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## Thrilling Trip For Missionaries from Chengtu

### Dr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Agnew Arrive After Month's Trip by Plane, Boat and Motor

Dr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Agnew and Bob, aged 13, Margaret, aged 11, and Ruth, of just 6 years, arrived this week from Chengtu, China, after a very thrilling trip by plane, ocean liner and motor coach. Mrs. Agnew and the children are visiting at present with her mother, Mrs. H. Oswald, on Knox Avenue. Dr. and Mrs. Agnew and the children left Chengtu on June 27th, arriving at Vancouver on July 30th. The day they took the plane from Chungking that city was bombarded with 200 planes taking part. They stood under the wing of the plane in the landing field, ready to take off if some of the fighting machines decided to use this spot. The 2,000 mile trip by plane must be made at night and not on a moonlight night. Not a light must be shown on the plane. From a ground temperature of 120 to 130 degrees the plane reached an altitude where coats and all suitable clothing was put on. At a great height it went over the Japanese lines. The Japs have downed one plane to date.

Mrs. Agnew said that throughout the entire journey everything was very tense. She told THE FREE PRESS that China is making a wonderful stand against the invaders. They do not call the captured territory occupied Japanese territory, but "penetrated". As a result of Mrs. Agnew's visit it is not occupied by the Japanese. Many towns are occupied by the Chinese at night when they carry on their usual business and then move over for Japanese occupation in the daytime.

In spite of the many bombings, she felt Chungking, which is really a great rock pile, can carry on indefinitely. The Chinese in their guerrilla warfare are creating real havoc among the Japanese invaders. They are fighting for their homes and families.

Dr. and Mrs. Agnew reached Hong Kong two days before the city was ordered evacuated. Most of the refugees were taken to Manila and later to Australia. Fortunately passage for them had been arranged some time previously on the Empress of Asia. Her cabin leaving was jammed with refugees. Their baggage had been sent three months previous to their start and reached its destination at the same time.

Propaganda is blamed by Mrs. Agnew for the Japanese action. For instance, in Japan the people are told that the Chinese hold no Japanese prisoners. A Japanese soldier would be killed in action or commit suicide, before surrendering. The fact is there are plenty of Japanese prisoners in China. The mass bombing of China is not breaking the morale of the people, rather it is making them more determined to fight for their homes.

Customs in China are of course much different than here. There the housewife must refine all sugar and salt used. All meats are cured at home, milk is a very scarce article. Large herds of cattle cannot be kept, since there is no pasture land. The war has made condensed milk almost prohibitive in price. Coffee has risen from \$4 to \$25 per pound on account of war conditions. Schools cannot operate in mid-day on account of the danger of bombing. The hours are generally 6 to 10 in the morning and 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Agnew, during the conversation made a rather interesting comment regarding travel in China as compared with Canada. "China," she said, "is missing the railway stage of travel. Travel by air and motor coach is the means used, with only main arteries connected by rail. Coming to Canada, the family came across Canada by motor coach from Vancouver to Toronto. In all that trip across the continent, stopping at innumerable railway crossings, they came to a point between Hamilton and Toronto, before they saw one railway train in motion. Thousands of miles of track had been viewed with not a train using it. Perhaps China has been fortunate in missing some things too."

Dr. and Mrs. Agnew will remain for a year on furlough and taking special courses to fit them for their work in the mission fields.

## Lorne Scots Leave for Training at Niagara Camp

Acton platoon of the Lorne Scots left on Monday morning for a two weeks training period at Niagara-on-the-Lake. They were joined by other units throughout the County. Fifty-four men were in the group, under command of Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Lieutenant. The men left Acton by bus. There was no parade of other show as the groups left under military observation. An attempt to secure photographs of any activity. All drilling and instruction and packing were done under cover.

## Ralph Denny Has Narrow Escape from Ayrshire Bull

Ralph Denny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Denny, Fourth Line, just east of Acton, had a narrow escape from serious injury and possibly death when he was attacked by the five-year-old Ayrshire bull kept at the farm. Ralph was leading the animal along the passageway of the stables from his pen, when the animal suddenly lowered his head and attacked him. He was thrown into line of the cattle stalls and managed to get over the head piece of the stall. The bull, however, charged against the steel frame and crushed Ralph's left leg. The steel supports were bent and the heavy bolts fastened by the impact. In spite of the injury, Ralph left for Niagara Camp on Monday morning with the local platoon of the Lorne Scots. The bull weighs about 2,000 lbs. and was not considered dangerous. It was always handled without difficulty at any other time.

