

NEW CLUE TO ROBBERS OF BANK MESSENGERS

Ten Thousand Dollars in Bills Stolen in Daring Toronto Hold-up Are Passed in Chicago and Police in Chase Are Led to Well-known "Fence."

Police have a new and important clue to the perpetrators of the daring and dramatic daylight robbery of bank messengers on Melinda street Toronto, on the morning of Tuesday July 24. The clue has its basis in the recovery of part of the money stolen from the bank messengers by the bandits.

Five thousand dollars of stolen Bank of Nova Scotia bills and \$5,000 of stolen Sterling Bank bills have come again into the hands of the two banks. The bills came from Chicago. The Bank of Nova Scotia bills came through its own branch in Chicago and the Sterling Bank bills were returned to the Head Office in Toronto in the ordinary business of exchange with Chicago.

The bills attracted attention because the transactions represented unusually big business with the United States in one day in bills of small denominations. The denominations and numbers were found to be the same as those stolen in Toronto in July.

The Pinkertons and the Chicago city police are now busy following up this clue. The chase has led them to a well-known "fence," they say, in Chicago. It is with "fences" that the bandits usually deal in getting rid of stolen property or currency. A Toronto officer has said that it was rather a remarkable coincidence that the bonds stolen from the Standard Bank at Stouffville and the Royal Bank at Mount Forest and recovered in Chicago, were traced to the same "fence" as is now under suspicion.

The daylight bank messenger robbers got away with \$71,000 of the Bank of Nova Scotia bills and \$12,000 of Sterling Bank bills. Three messengers were shot down. The car used by the thieves in carrying out the robbery belonged to Gordon Perry, president of the National Iron-works. The car was stolen from him on King street the Saturday before the robbery and was recovered in an old barn at Leaside a few days following the robbery. Grips containing thousands of dollars in cheques were in the car when recovered. A pump-gun found at the time of the robbery was traced as being purchased at a store in Montreal.

ACTIVE AT EIGHTY-EIGHT; WELL-KNOWN IN DURHAM

Retired Listowel Banker Still Smart Despite Advanced Age.—Was Once on Directorate of Local Cement Co.

Mr. J. W. Scott of Listowel, who is well-known by many of our readers, celebrated his 88th birthday recently. He is still in good health and is able to conduct business. He has been a resident of Listowel for over 60 years and was a member of the first Town Council in 1875. In 1862 the firm of Scott & Halstead started a general store, but ten years later Mr. Scott withdrew from the business and engaged in private banking at which he remained till it was taken over three years ago by the Bank of Montreal. He is now president of the British Mortgage and Loan Company of Stratford and visits that city once a month in connection with the business. He is also a director of the Sterling Trust Corporation and attends the weekly board meetings in Toronto. He was one of the directors of the National Portland Cement Company twenty years ago and a regular attendant at its meetings.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, RESIDENTS VISITING RELATIVES HERE

Enjoying First Visit to Canada With Relatives in Durham and Vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown of Glasgow, Scotland, are visiting relatives in town and vicinity. They are relatives of Mrs. Hugh McDonald of Upper Town, of the Hobbirk and Brown families of Crawford, and of Mrs. D. C. McKechnie of Dornoch. Mrs. William Walker and Mrs. Neil McKinnon of Toronto, but formerly of Pricerville, are also relatives, and are visiting with them.

When the Brown family came to Canada many years ago Mr. Donald Brown's father remained in Scotland and never came to this country. This is Mr. and Mrs. Brown's first visit to Canada and we know the hospitality of the Heather will be shown them in the land of the maple leaf.

TORONTO MAN TELLS OF JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

T. C. Maitland, Insurance Manager, Who Lost His Son in the Recent Distster, Vividly Describes Sensation Experienced When 'Quake' Was At Its Height.

