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BEATRICE RAWN KILLED BY MOTOR CAR

Seven-year-old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsmere Rawn, Normanby, Succumbed Less Than an Hour After Being Struck by Passing Automobile.—Accident Occurred in Front of Own Home.—Coroner's Jury Find Fatality Was Accidental.

Last Sunday afternoon about 4.30 o'clock, Beatrice, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsmere Rawn of Normanby, whose home is on the Provincial Highway about 5 miles south of town, was so badly injured when struck by a car in front of her home that she passed away less than an hour afterwards without regaining consciousness. Death was caused by a fracture at the base of the skull. The accident was a particularly sad one and the bereaved parents have the deepest sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Beatrice had been at Sunday School at Orchard and had stopped for dinner at the home of Mr. Robert Carmount. With her was a cousin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Egremont, and during the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had motored from their home to the Carmount residence to take their daughter home with them. Beatrice accompanied them as far as her parental home about a mile north on the highway. The Johnson car stopped in front of the gate, and Beatrice, with her aunt, Mrs. Johnson, who is a sister of Mrs. Rawn, got out. Mrs. Johnson intending to visit for a few minutes with her sister. About this time a car was approaching from the south and Beatrice remained on the running-board until it had passed. Mrs. Johnson stopping at the rear of the car for the same purpose. When the northbound car had passed by both proceeded to cross the road, not noticing the approach of a southbound machine driven by Mr. Harry Kohl of Hespeler, the view of which had just passed. Mr. Kohl's view was obscured as well and he did not see the child until he was 25 to 35 feet away, too late to bring his car to a full stop. Mrs. Johnson noticed the car when about the centre of the roadway and stopped, but Beatrice apparently did not see it and continued across the road. She was struck, apparently, by the left bumper, thrown against one of the headlights which was turned sideways by the impact, and thrown on to the fender, fracturing her skull, the force of the blow making a deep impression in the fender.

The injured child was picked up by Mrs. Johnson and taken into the house. Dr. McFarlane of Arthur happened to be passing a couple of minutes after the accident and attended the injured child temporarily, and Dr. Bell of Durham was called but could do nothing, the little sufferer passing away a few minutes after he arrived at the home.

Driver Arrested
Traffic Officer Stone and Coroner Dr. D. B. Jamieson were on the scene immediately they were notified, investigated the circumstances and put Kohl under arrest. Officer Stone turning him over to Chief Allen on arrival in town. The latter impaneled a jury and a coroner's inquest was held in the Town Hall Monday afternoon.

Driver Exonerated
Among those who gave evidence were Constable Allen, Dr. Bell, Dr. McFarlane, James Johnson, Mrs. James Johnson, Traffic Officer Stone, Harry Kohl, the driver of the car and his two companions, Norman Dickson and Robert Armstrong.

The evidence given was practically the same as recounted previously in this article, and after it was all in the jury returned a verdict of accidental death with no blame attached.

The investigation was in charge of Coroner Jamieson and Crown Attorney T. H. Dyre, and Barrister Campbell Grant of Walkerton cross-questioned the witnesses as representative of the family.

In the evidence submitted it was pretty well established that the motor car was not being driven with excessive speed. The members of the jury were Dan McLean, foreman, Guy Kearney, John Snell, Robert Matthews, James McLachlan, Alex. Hastie, William Hunter, Frank McIlraith, Albert Noble, and John Murdoch.

The funeral of the fatally injured child was held from the parental home yesterday afternoon, interment being made in Maplewood cemetery, the services being in charge of the family pastor, Rev. C. Jay of Holstein.

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Viljalmer Stefansson, the explorer, now touring Canada, who predicts that Canada will be the crossroad of the air between Europe and the United States. He says that if transatlantic fliers desire to avail themselves of the shortest course between Europe and the United States, they must fly across Canada. This, he said, would entail flying over Arctic ice and he declares that the northern route was much to be preferred.

Asked and Answered On the Same Day

Query Regarding Kincardine Truckmen's Time for Sleep in Last Thursday's Chronicle Was Answered in News Columns of Mail and Empire of Same Date.

In our last issue we reprinted an article from the Kincardine News, telling of the record of T. Caruso of that town, a wholesale and retail fruit dealer, who drove 2,250 miles in seven days unassisted by any other driver. The News closed its article by asking "When does Caruso get his sleep?"

