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### CORONER'S JURY VERDICT A FIRE AT ELCINBURG

With Regard to the Death of C.P.R. Conductor Harry C. Cooper.

"We are of the opinion that Harry C. Cooper came to his death as the result of being struck, while shunting on the C.P.R. main line at Harrowsmith station, by a C.N.R. stock-car standing on the C.P.R. passing track, and we are also of the opinion that his death was due to there not being enough clearance between the cars on the main line and the empty car of the passing track, the cars being too near each other," was the verdict given by the coroner's jury on Monday evening after twenty minutes deliberation, and after hearing the evidence of the C.N.R. trainmen concerned in the unfortunate affair.

The inquest, which had been adjourned from Friday evening, was reopened in James Reid's undertaking parlors at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, with the reading by coroner D. E. Mundell of the previous evidence heard. Francis King appeared for the C.P.R. and A. Fraser for the C.N.R.

Harold Ballantyne, C.N.R. conductor, was the first witness called, and he told of the shunting done at Harrowsmith on Thursday previous to the accident the following day. His statement brought out the manner in which his crew had left the empty stock car concerned in the fatality. He was closely questioned by Dr. Mundell and Mr. King, but he appeared quite positive of his statement that the car had been left quite clear of the main line.

W. A. Ewing, civil engineer for the C.N.R., was then called by Mr. Fraser, and he produced a blue-print of the station lines and switches at the scene of the accident. The evidence drifted off into technicalities concerning the tracks and position of the stock car, and very little vital evidence regarding the affair at hand was brought out, although two more witnesses, brakeman J. F. Thomas and fireman J. T. Goodfellow were called to corroborate the statements of the conductor. The hearing lasted for almost two hours, before the jury were allowed to deliberate on the evidence.

The jurors were as follows: H. Milne, (foreman), J. J. Hughes, W. H. Gimblett, G. Van Horne, E. Cain, D. Collier, A. McKee, C. A. Devlin, F. D. Van Loven, T. A. Dunlop, C. Attwood and W. Newlands.

Did \$1,000 Damage to House and Store of E. H. Stover.

The home of E. H. Stover, grocer, Elginburg, was partially destroyed by fire which broke out in the kitchen about 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, and only the prompt and efficient work of the village volunteer bucket brigade prevented the house and store from becoming a total loss. The fire was discovered by Mr. Stover's son, who had been working in the store, but the flames had spread to such an extent that it required a real fight to save the dwelling. The damage to the home, and to the stock in the store, which was badly smoked-up, will probably reach \$1,000.

At the time when the fire started from an overheated stove, there was nobody in the house, but the smoke creeping through the cracks of a door leading into the store caused Mr. Stover's son to raise the alarm. Fortunately there were several men near the building, and with Mr. Stover they rushed into the house to find the kitchen in flames. A bucket brigade was formed among the villagers, and after several minutes hard work the flames were brought under control.

The interior and furniture of the kitchen were completely destroyed, but this constituted the main part of the damage, and Mr. Stover is congratulating himself that he was discovered in time to save the rest of the building. While in conversation with the Whig on Monday afternoon, he told of the valuable assistance rendered by his neighbors in the village, who worked as unselfishly as though their own homes were at stake. There was practically no wind at the time, however, and there was no danger at any time of the fire spreading to the other houses in the village.

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

Held at Tweed—Induction of Rev. a. H. Allen.

The Bishop of Ontario, Rt. Rev. Dr. Bidwell, visited St. James' church, Tweed, on Sunday morning Oct. 29th, for the sacred rite of confirmation, followed by the holy communion service. The candidates were presented by the rector, Rev. A. E. Smart. A large number of communicants received the Sacrament. The bishop's address, a most interesting one on "The Church and Order," was closely followed by a large congregation. During the offertory Mrs. W. E. J. Leal sang very effectively "O For A Closer Walk With God." After the service the bishop expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the service was conducted.

