

### THE C. P. R. CROSSINGS

The result of the visit to Toronto made by a deputation of Lindsay citizens, who waited upon the board of railway commissioners, has been simmered down to a point which one must naturally infer asserts that neither one nor the other (the C. P. R. or the town) wish to assume the responsibility of granting protection to the public who pass hither and thither across the C.P.R. tracks at King and Queen-sts.

The town of Lindsay finds its exchequer is not so intensely replenished with funds that money can be lavished to protect the wayfarer who passes back and forth at those

points, as this would mean an expense of several thousand dollars per year.

On the other hand the C.P.R. say we do not require gates or protection and are willing to take such risks as ordinary traffic may assert rather than finance such an innovation for public safety.

Condense all this and we find that the public must take care of themselves when passing over the above crossings. In case of a fatality damages for injury or death when the company is at fault must act as a salutary compensation to the aggrieved person or relatives.

### The Nogi Moral

Although the fatuity of the suicide of Gen. Nogi and his wife in order to accompany the soul of the late Japanese Emperor to the future world excites astonishment among Westerners, as we paradoxically call ourselves, there was a sublimity in the fact that should not be lost upon us, contrasting as we do with Orientals with our hard, matter-of-fact views and methods. If we are fanatical, it is in pursuit of pleasure and wealth. The Oriental's fanaticism is centred upon his country, his Emperor, his ancestors. His earnestness and devotion as exercised on these subjects are unreserved, terrible. Western civilization failed to dislodge the superstition, as we call it, which claimed this sacrifice; for Nogi was an educated, accomplished soldier and his wife was a graduate of Yassar. The mountains and plains of Manchuria moreover hold tens of thousands of proofs of Japanese mortal devotion to country, not surpassed in history if equalled. If the British Empire is to live, it must be by devotion more nearly resembling that of the Japanese. Sir Wilfrid Laurier boasts that we think only of railways, canals, public works; somebody else can see to

we belong. A people who have acquired the highest military and naval virtues from civilization without imparing the contempt for death inherited from barbarism are capable of sacrifices undreamed of by Canadians or Americans. Sacrifice is mainly the secret of military and naval efficiency. Sacrifice is the language of conquest. Such a people as the Japanese might be uncomfortable neighbors for the ease loving, comfort-seeking, pleasure-chasing nations of this North American continent.

warding off dangers which he claims not to believe in. Is Canada to become great by pursuit always of profit? Can we always evade the law of sacrifice? As the Toronto Telegram observes:

"A country like Canada is deserving of Children each willing to serve the interests of the nation with his or her LIFE as willingly and more wisely than Gen. Nogi served the memory of an Emperor with his DEATH. Canadians should love Canada as well as Gen. Nogi loved Japan, and need not cease to love and guard their own lives. Canadians may also be devoutly thankful that several thousand miles of blue water separates Japan from the shores of the continent to which

### Ops Council Proceedings

Ops Council met Sept. 23rd., 1912 at 10 a.m. all the members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion of W. Best seconded by G. Maloney were confirmed.

The Clerk was instructed to write the board of Railway Commissioner crossings in the East ward.

Council adjourned to meet Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.

Communications were read from Clerk of Peace re selecting of jurors from Jas. Long re examinations of ditch by Engineer, from Clerk of Emily re Union Sed. No. 16, Supt. of C. P. R. re drainage, from Sec'y board railway commissioners notice of sitting re protection on Crossings on King and Queen-sts., from Solicitors Beatty and others.

Mr. W. Reid asked that C. P. R. be requested to deepen their South ditch from the 9th concession line to the creek. The clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Welland accordingly.

Moved by F. W. Hickson, seconded by G. Maloney, that by-laws be read in committee of the whole, Mr. Walden in chair.

Moved by F. W. Hickson, seconded by George Maloney, that Robertson and councilor Best and Walden be a committee to inspect the ground covered by the Long Ditch award.

