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Coroner's Jury Return Open Verdict In Motor Fatality

Six hours and some minutes were required by Coroner John Conway and jury to gather all the facts available at the enquiry into the death of Esther Wright Logan, who died last Sunday evening as the result of being struck by car no. 13-788, driven by Tadao Doi. The inquest opened at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, continued until 5:45, and was resumed next morning at 10 o'clock. It was 12:15 when the jury returned their verdict.

The inquest was held in the Court House, Cumberland, and in addition to the court and principal witnesses there was a large number of interested spectators and friends of the two families involved. The enquiry adjourned for several mniutes in order that the jury might view the body of deceased Esther Wright Logan, and when once more resumed the roll call revealed the names of the jurors as follows: J. Sutherland (foreman), D. McRae, W. Merrifield, C. McIntosh, C. MacDonald and G. Cavin.

Dr. G. K. MacNaughton was the first to give evidence. He said that about 7:30 o'clock on the evening of Sunday, April 17th, he had been called to the vicinity of Boulder Hill and on his way there he met an Overland coach near the Company's farm, the car containing Tadao Doi, Mr. David Logan and Miss Esther Logan. The latter was very near death and she was rushed to the Cumberland Hospital, but died soon after admittance. Examination revealed fractures of the skull, collar bone, and thigh bone, and several bruises and abrasions, death being due to concussion of the brain following a fracture of the skull.

At this juncture, Mr. P. P. Harrison informed the coroner that he was present at the inquest on behalf of Tadao Doi.

Car Experts Give Evidence

Mr. John Ledingham, garageman of Cumberland, was next called to the stand. He said: "On the 18th day of April I was requested by the Provincial Police to examine car no. 13-788, an Overland coach. I found that the radiator was out of line 3 inches at the top left hand corner, the headlight rim on the left side showed signs of having had a blow of some description and the license bracket on the same side was bent back. I examined the brakes and found the right service brake had very little lining on it. The left service brake lining was considerably worn. I took the car out to test brakes and found that at a speed of 35 miles per hour I put clutch out and applied foot brake. The foot pedal went to the floor board but there was no braking on the part of the car. The car came to a stop of its own momentum. I also tried the emergency brake and found at a speed of 35 miles per hour, down hill, I declutched and applied the emergency, bringing car to a stop in distance of approximately 75 yards. I was accompanied on these tests by Corporal Matthews and Constable Johnston." Mr. Harrison questioned Mr. Ledingham and the latter said that the tests in question were made on an oiled surface road, and he thought a car would stop quicker on a gravelled road. The tests were made down the hill leading to the Chinese Cemetery (coming to Cumberland), and the two constables sat in the car and estimated the distance. He thought the car would have stopped sooner if the brakes were better, and he did not consider 35 miles per hour a rapid speed.

Before calling to the stand Mr. John Cameron, another Cumberland garage proprietor, Cpl. Matthews presented a rough drawing of the part of the Royston road where the accident occurred in order to assist witnesses in identifying landmarks.

Tests Showed Brakes Poor

Mr. Cameron said: "On the 19th day of April I was requested by the police to examine car no. 13-788. I have had 19 years experience with cars. Tests were made on the Royston road to ascertain the condition of the brakes. I made three tests all from the same place, commencing at the top of Boulder Hill and working the car to a speed of 35 miles per hour at Dunsire's mail box. I pulled on the emergency brake as far as possible and the car stopped a little down from Logan's house, about 150 yards from where the brake was applied. In this test I left the clutch in and took my foot off throttle. In the second test I again worked the car to 35 miles per hour and applied foot brake when passing mail box. The car refused to stop. The third test was over the same ground and at the same speed and I applied both brakes, with clutch in and juice off. The car travelled within a couple of feet of where it stopped in first test. I was accompanied by Coroner John Conway and Corporal Matthews. I personally examined the car and found left headlight dented and upper left hand corner of radfator was pushed back about three inches. The number bracket was also bent. The right hand service brake had practically no lining; three quarters of it had none. The left hand brake had lining but it

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Something New

Under auspices of the Jr. W. B. A. a GINGHAM DRESS DANCE will be held in the Anglican Church Hall on April 22nd, 1927. Dancing 8 till 2. Refreshments will be served. General admission, 50c. 15-16

Rural Postmasters Will Be Protected

We are advised by A. W. Neill, M.P. that he has been taking up at Ottawa the question of loss of salary to rural postmasters owing to the reduction of postage from three to two cents last year.