In the evening the bishop visited the parish of Roslin when he inducted the Rev. Harry Pettem to the rectorship of the parish. The bishop was accompanied by the Rev. A. E. Smart who, acting as bishop's chaplain, read the license and letters of induction. Rev. Mr. Geen read the Psalm and scripture lesson. A crowd of church, representative of the three congregations in the parish, were present. The bishop preached on the "Work of The Ministry" and spoke of the authority of the minister, his duty together with the co-operative effort of the parishioners in making an effective ministry guided by the power and influence of the Holy Spirit.

### Letters to the Editor

The Game in Verse.  
Kingston, Oct. 30.—(To the Editor): Who would want to go to Toronto to see a game when we have two fine teams like the R.C.A. and Kingston furnishes us with entertainment right here at home? The pictures will be shown at the local theatres in due course when the big cities get through with them and who said the cricket field wouldn't hold 25,000 spectators. The man who said that ought to have been there on Saturday and just fancy the cheek of that promoter who wanted to take two of Kingston's best players over to England to play for Aston Villa. No sir, we need them right here and here's how the game went:  
Kingston versus R.C.A.,  
Played right here on Saturday;  
Soldiers won by just a shade—  
Finest game they ever played.

Lots of people there, of course;  
Soldiers mustered up in force,  
Rooting for the R.C.A.—  
Poor old Kingston lost the day.

Keep your eye on 'Pat,' they'd shout;  
Watch him! Sic him! put him out.  
Watch the force there! Watch the force,  
Meaning Garrity, of course.

When they didn't know a name  
They'd invent one just the same:  
"Watch the force," and "Watch the pen."  
They would holler to their men.

So the merry games went on,  
Just a goal and only one;  
Kingston tried to equalize,  
But were only fruitless tries.

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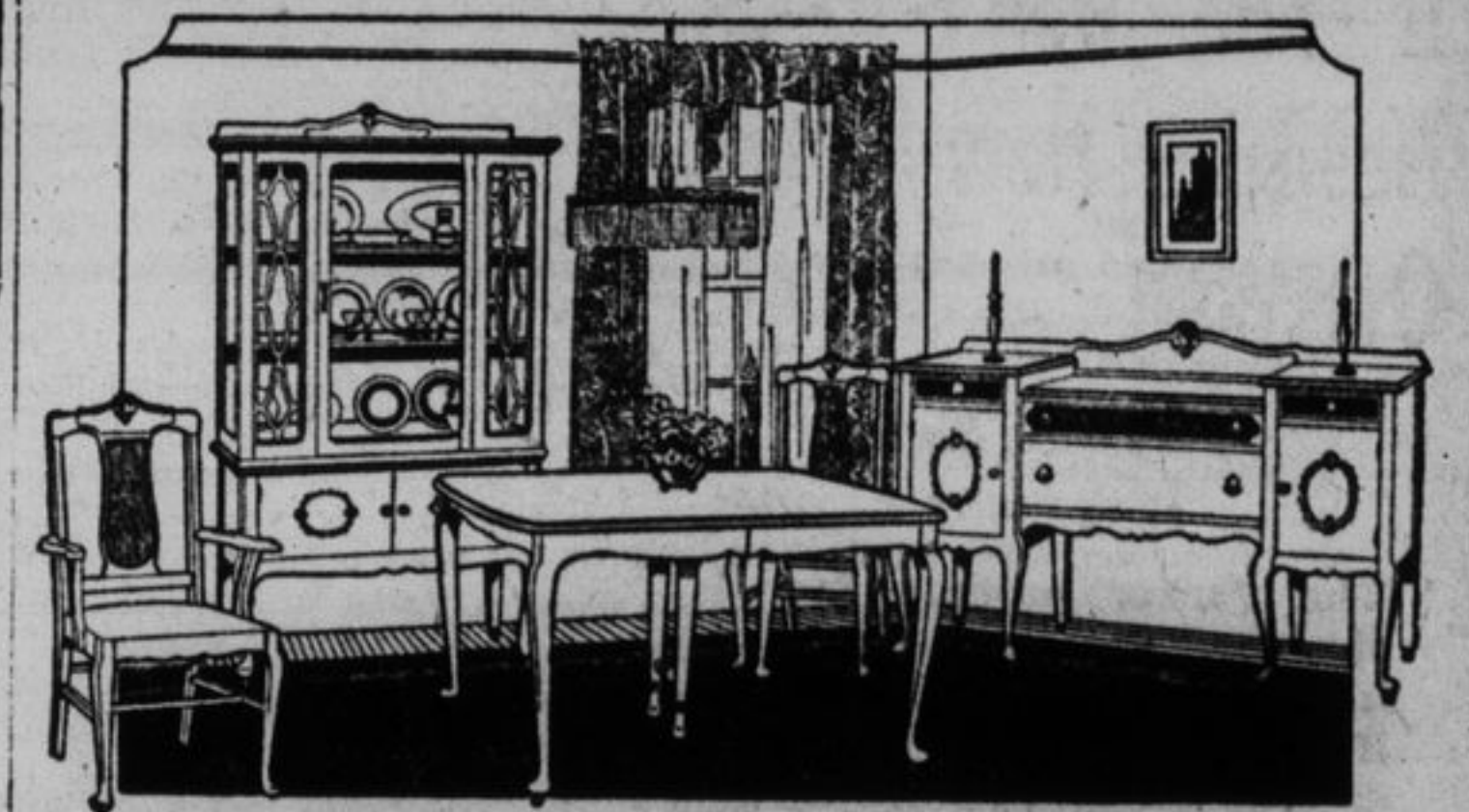
he college boys turn out "Watch the guns," you'll hear them shout. —H. RALPH.

