

Cowardly Murder on Friday of Inspector T. H. Constable

Shot Down by Lurking Assassin Near His Home on Friday Evening. Crime Seems to Have Been Coldly Planned. Police Active, but Clues Scarce. Town of Cochrane Offers \$1000 Reward. Funeral Very Largely Attended. The Late Mr. Constable a Faithful and Very Popular Official.

Inspector T. H. Constable was brutally murdered a few yards from his home in Cochrane on Friday evening of last week. The murder was apparently a cold-blooded and deliberately planned affair, marks on the lawn of the house indicating that the assassin had waited for some considerable time for the return of Mr. Constable from down town. Three bullets from a 32 automatic were fired into the body, one lodging in the abdomen, another behind the shoulder blades and the third striking in the neck. The shots were fired at close range, and apparently from behind. It has not yet been definitely established whether the murderer stepped out and passed Mr. Constable, as some believe, firing at him in passing, or whether the assassin committed the crime from the shadow of the lawn.

Inspector Constable was well known and was very popular in Timmins and news of his untimely death came as a shock to his hosts of friends here. The story of the crime so far as it can be reconstructed at present may be summarized as follows:—Mr. Constable, whose residence is some little distance from the business section of Cochrane had been down town attending a band practice. Returning home about eleven o'clock in company with a young man named Lamber Hancock, he stood at the corner of the street chatting for a few minutes. It was a dark wet night, and after saying good night to Hancock the officer proceeded to his home. Before he reached home he was shot down. The sound of the shots was heard by several neighbours, and also by Mrs. Constable. Mrs. Constable came out on the verandah of the home and a neighbour, Mr. Reid, who had also heard the shots, called to her about the matter. They were inclined to agree that someone had perhaps been shooting at some of the several dogs in the neighbourhood. As they spoke together, Mr. Constable's Airedale came along, and Mrs. Constable remarked that "Harry must be near." For the dog was his very close companion in Cochrane. They stepped from their houses, and hearing a groan, they found the body of Mr. Constable lying on the ground. He was carried home and medical help secured but he died in about twenty minutes without being able to speak, though he was able to indicate answers to questions asked him. The murderer escaped with few clues left behind. One man described a tall man as being noticed running from the scene of the cowardly crime. One woman says she saw a man escaping through the fence around the ball grounds nearby. These stories, with the bullets recovered, and the footprints on the lawn formed the only clues available at first. Provincial and town police were at the scene of the tragedy within five minutes of the crime, and further re-inforcements were secured in very short time in efforts to trace the

assassin. Provincial Inspector A. Boyd, of Toronto, is at present in Cochrane in charge of the investigation. The town of Cochrane has offered a reward of \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest of the murderer.

The late Harry Constable was very popular and highly esteemed in Timmins, just as he was all through this part of the North. Of pleasant disposition, he had won the name of being fair, square and upright, honest and efficient,—a man who did his duty regardless of everything, but did it in many ways. Because of his fearless and faithful discharge of duty he held the high regard of all law-abiding citizens, and because he was always square and never harsh he also had won the respect even of those who break the law on occasion. Because of his character it is difficult to figure a reason for the crime.

The late T. H. Constable was a native of Liverpool, England, and was about 37 years of age at the time of death. For twelve years he had been a sailor and in September, 1914, he enlisted as a private for service for King and country. His service in the war was a distinguished one. Besides winning a lieutenancy in the field with an Imperial unit he held several decorations for gallantry, including the Military Cross with bar, Military Medal, and Distinguished Conduct Medal. He came to Canada in 1920, and joined the Provincial Police Force, serving three months at Cobalt, and then being appointed to Kapuskasing. In 1923 he was appointed license inspector for Cochrane district, and he faithfully carried out his onerous duties throughout that widespread territory. He had a lively talent for investigation, with much keen perception and shrewdness, and his assistance was often enlisted in criminal investigations. It may be that in his good work along this line there may be a clue to the cause of his brutal murder. It is also possible that his natural interference with the profitable game of rum-running may have marked him down.

The late Mr. Constable was a valued member of Masonic and Oddfellows' lodges, and of the new Cochrane band. He is survived by his widow, his parents in Lancashire, England, and two brothers and three sisters. To these very deep and heartfelt sympathy is now extended by all who knew this honorable man.

