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**Minister Shot
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Young Son**

(Canadian Press)

SUDBURY, Ont., May 9—With his sorrowing congregation following the cortege, the body of Rev. W. A. Whidden was tonight placed on a train for shipment to his former home at Brookfield, N. S. Every Protestant clergyman in this city took part in a funeral service tonight and eulogized the minister, who died earlier today from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by his eight-year-old son, Morris.

One of the most popular ministers in the city, Mr. Whidden came to Sudbury some years ago after a distinguished career in Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Saskatchewan and other parishes. He was greatly interested in young people's work, and had one of the most active Sunday Schools in the province here.

**COUNT SUED
FOR BREACH
OF CONTRACT**

Count Felix Von Luckner, German "sea devil," who lectured last year in Canada and was the subject of heated dispute in Toronto where Mayor William Stewart refused to accord him an official welcome, was defendant today in a \$40,000 breach of contract action brought by Edward Grave, travel agent.

Grave claims Von Luckner contracted to take a group of boys on his yacht to Nova Scotia, which, it is contended, he failed to do. "What were you doing when this contract was signed," the court asked.

"Drinking beer," said the Count. "Drinking beer on March 18, 1931," with arched eyebrows.

"Yes," said the Count, as laughter echoed through the courtroom. "What did you do after you signed the contract?"

"We went on drinking beer," related the German seadog, who once was seastick on the Great Lakes. "I think it was on a ship somewhere, but I'm not sure."

He explained he hadn't realized he was signing a contract. "I don't read English very well," he explained. "All I know is the English I picked up on ship board—a sort of ship's English. Later my secretary told me the paper was a contract, but I didn't understand that way when I signed it."

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**Drama Proves
A Good Tonic**

LONDON, May 9—(C.P.)—One of the most interesting commemorations in London of Shakespeare's birthday was the production by Sir Philip Ben Greet, now in his 77th year, of the First Quarto Hamlet, at the Arts Theatre Club.

The critics hail the performance as a tonic, calculated to revivify those many appetites jaded by so many unpalatable doses of Shakespeare in school days. The performance was carried out in Elizabethan costume, with some charming music from such instruments as lutes and viols. This version of Shakespeare's greatest play affords opportunity for the liveliest interpretation of his robustness writing. The prodigious energy with which the duel scene was carried out threatened, indeed, to overwhelm the Arts Theatre's tiny stage.

Donald Wolfitt established himself firmly in his rendering of the name part. Sir Philip Ben Greet, who played Polonius, was obviously in his element. It would be interesting to know how many times and under how many conditions Sir Philip has presented that character of Ophelia's meddlesome father.

**Testify In Man-
slaughter Case**

(Canadian Press)

DIGBY, N. S., May 9—"I've killed Johnny and I'm sorry," Joseph Alfred Hatfield spoke the words as he laid a revolver before Marie Robichaud, she testified today at the 17-year-old defendant's trial on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of John Jedry.

Jedry died in the village post-office of St. Alphonse de Clare on January 24 as he argued with Hatfield. An eye-witness, Ulysses Comeau, told of Jedry's accusation that Hatfield had spread a rumor about another man.

Hatfield called Jedry a liar and Jedry struck him in the face, according to Comeau. Next, he heard a report; the oil lamp went out. Re-lighted, it revealed Jedry falling to the floor. He was shot in the chest and died five minutes later.

Ten prosecution witnesses were heard before the Crown concluded its case late today. The defence called one witness and will introduce further evidence tomorrow.

**Hobo Gives
His Impressions**

CINCINNATI, O., May 10—(C.P.)—Jeff Davis, "King of Hoboes," has decided "too much freedom has made us goofy." Jeff, who has hoboed for 37 years philosophizes thus:

"Instead of going to our heads, it went to our feet. We got jazzed and drifted down big-house lane until most of us would give anything to know where we are at."

Among his observations are: "Home is not what you make it, but what you make of it." "Many a father looks for his boy or girl after dark—when he should have looked for them before it got dark."

"The trouble with many families is that they expect society to do more for their children than they would do for them themselves." "A sock on the jaw is worth more than all the shocks of an electric chair, and many a spoilt boy has landed in one."

"Many fathers have shouted 'let the kid sow his wild oats,' forgetting that the boy may turn out to be as bad a farmer as the old man did." "Your cup of happiness may be rusty and leaky, but as long as it has a handle hold on."