Among the prominent refugees returning from Japan on the Empress of Asia, which docked at Vancouver on the 24th inst., was T. C. Maitland, of Toronto, manager of the Japanese office of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. Maitland lost his wife and eight-year-old son in the earthquake and tells the following story:

"I was on the train between Tokio and Yokohama and was within five miles of the latter place when the thing happened. The train was moving slowly and the first crash was so severe that everyone thought another train had smashed into us at full speed. But it was instantly followed by violent bumping and swaying from side to side and up and down.

"The railway tracks at this point were very wide. In a flash I saw these twist and squirm like snakes and saw houses fall sideways or crash as if by some irresistible weight. We saw a great temple crash in a few seconds. Jumping from the train I ran a few yards to the middle of the tracks, but it was impossible to keep one's feet on the ground and it was undulating like the waves of the sea; great cracks appeared in the earth and the air was thick with dust from the plaster of the crashing roofs and walls of the native houses. The cries of the terrified people rang in my ears.

"After the worst of the shocks had subsided I started out with some other foreigners with the intention of walking to Yokohama or getting some conveyance to take us there. The Kokido main road of Japan, however, was impassable, being blocked by the fallen houses, telegraph and telephone poles and after about 400 yards we were forced aside by fire which had broken out.

"Crossing a canal by jumping from boat to boat we reached some open ground and followed a freight railway line for a short distance, but were again blocked by a large factory on fire. We now found that it was impossible to proceed further in the direction of Yokohama owing to fire.

Hours later Mr. Maitland and his party reached the seacoast near the prison at Yawatabashi, which was on fire, and from which prisoners had been liberated. Reaching the bluff the party found that access was impossible, so crossed on the iron bridge leading to the settlement.

"At dawn next morning, Saturday," Mr. Maitland said, "I succeeded in getting to the Empress of Australia, where we found hundreds of survivors. But my search for my wife was unsuccessful so I tried to get ashore. This was impossible owing to the fact that huge oil tanks were burning in the harbor."

Mr. Maitland's wife and son were in their apartment at the time of the disaster and the whole building crumpled in and not a person was saved. The bodies were never found.

HOLSTEIN FALL FAIR HAD IDEAL WEATHER

Good Crowd Present On Second Day To View Excellent Exhibit of Farmers' Products From All Over the Township of Egremont.

The Egremont Agricultural Society's Fall Fair, held at Holstein on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, must go down as one more success for this popular show. As usual, ideal weather prevailed and on the second day of the show the grounds were jammed with people who came for miles around to view the exhibits.

As usual this year, the grain was not up to standard, either in quality or quantity, but the roots were good and the ladies' work surpassed any previous year. Both upstairs and down the big hall was jammed with exhibits that have but few equals in this part of the country. The list of prizes appears on another page.

"You have heard what the last witness said," persisted counsel, "and yet your evidence is to the contrary. Am I to infer that you wish to throw doubt on her veracity?" The polite young man waved a deprecating hand.

"Not at all," he replied. "I merely wish to make it clear what a liar I am if she's speaking the truth."

DRUMHELLER COAL GOOD SAYS WESTERN VISITOR

Burns Well, Lasts Well, Gives Good Heat and Does Not Clinker.

We had a call Saturday from Mr. Stewart, a resident of Winnipeg for a number of years and now visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, in town. Amongst other topics of conversation the coal question was touched and we learned that the Drumheller coal, what we usually call Alberta coal, is all right for domestic purposes. It is not a real anthracite, but burns well, lasts well, gives good heat and is quite clean. Contrary to what we thought, it does not clog the pipes and chimneys; in fact, Mr. Stewart tells us the pipes seldom need cleaning during the season.

From the information received we have concluded the coal is all right. The great barrier in the way is the high freight rates, and this can hardly be helped, especially at this season of the year when the rolling stock of all the railway companies is taxed to the utmost to move big crops, or as much of them as possible before the close of navigation. If arrangements could be made to move coal at such times as the railways are not overloaded with work we might be able to solve the coal problem and relieve ourselves in part of depending on the Pennsylvania mines for our fuel supply.