The funeral on Monday was one of the most largely attended ever held in Cochrane. Police officers and other officials from every town in the district attended the funeral, and the Provincial departments were also represented. The floral tokens were many and very beautiful, and the people of the town of Cochrane made it very clear how deeply the death of Mr. Constable is deplored and how earnest is the determination that the murderer shall be brought to justice.

OVER 100 KIWANIAN TO VISIT TIMMINS FRIDAY

Coming from Toronto, Barrie, Cobalt, Etc. Official District Visit of Kiwanian Lieutenant-Governor. Banquet in Evening.

A party of over one hundred Kiwanians from Toronto, Cobalt, Barrie and other clubs will visit Timmins tomorrow (Friday) as the guests of the Timmins Kiwanis Club. The Toronto Kiwanis Club will be particularly well represented, about 75 members being with the party to visit here. Cobalt is sending a strong delegation from the club there, as the meeting here will be the official visit for the district of the new Lieutenant-Governor of Kiwanis for Ontario and Quebec, Kiwanian Wm. Cockburn, of Toronto, who is accompanying the party.

A committee of the Timmins Club, under the chairmanship of Jos. Weston, is looking after the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, and a very original and interesting programme is planned. Dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. at the Empire Hotel and this function will be one to be long remembered. The committee is not making public the form of entertainment to be presented, the purpose being to surprise both the local and the visiting clubs. But it may be taken for granted that it will be a great night.

During their stay here, the visiting Kiwanians will be shown the mines and the various other points of interest in the district. It is understood that the visitors intend to visit Cochrane also before returning south again.

WORK IN PROGRESS ON FOUNDATION FOR FLAGPOLE.

Work is in progress on the foundation for the fountain and flagpole to be erected on the new town park on Spruce street by the Kiwanees as a memorial for the soldiers who went overseas from the Porcupine. The T. & N. O. is also extending the platform so that even those descending from the rear cars of incoming trains will be accommodated by a sidewalk upon which to step. Progress is also being made on the new subway. The subway will be completed this year, but the park and surroundings will not be fully finished, though even now the work is far enough advanced for it to be apparent that the new park will be a place of beauty and pleasure for the people of the town.

Chief E. Pascoe and Officer S. Craik of the Timmins police force, and Chief C. McInnis and Officer James Cushing of the Township of Tisdale police, were among the many from all over this district attending the funeral of the late Inspector T. H. Constable at Cochrane on Monday. Mr. R. Allen was also up from Timmins to attend the funeral.

COURT OF REVISION TO SIT ON MONDAY, NOV. 1ST

Revised Date For First Session Allows Full Notice After Closing of Roll.

As will be noted by the advertisement in this issue the first session of the Council's court of revision on the assessment roll will be held on November 1st, at 10 a.m., in the town hall. This date allows ample time after the return of the roll for ratepayers to have opportunity to examine the said roll. Opportunity for examination of the roll is absolutely necessary for comparison of assessments so that it may be seen whether assessments are proportionate and equitable. A ratepayer is really as much interested in the assessment of others as in his own. The point raised by Mr. W. O. Langdon, on behalf of his clients, was not a technicality, but a vital matter of justice and equity. The council has now arranged so that the legal time has been given for examination of the rolls, and it is to be hoped that the assessment will now be revised and finally completed without unnecessary delay. The council was to blame for the previous delay and it is to be trusted that they will see that no further delays are occasioned.

DENTAL HEALTH DAY VERY SUCCESSFUL HERE

And Even More So at Schumacher Yesterday. Between 250 and 300 Examinations at Each Place

Dental Health Day was well observed in Timmins. At the free clinic held in King's Hall between 250 and 300 examinations were made. The most of those having their teeth examined were children. The dentists found conditions bad in regard to the permanent teeth. Detailed reports and recommendations were written to the parents in all cases necessary. The dentists at the clinic here who generously gave their services free for the public advantage were—Dr. Lee Honey, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. A. S. Porter, Dr. Brill, Dr. C. Sullivan and Dr. Aiken.

At Schumacher the Dental Health Day was an even greater success. There were between 250 and 300 examined there, though the town is much smaller than Timmins. Most of the examinations were for school children. There were lines out on the sidewalk and on the road at times, waiting for the chance to get in to the clinic.

The dentists here wish to thank Mr. T. F. King for the use of the hall without any charge, and also The Advance for publicity for the free clinic.

The wall of indifference is frequently built up of brick of misunderstanding. Exchange.