Mr. John Reid applied for re-appointment as Tax collector and asking for a salary of \$75.00 the taxes to be handled by the Standard Bank as was done last year. On motion of W. Best seconded by F. W. Hickson Mr. Reid was appointed at a salary of \$60.00.

On motion of F. W. Hickson, seconded by W. Walden, the statute labor done by John Hogan and Wm. Reeds on road beats other than where charged was allowed.

By-laws were duly passed authorizing the levying of rates and taxes and confirming the appointment of collector, also a by-law regulating the keeping of pounds and the construction of lawful fences in the Township of Ops.

On motion of W. Best, seconded by G. Maloney, the Reeve resumed the chair and the said by-laws were given the final reading, passed signed and sealed as by-laws Nos. 722, 723, 724.

### GETS FINAL DIVORCE.

The Supreme Court of the State of New York has at last given the final decree of divorce to the daughter of Richard Croker. She eloped and was married to her riding master, John J. Breen, several years ago. The couple met while riding in Central Park, New York City, and after a brief acquaintance were married secretly in Hoboken by a justice of the peace. When the wedding became public, it was denied by the bride's parents. Breen later publicly claimed his wife and threatened to sue her family for alienating her affections. He was divorced on Statutory grounds. Breen was employed as a trainer in the stables of Hon. J. P. Stratton of this city.

### NO POTATO BLIGHT.

The season for potatoes, has been exceptionally good, and many stories have been told of the abnormal growth of the farinaceous tuber. In the garden of Mrs. Harriett Robson Fenelon Falls, 6 potatoes were taken from the plot weighing 9lb. 2oz. one of the number weighing 24 oz. Another of the enlarged underground rhizomes, but not one of the 1/2 doz. above mentioned, weighed 2lb They are of the Duke of Oxford variety and it is understood they can be made to produce from 500 to 700 bushels per acre.

The time when an efficient household can afford to overlook the ads has gone by—not to ever recur again!

# Wm. McCaffrey, Old Omeme Boy and Family Drowned-10 Pound Lunge Cause of Tragedy

Had Hooked Lunge and Was Trying to Land it When the 16 Foot Canoe Upset—Fishing Line Found Around Dead Man's Body—All Could Swim

## VICTIMS OF DROWNING TRAGEDY

- MARY McCAFFREY, wife of Charles McCaffrey, Omeme.
- WILLIAM McCAFFREY, eldest son of Charles McCaffrey, aged 39 years. Manager of the Sales Department, of the Canadian General Electric, Toronto.
- LAURA SEAGER, wife of the late William McCaffrey, and daughter of the late John Seager, of Richmond Hill, Ont., aged 38 years.
- GRACE MAXINE, daughter of the late William and Laura McCaffrey, aged 12 years.
- HOWARD SEAGER SOUTHBY, Son of the late William and Laura McCaffrey, aged 8 years.

SCENE OF DROWNING ACCIDENT—In Pigeon River, about five miles from Omeme, near Thomas' Hill.

One of the most appalling calamities that ever occurred in the Midland district took place Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28, when William McCaffrey, of Toronto, son of Mr. Chas. McCaffrey, of Omeme, his wife, son, daughter and mother were drowned in Pigeon Creek, about five miles north of the village of Omeme, in the vicinity of Thomas' Hill. The victims are: Mary McCaffrey, wife of Charles McCaffrey; William McCaffrey, manager of the sales department of the Canadian General Electric Co., Toronto, eldest son of Charles McCaffrey, aged 39 years; Laura Seager, wife of the late William McCaffrey, aged 38 years, and daughter of late John Seager, of Richmond Hill, Ont.; Grace Maxine, daughter of late William and Laura McCaffrey, aged 12 years; Howard Seager Southby, son of late William and Laura McCaffrey, aged 8 years.

The news of the dreadful fatality was received by Dr. F. Blanchard, coroner for the County of Victoria, Sunday morning. The 'phone message stated that the bodies of the above parties were recovered and asked the coroner to come at once and act in his official capacity.