MOUNT FOREST DISTRICT MET IN HOLSTEIN FRIDAY

Good Meeting Held in the Methodist Church.—Decide On Aggressive Missionary Campaign.

The financial district meeting of the Mount Forest district was held in the Methodist Church, Holstein, on Friday last, with Rev. John E. Peters in the chair. Sessions were held at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All the ministers of the district were present and laymen from Durham, Arthur and Mount Forest. It was decided to accept the amounts apportioned to the district for the several funds of the church and to make an earnest effort to reach the objective in each case. Arrangements were made for a series of Sunday school and Young People's Institutes throughout the district, and also for an aggressive missionary campaign, the former to be held in October, the latter in November.

Rev. W. B. Albertson of China, now home on furlough, gave an interesting address during the afternoon session, on the work of our missionaries in China and Japan, giving special prominence to the type of Christian that is being developed amongst the natives of those interesting countries. At night he entertained the meeting with a travelogue on China, which was at once interesting and instructive.

Rev. S. L. W. Harton of Galt delivered inspirational addresses on missionary themes at both the afternoon and the evening sessions.

The ladies of the church served a dainty lunch and supper to all delegates and visitors.

The November district meeting will be held in Grand Valley on Tuesday, November 6, and the subjects to be discussed will be Missions and Christian Stewardship.

SUCCESSFUL IN PASSING SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION

Miss Jessie Twamley Successful in Recent Examination at Owen Sound.

At the recent Middle School examinations held in Durham School, in which she took twelve subjects, Miss Jessie Twamley failed in English Composition and as a consequence had to write it off before she would be allowed a full pass. The examination was written off recently in Owen Sound and Miss Twamley received word that she was successful. This gives her a full pass from the Middle School examinations and also her Junior Matriculation. In the twelve subjects written she took six first-class honors, two seconds, two thirds and two credits. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Twamley of the 9th of Bentinck.

A man can regain his self-respect two days after a drunk, but it takes two weeks after a hair-cut.

The girl who knows how to do her own sewing doesn't sow many wild oats.

BOWES' FORECASTS WORKING OUT WELL

Recent Unusual Weather Predicted by Chatsworth Man.—Predictions For Next Three Months.

The weather of the last few weeks has been unusual and Grey County's weather man, Mr. J. B. Bowes of Chatsworth and his predictions have been interesting. The very cold and wet weather during the early part of this month, along with the severe frosts of the last week over the whole country are exactly along the lines which were predicted by Mr. Bowes. His forecast of the spring weather when he predicted hot and dry weather was borne out, for Canada is said to have suffered more from forest fires this year than ever before. The number of fatalities which he forecasted from excessive heat is another proof that his forecast was correct.

The cold weather in the first week of April, and the severe snow storm in the first week of May were all predicted by the Chatsworth prophet.

The one weak spot in his predictions for this year was in March, where he was 100 per cent. wrong, but in his general predictions for the year, over 80 per cent of his predictions came true.

There is no doubt that Mr. Bowes' forecasts are of great value and, says The Owen Sound Sun-Times, it is to be regretted that there are no means to reimburse him for the time and efforts he makes in connection with this work. There is no doubt that if he could devote a larger part of his time to working out his theory his efforts would be of real value to the country.

Mr. Bowes' predictions for the next three months, as given out early in the year, are as follows:

October.—Fore part quite mild. Very strong winds, heavy rains and frost and probably snow about the 17th.

November.—First two-thirds of the month quite mild. A heavy storm of wind, rain, snow and frost about the 22nd.

December.—Very mild until the last week, then quite stormy.

ONTARIO IS SAFEST PLACE TO LIVE

Fifteen Million Years Since Earth Here "Tumbled", While Pacific Is Volcano Zone, With Vicinity of Japan Holding First Position.

