

## YOUTH LEFT BOUND AND GAGGED A PREY TO THE DEVOURING FLAMES

Colborne, Ont., April 17.—Interruption in his work of robbing the office of the Colborne Express, a burglar seized his disturber, Leslie Bart, gagged and bound him, and then set fire to the premises, leaving the boy helpless in the midst of the flames.

A few minutes later, the youth was rescued from his terrible situation by a liverman, but not before he had suffered terrible burns. The entire block was destroyed.

Police officers and citizens are scouring the neighborhood in search of the fiend, who attempted to add murder to his crimes of robbery, and incendiarism.

The boy describes the stranger as being tall and about 30 years of age, with a black moustache.

**ONE ARREST MADE**  
A stranger was arrested while the fire was in progress and locked up on suspicion, but he was able to clear himself when questioned this morning.

The burned premises were—The Express, owned by Geo. Keyes & Son; branch of the Toronto Bank; Chase Bros., nursery stock; McCrackan's hardware store; and E. R. Wilson's insurance office. The premises were entirely destroyed, and the loss is estimated at \$10,000.

According to the story of Leslie Bart, he was passing the Express office, at about 1.30 this morning when he saw the burglar moving about inside. He entered to investigate, and was at once seized and thrown to the floor. His hands and feet were tied fast, rendering him entirely helpless. Bart was also gagged. The stranger then set fire to the papers and cleared out.

The youth was found in this condition by the liverman, who was the first to be attracted to the scene, by belching smoke and flames.

Leslie is a printer and has been in Colborne only two weeks. He is said to hail from Picton.

All the burned premises were insured.

## SUPT. CARROL AROUND AGAIN

The many friends of Mr. T. D. Carroll, Superintendent of C. P. R. construction work, near Cambary, will be pleased to learn that he was able to resume his duties this morning.

Mr. Carroll, it will be remembered, is the gentleman, whom a man named Gorman assaulted at the work on Monday.

## Hydro-Electric Commission Gets Option On Plant of Local Power Company

The Hydro Electric Commission secured an option on the local Light, Heat and Power Co.'s plant and the equipment, and it has been received by the Town Clerk, together with the report of the Commission Engineer on the Company's plant. The documents have not been made public as yet, but it is understood that the price quoted is less than what had been mentioned when negotiations were first started.

A meeting of the council, will, in all probability be held at the beginning of the week when the option will be considered and in all likelihood steps will be taken to submit a by-law to the ratepayers for the ratifications of the agreement.

The Globe says: An option on the Lindsay Power & Light Company's plant and equipment has been secured by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and was forwarded to the Town Council yesterday. It is understood that the price quoted is considerably less than the town had hoped for, when on the authorization of ratepayers it was decided to open negotiations with the company. The Town Council secured the co-operation of the Hydro-Electric Commission in the matter, and in addition to the option have been furnished with the reports of the Commission Engineers on the Company's plant, which at the present time develops 2,000 horse-power at Fenelon Falls, and transmits to Lindsay, is anticipated that the town will now make an offer to the Company on the figure quoted in the option.

The Commission has also secured for the city of Peterboro an option on the Otonabee Power Company's development and transmission plant now supplying 3,000 horse-power from locks four and five on the Trent Canal. Hon. Adam Beck presented this option to a meeting of the Citizens' Committee at Peterboro on Wednesday night. He was able to tell them that by carrying out the proposition they would be able to secure a 24-hour service at from \$16 to \$17 per horse-power, a most advantageous price. They would also be in a position if the city closes or the option of having an immediate service, free from competition.

The following is from the Mail: "Notification was sent to Lindsay yesterday by the Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, of the terms made by the commission with the Lindsay Light, Heat and Power Co. The municipal-

ty will submit a by-law to the ratepayers for the ratification of the agreement, and there is no doubt but that it will pass, as the commission has made the terms by which the town will save about \$20,000. The town will take about 2,000 horse power, and soon will be in the Hydro Electric zone.

The question of a supply of cheap power for Peterboro was discussed there by the Hon. Adam Beck and the Citizens' Committee. The engineers of the commission have looked over the situation and presented a

report, and if the city acts on the report, Peterboro will be in a position independent of the power merger which generates power on the Trent River. The city will get power from the Otonabee Power Co.

