have been insane! Every one of you sitting in that box must have felt as I did, when you first heard it, that it must have been the work of a madman! This was your first thought.

Defence Counsel pointed out carefully here that he did not admit his client had done the crime charged. To support this, it was pointed out there was no lota of proof, that accused had ever held the hatchet. "Nicols, the hardware clerk, who was supposed to have sold it, was one man, who could not identify this man". "There was no trace of this man's finger prints upon this hatchet". Col. Greer pointed out this was admitted by Dr. Frankish. "All the evidence we have that a hatchet, we may admit, was bought in Simpson's store, was found later at the rear of the home, was purchased by a man 'resembling' the accused. To say that a man, who looks like someone who bought a hatchet in a large store is dangerous evidence. The styles of these days make all men look alike."

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Coming Events

- TONIGHT — SALVATION ARMY Musical Festival, 8 o'clock. Silver collection. Come and enjoy a real treat. F25-1t
- AT MRS. GEO. STOBIE'S, PINNACLE street, tea and sale of home cooking. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 4 to 6. Auxiliaries Women's Association Bridge Street Church. F25-1t
- PROP. McDUGALL OF QUEEN'S will discuss the present position of Canadian Railways in Greater Citizenship Lecture Course at the "Y" Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock. General public invited. Admission: single lectures 25 cents. F25-1t
- TO-NITE — AAJMAA CLUB EUCHEE, best regular prizes, 294 Front, opposite the Belmont. Admission 25 cents. F25-1t
- "THE YOUNGEST" PLAY TO BE PRESENTED by Albert College Dramatic Society, Friday, Mar. 1, 8 p.m. Free transportation from four corners. Admission 25c. F25-1t