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## WOMAN MURDERED AT CEDAR VALLEY

Newmarket, Jan. 12.—That Martha Hyland, the 55-year-old woman found dead on a lonely farm in Whitechurch township on December 27th last was the victim of foul work was the finding of the coroner's jury which sat here last night. The verdict read that the jurors believed death due to a blow on the head by a party or parties unknown.  
Important testimony was given by a brother-in-law, Henry Hyland, and by Dr. F. B. Boyd and Dr. A. Webb, both of Newmarket, who performed the autopsy.  
Henry Hyland, sworn, said he was married and had two children, but was not living with his wife. He and his two sisters kept all their money in a joint bank account and it had been necessary for them to sign checks to allow withdrawals. They had taken up farming on lot 23, 6th con., Whitechurch. On the day of the tragedy he had risen early in the morning and found his sister Martha suffering from asthma. Desiring to make some purchase he started on foot for Ballantrae before daylight, returning to the farm about 9.30 a.m. He found his sister Ada alone in the house and was told by her that Martha had gone to the creek about 40 rods away to get buckets of water. He asked Ada to look for her. Finally he heard a scream for Ada had discovered her sister dead. He ran out of the house and found Martha lying face down in the stream. He pulled her out and found her heart no longer beating.  
Answering further questions, he said he first thought his sister had been accidentally drowned but later came to the belief that she had committed suicide. She had been considerably worried, he said, because the farm did not turn out as represented to them when they bought it. He declared Martha had told him that if she was ever missing he would find her mother's Bible in the potato pit. He dug in the pit and found the book just as Provincial Detective Miller and three constables were approaching. Hyland also swore that three days before the tragedy he had come to believe there were men in the bush watching the movements of himself and sisters. Since her death he had found an axe unaccountably in the bush. He declared that for four years one Roy Scott had been following them about and watching them. He thought Scott might have been in the employ of the provincial police.  
Dr. Boyd, who performed the autopsy, said that in his opinion death was clearly due to a wound in the head and concussion of the brain. The wound had been caused evidently by a blow from a smooth or round instrument.  
Dr. Webb, who assisted at the autopsy, agreed.  
Dr. W. H. Wesley, of Newmarket, presided as Coroner, Chief of Police T. Kirk handled the witness.

**DECLARED INSANE**  
Since the finding of the coroner's inquest, Dr. Harold Clare, and Dr. W. T. Parry, declare Henry Hyland and his sister Ada to be insane.

Barber H. Forsyth is quite ill, but wishes to say he hopes to be out and on the job Saturday morning.  
The thermometers on the front street registered 22 below zero at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

**Church Notes**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Meeting at Church of Christ, West End, Lord's Day, Jan. 21st, at 11 a.m. for worship and preaching by Frederick Sommer, Toronto. Everybody welcome.  
**MENNONITE**  
Sunday, January 21  
W. M. McGuire, Pastor, Stouffville, 10 a.m., Sunday School  
11 a.m., Preaching Service by Pastor 7 p.m., Service conducted by local help.  
**ALTONA**  
10.30, Union Sunday School.  
7 p.m., Preaching by Pastor. Offering at this service for the Beneficiary fund.  
**DIXON HILL**  
Special Evangelistic meetings are being held at the church every evening, excepting Saturday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Yates, assisted by Rev. C. Raymer and others. A song service at 7.30; preaching at 8. Good speaking; good singing, come and hear the old-fashioned gospel preached in the old-fashioned way.