## ONE REASON FOR NO BASEBALL IN ACTON NOW

A picture, recently published in the *St. John's Beacon-Herald* showed the baseball team of the H.E.L., stationed there. Six of the boys in the ball club were from Acton. Taking a look at the equipment and a picture of the championship hockey club of two years ago, it appears that hockey this year will have about the same fate here. The boys are in the Army now. That's the answer to the lack of sport here.

## LOCAL STORE HAS INTERIOR RE-ARRANGED—ADDS NEW FEATURES

Considerable changes in the interior arrangements at Elliott Bros' store are being made this week. The furnishings department has all been re-arranged. New modern fixtures have been installed which make provision for splendid display of the stock. Several new lines have also been added to round out the general stock. The lighting and arrangement of the fixtures give the store a fine appearance. Messrs. Elliott Bros are to be congratulated on the improvement effected.

## WEALTHY HALTONIAN DIED AT PASADENA, CALIF.

Arthur H. Fleming, 84, wealthy businessman, and chief benefactor of the California Institute of Technology, died of a heart ailment. He was born in Halton County, Ontario, Canada. Fleming and his daughter, Mrs. William Lloyd-Smith, contributed more than \$5,000,000 to the Institute. After the first Great War, he provided a fund for a Memorial Building in the forest of Compiègne, France to house the railroad car in which the armistice was signed in 1918. Since France's surrender Hitler announced the car would be removed to Berlin. France made Fleming a chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Fleming was 33 when the United States when he was 33.

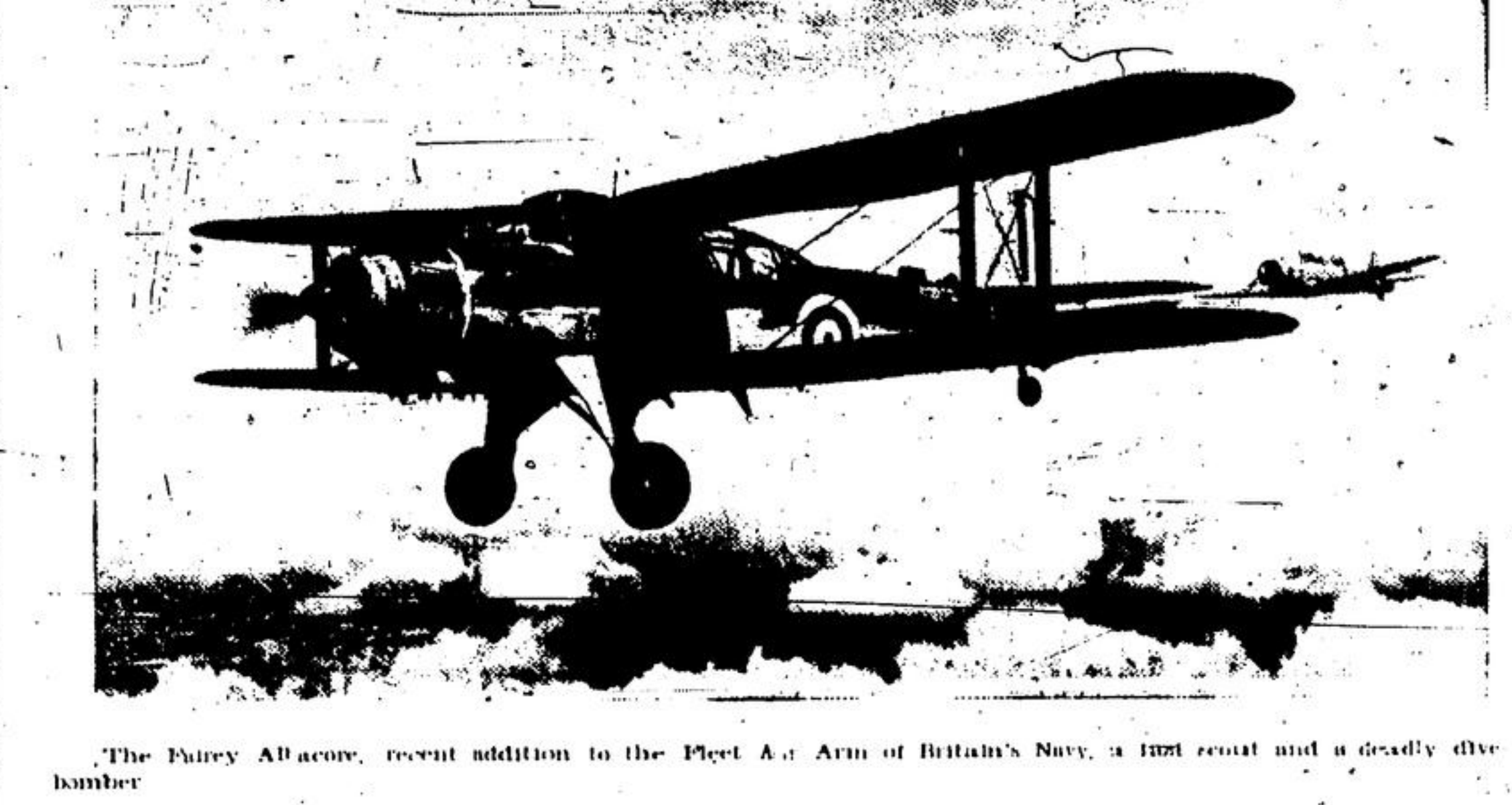
## Only One Absent For Weekly Draw on Saturday Night