A press representative of The Daily Watchman and the coroner drove to the village, and though the day had shortly dawned groups and parties of men were seen along the main street discussing the terrible tale which the finding of the victims of the accident on the previous night had told.

### IN THE MORGUE.

Mr. John McCrae led the coroner and reporter to his undertaking rooms and there lay the bodies on stretchers in a large room. On one side was Mr. McCaffrey's mother, attired in heavy clothing such as one would wear on an outing trip.

TIME OF ACCIDENT.

Next was William McCaffrey, dressed in a black suit, white negligee shirt and patent leather shoes. His gold watch, which the coroner asked to be removed, was stopped, the hands indicating that it ceased to measure time at 2:35 p.m. This would indicate the time which the accident in all probability took place, which would be Saturday afternoon.

Next was his beautiful young wife, dressed in her ordinary attire with long brown coat and bearing a calm look upon her face. On her left hand she wore three gold rings. By her side was their 10-year-old son, dressed in a warm grey coat, shoes, black stockings and knickerbockers with his gold-rimmed spectacles still upon his eyes, which were forever dimmed.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND.

At the time the body of the little girl was not discovered, but it is understood that she was found Sunday morning one hundred feet or more from the spot where the rest of the victims were found.

FISH ON THE LINE.

Nearby was the fatal fish, which told of the awful tragedy. The 10 1/2 pound mackinnoe with the hooks and shining spoon which allured the fatal fish and wiped out nearly an entire family.

After viewing the remains the coroner gave Undertaker McCrae an order for burial of the bodies of the victims as he deemed an inquest unnecessary.

The facts which led to the fatality are as follows: The late William McCaffrey arrived in Omeme on Friday last accompanied by his wife, son and daughter.

A FISHING TRIP.

Mr. McCaffrey had secured his holidays and decided to take a trip through the great Canadian west. He had worked faithfully for his employers and they placed no limit on the length of his vacation. However, previous to setting out on the trip west he decided to visit his parents at Omeme and spend a day or two in the old home village renewing acquaintances and enjoy the outdoor sports. The weather being favorable and the water quite calm he prevailed upon his mother and wife to take the day off and they would go fishing. The children were delighted and preparations were made for the big outing. The hamper was packed and the party, five in

number, set off for the creek about noon hour Saturday. That was the last heard or seen of the happy party, and when they failed to return home in the evening the anxious father, Mr. Chas. McCaffrey, began to make enquiries.

FAILED TO RETURN.

On Saturday morning the party of five, just as they were wont to do on other years, began a fishing cruise up the creek. When dusk came and they had not returned home, John McCaffrey, husband, father and grandfather of those in the boat, became anxious and set out to find them. He, with a neighbor, rowed up the river to a distance of about six miles from the village. In the middle of the creek, which was about 40 or 50 yards wide, an overturned canoe was found, sinking gradually at the bow. This was the only trace of the five of his family which had left the boat house a few hours before. Both men began to grapple for the bodies, but with no success. When darkness settled over the stream they returned to the village and there broke the news. Early Sunday morning a great number of friends went up the creek to search for the bodies. After some hours of work the remains of the two women were found, and then the little boy, Howard, and then William McCaffrey. Later in the morning the body of Maxine, the little girl, was discovered. The five bodies were taken back to the home-stead from which the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to the village cemetery.

ALL COULD SWIM.

The children and also the father were good swimmers, and it is supposed that the young-girl attempted to swim ashore but sank in the weeds. Nothing is known of the struggles of the one man, William McCaffrey, in the party to save the others. Those in Lindsay—and there are many—who know him, are aware of his athletic prowess. He was an all-round athlete a few years ago, an excellent cricketer all his life and an expert swimmer.