"It is cheaper to go in debt to hold the boy or girl at home rather than wait until they are gone and then say you would give the world to have them back again."

"The best place to find sympathy is under the S's in the dictionary."

And, to the girls, "don't smash your mirror because you don't look right. Smash your habits. They're not as plentiful as mirrors."

**Increase Summer Travel
To British West Indies**

MONTEREAL, Que., May 10—Summer visitors carried from Montreal to Bermuda and the British West Indies last year aboard the Canadian National's "Lady" liners were 16 per cent more numerous than those carried during the same period of 1931. A further increase is expected this year. The "summer" season is from May to November, including both months. June and July account for most of the increase. These figures are interpreted as indicating a better knowledge in Canada of the West Indies as an ideal summer vacation land and a better knowledge of the modern service offered by the Canadian liners.

**West Prince
Horse Notes**

There seems to be a revival of interest in horse racing lately, which I note with a great deal of pleasure.

Writing as I am from the western part of Prince County a part which has always contributed its share of race horses. In late years such horses as Lucky Lindy, Billy Cope, Major Aubrey and many others have been raised and developed here and now more than ever before there seems to be new interest here in the "King of Sports". Last Fall I had the pleasure to see one of the best meets staged last summer, when Billy Cope and Lucky Lindy locked horns on their old home track at Alberton. The results are well known, Cope lowering the track record of 2.15, formerly held by his sire, Laocops, to 2.11. The 26 class was won by Winnie Winkle best time 2.13 1-4 which I think is handy the record for an Island bred mare and a green pacer for 1932. The 230 class had ten starters and was a real horse race being won by Winnipeg Boy, best time 2.19 1-2. I mention this summary mainly because it seems to have been overlooked in summing up the number of races held on Island tracks last summer.

And this Spring I have been watching the ponies work out on the Alberton track. Winnie Winkle (Col. Aubrey) Mac Volo (Roy Volo) Peter S. (Watson Peter), Winnipeg Boy (Merry Direct), Trickle Volo (Roy Volo) and a promising colt by Bud Axworthy owned by Ramsay Bros. The West Prince Exhibition Ass. are negotiating with Mr. O'Brien to stage a matinee around the first of July.

Tighish have also put their track in good shape this spring so here's hoping we see some good horse races up this way and that West Prince horses keep up their good showing of former years.

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**CAESAR SHOULD TURN IN
GRAVE**

LONDON, May 10—(C. P.)—Schoolboys of many generations have been inclined to vote Caesar to be a bore at the very best. Poor as is their opinion it is almost complimentary compared with that of Professor R. S. Conway, as given before the Conference of the Classical Association.

"Julius Caesar is commonly spoken of as the founder of the Roman Empire," said the Professor. "The truth is that he did nothing to create stable government beyond insisting that provincial governorships should be held by men whom he appointed himself. Many of those were chosen from the ranks of footpads and cut-throats, whom, as he said himself, he was glad to honor because they had supported him."

"No one can deny that Caesar was a man of splendid daring and that he could on occasion show, especially to his inferiors, a quite charming courtesy. But from many passages in the 'Gallic War' and from his own surviving letters it is plain that he was entirely wanting in humor and that his whole nature was soaked in self-esteem."

"Under the influence of Cleopatra, who was present in Rome in 46 and 44 B. C. this temper took shape in acts of senile vanity and gratuitous insults to the time-honored traditions of ordered civil life. This led inevitably to his assassination and the appalling civil wars of the next 13 years."

**Movie Studio
All Switches**

LONDON, May 10—(C.P.)—The enthusiasm for automatic control of everything which can be worked automatically has invaded the film studios, according to a writer in The Manchester Guardian. To aid the producer during the taking of a "take" a new machine having been devised, he says, this being the "market," which has been installed at the studios at Basing.

"The thing looks rather like a closed harmonium. It is covered with chromium plating, and there is a bewildering array of knobs and switches and levers and pilot lights of all colors. Each camera is represented by a switch which controls the speed of each. Turn one handle and the lights go on or off; turn another and a red sign asking for 'silence' greets passers-by all over the building. When everything is ready for a "shot," switches are pressed, and at once the doors are locked, the telephone is disconnected, and the great main door slides shut as if by magic. No unexpected interruption can now ruin the "take." Is the studio too hot? Push the button and the electric fans will cool you.