Messrs Tate and Ireland Meet Death at Gold Lake

Tragedy on Tuesday Saddens Wide Circles of Friends in Timmins and District. Two of the Most Popular Young Men of the District Lose Their Lives on Hunting Trip.

The whole town was shocked and saddened on Tuesday evening when word reached here that Messrs Ernest Tate and Thos. P. Ireland had lost their lives in Gold Lake, about seven miles from Timmins. With Ray Derway, the two men had been on a hunting trip at Gold Lake south of Timmins. At about six o'clock Tuesday morning Messrs Ireland and Tate took their guns and went out for a little shoot before breakfast. Mr. Derway stayed in the camp to prepare the morning meal. He waited for an hour or so without particular anxiety, and then decided to find where they were. Travelling along the side of the lake he saw the empty canoe with the two friends leaning against the sides, apparently standing in the water with their heads down on the canoe. Knowing that something was wrong he secured help from a neighbouring camp and by means of a raft access was gained to the canoe. Messrs Ireland and Tate were in the water, their heads slumped down on the canoe. Both men were dead. So far as could be gathered from the circumstances, it would appear that the two men had been out on the lake with their guns and one or other of them trying a shot from the canoe had upset the frail craft. The men would then be thrown into the water, which was very cold. The water is only about two feet deep at this part of the lake but a soft quicksand bottom makes movement in the water practically impossible and the shallowness of the lake prevents swimming. To get into this lake at this time of year at this particular spot is to be trapped. The men struggled in the dragging mud, but would have little chance. Death would be due to the cold and the serious shock. Mr. Derway and his helpers, when they found that the two young men were beyond any earthly assistance, at once anchored the bodies as well as they could, after attempting in vain to release them and bring them to shore. They then came to town for assistance for the recovery of the bodies. Chief Pascoe, Officers Pearce and Pacher and Firemen P. Jeffrey and W. Stanley went out with Mr. Derway by motor car as close as they could

get to the scene of the accident, travelling the rest of the way on foot. Leaving Timmins at 8 p.m., they were not able to arrive back here before seven on Wednesday morning. After some little difficulty they were able to get the bodies safely to shore and convey them to the car, and thence back to Timmins.

Few events in recent years have seemed so tragic to the people of Timmins as this accident. Both young men were unusually popular and highly esteemed in Timmins. The late Ernest Tate, whose home was originally in Sault Ste. Marie, has been a resident of Timmins for about five years past. He has been prominent in sporting circles, his quiet, generous and clever services on the baseball team making him very popular. As a pitcher he was outstanding until an injury to his pitching arm made it necessary for him to avoid the pitcher's box. He was on the staff of the Hollinger, being in the storehouse, and enjoying the sincere regard of all his fellows on the staff. He leaves a widow and a little child two months old. Very deep and very sincere is the sympathy extended to the bereaved ones in their loss. Arrangements for the funeral will not be made until the arrival of two of his brothers who will arrive here this evening.

The late T. P. Ireland was equally popular and esteemed. He was about 35 years of age, and his home was formerly in Hamilton, Ont., to which city the body was taken this morning for interment. He was a quiet, friendly good citizen, well liked and much respected by all who knew him. He has been a resident of Timmins for many years and has been prominent in many circles. He was for some years a member of the Timmins Citizens' Band, serving on the executive for a term or two. He is survived by a widow and two small children, and these have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their bereavement. The late Mr. Ireland was also on the Hollinger staff, being in the Stores Dept. at the mine, and every fellow employee will sincerely mourn his untimely death.

Health Authorities Ask Co-operation of the Public

All Cases of Smallpox Should be Reported Immediately. Quarantine Should be Faithfully Observed. Twenty-two Cases of Smallpox in Timmins. Have Been Eight Diphtheria Cases. 1,000 Children Vaccinated. Authorities Have Situation Well in Hand.

Active and energetic steps have been taken by the authorities to prevent a wide-spread epidemic of smallpox here. The co-operation of the public in general is earnestly asked to make the efforts of the authorities effective and to safeguard the general welfare. The cause of the spread of smallpox here has been the lack of immediate reporting of cases, so that quarantine could be applied. Apparently, though people must have suspected the nature of the disease, medical attention was not called and the smallpox was given opportunity to spread. Anyone knowing of a case of smallpox should at once notify the authorities so that the general health may be safeguarded. At the present time Dr. George, Medical Health Officer for the district is here assisting in keeping the situation in hand. The doctors, the school boards, the town council, the nurses and others are co-operating, and with the added co-operation of the public, there will be no danger of any further spread of the disease. Without this co-operation, of course, there is danger. Failure to report cases and evasion of quarantine may lead to serious conditions.