Mr. Neill now advises us that the Department will not consider the question of an increased commission on stamp sales to the rural postmasters until one complete fiscal year under the reduced postage is completed which will not be until March 1928, but that meantime the Postmaster-General has announced that rural postmasters will, for the current year, receive the same salary as in the previous year before the reduced postage came into effect. When the complete fiscal year under the reduced postage rate is completed, the Department will be in a position to consider what increase of commission would be fair to make. This will be good news to the rural postmasters who are paid solely by commission on stamps sold, and whose revenue was bound to be effected by the reduction in postage.

Another Attempt

One more attempt is going to be made to get the baseball fans of the city together. With that end in view a meeting is being called for Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Athletic Club. All baseball fans are earnestly requested to make an attempt to be present and assist the promoters in getting the popular summer game under way.

Honored On 21st Anniversary Of Wedding Day

To Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mumford: "The many friends that you have made during your sojourn in Cumberland since 1913 desire to take the opportunity of expressing to you their goodwill and esteem on this, the 21st anniversary of your wedding day. Their congratulations go out to you, coupled with the wish that in the years to come you will receive every blessing, and be spared long to take an active part in the life of the community wherever you reside. In Church life and in civic life they have always found you ready and willing workers, unsparing in effort, untiring in zeal, and unbounded in kindness. As an expression of their sincere appreciation they ask your acceptance of this small token of regard."

These words accompanied the presentation of a clock to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mumford at a surprise party held in the Parish Hall to commemorate their twenty-first anniversary of their wedding day, on Saturday evening, April 16th. For a full week secret preparations had been carried on for this occasion, and many were the speculations as to whether the "surprise' had leaked out or not. But everything worked quite satisfactorily and perhaps there was never a more surprised couple in Cumberland than Alderman Mumford and his wife, as they were rather forcibly impelled into the Parish Hall on that memorable evening.

Commemorating their wedding anniversaries on the same day were Rev. and Mrs. Nunns, and Mr. and Mrs. Keeler, and they had places of honor next to the guests of the evening.

The proceedings opened with some remarks from the chairman, who then called upon Mr. Symons to say a few words. Mr. Symons referred to the keen interest Mr. Mumford has always shown in the work of Holy Trinity Church, his keeness and loyalty being an example to all. Mr. Cope emphasized the part Mr. Mumford played in the civic life of the community. He was always "on the job," and here too his example was a credit to all. Mrs. Banks eulogized Mrs. Mumford in a happily worded speech. After partaking of a sumptuous banquet, the presentation of the clock took place, followed by the presentation of the "anniversary wedding cakes" to Mrs. Nunns and Mrs. Keeler, the presentations being made by Messrs. Dalby and Shortt. A short programme of "sing songs" followed, and a very happy and successful surprise party ended with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

Great credit is due to those ladies who so untiringly gave of their time and energy to make the evening such a successful one. Perhaps the greatest credit is the fact that the whole thing was kept a secret, and that the surprise was complete in every way.

Mr. Joseph Hudson and Miss Donna Hudson, of Vancouver, were in Cumberland last week-end to attend the marriage of Miss Beryl Hudson to Mr. Alexander Davison.

Cumberland To Celebrate May 24th

Cumberland is to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday, May 24th. This was the decision of a well attended meeting held last evening in the City Hall, and when it was ultimately decided to go ahead with the venture those present lost no time in electing officers and forming committees. Mayor Alex. Maxwell took the chair and was subsequently elected president. Other officers are: Honorary president, Lieut.-Col. C. W. Villiers; Hon. vice-president, Thos. Graham; Director of Ceremonies, Alex. Auchinvole; secretary, Hector Stewart; and treasurer, Alex. MacKinnon. Space does not permit mentioning here the names of the members of the various committees, but each will be notified by letter within the next few days of his appointment.

