

## JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF "CAUSES UNKNOWN" IN WARKWORTH FIRE

A despatch from Warkworth says:—An open verdict was returned at 11 o'clock Thursday night by the jury inquiring into the death of Mrs. Stuart West, aged 35, and her 2-year-old son, Floyd, in a fire which destroyed their home in Warkworth at 2 o'clock in the morning of March 9. The jury was out an hour, after 20 witnesses had been heard, and found death was due to causes unknown.

The inquest was presided over by Coroner Dr. P. W. Locke of Campbellford, Crown Attorney W. F. Kerr, K.C., of Cobourg, conducted the examination of witnesses, and N. Alex. McColl of Campbellford watched the hearing for Dr. West, husband of the victim of the tragedy. District Inspector E. C. Gurnett of Belleville and Provincial Constable P. W. Cousins assisted.

Dr. West was said to have been suffering from epilepsy, which caused him to forget all the events of the fatal night. Several witnesses gave evidence to the effect that recently he had been on much better terms with Mrs. West than for the past two years. Dr. West requested, and was granted protection of the court in giving his evidence, which was presented on the condition that it should not be later used against him.

He said that he met his late wife near Beausoleil, where he was billeted with the Canadian Army. Although their relations were different there had been no quarrel, but only some differences of opinion on petty matters. There were two lamps in the house, one of which leaked and had a rag

stuck around it. This one at the time of the fire was in his room downstairs, and the good lamp was in his wife's room upstairs. West was awakened by a crash, he said, and found fire coming down from his wife's bedroom. He rushed upstairs two-thirds of the way and yelled. Then he was met by flames and smoke, and rushed back down. After this he could remember nothing, he said.

He had no recollection of going up the road, and could not explain the fact that another witness had found the stairs free from flames some time after West had left the house. He could not tell how eight or nine cuts came to be on his hands, nor how his hair and eyelashes had become singed, as he had not been to the room where the fire was. He identified a pair of scissors, carefully treasured by the Crown, wrapped up and not allowed to be touched. They were his wife's, he said.

George Wiggins said he was awakened by flames and rang an alarm on the church bell. He found Dr. West lying on the verandah, and on entering the house found no fire on the stairs or in the hall. After his arrival the flames broke through the ceiling of the dining-room.

Joseph Dixon, a neighbor, saw fire coming out of an upstairs window, and at the same time, he said, saw a man whom he believed to be Dr. West, coming quickly down the road toward the West house. Dr. West began to shout when he got to his verandah and witness recognized his voice. Dr. West had blood on his shirt sleeves and hands.

## TWO CHILDREN PERISH HOME DESTROYED

### Mother in Critical State from Burns—Defective Chimney Cause of Total Loss.

A despatch from Palmerston says:—Pearl, aged 5, and Ross, aged 2, two of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Windside of Arthur Township, were burned to death Thursday morning when fire, believed to have been caused by a defective chimney, totally destroyed the Windside home. Mrs. Windside is lying at the home of a neighbor in a critical condition from burns which she sustained while attempting to save her children.

The fire broke out after two of the older children had left for school. Mr. and Mrs. Windside were in the barn when they discovered smoke coming from an upper room of their home. Mr. Windside was able to save his 4-year-old son. The house was a mass of flames when Mrs. Windside unsuccessfully endeavored to reach Ross and Pearl.



Rev. Canon H. J. Cody of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto, who has received the high honor of being called to preach the first English sermon at the coming assembly of the League of Nations.

## Farm Hand Found Guilty of Manslaughter

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Louis Napoleon Pelletier, 24, farm laborer, was found guilty of manslaughter by the jury at the Carleton County Assizes Thursday evening after being tried on a charge of murdering Miss Mary Kilfoyle, aged 80, in a lonely farmhouse near Manotick, Ont., on January 8 last. Miss Kilfoyle was found with her head crushed, apparently by blows from an axe. A plea of self defence and insanity was entered. When informed of the verdict, Pelletier said: "It is all the same to me; I would just as soon be hanged."

