

Promises To Avenge His Dead Brother In Police Case

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VANCOUVER (AP) — Jack Whelan promised Friday to avenge his brother, 51-year-old superintendent of police Harry Whelan, who was found shot to death with a bullet in his own gun.

"I talk for my dead brother," Jack Whelan said.

The superintendent, second Vancouver policeman in six weeks to be shot by his own gun, died without leaving any known written explanation.

Supt. Whelan—the third member of his family to die by suicide—was found wounded in the heart shot before 8 a. m. Friday.

He was scheduled to reappear next week at the coroner's inquest into the charges of corruption and graft in the 150-man force.

PLEDGES FULL DETAILS

"My brother left me with a job to do and I'm going to do it," Jack Whelan said later.

"Years glistened in his eyes as he went on."

He had a lot to tell and believe me had he told it, it would have blown things wide open.

"But I will tell it. I will take the stand and tell it all."

Mrs. Whelan said her husband

had been restless Thursday night after receiving a "mysterious" telephone call.

It was reported the caller threatened to smear the superintendent's personal life if he continued testimony before Reginald H. Tupper's commission.

Mrs. Whelan said she was in her bedroom and heard her husband found Harry lying on the chest, his service revolver beside him and a bullet wound in his chest.

Whelan died on the way to hospital.

CUTHBERT RECOVERED

Supt. Whelan's death followed by six weeks the suicide attempt of Det. Sgt. Len Cuthbert, who left with Whelan a confession of accepting bribes from bookmakers.

Cuthbert recovered and has testified before the Tupper commission that he shared payoff money with police chief Walter Mulligan and other officers. Cuthbert's bid to end his life June 24 was followed by appointment of the commission.

Whelan's father took his own life with Harry's service revolver several years ago and this was followed in October, 195, by the suicide of Harry's daughter in California. He left two sons, aged 15 and 10.

Police officers seemed stunned by Whelan's death and few would speak about it.

BORN IN BOSTON

Acting police chief Alan H. Rossiter issued a formal statement regretting the incident, promising a full investigation, appealing to the public to stay away from the deceased's family "in trying circumstances," but giving few details.

Harry Whelan was born in Boston, son of a master mariner, and went to sea when he was 16. He joined the police force here in 1927 and worked on the police boat in prohibition days when rum-runners shipped liquor to the United States.

Fellow officers described the superintendent as a stern disciplinarian.

northward through a series of narrow roads amid the trees and greenery of the countryside, lies Nottingham and the Vale of Trent.

Fred was the official representative of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation and as such did the speaking. There were representatives from Sweden, Germany, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Iceland. And in addition the following countries were represented, making the conference almost international in scope: Iraq, Gold Coast, British Guiana, Trinidad and India.

The method of introducing the guests was rather unique. We went all asked to remain in a little room at the back of the Hall until all the members had assembled. At this juncture, Mr. Leaper, the President of the International Movement called out the name of a country and the representative was escorted up the aisle by two girls carrying flags to the strains of his or her own National Anthem, while the room stood to attention. All went well until our turn came when something went wrong with the record and O Canada came to a sudden stop so that we finished our course to the platform amid laughter and handclapping. Although a little unnerved by this turn of events I thought Fred made an excellent speech, short but to the point and was later thanked by Mr. Leaper for it, as some of the delegates were rather long and tiresome.

The whole conference was one of interest and variety, but to me the Public Speaking Contest was the best of all. I thought that a Scottish group was head and shoulders above all the rest, but although they finished high, they were not on top. In fact they were all so good that even the judges had a difficult time to come to a decision. These adjudicators included such competent people as an university lecturer in English at Cambridge, a Member of Parliament and a director from the Midland Theatre Company. Some of the contestants were only about fifteen years of age and acquitted themselves equally as well as the older members, in fact so well that they were judged on the same basis.

On the morning of the second day of the conference the meeting got down to the more serious business, which included some fourteen resolutions, these were discussed, passed, or rejected in the remarkable period of only two hours. Voting was done by delegates only and was carried out by the showing of their official card. If they had forgotten or lost it, they were not allowed to vote. In this way outsiders were not excluded from the meeting but voters prevented from voting. Voters were also asked to sit in a group in a certain part of the Hall so that their cards could be counted quickly and loss of time avoided.