The finance committee was instructed to interview the management of the Canadian Collieries and also the Grievance Committee with the object of securing permission to take up a collection at the mines. The meeting also decided to give Union Bay the preference of the May Queen this year, as last year's Queen was from Cumberland.

The sports committee will be unable to draw up their complete program until the finance committee can give an indication of what sum will be available, but this is expected very soon. A further meeting will be called either next week or the week after, the actual time and date to be set by President Maxwell. The sports committee, under the chairmanship of J. L. Brown, will probably meet next week some time.

Protracted Sickness Of Pioneer Proves To Be Fatal

Mr. Samuel Stockand, a well-known resident of Cumberland for the past twenty-one years, died at his home in this city on Monday last, April 18, aged 74 years. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some considerable time, being confined to his bed since Christmas.

He was one of the real old pioneers of Vancouver Island, being born in Victoria on March 7th, 1853. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stockand, were amongst the very earliest pioneers of the Island, landing in Victoria in 1851. The deceased gentleman resided in Nanaimo between thirty and thirty-five years ago, and in those early days worked at the old Douglas mine and also in the Southfield mine. Last year a little controversy arose over some friends of Mr. Stockand's claiming him to be the oldest native son on Vancouver Island. The deceased never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands. He had filled the various relations of life, as son, husband, father, brother, friend and filled them well. Who can do more?

Besides a devoted wife, he leaves eight sons and three daughteers and sixteen grand-children to mourn his loss. We can only remind these mourners that he is not dead, he is only asleep—resting after a long and well spent life here. The daughters of the deceased gentleman are Mrs. Joseph Toms, of Victoria; Mrs. James Green, Vancouver; Mrs. Arthur Cook, Nanaimo. The sons are Wesley, Charles, James, and William of Cumberland; Walter and Henry of Nanaimo; John and David of Coalmont, whilst one brother, Mr. John Stockand, resides at Otter Point, Victoria, and one sister, Mrs. Gustave Peterson, resides in Seattle.

The funeral, which took place on Thursday from the family residence, West Cumberland, was very largely attended, many friends from outside points paying their last respects to the aged pioneer. The pall bearers, all intimate friends of the family, were Messrs. Jas. Smith, Robt. Peters, Wm. McLellan Sr., Ben Nicholas, Joe Horbury and Wm. Merrifield. Interment took place in the Cumberland cemetery with Rev. J. R. Hewitt officiating. Mr. T. E. Banks had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Floral tributes were received from the following, and are gratefully acknowledged:

Pillow—the family. Wreaths—Mr. and Mrs. E. Bilton, Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch. Sprays—the family; grand-children; Mr. and Mrs. J. Zanini and Margaret, Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller; Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, Minto; Royston Saw Mill.

Attractions At The Ilo-Ilo For The Week

This Friday and Saturday, John Gilbert in "Flesh and the Devil;" Monday and Tuesday of next week, Ben Lyon and Pauline Starke in "The Perfect Sap;" Wednesday and Thursday, Irene Rich in "The Honeymoon Express;' next Friday and Saturday, Colleen Moore in "Twinkletoes."

Coming soon, "Bardelys the Magnificent," from Rafael Sabatini's great novel.

USUAL OLD TIME DANCE

Don't forget the old time dance as usual this Saturday in the Ilo-Ilo hall from 9 to 12. Gentlemen 50c, ladies 25c. (The admission price has been raised to include the new tax imposed on dances). The big crowd will be there as usual, and you'll miss a good time if you don't drop in yourself.

Huge Quantities Of Oil Purchased For Island Roads

Ten carloads of bituminous oil material have been ordered by the Provincial Public Works Department for an early start in the surfacing of Vancouver Island roads. This will represent the largest oiling program ever undertaken by the Provincial authorities in British Columbia.

Finish Before Summer

Weather conditions will determine largely the date when actual oiling operations will start, but it is planned to get them under way in the near future so that they may be finished if possible before the usual Summer tourist rush starts.