## What Is He Worth?

Talking with a group of friends on the subject of children, a mother made the proud boast that she would not part with her boy for a million dollars. A bachelor who was standing nearby, knowing something of the boy's mischievous nature, remarked in an undertone, "And I wouldn't give ten cents for him." Mothers are usually inclined to the higher valuation, and they are right: The potential value of a boy is beyond computation. He may become an illustrious leader and benefactor and make the whole world his debtor. In helping a child we can never tell how great the service we may be rendering to the nation.

## Canada from Coast to Coast

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Value of fisheries production of Prince Edward Island in 1925 was \$1,598,119, as compared with \$1,201,772 in 1924. These totals represent the value of the product as marketed, whether in a fresh state or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. The principal kinds of fish, viz., lobsters, cod, smelts and herring show increases in quantity of catch and in marketed value.

Halifax, N.S.—The Canada Process Fuel Co., Ltd., incorporated under Dominion Charter, with a capital of \$1,000,000, is said to be contemplating establishing a branch plant here. This concern has been granted the right to mine, quarry, purchase or otherwise acquire oil shales, etc., and to produce, extract, etc., and deal in petroleum and other mineral oils.

Fredericton, N.B.—It is announced that an agreement with regard to the development of Grand Falls has been reached between the Provincial Government, the International Paper Co. and Fraser's Ltd., which, when consummated, is confidently expected to bring about an industrial era of a magnitude hitherto unknown in the province. The Premier is quoted as saying that the development will probably run into an expenditure of from \$25,000,000 and possibly \$40,000,000, besides securing constant employment for several thousands of men.

Quebec, Que.—Out of the wilderness in the Lake St. John district of the province is to spring up within a short time a city modern in every respect and in which it is expected some 30,000 people will live. This is Southern States.

to be the aluminum city—known as Arvida—being built in conjunction with the water power development at Chute a Caron. The cost of erecting this model city will be borne by the American Aluminum Corporation.

Toronto, Ont.—Claims staked in Red Lake gold mining field are keeping the recorder's office busy. Prospectors are of the belief that the area from Red Lake to the Manitoba boundary is promising and already many square miles of territory west of Red Lake has been staked.

Winnipeg, Man.—One of the largest business transactions recorded in the West took place here on March 11th last when the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers mailed approximately 190,000 cheques amounting to a total of \$37,000,000, to members of the wheat pool. This is an interim payment of twenty cents on all grades of wheat; six cents per bushel on oats and barley; ten cents on rye and twenty-five cents on flax.

Calgary, Alta.—Winter records in Alberta went overboard when George Bedell, Taber farmer, sowed a field of alfalfa on February 8 last. The first wheat in Alberta was sown near Cardston on February 27th.

Kamloops, B.C.—At its recent meeting the Board of Trade inspected fine brooms made in Vancouver from broom corn grown at Tranquille Sanatorium Farm. Great interest was manifested, as it has been demonstrated that this product can be grown most advantageously in the dry belt. This straw commands a big price and up to now has been imported from the Southern States.



GEN. BOOTH CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY. This photograph of Bramwell Booth, with his two grandchildren, Stuart and Betty, was taken on the general's seventieth birthday recently at his home in Hadley Wood, on the outskirts of London.

## ENTERTAINING FOR EASTER

BY MARY MASON WRIGHT.

Enter Easter with its symbols of hope, the emblem of all things made new. Enter Easter with its new bonnets, brides, birds, bunnies and butterflies; with its fragrant violets, yellow blossoms and the pure lilies. New life is in the air, and there is much entertaining for young and old during the season. At this season one should make the table and the home sweet and pretty; and if one wishes to entertain guests at this season she has a wealth to choose from.

Decorations for the children's table. Eggshells, prosaic as they may sound, can be depended upon to furnish pretty decorations. So, when you are doing your cake baking before Easter, empty your eggshells carefully. Make a very small opening at one end and a large enough one at the other to let the yolks out. Blow or tap gently on the small end if the contents do not come out freely. Wash out the shells and dry.