Midland and Penetang will vote next week on by-laws authorizing the towns to make contracts with the commission. Penetang will buy out the existing plant, and both places, together with Waubesaene, will take power supplied by the commission through the Simcoe Light & Power Co.

## FREE LIBRARIES NEEDED FOR ALL IDEAL SUBMITTED BY A. W. CAMERON

"There is need of a provincial public library, whose volumes are accessible to everyone in this province a system of country libraries and to exercise supervision over them, and such provision as will make it possible for townships and even sections of them to organize so as to secure free public library facilities."

This was the emphatic declaration of Mr. A. W. Cameron, B.A., president of the Ontario Library Association, in the course of the annual presidential address at this afternoon's session of that body's eleventh annual meeting, which opened in the public library, Toronto, Monday morning. His subject was, "A Provincial Library System."

One hundred members of the Association—over half of them ladies—were in attendance.

"Free education will not be wholly attained in this province," continued Mr. Cameron, "until it is possible for every sincere student to obtain the material for his legitimate study and research from some of our public libraries."

Library work in small centres throughout Ontario, said the president, was being sadly neglected, simply because the Provincial Inspector of Libraries had too much work upon his shoulders. Many of the smaller libraries were not cognizant of what the Department of Education was willing to do for them in the matter of annual grants. Surely

this sufficed to establish the need for more thorough library inspection.

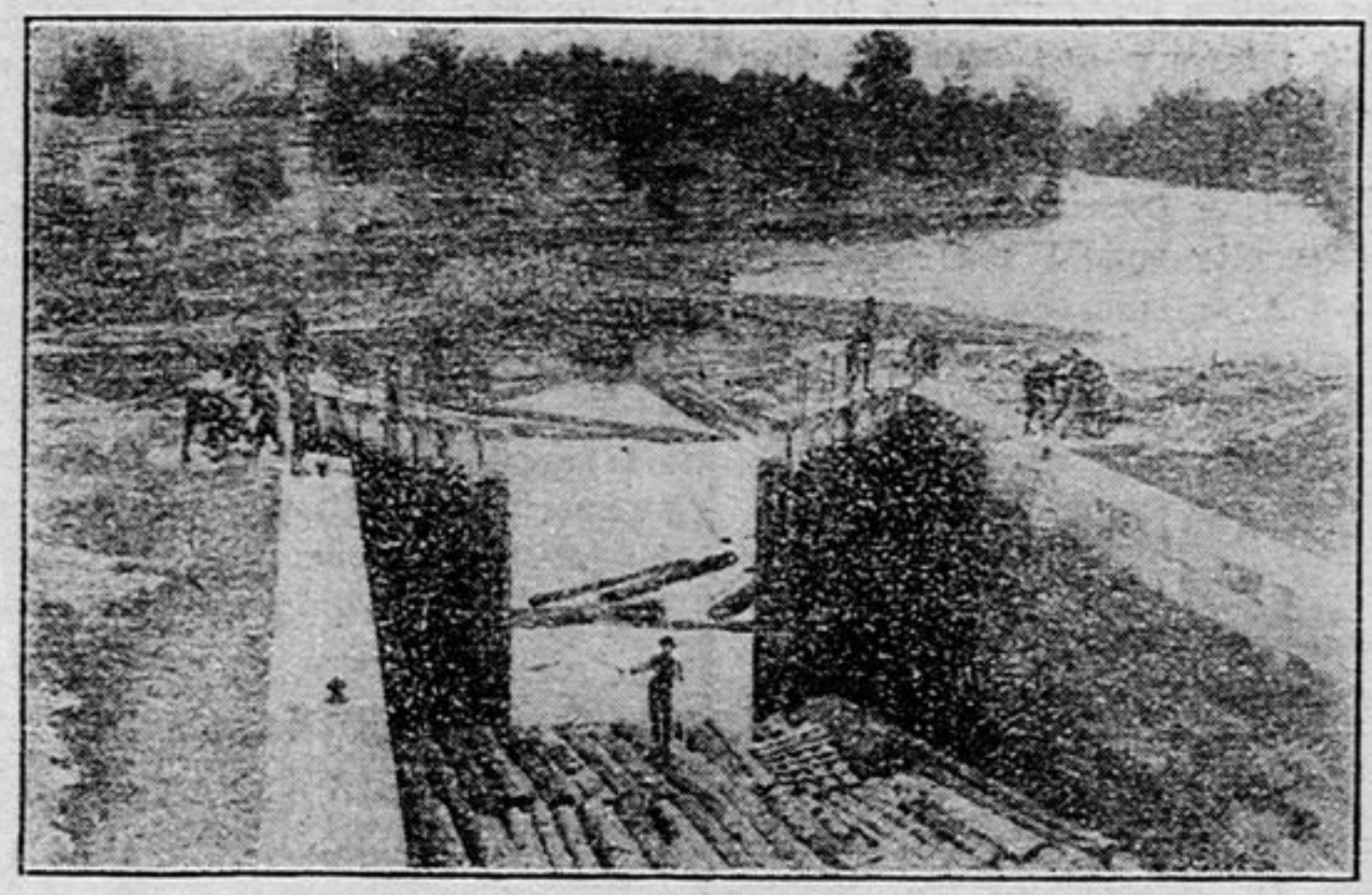
**MORE AID FROM GOVERNMENT.**  
"The past year has in the aggregate surpassed any of its predecessors," said the report of the Secretary, Mr. E. A. Hardy, B.A., presented at this morning's session. Mr. Hardy has been secretary of the Association continuously since its organization 11 years ago.