Then there is a white light shining by the assistant director's chair which tells him that the control is all set, or there is a red light which tells him that the cameras are working and the microphone picking up. Two minutes later "cut" shouts the director, and all the switches are turned off and everything returns to normal. One man works the lot.

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**Skink Proves
Its Intelligence**

NEW YORK, May 9—(C.P.)—Through a series of tests as to its intelligence and devotion to its family the blue-tailed skink has come with flying colors. Most people think the skink cold and unfeeling but Dr. S. Kingsley Noble, curator of the American Museum of Natural History, had reported that this member of the lizard family broods its eggs with a maternal solicitude surpassing that of hens. It defends them against enemies far larger than itself.

The skinks endured a number of indignities in the course of Dr. Noble's tests, but then that was nothing compared to the satisfaction of being vindicated in the eyes of science. Dr. Noble blindfolded them with adhesive tape, yet they picked out their own eggs unhesitatingly. He tried to balk them by filling their nostrils with grease and cotton. They rubbed the plugs out.

He moved their eggs away from the nests, and the wriggling skinks went after them and rolled them back. He put other lizards' eggs in their nests and the skinks became so indignant they broke them.

Just what all this proves isn't exactly clear to the layman except, of course, it would seem to settle the question of the skink's intelligence, if there happened to be any question of it in the first place.

**POISON IN STOMACH
OF STEWART ASHLEY**

VICTORIA, May 10—Poison was found in the stomach of Stewart Ashley, young Vancouver school teacher whose body was found in a slough here on April 23, according to testimony given to-day at the adjourned inquest by J. F. C. B. Vance, analyst of the Vancouver police department. A verdict of death by poisoning was brought in by the coroner's jury.

Inspector Vance was of the opinion the poison was taken in the form of a capsule while Ashley was sitting on the slope of the bank, and that the body rolled down the hill into the slough.

Ashley disappeared from his Vancouver home on the night of April 13. It was first believed he had been kidnapped.

**Expert Penman
Dies At Home**

(Canadian Press)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 9—David R. Willet, for many years cashier in the Chamberlain's Department, City Hall, here, died this morning at his residence, Wentworth Street, after a few weeks' illness.

Mr. Willet was born in Saint John on Dec. 26, 1857, a son of David Willet and Jane Ross Willet, both of Scottish birth.

Mr. Willet was an expert penman and for many years engrossed on parchment presentation addresses, diplomas, certificates and similar documents. The welcoming addresses presented to most of the Governor-Generals of Canada and other distinguished visitors of this Province and city were engrossed and illuminated by his pen and on different occasions he was highly complimented for these by such visitors as Lord Aberdeen and others.

**IODINE RATION IS ADVOCATED
FOR ALL GIRLS IN "GOITRE"
BELT"**

KANSAS CITY, May 10—An American authority on goitre today publicly recommended that every girl in the continent's "goitre belt"—embracing roughly the southern strip of Canada and the northern half of the United States—should receive an iodine ration throughout the school year until she reached maturity.

In making his recommendation before the Missouri Medical Association yesterday, Dr. Arnold S. Jackson of Madison, Wis., said the spread of goitre in the so-called belt threatens the bodily and mental health of this and succeeding generations unless adequate preventive measures are taken.

He asserted that 60 per cent of girls entering colleges of the mid-western United States have thyroid enlargement which may lead to goitre and estimated 20,000,000 North Americans now suffer from the malady in some form. The exact cause of the disease is unknown, he pointed out, although the theory of deficiency of iodine in the diet, advanced 100 years ago, still is generally accepted.

**HOSE GIVING PLACE
TO THE MOTOR CAR IN
FAMOUS POLICE FORCE**

MONTEREAL, Que., May 10—The whinny of the horse is fast giving place to the purr of the motor car engine in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, famed in fact and fiction, as the force becomes more and more mechanized and, as a mounted force, they may soon pass out of existence except for ceremonial purposes, according to the Tourist and Convention Bureau of the Canadian National Railway. In the far northern sections of Canada the dog continues to be much in demand, though even its place is jeopardized by the airplane which covers in a few hours distance that would take a dog team days or weeks. The force continues to grow in size and prestige, however, particularly since it has taken over customs preventive work and provincial police duties in six of the provinces.



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