They may be decorated on the outside with bees, butterflies and flowers, or with chicks and bunnies. Little trinkets may be inclosed and gilt or silver stars or disks pasted over the end to conceal the openings. Little cups or receptacles may be made with them; or they may be used as molds for desserts and candies.

Arrange a nest of excelsior or green paper in the centre of the table and conceal with evergreen or vines. Place the colored Easter eggs in the nest, each wrapped lengthwise and across with baby ribbon. Let the ribbons be long enough to have them reach out to each plate, where they are attached to egg-shaped cards.

Among the evergreen place a few fluffy chicks. At the close of the meal the eggs can be pulled out of the nests. Instead of a nest may be used a pretty basket of raffia or reed, filled with straw, in which are many-colored eggs.

A great bow of yellow and blue ribbon is tied to the handle and little fluffy chicks stand guard on the edge of the basket. At each plate may be gilt eggshell vases each holding a few jonquils, pansies or violets. Very small baskets may be filled with egg-shaped candies, a small fluffy chick perched on the edge of each.

EGG GAME FOR EASTER. Have the mailman come in and hand

## THE WEEK'S MARKETS

TORONTO.  
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.50 1/2; No. 2 North, \$1.54 1/2; No. 3 Northern, \$1.51 1/2.  
Man. oats—No. 2 CW nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 47 1/2c; No. 2 feed, 45 1/2c; western grain quotation on c.i.f. bay ports.  
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, track, Toronto, 84 1/2c; No. 3 yellow 82 1/2c.  
Millfeed—Des. Montreal freight bags included: Bran, per ton, \$30.25 to \$31.25; shorts, per ton, \$32.25 to \$33.25; middlings, \$39.25 to \$40.25; good feed flour, 11 bag, \$2.30.  
Ont. oats—40 to 42c, f.o.b. shipping points.  
Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.28 to \$1.30, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.  
Barley, malting—62 to 64c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 72c.  
Rye—No. 2, 85c.  
Man. flour—First pat., \$9, Toronto; do second pat., \$8.50.  
Beans—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat., per barrel, in cartons, Toronto, \$5.75; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.75.  
Straw—Car. lots, per ton, \$3 to \$3.50.  
Screenings—Standard, reconditioned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$22.50.  
Cheese—New, large, 22c; twins, 22 1/2c; triplets, 23c; Stillons, 24c. Old, large, 25 to 30c; twins, 29 to 31c; triplets, 30 to 32c.  
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 49c; No. 1 creamery, 47 to 48c; No. 2 46 to 47c. Dairy prints, 41 to 42c.  
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 39 to 40c; fresh extras, loose, 33 to 34c; fresh firsts, 35c.  
Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 35 to 37c; hens, over, 4 to 5 lbs., 30c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 25c; roosters, 25c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up 30 to 32c; turkeys, 40c.  
Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.60 per bushel's primes; \$2.40 per bushel.  
Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal., \$39.25; per gal., maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c; maple syrup, new, per gal., \$2.50.  
Honey—50-lb. tins, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c.  
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 29 to 31c; cooked hams, 43 to 45c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 25 to 27c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 36c; special brand

be cut or molded in egg shapes, dressed with French or mayonnaise dressings and served in little nests of lettuce, endive or cress.  
Cottage cheese may be divided into several portions, one colored with paprika or pimento, one with minced parsley or cress and still another with the hard-cooked egg yolks. These are formed in egg shapes and one of each color is placed in little nests of cress, lettuce or other greens.  
Vegetables and fruits jellied with gelatin and molded in eggshells are nicely served in nests of greens and dressed with a whipped cream dressing tinted green.  
If you do not care to bother with the egg-shaped molds, carry out the Easter colors of yellow, green and white in the salads. This is quite easy to do with yellow and green fruits and vegetables, or with the yellow note in the dressing.  
Little Surprise Cakes made a tempting Easter dessert. Bake any nice cake batter in muffin pans and cool. Cut a slice from the top of each and scoop out as much of the centres as possible. Fill the cakes with a thick orange custard or whipped cream. Put on the removed slices, and ice the cakes on tops and sides. Sprinkle with chopped nut meats.  
There are many other homemade desserts that may be molded in the shape of eggs, such as jellied fruits, cornstarch blanc mango and Rice. These may be served with whipped cream or a sauce.  
For children's parties mashed potatoes may be formed into the shape of chickens and bunnies. Marshmallows if softened a few minutes in the oven may also be molded in form of chicks and bunnies, using cloves for eyes and blanched almonds for tails and wings. Cookies may be cut in the shape of chicks, bunnies and eggs; sandwiches may also. Fondant may be molded in egg shape and dipped in melted fondants of various colors or coated with chocolate.