His report, which reviewed at length, the work of the year, began by recommending an increase in the Government grant to the association, as central office expenses were increasing at a very rapid rate.

**OVER \$88,000 FROM MR. CARNEGIE**  
Mr. Andrew Carnegie's grants to libraries in the Province during the year aggregated \$88,900, distributed among 13 towns—Beaverton, Dundas, Elora, Hespeler, Leamington, Midland, New Liskeard, Orillia, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Preston, Simcoe and Grimsby.

Commenting upon the work which awaited the summer library school, the secretary briefly referred to the methods of library training in vogue in Great Britain and the United States.

Mr. D. M. Grant, B.A., of Sarnia, presented the report of the committee on Technical Education and the Public Library. According to this report 25 towns and cities had applied for technical libraries during the year. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$233.09.



View of the locks at Fenelon Falls, The Government intends making important alterations, it is said, at this point

## Jottings From Fenelon Falls

(Special to the Post.)  
Fenelon Falls, April 13.—(Special.) Mrs. E. A. McArthur was the hostess at large dinner party at her residence on Friday evening.

A Boston tea will be held by the Parish Workers of St. James' church on Wednesday April 19. Tea will be served from five to seven p.m. in the store one door north of McFarland's store. An apron sale will be held in connection. Everybody welcome.

An entertainment will be held in connection. Everybody welcome. The W.F.M.S. of St. Andrew's met at the home of Mrs. Dickson on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Lord, President of the Society, Mrs. W. H. Walsh read an excellent paper on Home Missions. Mrs. John Northey contributed very interesting reports from the foreign field. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the Misses Dickson.

Rev. Fr. Galvin conducted services  
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## Little Britain Live Brevities

(Special to the Post.)  
Mr. Jas. Ferguson, of Toronto, was home to spend the Easter holidays under the parental roof.

Mr. William Medland has returned from Oshawa, where he was employed by the McLaughlin Carriage Co. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wickett, and daughter, of Lindsay, spent Easter with Mr. Wm. Wickett.

The funeral of Annie Pinham, beloved wife of Robert Rumney, Cobocan, took place in our village on Saturday last. The remains were brought by train to the home of the deceased parents Mr. Jno. Pinham, where a short service was conducted by Rev. Elliott, of Oakwood after which the remains were taken to the Methodist cemetery, for burial. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

The easteride social given in the I.O.O.F. hall on Friday evening under the auspices of the Christian church was a good success. The

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## HAVE ARRESTED THE YOUTH WHO SAYS HE WAS GAGGED AND BOUND

Colborne, Ont., April 18, Leslie Burks, of Blenheim, who came here eight weeks ago to work at the Express newspaper office, and who told the remarkable story of being tied to a chair and left bound in the burning building, was today arrested by Chief Constable Jarvis, of Blenheimville, and taken to Colborne.

This action was the result of the investigation of Detective Miller, of the Provincial force.