That question was answered in last Thursday's issue of the Toronto Mail and Empire in the following dispatch from Brampton:

"Two Brampton women received facial lacerations and a third was bruised late this afternoon when their motor car was ditched in a rear-end collision on the Centre Road, five miles south of Brampton. Mrs. George Armstrong and her daughter, Miss Gertrude, were cut about the face, while another daughter, Miss Florence, who was driving the car at the time of the accident, was bruised. Mrs. Olga Chant, a fourth occupant of the car, escaped with a shaking up.

"According to Constable E. Lemon of the Highway Traffic police, the women were driving north when the accident occurred, Sam Caruso, of Kincardine, driving a truck in the same direction, striking their car from the rear. Caruso admitted to Officer Lemon that he was asleep at the wheel, but at the earnest solicitations of the women, he was not held in custody by the police.

"Dr. J. A. Lawson, of Brampton, was called and attended to the injured women, who were removed to their homes. Caruso showing every care for them, frankly acknowledging himself as in error, and promising complete restitution. The car, which was thrown into the ditch by the smash, was damaged."

There is evidently good cause for the Provincial Government in all likelihood passing legislation at the next session to limit the hours which truckmen may operate vehicles without complete rest. Railroad companies have accepted the eight-hour day, and it seems unreasonable to expect truck drivers to cover long distances without sufficient rest. Caruso's record means that working ten hours a day he would have to average nearly 33 miles an hour, and this is altogether too fast on crowded highways with a loaded truck.

**"MOLE" DRAINAGE
PRACTISED FIRST TIME**

Farm Near Brampton Experiments With English System of Drainage and Result Will Be Watched With Interest.

An innovation in draining was tried out this fall on the farm of Mr. J. M. Dolson, near Brampton, when a demonstration of "mole" draining as practised in England was put on. This is the first time for this type of draining to be attempted in Peel, and the experiment is a three-party arrangement between the physics department of the Ontario Agricultural College, the Ontario Tractor Co., and the local department under Archie McGugan, district representative.

The "mole" is a three-cornered piece of iron, very strongly constructed, to which is attached a curved arm, six inches through at the part to which the mole is fastened. A powerful tractor drags the "mole" through the land, at a depth of 15 to 20 inches. The mole makes an underground drain, pressing the clay against the side of the subterranean passage it is forming, thus making a close-packed passage, whose sides are practically as hard as tile. The dirt thrown up by the arm in its passage through the soil drops back and fills in the narrow opening as it goes.

The chief advantage of this type of drainage is its cheapness, the cost being about \$2 per acre, and the drain is good for several years, more or less, according to the quality of the soil through which it is run. As it costs about \$60 to put a tile drain in an acre of land the experiment is likely to attract a lot of attention throughout Ontario.

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DEER SUPPOSED ILLEGALLY KILLED

Found Dead on Dr. Jamieson's Preserve Tuesday, and Had Apparently Been Killed by Rifle Bullet.—Inspector Toole Will Investigate.

Shot at from a passing car or from the roadway, the body of a dead doe was found on Dr. Jamieson's property Tuesday afternoon about 2 o'clock, and as a result, Inspector Toole of Listowel has been notified and will conduct an investigation. While there is very little evidence to work on subsequent developments would indicate that there is a possibility of the culprit being identified and brought to task for his work. Hunting deer in Grey County is against the law and will be severely punished. This case is particularly revolting and brings to light unwarranted cruelty. From the condition of the deer, which was still warm when found, and the fact that part of its tracks were obscured by fallen snow, the animal must have been shot the previous evening and lived through the night with its headquarters badly injured, the large bones of the legs being shattered. It is not thought possible that the animal could have travelled very far in this condition, and as no snow fell during daylight on Tuesday there is no other conclusion to come to but that the animal lived some hours after being injured.

On receipt of the news that the animal had been found on his property, Dr. D. B. Jamieson went out and immediately reported the occurrence to the game inspector. The dead carcass was first seen by Lorne Allan from the roadway and would not have been noticed by him had he not stopped to admire some of the many beautiful pheasants now in the vicinity of the preserve.

Big Elk Disposed Of
On Wednesday morning of this week another shooting took place at the Jamieson preserve, but this time it was a perfectly legal one. As was hinted in these columns some two weeks ago, it has been decided that the elk at the preserve are more a nuisance than anything else and they were to be disposed of. Accordingly, on Wednesday morning, having obtained permission from the Department at Toronto, Messrs. Daniel Boone Jamieson and Kit Carson Gagnon, with their trusty rifles under their arms, and the Chronicle editor as official referee and observer, repaired to the preserve and dispatched the oldest and biggest animal. The animal has a magnificent head and pair of antlers and these will be mounted and placed in the Durham Furniture Company's Office.

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