### Did You Ever Stop to Think.

That the cities that know what they are doing and where they are going generally get somewhere. That many cities need team thinking and team working. That it is time that some cities removed their "smoke screens" and let the world know where they are and where they stand. That a man should not pretend to be one thing and be another. That quality merchandise is sold in the stores of your city, and advertised in your papers. Read the ads. That your city is the natural shopping centre for your section. It has all the public conveniences of a live city. That a clean city is always a

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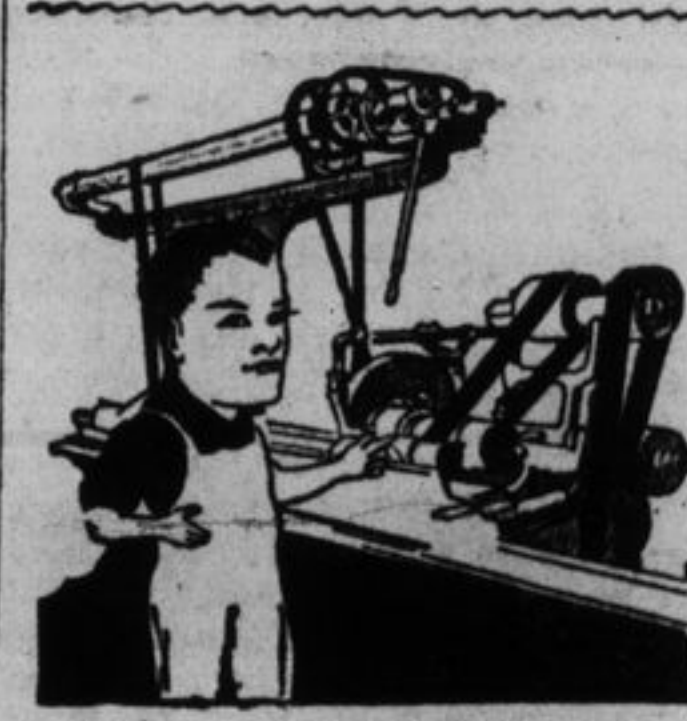
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