Burks was found near the back door of the Express office with his arms tied and rolling on the floor. A liverman named Gohsen, while the building was in flames, he was immediately cut loose and taken to a hotel, where a doctor attended to him. His face and hair were considerably scorched, and he appeared to be hysterical or delirious from the fright.

**BURKS' OWN STORY.**  
This is the story told by Burks of his experiences: "I was returning home about a quarter after eleven, and saw a light in the Express office, and I went in by the side door, my usual way, and into the front office a man was sitting at Mr. Keyes' desk (Mr. Keyes being the editor) with papers strewn around and on the floor. I asked him what he wanted here. He replied 'What do you want?' and with that we made for one another.

**KNOCKED INSENSIBLE.**  
"The man got me down and hit me between the eyes and knocked me insensible. When I came to, I was lying on the sofa, bound and gagged. Just as I came to, the clock was striking twelve, and the man was standing in front of the safe. He said: 'Don't it if I can't find the paper, I will burn the place up.' With that he went out into the back office, came back with a can of coal oil, sprinkled oil on the floor and on the papers, and set fire to them.

"He drew me out to the back office near the stove. I tried to wriggle out after he had gone, and got caught some way in the stove or stoveboard, and tore my overcoat getting loose. I managed to get to the back door, which had been left open by the man when he went.

By this time the fire had broken through the partition between the two offices, and the place was going up quick. I cried for help and Mr. Gohsen came and released me."

The entire block, including the Bank of Toronto branch office, was destroyed at a loss of \$25,000.

Mr. Keyes says Burks was a good workman and he has no fault to find with him. He knows of no possible reason why anybody should burn his place down or desire any documents in his possession, other as editor, or Division Court Clerk.

Burks was brought before the local magistrate and remanded for a week. Startling developments are looked for.

**AMOUNT WAS WRITTEN OFF**  
From Wednesday's Post.  
Mrs. McKay appeared before the council last evening in reference to arrears in taxes, which she claimed she paid the late clerk and treasurer. When her house was partially destroyed by fire she lost all her receipts. She asked for a credit of \$24.52 on her last year taxes.

Mrs. McKay said she had a small book in which she entered all payments, and her tax payment was included. She showed this to the Special Auditor, and he stated her case was a just one.

Mr. Babcock moved that balance of Mrs. McKay's taxes for 1907 be written off. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which carried, as it was the opinion of the council that the taxes had been paid.

## THE DOMINION BANK

CAPITAL STOCK PAID UP  
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits  
Deposits by the Public  
Total Assets

Special Attention Given to Savings  
Lindsay Branch

## TRUE BILL FOR WIFE MURDER

Peterboro, April 18.—The Spring Assizes opened here today, Mr. Justice Teetzel presiding, and Mr. E. Meredith, K.C., as Crown prosecutor. The docket is very light, only one civil case, and one criminal, Hugh Deline, charged with the murder of his wife in the township of Belmont last autumn. He claimed to have found his wife dead in his home on his return from work. His contradictory stories led to the charge of murder. This afternoon, the Grand Jury returned a true bill and the trial will proceed tomorrow.

## SOLICITORS WILL BE INTERVIEWED

From Wednesday's Post.  
At last night's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council Mr. R. Knight appeared before the Council regarding arrears of taxes charged on east part of lot 20, south of Lindsay-st.

Mr. L. V. O'Connor appeared on behalf of W. E. Baker to claim for arrears of taxes on West part of lot 21, north of Wellington-st.

Both gentlemen address the Council at some length pointing out that they had been assured by the late Clerk and Treasurer that there was nothing against the properties, for which a clear deed had been secured.

Before taking action the Council decided to get the advice of the town solicitor on the matter.

## Improving the Woodville Cemetery

In last week's issue an unfortunate error occurred in the article referring to the Presbyterian cemetery funds, which we regret exceedingly. The article was sent in by an esteemed correspondent but the printer failed to correct the errors made in setting it in type, and it went into the paper uncorrected. We tender our apologies to the writer and those connected with the laudable work of improving "the city of the dead." It must indeed be a source of satisfaction to all to know that the appeal for funds has met with a hearty response, as the amounts asked for have been doubled in many instances.

## Weeks Doings From Oakwood

(Special to the Post.)  
Rev. C. H. Best, of Toronto spent a few days in our village with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rennie.