Engineers of the Public Works Department are making their plans with a view to causing motorists as little inconvenience as possible. They issued an appeal to drivers to use caution in driving over newly-oiled roads both for the saks of the road surface and their own cars. If motorists will co-operate with the Government in this way serious inconvenience to traffic will be entirely avoided, it is expected.

Exam. Results

Following are the results of the Easter examinations in the Cumberland High School:

GRADE 11

Matriculation—1. Helen Parnham, 2. Jessie Brown, 3. Sam Davis, 4. Isao Nakano. (Leland Harrison is not ranked—absent).

Normal Entrance—1. Mary Simpson 2. Irene Bates, 3. Evelyn Carey, 4. Minnie Harrigan, 5. Myrtle Calnan.

GRADE 10

1. Marjorie Brown, 2. Mary Little, 3. Annie Mann, 4. Jack Hill, 5. Norma Parnham, 6. Walter Hughes, 7 Jean MacNaughton, 8. Archie Dick, 9. Jack Horbury, 10. Tatsumi Iwasa, 11. Nobuo Hayashi, 12. Nina McKee, 13. Lillian Grant. Unranked—Claudia Harrison, Alastair MacKinnon, Gordon Walker.

GRADE 9

1. Stephen Jackson, 2. Norman Frelone, 3. Jack McLean, 4. Harold Conrod, 5. Andrew Brown, 6. Dick Marpole, 7. Josephine Freeburn, 8. John Wrigley, 9. Mary Gozzano, 10. Marion Brown, 11. Norman Hill, 12. Robert Colling, 13. Annie Beveridge, 14. Edna Conrod, 15. Barbara Grant, 16. Gordon Horwood. Not ranked—Kathleen Emily.

Successful F.O.E. Whist Drive--Social

Aerie No. 1953, F.O.E., held a most successful whist drive and social in the Eagles' Home, Dunsmuir Avenue, on Tuesday evening last, the spacious hall being filled to capacity, 18 tables being necessary to take care of the whist players. Prizes for the cards were won by Mrs. Parkinson, ladies' first; Mrs. McKay, Union Bay, second; whilst the gents.' prizes were won by Mr. Stassic, first; Mrs. Carney (substituting) second. On the conclusion of the whist, refreshments were served by an energetic ladies' committee.

The musical programme which followed was of a very high order, the following well-known local artists contributing: duet by the Misses Ella and Jean Johnson, Cumberland; and solos by Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Formby; a mandolin solo by Mrs. McDonald, Union Bay; and a banjo solo by Mr. W. Jackson, Cumberland. Eleven o'clock came all too early, the guests voting it the best social of the season.

During the evening a drawing for a framed embroidered Eagle was held, Mr. Wm. Keenan Jr. being the lucky winner. The proceeds of the drawing will be devoted to buying fruit for patients in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sehl and daughter, of Victoria, are at present visiting in Cumberland.

Charge Of Manslaughter Laid Against Youthful Driver; Out On Bail Of $5000

FUNERAL OF VICTIM, ESTHER WRIGHT LOGAN, HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON; LARGE NUMBERS OF RESIDENTS ATTENDED

Cumberland was shocked Sunday evening last on learning that an auto accident at the foot of Boulder Hill, Royston road, had resulted in the death of Miss Esther Wright Logan, eight and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Logan. Cumberland has been singularly free of such fatalities for many years, and the fact that the first victim was a child of tender years caused widespread gloom. Death came as the result of being struck by an Overland coach, driven by 17-year-old Tadao Doi, who resides at the Royston saw mill.

There is a diversity of opinion amongst eye-witnesses as to whether the little girl was standing on the left hand side of the road when struck or whether she had run across the road in front of the speeding car, thereby giving the driver little opportunity to avoid hitting her. Evidence of these witnesses was given at the inquest on Tuesday and Wednesday, and may be read elsewhere in these columns.

Manslaughter Charge Laid

Immediately after the accident, Doi conveyed the little girl to the Cumberland Hospital, but she died soon after admittance. Cpl. R. Matthews took Doi in charge, and on Tuesday, April 19th, he was brought up before Magistrate T. H. Carey and formally charged with manslaughter. The case was remanded until next Tuesday, and in the meantime Doi has been given his freedom on bail of $5,000.