### Auction of Donated Stamps Brings Another \$125 for the Red Cross

Just twenty-one minutes after the opening, eleven prizes of War Savings Stamps had been distributed on Saturday night among the big crowd in the Post Office square. Top prize of a five dollar certificate went to Mrs. Stuart Lantz, Acton. Winners of the \$1.00 prizes were Roy Coleman, Jimmie Spielvogel, Mrs. Earl Davidson, Kenneth Allen, R. R. 3, Acton, Betty Mooney, Audrey McKinnon, Roy Kirkness, Jos. Reid, Lorne Simpson and Mrs. J. Mellon. The one loser was George Turkosz who did not answer when his name was called. The \$1.00 stamp certificate was auctioned off and brought \$1.25 from Mr. John Chapman. It was turned back again, to be auctioned this week for the Red Cross.

Announcement was made of a big feature for this Saturday night. In addition to the War Savings Stamps prizes, 100 lbs. of sugar will be an added prize. This will go in two fifty pound lots and be drawn for similar to the stamps. The time is ten o'clock, D.S.T. and you must be in Acton on Saturday night to win. The committee in charge last week were Messrs. W. J. Beatty, Chas. Kirkness and G. A. Dilla. The children drawing the coupons were Elaine, Archie, Billie Nelles and Marie Parker.

## New Air Arm Recruit



The Fairey Albacore, recent addition to the Fleet Air Arm of British Navy, a fast scout and a deadly dive bomber.

## Registration for Dominion Three Days Next Week

Four Divisions in Acton, with Booths at Y.M.C.A. and Town Hall—Boundaries and Officers Named—Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.—Employers Must Ask Employees for Their Card on Wednesday and Report All Those Not Registered.

Plans are complete for the National Registration, which takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In Acton registration booths will be at the Y.M.C.A. and the Town Hall. Persons are asked to register in the polling subdivision in which they now reside, so that the work may be easily divided. Here are the divisions and boundaries and the Deputy Registrars in charge for Acton.

No. 1 All that portion of Acton lying south of Mill Street and west of Willow Street, and extensions, with R. M. McDonald and D. N. McTavish as Deputy Registrars. The place to register is the West end of the gymnasium in the Y.M.C.A. Enter by the side door.

No. 2 All that portion of Acton lying south of Mill Street and east of Willow Street, and extensions, with R. J. McPherson and E. Theford as Deputy Registrars. The place to register, the east end of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. Enter by the side door.

No. 3 All that portion of Acton lying north of Mill Street and west of John Street and Arnold's factory, with F. J. Wright and Miss E. Hawthorne as Deputy Registrars. The place, the fireman's room, on the right, at the Town Hall.

No. 4 All that portion of Acton, east of John Street and Arnold's factory and north of Mill Street, with J. W. O. Onda and J. H. Bond as Deputy Registrars. The place, the Council Chamber, on the left, at the Town Hall.

Arrangements are being made for registration booths to be set up at the Beardmore Co. and Storey Glove Co. plants. The employees of these companies will use these facilities. The hours of registration are from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. New regulations extending national registration in Canada to classes originally exempted have been issued by Order-in-Council. The new order affects inmates of asylums and penitentiaries, who are now required to register under such procedure as the Chief Registrar deems advisable. All persons in Canada over the age of sixteen will register on August 19th, 20th and 21st.

The Order-in-Council also orders all employers to instruct their employees to produce registration cards on August 21st. Name, address and occupation of any unregistered employee must be reported to the Department of National War Services and to the nearest police officer. Failure to carry out these regulations on the part of an employer is punishable by a \$200 fine or three months in jail.

