

## BROUGHT UP

### In a Model Home in Berlin, Ont.

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### But Back to Church Again in Time to Go Home With Parents—He Deceived Them—Spent Time in Kingston—News Told to Mother.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 23.—The manner in which Nelson Desler, who shot and killed a police captain at Olean, N.Y., after a desperate fight, being terribly wounded himself, has capped off his career in not a very great surprise to people here. He has had criminal instincts ever since he was a young boy, the general belief being that he went astray in the first place as the result of reading cheap paper-backed tales of murder and robbery.

His aim has apparently been to be a gentleman thief of the Raffles order. He was polite as a boy, and growing into manhood was fond of dress, even to extremes of fashion. His parents, who are exceptionally fine people, provided him with a musical education, and the home life of Desler was ideal. His mother doted upon him, and could not believe reports against him, while Nelson idolized her. It came out that many gifts he made her had been stolen by him in his raids.

He was guilty of a series of Sunday night burglaries during church hours, and nearly every house in Albert street, where he lived, received visits. He would accompany his parents to church and slip out at the time of the first prayer, but would be back at church, going home with his parents, in the meantime having committed burglary.

He is also believed to have been the incendiary who set fire to half a dozen barns about the same time of those robberies. Desler, it was marked, was always one of the first at the fire, helping to lead out the horses and generally playing the hero.

When he was finally caught, the evidence produced was so strong that he got five years at Kingston, but the fact that he was allowed out on parole after serving only two years, attests to his ability in the good behaviour line. He had exceptional powers of ingratiating himself with friends.

Mrs. Desler is lying in a precarious condition with her disfigured husband called to his wife's bedside from his work at Hibner's furniture factory on Saturday.

Besides Nelson, they have two other children, a boy and a girl, eleven and fourteen years of age.

When Desler was home a couple of weeks ago, he told his parents he was on the road representing a number of lamp-glass houses, which he named, and located in Detroit and other United States cities. He was as spruce as ever, and left the impression that he had reformed completely, and was getting along well.

D. Hibner, where Nelson Desler's father is employed, informed him of his son's mishap, and the news was gently broken to the boy's mother by her husband. Naturally, they are grief-stricken, and are anxiously awaiting news.

## DAILY MEMORANDA.

Jubilee Singers, at Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.  
"Salome," Grand Opera House, 8:15 p.m.

City Property Committee, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday evening, English Choral Society, 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Ryan Stock Company, Grand Opera House, 8 p.m.  
Tea and Coffee served at Best's Palm Garden, all this week. Help the Ladies.

Come and enjoy a good programme of choruses, etc., by English Choral Society, to-night, City Hall.

Bijou Theatre—Double Length Drama, "Plot of a Gypsy Hero," "The Great picture of recent Italian Earthquake. Will West Sings.

To-morrow being Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion at St. George's Cathedral, 7:30 a.m.; Litany and Communion Service, 10:30; evensong and sermon, 8 p.m.

## Feb. 23rd, In Canadian History.

1775—Hull, Quebec, was incorporated as a city.

1893—The arbitrators in the Behring sea fishery dispute met in Paris.

1901—The Manitoba liquor act was declared unconstitutional by the Court of King's Bench at Winnipeg.

1903—The Toronto City Council accepted Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$350,000 for a free library.

1907—President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University addressed the Canadian Club of Ottawa.



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