But all were handicapped in the chilly water, and on account of the place where the craft capsized not one, even a swimmer, would have had a chance to reach land. On either shore is a marsh extending back about 100 yards, and impassable. William McCaffrey undoubtedly did not have a chance to save his mother, his wife or his children. An overturned canoe, which fills quickly, is practically impossible to handle by one person struggling against odds. A 16-foot canoe, half-filled, cannot be fought by one person, and Mr. McCaffrey had four people to look after. It is more than likely that he sank exhausted after fighting vainly to save those dear to him.

The water where the bodies were found was six, eight and ten feet deep. About 100 yards from the spot where the waterlogged canoe was picked up was found the body of Mrs. McCaffrey, sr. Farther up the stream by a few yards Mrs. William McCaffrey, with her youngest—the boy—locked in her arms, was drawn to the surface of these calm and peaceful, though treacherous waters. Some distance away William McCaffrey's body was picked up, and farther on towards the lake his daughter.

FIRST FATALITY IN YEARS.

Old-timers in Omeme say that it is the first drowning fatality in many years in Pigeon Creek. In no place is the creek over 60 yards wide, except where it empties into Sturgeon Lake. And the current is hardly noticeable, it thus being considered rather safe by even the most timid canoeist. Campers from all parts go there for the summer, and a more picturesque camping spot would be hard to find. The canoe used was just large enough for five people. It was two feet longer than the regulation size, and has a much wider beam, and therefore more difficult to upset. It was one of the usual type used by camping and fishing parties.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE STAN-

The father was found with his feet all tangled up in the fishing line, and the lunge which caused the fearful calamity was found still alive and held fast by a large hook, which was firmly embedded in the upper part of the mouth. By continued efforts to get away the huge fish had traveled round and round the man's body, in and out between his legs and arms, the result being that the silk fishing line was wound in an amazing tangle like a spider's web around the victim.

Speculating on the circumstances revealed, it is supposed that Mr. McCaffrey made heroic attempts to save the lives of the party, but was handicapped by the trolling lines being wrapped about his legs. It appears that the party had a number of lines out for fish.

SON ALSO CAUGHT.

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The United Irish league convention met in Philadelphia.

Woe is written on the visage of all our citizens whose hearts go out in sympathy to the grief-stricken friends.

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## Fairview Shropshires' Winnings for 1912

This year because of foot and mouth disease in Britain no sheep were allowed by our Government to be brought from across the sea. Therefore Canadian breeders were obliged to rely on their own productions for their show flocks. With such conditions neither individual skill in breeding and fitting was put to the test without any speculative purchasing of imported stock to fortify weak spots in the show flock. The Fairview representatives exhibited by Messrs. J. & D. J. Campbell, Woodville, Ont., have made remarkable records at Toronto, London and Lindsay; not shown elsewhere.

Of the fifteen first prizes and championships offered at Toronto's Canadian National thirteen were awarded to the Campbell's flock, including the four championships for rams and ewes. The winnings were the more creditable as all, with one exception were won with home-bred stock. The cash winnings totalled up to considerably more than that won by all four competing flocks.


On going to London the following week the flock won all offered in the class excepting two third prizes. The competing flocks at Toronto did not appear at London.

At Lindsay where the winning stock at our Dominion exhibition, Ottawa, which also showed previously at Toronto, was met for the second time in the circuit, the winnings were all the firsts and also all the seconds but two.

Of the thirty-four first prizes and championships offered for breeding classes at the three shows thirty-two were awarded to the Campbell in Canada.

This leading flock has had a good season's trade, yet a few choice shearing rams of the best of breeding and extra good individuals are on offer. Any one wanting a ram to improve the flock for a certainty will do well to write Campbells for their moderate quotations, considering breeding and quality.

A CORRECTION.  
 Some time ago there appeared a short article in The Watchman-Warder stating that an unfortunate man named Vanstone had passed away while an inmate of the Toronto asylum. It also stated that the gentleman was from Cameron. It appears that the name should have been Ballantyne, and that his home was near Glenora.



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