The new regulations also permit industrial plants and firms with 100 or more employees to carry out their own registration. Plant registrars and their assistants will serve on a voluntary basis and are not restricted to any given date to question employees' providing the cards are completed by August 21st. Employers are free to register either at the plant or at the regular booth in their polling sub-division. The new regulation will relieve congestion and delays in registration depots.

A person who is away from home during the period of registration is required to go to the registration booth most convenient, where his card will be filled out and he will be issued with a certificate. He must first satisfy the registrar that he is unable to register at home. People who are out of Canada on the registration days must go to their own Post Office within thirty days after their return to Canada, complete a registration card there and get a certificate. Americans and other aliens resident in Canada must register, but will not be subject to compulsory military training. For the purpose of making all the Registrars and Clerks familiar with the various forms and the work they are called upon to do, a meeting of all these is being held tomorrow (Friday) night at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Acton.

## Various Contests Feature Institute Meeting in Acton

The August meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held outdoors at the home of Mrs. C. W. Muesler. There was a good attendance. Trees provided ample shade on the lawn and here the ladies assembled and enjoyed the afternoon. Several members had visitors and a welcome was extended to them. Roll call was answered with the member's mother's maiden name. Mrs. J. DeLisle gave the current events. Included in the business to be discussed was arrangements for a Bingo, at which the draw for a quilt will take place. The laurels are for war work of Branch. The yearly competition for attendance and the answering of roll call had its climax at this meeting, when the hostess side provided the program. A humorous reading by Mrs. A. H. Bishop was enjoyed. Mrs. E. P. Collier conducted an apt contest, won by Mrs. Francis Wilder. Mrs. E. J. Gamble won the treasure hunt.

## ST. ALBAN'S FRIENDS ARRANGE SHOWER FOR BRIDE OF MONTH

Mrs. Bruce McNeven, once Annie Marshall a bride of last month, was guest at a miscellaneous shower given in her home by members of St. Alban's, and other friends. The Parish Hall has been the scene of many lively evening functions but this was one of its gayest. Over fifty guests joined heartily in the games and music provided by Mrs. Bishop, who had charge of the entertainment. A hundred hard contest reduced even the timidest into concentration and in some cases into confusion. Prizes for Miss N. Morton and Miss Ella Marshall were awarded. U.S. delectable prizes all day suckers. As the guests dispersed, amidst much laughter, that oranges may be the source of other than vitamin "A".

The following girls assisted in a splendid presentation ceremony, from and for the Kenner, Hildrey, Keeney, Muel, Bunn, Hobbes, Keenan and Frances Cherk. Mrs. McNeven made a charming little speech of thanks to her friends for the shower gifts which filled to overflowing the two pink and white decorated baskets. When war was declared last September we were united in our support of the war effort but the majority of people in our country were inclined to measure Canada's war responsibility with the yardstick of Canada's effort in the last war. We were content to let Great Britain assume the major part of the struggle and to simply do what we were asked to do without assuming any real initiative of our own. With the defeat of the Allied cause in Denmark and Norway, followed by the collapse of Holland, of Belgium and finally France, public opinion underwent a complete change in its attitude toward the war. Public opinion demanded a responsibility that we had ever before assumed. During the past two months we have seen a complete transformation brought about through the influence of the events of the war upon public opinion. The measure for the conscription of manpower and wealth was passed almost unanimously. Our Air Training Scheme, which was to have been gradually expanded until it would reach its maximum in three years' time, is now to be in full operation by the late fall of this year. The construction of planes in Canada will soon reach 200 planes per month. Canada will soon be turning out its first tanks. Millions are being spent on explosives and on shell loading plants. We have now in all services something over 150,000 men under arms. Voluntary enlistments are proceeding at the rate of over one thousand per week and in addition to this, commencing September 15th, we are to call up thirty thousand men monthly for a short course in military training. We are to spend this year in our war effort at least one billion dollars. It is difficult to reduce this large sum to an amount in terms of our personal ideas of money. The best I can do is to say that we are spending for war purposes \$1,902 every minute of every day, including Sundays, this year.