Miss Nettie Perrin spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perrin.

Miss Pearl Coad spent the holiday with friends in Norland.

We are quite pleased to hear that Mrs. Geo. Hicks is slowly improving after her long illness.

Mr. Morley Gard, of Lornedille, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gard.

Mr. Wm. Parkinson leaves this week on a trip to the northwest with Mr. Wm. Silverwood.

Miss Laura McCorvie of Toronto spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. McCorvie here.

Mr. Nelson Graham and sister, Misses F. and A. Graham, spent the holiday at their home here.

Mr. Clarence Hill has been seen here the week but we hope to hear he is better again.

Misses Mabel and ...  
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## SPRING GREETING 1911

Splendid Spring economies. Exceptional values in up-to-date Ladies' Stylish Suits.  
Ladies' Spring Suits in colors, navy, black, grey, brown and green, regular \$11.00. This week... \$9.95  
Dress Goods in black and colors, black and white shepherds check, 25c, 30c, 35c and... 75c  
The new and leading shades in plain poplins, satins and velveteens at 50c and... 75c  
2 specials in black Voiles, 75c and \$1  
Splendid assortment of patterned foulards at 15c, 20c and... 25c  
3 specials in 'Fair Ribbons, all shades 10c, 15c and... 20c  
Black Silks, guaranteed French makes, from 75c to... \$1.50  
30 inch Chiffon Tulle, special for... 95c  
Ladies' black Satteen and Jap Soie Trade skirts, embroidered satteen skirts 2 specials, \$1 and... \$1.50  
In Jap Soie, our leaders \$1.25 and... \$1.50  
HOSE—3 specials in Ladies' Hose—2c lines, 3 pairs for... \$1.00  
Extra Fine Hama... 50c  
Ladies' Spring Undervests, 2 leaders 16c and... 15c  
Lace and embroidered trimmed Corset Covers, 25c, 30c and... 50c  
Carpets and House Furnishings, Floor Rugs with border in tapestry 2 x 3 yards, special... \$5.00  
3 x 4 yards, \$7.50 and... \$9.00  
LACE CURTAINS—Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 specials for Spring \$1.00 \$1.50, and... \$2.00  
Lisleams at 35c, 40c and... 50c

## Priestley's

### VOILES



FASHION says sheer, open weaves are the thing for street and house dresses this Spring.  
do not fade, and have a touch that only comes from quality.

The time for buying your Spring wearing apparel is now, the place to buy is at McGaffey's, where stocks are fresh and complete. Here are a few specials

Ladies' fine Kid Gloves, lot 1, French Kid Gloves, all shades, sizes from 6 to 7 1/2, reg. \$1.35, Spring selling... \$1.20

Lot 2, French Kid Gloves, in fine and heavy makes, all shades, reg. \$1.10, Spring Sale... 95c

Lot 3, a good Kid Glove in black and colors, for... 75c

Ladies' Fabric Gloves, in black and colored all sizes, up \$1.3 leaders, 25c, 35c and... 50c

New Veilings in black and colors, Ladies' Collars—Silk and net stock collars... 25c

Handsome net and silk stock collars at... 50c

Embroidered linen collars, 2 specials 20c and... 25c

Embroidered and plain Eton collars Hair curls in clusters, 3 prices, \$1.50, \$2.00 and... \$2.50

Cream and silk net Blouses, \$2.50 and... \$3.50

White lawn blouses, 3 specials, 75c, \$1.00 and... \$1.25

Side Combs and Barrettes—Fancy side combs, stone setting, 15c, 20c, 25c Barrettes to match, 18c, 20c, 25c up to... \$2.50

Handsome bandos, jewel setting, 50c Spring Neckwear, 25c and... 50c

3 specials in white, bleached Table Linen, 50c, 75c and... \$1.00

Fancy Curtain Strips, 15c, 18c, 25c Splendid assortment of floor Oils, 25c, 28c and... 30c

White Bed Spreads, \$1.00, \$1.50 and... \$2.00  
Men's Soft Front Shirts, 50c, 75c and... \$1.00  
Men's Spring Kid Gloves in Tan and Greys, \$1.00 and... \$1.50

## E. E. W. MCGAFFEY