At present there are 22 cases of smallpox in town, the Inspector says. Thirteen of these are at the isolation hospital located for the time being in the former "Miners' Hotel" on Balsam street. This big building originally used by the Hollinger as a boarding house, makes an ideal place for the purpose, having hot and cold water, baths, etc., and being otherwise modernly equipped. The doctors are paying regular and frequent visits to the place and the patients have the best of care. The mother of some of the children confined in the temporary isolation hospital,

though not herself suffering from the disease, is looking after her own and other youngsters in the building. There is also a woman cook who sees that the patients have lots of good food to eat. The other nine cases are quarantined in their own homes. Two special constables have been appointed by the town council to see that quarantine is properly observed at the placarded houses.

The town has taken up a general vaccination plan as a precautionary measure. The doctors, school boards, town council and Board of Health have co-operated in having a general vaccination of the children. At the Central Public School this week three doctors and a nurse were busy at the work of vaccination. The same was equally true of the other schools in town. By this evening fully a thousand children will have been duly vaccinated. Children not vaccinated by Monday next will not be allowed to attend school. Forms are being supplied so that parents may signify their permission for their children to be vaccinated. All the doctors' offices are busy these days with vaccination work. All who have not had a recent vaccination will find a measure of safety and convenience in a new vaccination.

Two of the patients suffering from smallpox are over the age of 20 years. These are the first two quarantined. Two others are 13 and 16 years old respectively. All the other 18 are of ages 7 to 12 years.

There have been eight cases all told of diphtheria in town, but two of these are recovered and quarantine removed. The others are making good progress to recovery now. There is no further spread of the diphtheria, the precautionary measures having proved effective.

Distinguished Educators Tour Canada



The Earl and Countess of Elgin photographed on board the Anchor liner Cameronia, which brought them to New York recently. The Earl is Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland, and Chairman of the Carnegie Trust Fund in Great Britain. This is their first visit to Canada under the auspices of the National Council of Education. Together they are making a tour of the Dominion's beauty spots, and will speak in the interests of education in the larger cities. The Earl is a grandson of Canada's most famous Governor-General, and his father was born in Montreal, afterwards Viceroy of India.

POLICY OF FERGUSON GOVERNMENT OUTLINED

Summary of Platform on Which Hon. Mr. Ferguson and Party are Appealing to the Country

The Legislative proposals set forth in the Ferguson Government's manifesto, which are to be implemented in the event of Administration's return to power, are, briefly, as follows: Purchases of liquor to be governed by a card-permit system, such cards to be issued to all persons over 21 year of age who may apply, and to be subject to cancellation for abuse of their privileges. Sale of beer by the glass in standard hotels to be secured in those municipalities which, by a sufficient number of residents, shall petition accordingly, providing that the municipality concerned does not nullify such a petition by passing a by-law to prevent the sale under the well-established local option law. Municipal income tax exemption to be increased to \$3,000. Motor license charges to be reduced by \$5.00 per license. Amusement tax to be removed from all places of entertainment which do not charge more than 25 cents for admission. The manifesto also calls attention to the Government's administrative accomplishments.

MANY PLEASING NUMBERS AT BAND CONCERT SUNDAY

Vocal and Instrumental Numbers Expected of Particular Interest

It was intended to have the band concert on Sunday evening in the Goldfields theatre after the church services one of the "National and County Nights." This, however, has been found impractical, on account of various causes. Accordingly a special programme has been prepared for the event on Sunday evening. This will include vocal and instrumental numbers, with a number of special selections by the Band. Mr. Pypier, always a favourite with Timmins audiences, will be one of the soloists for the evening. Burton Holland's Instrumental Quartette will be another feature of the programme that will particularly please all. Among the selections by the Timmins Citizens' Band will be: March; Festival King; Selection; Waltz.

The tea and sale of home cooking held under the auspices of the Kiwanees at the home of Mrs. I. K. Pierce, Birch street south, on Saturday last, was a very pleasing and successful event, the attendance being large, the afternoon a very enjoyable one and the proceeds very satisfactory.