## FAIR DATES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR THIS YEAR

ACTON	September 17th-18th
Arthur	October 1st-2nd
Darhau	September 5th-6th
Elmira	August 30th-September 2nd
Galt	September 19th-21st
Georgetown	September 25th-26th
Harrison	September 26th-27th
Markdale	September 16th-17th
Milton	September 27th-28th
Mount Forest	September 19th-20th
Orangeville	September 12th-14th
Towansville	October 1st-2nd
Toronto	August 23rd-September 7th
Wingham	September 25th-26th

## Eramosa Makes Annual Grants To the Fairs

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday, August 12th, at 7 p.m. (D.S.T.) with all the members present. By-law No. 8 was passed on motion of Messrs. LeBlanc and Pinkney at the request of the Trustees of the Police Village of vehicles in that Police Village to 30 Eden Mills restricting the speed of miles per hour. A claim under the Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act for loss of a lamb, was not sustained by the Sheep Valuer, and accordingly, payment was not authorized by Council.

Grants were made as follows: Pergus Fall Fair, \$15.00; Acton and Erin Fall Fairs and Wellington and Eramosa Ploverman's Association, \$10.00 each; Rockwood Horticultural Society, \$5.00. Acceptance of a Hydro Contract was declined, pending further information regarding ownership of property. The proposed Bell Telephone by-law was laid over for further investigation by the Reeve. Accounts passed amounted to \$1,647.81 and Council adjourned to September 9th at 7:30.

## NOT APPRECIATED

Billy—Marry me, darling, and I'll make you the happiest wife in forty-eight states. Lily—Not for me, big boy. None of this life in a trailer for me. (Continued on Page Five)

## Jury Decides that James Sangster's Death Accidental

### Example Set by Jurymen and Witness When They Give Fees Red Cross

A Common's Jury, enquiring into the death of James Sangster, employee of the Beardmore Co. here, brought in the following verdict at the inquest last Friday night. "By the evidence we conclude Mr. Sangster came to his death by having his head crushed at or about 11:45 a.m. on Friday, August 2nd, 1940. His death was caused by accidental means. Mr. Sangster apparently had been inspecting the pit under the elevator when the descending elevator crushed his head between the floor of the elevator and the edge of the pit. We recommend the door of the elevator be closed entirely and an automatic signalling device be installed on each floor, so that a warning may be constantly given while the elevator is in motion and that the above precautions be made to apply to all the elevators in the plant."

Chas. Hansen, engineer at the plant for twenty-five years, testified that Mr. Sangster was a very careful workman. He explained the fatal was about 8x10 feet, with a well below of 27 to 30 inches. The gates and apparatus were standard, in compliance with factory rules by the Factory Inspector. It had been regularly inspected.

Dr. A. McNeven testified Mr. Sangster's death had been caused by a crushing blow to the head from the left side. The skull had been fractured. He considered death would be instantaneous. This Halley Foreman of the department in which Mr. Sangster worked, also described him as a very careful workman and quite familiar with the operation of the hoist. He had consulted L. Williams a Foreman under him on Thursday regarding cleaning out the pit beneath the hoist and asked him that this work be arranged to start on Monday morning when it was not in operation.

Mr. L. Williams, assistant foreman, had been first to learn of the accident. He had been passing the hoist when he saw Mr. Sangster pinned beneath it. He had immediately pulled the cable, raising the hoist, and had taken the body back from the opening. He described the position of the body of the dead man, when found. He had issued no instructions to shift cleaned but he had discussed the work with him which was to be done on Saturday morning. He had seen Mr. Sangster in the plant just a few minutes before the accident.

When Mr. Williams had started the hoist up he had noticed an alarm. He did not know if some person was on the hoist at the time or not. Any man in the two departments might have operated the hoist. These were the only witnesses heard. Dr. Head, County Coroner, conducted the inquest and Crown Attorney W. I. Dick. The jury were out about half an hour before the above verdict was brought in. The following were the jury: Thor Sibley, Foreman; W. D. Talbot, P. MacDonaid, H. H. Hiltson, and B. D. Ralston. The jury in this case established a rather fine example after their duties were completed. In receiving their fees from Crown Attorney Dick they suggested they would like to have them given to the local Red Cross Society. The Crown Attorney commented that this was very commendable. As a result the fees of five jurymen and one witness, \$600 in all, was given the next morning to the Acton and District Red Cross Society.

## C.N.R. STATION AT ACTON BROKEN IN ON SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday night the C.N.R. station at Acton was entered. Apparently the marauders were disturbed and left, without taking anything. Entrance was gained by breaking a window at the rear of the building and unfastening the catch on the lower sash. Chief Harrop and railway police are investigating the break-in.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c. The Acton Women's Institute will hold a Bingo in the Legion Hall, on Friday evening, August 16th. Dancing at Edgewood Park, with Doris Hall's Orchestra, Tuesday, August 20th, 7:30-11:30 P.M., Costs 50c; Ladies 25c.