This movement may be thought by some to be slightly leftist and from most of the remarks of the speakers I would gather that the majority of its members would vote Labour, had they being old enough to vote, but in talking to them I found at least one senior official to be staunchly conservative and officially the movement is non-political and non-sectarian. Unfortunately I think, there are few young farmers in the group as the gap between the farmer in Britain and the Co-operatives is

Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

Excerpts from letters received from Flying Officer Archie J. Johnson, of Burlington, P. E. I., now travelling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield agricultural scholarship, continued from a previous issue.

ENGLAND — Innsworth, midway between Gloucester and the Spa of Cheltenham was an over-seas Personal Reception Unit and my first station in Britain on arrival eleven years ago. It is still an R. A. F. station and from what I could see has changed little in the intervening years. There were two other Islanders there at the time, Sam Robinson from Charlottetown and Arnold Hiltz from Sea View. After a short leave we later met in Bournemouth, where we were billeted for three weeks. I met, along with another Islander, had one of the luxury flats in Bath Hill Court, only they weren't luxurious then, having been stripped of everything moveable. Today we are told that the head porter pays the owners for the privilege of being there, because the tips are so generous. Cheltenham looks much the same, only the Americans are gone and the retired Colonels, worn out with service in India and such places are left in virtually undisturbed peace.

It is rather wonderful what interest can be generated with miniature, scaled down replicas of these buildings. Mr. Morris, the founder of "The Old New Inn" at Bourton-on-the-Water, in the Cotswolds found this to be true, when he began and completed a Lilliputian model of the village, complete with the churches, houses, shops and even on the pub itself. Situated within a high-walled courtyard the scene created by this small village is quite amazing and draws thousands of visitors annually.

Taking six men four years to complete the village, it is an ideal memorial to their perseverance and skill. The local inhabitants, far from being scornful of the efforts of these men are proud of the achievement and aided in every way they could toward its completion. Even the clock in the church tower tells the hour and chimes as does its huge counterpart in the village outside. There is a stream running through it, spanned by a high-walled bridge to their big brothers, which runs the River Widrush flowing through the real village. A water wheel which actually turns may be seen on the upper reaches of the little stream and just to add authenticity and beauty there are miniature rockeries and gardens planted with flowers and everywhere small trees growing along the paths.

Built to scale—namely one ninth of the village within the village, within the village, is only one ninth

the size of the scale village or eighty-one times smaller than the actual village. To make one nine times as small again would be intriguing work for watchmakers.

The sun came out to shine for a time during our visit to the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, one of the older institutions of its kind in Britain and certainly one requiring high qualifications to enter. Unfortunately the College itself was closed that afternoon, but we had ample opportunity to wander around and see the grounds and the venerable old buildings from the outside.

Having seen some of the larger farm operations, we wanted to see how the smaller farmer competes and gets his work done. In order to accomplish this we accepted an invitation to Mr. Thorn's home and went on a short tour with him around his 82 acre dairy and small farm. Actually the commercial orchard is not considered as bringing in very much income as the trees are getting old and need pruning, which due to a labour shortage the owner cannot seem to get done. The orchard does however consist of four acres of elder apples and six acres eating apples, plums and pears. It is rather too bad that he finds the labour situation so difficult as in this part of Gloucester there is quite a lot of expert gardening and fruit growing, evidently with good markets and marketing facilities.

The Thorn's have no sons, but daughter Margaret has had wide experience in practical agriculture and agricultural organizations. She has been with the Young Farmer's Clubs for nine years, during which time she was one of the young Britishers on a three month exchange visit to the United States, with monies donated by the Kellogg Foundation. She is wildly enthusiastic about these exchanges and it would not come with any great surprise if she were to some day come back to America as a Nuffield Student. She visited Germany in 1949 under a somewhat similar exchange scheme and in addition to her international executive work, she was assistant of a nurse's home for two years, what ever that may be, and for another two years was County Organizer for the Young Farmer's Clubs in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Fred and I spent Whitson as guests at the National Rally, Co-operative Youth Movement, Co-operative College, Stanford Hall, Loughborough. The Hall is in a very beautiful setting, being on a high ridge overlooking Stanford-on-Soar, the southernmost village in Nottinghamshire. Beyond the river lies Leicestershire and the wooded slopes of Charnwood forest and