Ontario is the safest place in the world to live and Japan is the most perilous, from the viewpoint of the geologist. There have been no "earthly" activities in the region of the Great Lakes for the past 15,000,000 years and there are no indications that any will take place. On the other hand, in the vicinity of Japan there have been crustorial eruptions for the last million years and there is every indication they will continue for another million.

These opinions were given to the Rotary Club at London at noon on Monday by Prof. J. W. Russell, professor of geology at the University of Western Ontario during the course of an interesting talk on "Earthquakes."

"It was unfortunate," he said, "that there is not some means of forecasting earthquakes for three weeks, three days, or even three hours. If they could be foretold the same as the weather is now, what a boon it would be. But as yet there is no instrument that can detect subterranean power."

All around the Pacific, he said was the earthquake and volcano ring. There were areas affected in Central America, Mexico and into part of California. This was the second greatest center of disturbances. The vicinity of Japan held first position.

Before the evolution of man there were earthquakes in Japan and they would likely continue another million years. The crust of the earth there was, on the average, 24,000 feet thick. There was a question as to what the Japanese would do. Would they migrate into China or go north and become Siberians? The chances were slim. Would they, then, come to America? There would be objection to that. So it seemed that the Japanese were destined to remain on their volcanic island and take their chances with earthquakes.

Freddie's Work.

"Does he work hard?" "What, Freddie? He works about as hard as a sundial does on a cloudy day."

OLD GLEN ROAD WILL BE ABANDONED

County and Provincial Engineers Decide to Build New Highway Over the Hills Instead of Around the Glen.—Work Now Going On.

Work is now going on in the construction of the County-Provincial Highway between here and Pricerville, and after the lull in operations during harvest time, Foreman Thos. Nichol has more men than ever engaged and is pushing the work for all that is in him. The gang is now at the east end of the old Glen road. Instead of using the deviation, however, that for years has run past Angus McArthur's, thereby missing the big hills in that neighborhood, the County Council, in conjunction with the Provincial Department, has decided to reduce the grade on the big hills and run the road straight through instead of around. This they claim is the most feasible route and when completed will make a much better highway than could ever be hoped for the old way. In this there is considerable difference of opinion and the old Glen route still has many champions. The County-Provincial authorities claim that in running the road straight through they are building for the future requirements of the country and that only a few years will show the wisdom of this claim. Anyway, the old Glen road is being abandoned and work on the new roadway is being rushed forward as quickly as possible.

CAR WENT OVER BANK; OCCUPANTS SHAKEN UP

Mr. H. R. Koch Met With Accident On Provincial Highway North of Town on Monday Evening.

While motoring on Monday evening north of town on the Provincial Highway, Mr. H. R. Koch, Secretary for the Durham Furniture Company, met with a peculiar accident that did some damage to his new Chevrolet car and gave his family a shaking up and scare at the same time.

The party had left their home here shortly before dusk, and when about two miles north of town he attempted to assist Mrs. Koch in putting some wraps on his young son, sitting in the front seat near him. The car was not moving fast, but while engaged in fixing up the boy it ran off the road and was headed for the ditch before noticed. In attempting to get it back on the road the car evidently struck some loose gravel, and slid into the ditch and upset.

Mr. Koch suffered a cut on his hand from flying glass when the windshield broke, but otherwise no one was injured. The car will need a new windshield and two new fenders.

WALKERTON CHOIR PLEASED BY BIG AUDIENCE

Well-filled Church Greeted This Excellent Organization On Its Appearance Here Monday Evening.

The appearance of the Walkerton Presbyterian choir here on Monday evening was a real treat to the music lovers of the town, and gratifying to the choir, who were greeted with a comfortably filled church to listen to the program. From the commencement to the finish, the audience absorbed every one of the offerings with great relish and the program closed only too soon for some.