## PRESBYTERIANS IN ANNUAL GATHERING

"As in Noah's Ark there were the clean and the unclean, raven and dove, leopard and kid, and the cruel lion with the gentle lamb so in the Church of Christ on earth, you will find the same diversities and differences of human character."—Rev. Dr. Guthrie.  
If such people dwell in the church of Christ on earth, it certainly was not evidenced last Wednesday night, Jan. 10th, when the 62nd annual congregational meeting convened in the basement of the church. The ladies prepared a most acceptable tea, which was enjoyed by the one hundred or one hundred and fifty people present. Notwithstanding the stormy weather, a number of families were on hand from the country. While the annual meeting affords an excellent opportunity for the members to enjoy a social convalescence, the real business of the gathering is the reception of the annual report of the various church organizations, election of officers, and suggestions for the future work of the church. The affair was held in banquet form, and Rev. Robert Young, the pastor, was unanimously chosen chairman of the meeting and Mr. Frank Rae, secretary.  
The pastor presented the session report, which showed a total membership of 93. There was received by certificate and profession of faith nine, while four deaths were recorded, Alex. MacLean, Wm. Harding, Miss Morrin and W. Mitchell.  
The choir report, presented by Mrs. Collard showed a membership of 25, with two capable leaders. The best of feeling existed between the members, and Mr. Young later referred to the choir as "one of the flourishing organizations of the church."  
In the absence of Mrs. R. Stewart, treasurer of the W.M.S., Mrs. (Dr.) Smith presented the report. Eleven meetings were held during the year, and the membership stands at 26. They raised over \$125 during the year.  
The report of the Reid Memorial Mission Band and Mary Haig Mission Band, were given in a capable manner by Eric Collard for the juniors and Jean McKenzie for the seniors. The financial reports were read by Janet Button and Isabelle Aitchinson. The Mary Haig Band is a new organization which more than doubled its membership during the year.  
Dr. Smith, superintendent, presented the Sunday School report. He intimated that it was a real pleasure to act in his capacity, when he had associated with him, such a splendid teaching staff. Parents were requested to spend a little time acquainting the children with the Sunday school lesson before they reach school each Sabbath. Total receipts for the year were \$228.50, of which \$25, was turned over to Missions. The cost of S. S. literature had more than doubled the past few years. The school has a good financial balance to start the new year with. The average attendance is between 40 and 45 pupils.  
Report of the Y.P.S. was given by Winnie Hutchinson, which was followed by a report on the church mission givings by Mr. Walter Dickson. \$116.36 was paid to mission work, while the treasury still holds \$93.86.  
The final report, but one of the most important, was given by the congregational treasurer, Mr. D. Aitchinson. By way of comparison he stated that 20 years ago the total givings of the congregation amounted to \$916.17 while the expenditure was \$1023.19; thus creating a deficit. The stipend at that time was only \$41 monthly, without a manse.  
The year just closed showed a balance of \$150 with an additional \$72 due from the Melville congregation. The total monies raised for church purposes was \$1632.36. He complimented the W.M.S. whose organization stood fourth in the Presbyterian in weekly givings. The congregation stands 23rd out of about 75 churches.  
**Church Officers**  
The retiring managers were: W. H. Clark and F. E. Rae. The latter was re-elected to the board and to the position of secretary. George Urquhart replaces Mr. Clark for a three year term.  
Other officers re-elected  
Mission Treas.—Walter Dickson  
Congregational Treas.—D. Aitchinson.  
Auditor—J. Urquhart, J. Hand. Before the gathering broke up Rev. Mr. Young called attention to a falling off in church attendance. He proposed to deliver 20 minute pointed addresses at the evening service. The motor car claimed a lot of people in the summer months who should at least attend church during winter. So far as his ability went he proposed to make the services bright and profitable.  
Quartette music was rendered during the evening by the Misses Rae, Miss Mowder and Mrs. Collard.  
Sealed tenders are being called for the position of assessor of Markham village.

## SHOULD WE HAVE NEW POST OFFICE?

A well known citizen of this town has drawn our attention to an item in a Toronto daily paper which says: "The Toronto reputation asks for a breakwall, and the Minister promises consideration." This refers of course to a minister of the Dominion Government, and as the estimates of expenditures to be made next session are now being prepared, Toronto is busy as usual.  
The citizen of whom we speak, is a steadfast liberal in politics, and he went on to suggest that right now Stouffville should get busy regarding a post office building which is badly needed. He points out that neighboring towns, Markham, Uxbridge, Aurora and Newmarket all have modern, up-to-date offices.  
A liberal government occupies the treasury benches at Ottawa, and moreover, Stouffville is in the Prime Minister's riding, and gave him the largest majority in December 1921 of any municipality in the riding. In asking for a post office building this town is only requesting its just dues. Such a building is needed here. Further, our interviewer says, "are we to have what is justly due us, or will the politicians still continue to reason that the Tories despise Stouffville, and we grits can count on it anyway. If such be our politicians line of reasoning let me remind them through your paper that these are days of changing public opinion."  
**A LIFE SENTENCE**  
Robt. Stevenson from near Mount Albert was last week sentenced to life imprisonment by Chief Justice Mulock, after a jury had found him guilty of manslaughter in killing his wife with an axe last April. The jury deliberated for more than four hours before returning a verdict. Stevenson's mental state was brought into question, and he was declared by some to be insane.  
**LOCAL LEAGUE CURLING GAMES**  
played last week as follows:  
At Agincourt on Jan. 11th  
Agincourt Stouffville  
W. Brillinger  
C. Armstrong  
W. Armstrong  
S. Armstrong sk. 16  
I. Gray  
H. Brillinger  
D. Rusnell  
Hood  
W. Young, sk. 12 H. Sanders, sk. 17  
Maj. for Stouffville 12 shots  
At Stouffville Jan. 12th  
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Hargrave H. Perry  
Robb J. Dougherty  
Reesor, skip 11 H. Porter, sk. 10  
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**DISPOSING OF HIS SCOTCH SHORTHORNS**  
An important sale of Scotch Shorthorns will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25th, on the farm of Reuben Besse, half-mile east of Clarendont. Mr. Besse has sold his farm, so the entire herd is to be sold, besides other farm stuff. The cattle are headed by such famous sires as the Campbells and Cruickshanks, and it will be a splendid opportunity for those desiring to procure registered animals. Write for catalogue to Mr. Besse to Clarendont post office. The sale will start promptly at 1.30 o'clock. Terms arranged.  
**THE FIFTH LINE**  
Winter is brisk so far and the Line has been busy. An old-fashioned Canadian winter is right with us.  
Some of our folks are engaged in the wood business up on the ridges. Duncan's, Hitchcock, Smith and Tait seem busy at intervals. Alf thinks it's tough going. Geo. Hunt is also hauling wood.  
Gordon Read has put on some life insurance with the Allin of the Dominion Life. Pat is looking ahead.  
The little fellow that shoots arrows seems to have been busy. One young fellow got wounded, but he is quite muck under the circumstances.  
Mr. A. Allen was delivering hay to Wm. Stotts, Cashel, last week.  
Mr. Edwin Jewitt went out to Richmond Hill last Tuesday to the Accessories trial, but it was postponed.  
The milk trucks have had to discontinue on this line.  
**CON. 2, UXBRIDGE**  
Our new threshers have arrived on the 2nd line, and they came all the way in a half day. You would have thought their outfit was a sleigh, but when they reached the Second they sent a messenger ahead with a request to prepare supper and a bed.  
The weather was cold, the road was bad; but you couldn't stop Austin Yake be glad; it being cold and the clover dry; they got all the seed the way in in a half day. You and I by the way, their machine is just the one, that gets all the seed and wastes none; and other people thought so too, for they brought their seed for them to do; and Wallace said, "Go Aust. one day, do you think this trip will ever pay?" "I'll make it pay if I have to thresh clover out of hay."

## PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. Wm. Brown of Toronto is visiting at the home of Mrs. Mauley Bruce.  
Mr. Wm. Blain, barrister, of Regina visited over Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Jas. Hand.  
Miss Mammie Smith of Woodstock is home for a month's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Smith.  
Messrs. W. H. Shaw and Wm. J. Mather attended a meeting of Succoth Chapter R.A.M., in Uxbridge last Thursday night.  
Mrs. Baker, who has just arrived from England has moved into the house with her daughter, Mrs. Lager, one door south of the Methodist church. Mrs. Baker is an experienced nurse.  
Mr. N. Jagger of Toronto, a resident of Stouffville 15 years ago, was in town Tuesday winding up affairs after the burial of his mother, here who died in Toronto last December. He was accompanied by H. Jagger, a former resident of Markham Tp.  
**PICKERING TP. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**  
Pickering Tp. Sunday School Association Annual Convention last Thursday, Jan. 4th, was a grand success. It was held in the Green River Baptist church. Rev. G. C. Upham, minister, and the large number of delegates and other workers in attendance filled the building to capacity. A delightful feature of the occasion was the warm hospitality of the good people of Green River who provided their guests with the very best of attention both at the church and in their comfortable homes. The arrangements for the severe weather prevailing on the 12th was timely, it was remarked, or many would have been crowded out. A pleasing event on the programme was the vote of the convention that J. H. Michell, the secretary-treasurer be tendered an expression of warm appreciation of his 25 years of faithful and efficient service and that he be presented with a copy of the best Teacher's Bible obtainable. Mr. Michell made reply in a brief, bright address. A. M. Morley of Pickering, president of the programme were Provincial secretary C. W. Derville and Rev. B. W. Merrill, superintendent of Religious education, Wainwright Baptist church, Toronto, besides Mrs. N. White, Revs. Price and King and Auld of the Pickering Tp. Association. The new president for the ensuing year is superintendent J. H. Michell was re-elected secretary-treasurer. A fine choir added considerably to the enjoyment of the afternoon and evening session.  
**GOODWOOD**  
Miss Jessie Todd was in Toronto on Saturday.  
Miss Florence Smalley was home over Sunday.  
Remember the Home and School Club meeting on Friday.  
Some were storm-stayed on Sunday evening so we hear.  
The Methodist service was well drawn on Sunday.  
A sleighload took in the skating rink at Clarendont on Saturday eve.  
We are getting a lot of snow and plenty of shovelling these days.  
Miss Wagg and Miss Proctor of Thornton visited at I. Wagg's on a recent day last week.  
W. Cooper has had an addition to his family household. A wee smaildiddle arrived to keep Almer company.  
We notice the big red van which has been bringing in bread has not been coming regularly of late. The snow is rather too deep for auto traffic.  
The prayer meetings last week were well attended at the homes of Miss Murison and J. Ashenburt, also in the Methodist church when Rev. Mr. McIntosh gave the address. The other meeting were held at Rev. Legate's and at Mr. Isaac Wagg's. A vote was taken to hold a union meeting each week, Fridays, when possible. This Friday evening it will be at Mrs. J. Middleton's home.  
**IN MEMORIAM**  
In loving memory of Lieut. Richard Wildgoose, beloved husband and father, who died January 13th, 1922. The one we loved is now at rest. His fond true heart is still. The one that would have helped us most. Now lies in death's cold chill. No one knows the silent heartache Only those who have lost can tell. Of the grief that is borne in silence For the one that we loved so well. Wife and family.

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