## Year 1925 Most Profitable Railways Have Experienced

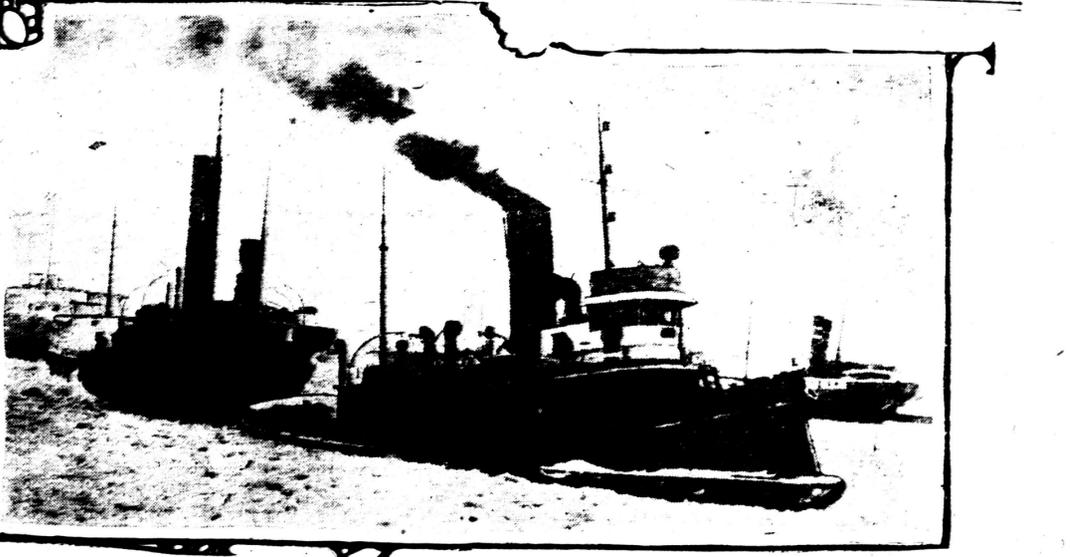
A despatch from Ottawa says:—The year 1925 was the most profitable Canadian steam railways have had from an operating point of view, says the Bureau of Statistics. Net operating revenues aggregating \$83,567,427 were \$19,872,980 greater than for 1924, and \$18,224,060 greater than in 1923.  
On the Canadian National, net operating revenues were more than double those of either 1924 or 1925.  
The C.P.R. earned the largest net operating revenues in the past eight years.

## Woman Living in London Once Saw Pirates Hanged

A despatch from London says:—The oldest inhabitant of the City of London is Mrs. Emma Oliver, aged 101. This, however, does not mean that she is the oldest woman in the vast metropolis of London, but that she is the oldest in the "City," which is the business section and the original nucleus of London. Among the historic incidents she has seen are the wedding of Queen Victoria in 1840, and the Duke of Wellington's funeral. She also witnessed in 1864 the hanging of five pirates at Old Bailey.

## Home Bank Inquiry Cost Over \$75,000

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Expenses of investigations in connection with the Home Bank failure, including Royal Commission of Inquiry and prosecutions, total \$75,956.62. Sums paid to counsel were: E. Laidlaw, K.C., \$4,875.48; H. J. Symington, K.C., \$5,693.90; H. J. Scott, K.C., \$28,500.  
A faithful friend is a fine image of the Deity.—Napoleon.



Ice 20 to 24 inches thick is not impregnable to the attacks of the ice breaker "Strathgogie." She is shown moving through ice that thick with the cruiser "Valcartier" in tow at Port McNicoll, Ont., recently.