In ensemble work, particularly, the choir shone. While the solos were good, and the duets excellent, the choir's work as a whole was a revelation and we think we may be pardoned when we say that the whole program was a tribute to the choir-master, Prof. Weaver, to whom has been entrusted their training.

Prof. Weaver's own offerings were excellently rendered and we understand he paid a tribute to the Presbyterian congregation here on the excellent organ they possess. Prof. Weaver's rendition of "The Rosary" was particularly effective, although we think his "Home, Sweet Home" and "Annie Laurie" were his most popular numbers.

Misses Himphent, soprano, and Schwindt, contralto, gave a couple of good duets, and also contributed solos. Mrs. Florence Rowand, soprano, and Mr. James Scott, tenor, were also contributors to the success of the entertainment.

Walkerton surely has room to feel proud of their choir, and Durham will again appreciate a visit from this excellent musical organization.

LUCAN WON FIRST IN N.W.B.A. FINALS

Defeated Locals Yesterday in Best Game Ever Seen Here.—Two Costly Errors Prove Durham's Undoing.

Lucan and Durham served up the best game of ball ever played on the local diamond when they met here yesterday in the first of the final games for the N.W.B.A. championship. It was a hard game to lose, and, but for a mix-up in the ninth inning when Mountain, catching for Durham, dropped the third strike, tried to "tag" his man but finally threw to first base, the very worst Durham should have got was a tie score and extra innings for the fans. In chasing his man, Mountain left home plate uncovered and Filmore came in from third with the winning run. Durham, however, has no kick coming. They gave the much-touted Lucan Irish Nine juniors about the biggest scare they have had handed to them this season, and in the return game at Lucan will have just as much a chance of winning as the team that romped home with the bacon yesterday.

Durham's team yesterday had a run of hard luck right from the first. In the morning, while vaulting at the High school, Schutz, the catcher, fell and fractured his forearm, putting him out of the game. His place was taken by Pete Mountain, Durham.

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DELINQUENT PHONE PATRONS MAY HAVE SERVICE CUT

Bell Company Insisting Drastic Action by Local Manager.

Manager Thomas Saunders of the local branch of the Bell Telephone, informs us that some of the subscribers around Durham may find themselves without service if they are not more prompt in making their monthly payments. The Bell Company for a long time have insisted that all patrons pay promptly and hold the local agents responsible for the collections. The company has all along instructed their local managers that when this rule is not complied with the delinquents should be denied service at the switchboard.

Mr. Saunders says he has not yet put this drastic regulation into force and does not want to, but if patrons continue to ignore the company bills and the company insists that the order be enforced, he will have no choice. It is the company order, not his. In conversation with The Chronicle he said that so far as he can see, there is only one thing for him to do—enforce the company's regulations and save himself a lot of censure from headquarters.

BOWLERS WON AND LOST

Defend Chesley Trophy Here, But Cannot Lift Hahn Trophy at Hanover.—Some Good Games.

Durham bowlers have had a busy session this past ten days defending the Chesley trophy here and attempting to get the Hahn trophy back home for the winter. Last Thursday they beat Hanover's Scarborough rink 22 to 11 on the local green in a race for the Chesley mug, and also defeated Walkerton by 13 shots and Chesley by 5 shots for the same trophy. At Hanover, however, in a play for the Hahn trophy, they were defeated.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WAS CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS LAST WEEK

Repairs Needed For Heating System Was the Cause.

The Public school here was closed on Thursday and Friday of last week in order that some repairs might be made to the heating system. While the citizens generally regret this interference in the studies, the small boys have a different opinion. The repairs are being rushed through and with a few days of fine weather will be completed before another cold snap comes on.

GLELELG TWP. PIONEER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. William Firth of Glenelg Suffered Stroke Last Week and Condition Is Serious.

The friends of Mr. William Firth of Glenelg will regret to learn that he last week suffered a serious stroke and is at present in a most serious condition. Mr. Firth is considerably over 80 years of age and is one of the oldest pioneers now remaining in Glenelg.