AT AIR CADETS' SENIOR LEADERS' COURSE

Taking a few moments from their studies Sergeant J. Robert LeClair (53 Summerside Squadron), son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome LeClair, 36 Central Street, Summerside, P. E. I. sits in the

cockpit of a Mark V Sabre while Saint John companions, Sergeant Regional H. King, 1527 Simonds Regional HS Squadron, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. King, 43 Courtney Avenue, East Saint John,

N. B. and Flight Sergeant Robert James Green (right) also of 527 Squadron, and son of Mrs. Leon Green, 47 Melrose Street, East Saint John, look on. The three air cadets are part of a

group of 100 attending the RCAF Senior Leader's course for Air Cadets at RCAF Station Camp Borden, Ontario. (National Defence Photo)

In Memoriam

MRS. NORMAN LING

The community and surrounding districts of Wheatley River were shocked and saddened to learn that Mrs. Norman Ling had passed to her eternal reward on the evening of June 27, at the age of seventy-eight years, after an illness of only two days.

The late Mrs. Ling was the former Alice Caroline Matheson. She was the eldest daughter of the late Benjamin and Josephine Craswell Matheson of Oyster Bed Bridge, where she resided until her marriage to Norman Ling in 1900 and came to live at the old Ling homestead at Wheatley River, where she, with her husband carried on the tradition of hospitality. Many will remember the wholesome welcome and friendliness accorded them. Here they brought up their family of nine in whom they inculcated the high principles of living that lead to good citizenship.

Her life was one of service and unselfish-devotion and many a home where there was sickness and sorrow was made brighter by her sympathetic presence and kindly ministrations.

The late Mrs. Ling was a faithful member of Wheatley River United Church, the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Institute. She gave freely of her time, talent and means to every enterprise pertaining to the general good.

She experienced both sunshine and shadow during her earthly sojourn. In 1936 she was called on to mourn the passing of her husband and since then three of her family: Verna, Mrs. Bernsey Wonnacott, Melvin and Hammond.

Left to mourn her passing are three sons and three daughters: Harry, Walter and Leonard of Wheatley River, Ethel, Mrs. Victor MacPhail, Meadow Bank; Margaret, Mrs. Herbert Stevenson, New Glasgow; Mabel, Mrs. Keir

Duggan, Summerside. Twenty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. One brother Henry Matheson, Oyster Bed Bridge and sisters: Margaret, Mrs. Thomas Craswell, Rustico; Janie, Mrs. Colin Higgins, Oyster Bed Bridge; Marion, Mrs. James Murray, Fredericton. One sister, Florence, Mrs. Donald Matheson, predeceased her.

The funeral which was held on June 29, was very largely attended. Many came from far and near to pay their last respects to one whom they loved. The service was conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. Howard Christie, assisted by the Rev. L. Blaikie and the Rev. B. R. Jones. Hymns sung were "Forever with the Lord."

The pallbearers were Messrs. James Wares, Frank MacLean, Howard Ling, Philip Matheson, Raymond Ling and Gordon Andrews. Burial took place in the family plot at Portage.

The many kind messages of sympathy and the following floral tributes bore silent testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

Pillow - family.
 Wreaths and Sprays: Grandchildren, Henry, Gladys, Maggie, Janie, Marion and James; Phyllis, Leith, Joyce and Keith; Audrey, Harold and Gloria; Alice, Alf and Alan; Gertrude and James; Cora and Frank; Nellie Manuel and Esther Campbell; Charlie, Gordon and Mother; Edith, Frank, Theo, Dot, Alice and Victor; Lillian, Stanley, Mary and Colin. The Women's Missionary Society of Wheatley River United Church Wheatley River Women's Institute.

CARD OF THANKS
 The family of the late Mrs. Norman Ling, Wheatley River, wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown them during their recent sad bereavement.

Secret Letter Introduced In Police Investigation

By BRUCE LEVETT
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VANCOUVER (CP)—A secret, 700-word letter, which lay for five years in a sealed, unmarked file at city hall, was introduced Friday before the royal commission investigating charges of corruption.

It was addressed to Charles Thompson, mayor of Vancouver in 1949 and 1950 and signed by Terry Parsloe, a private investigator called in by the mayor after the RCMP and the minister of justice had declined to investigate charges against the Vancouver force.

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