The funeral of the late Esther W. Logan was held on Wednesday from Banks' Undertaking Parlor, and there was a huge attendance of friends of the family, school chums of the deceased girl, and numerous representatives of the Cumberland Japanese colonies. Interment was in the Cumberland cemetery, Rev. J. R. Hewitt officiating, and the pall-bearers were Samuel Davis Jr., Harry Waterfield, Willie Brown, and Harold Conrod. Floral tributes were very beautiful and are gratefully acknowledged:

Pillow—Father, mother and the children.

Crosses—Cumberland Public school, Margaret, Edna and Edith Williams; Mr. and Mrs. S. Carter; Mr. and Mrs. F. Court and family.

Wreaths—Students of the Japanese School; Members of Japanese Association of Cumberland; Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Cumberland 9831; James Leighton; Mr. and Mrs. Galafrio and family; Mr. and Mrs. Leighton; Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge and family.

Sprays—Mr. and Mrs. J. Damonte Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Damonte Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Carter; Tadao Doi; Helen Saunders; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Young and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Hannay and Maggie; Bessie Carney; Japanese Mothers' Association; Mr. and Mrs. Williamson; Mary Galisfrino; Mr. and Mrs. P. Dickinson and family; Shegina Maruya; Eliza and Rita Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunsire; Mr. and Mrs. James Irvine; the Waterfield Girls.

A. W. NEILL, M.P., TO VISIT OLD COUNTRY

A. W. Neill, M. P., asks us to make it known that he will remain in Ottawa until about the 28th of this month, when he will leave for a short trip to the Old Country. He asks that, until further notice, letters may be addressed to him to the House of Commons, Ottawa, and he will arrange for them to be forwarded to him.

Celebrate Birthday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Aspesy was invaded last Thursday by a number of young friends who gathered to honor Gloria, on the occasion of her fourth birthday. The afternoon was delightfully spent in games, songs, and dancing in which all took an eager part. Dainty refreshments were then served, to which the young guests did full justice.

Those present were Gloria Somerville, Jessie Bennie, Muriel Maxwell, Rosie Marocchi, Thelma Frelone, Valda Frelone, Luida and Norma Cavallero, Lily and Mary Tobacco, Rita and Elizabeth Baird, Gloria Aspesy, and Willie Irvine, Allan Mitchell, Roy Damonte, Grant Dallos, Yoshio Watanabe and Jackie Bennie.

CAMPBELL RIVER NEWS

Mrs. S. Ritchie and son Marshall left Wednesday for a visit with relatives at Everett.

Mrs. B. Parkes and daughter returned Tuesday after a week's visit with relatives at Vancouver.

Mr. J. Anderson returned to Lund for the Easter holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Zeigler returned Thursday from a visit to Vancouver.

Friends of Mrs. Winkworth will be sorry to learn that she passed away in the General Hospital at Vancouver last week.

Mrs. A. Kallquish and daughter left for a short visit to the city.

Mrs. F. Salvail and daughter, Mona Eileen, returned recently from a visit to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and sons, of Victoria, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Parfitt during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald, of Victoria, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Masters over the week-end.

Mr. Wm. Sutherland of Forbes Landing, is at present at Vancouver.

Mr. W. E. Anderson paid a short visit here on his way to Quathiaski Cove.

Miss Emma Davis, of Union Bay, is at present staying at Forbes Landing.

Now that Forbes Landing is open for the season, visitors are beginning to arrive. The following were registered during the week: Miss Anne Willis, Miss Mary Lail Morron, Mr. Wallace Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Morron, all of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hartley and Mr. R. W. Hartley, of Victoria.

Miss Mayne Feeney left Friday for her home at New Westminster where she will spend the Easter holidays.

Mrs. J. Swanson and Miss B. Swanson, Mrs. Fred Swanson and Miss A. Swanson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thulin during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker and family, of Duncan, paid a short visit here with friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Drummond and family, of Lund, are at present spending the holidays at Vancouver.

Miss Ethel Thulin returned to St. George's School, Victoria, early in the week, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thulin, of Lund.

Miss S. Rankin, of Oyster Bay, is at present visiting at Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cross returned on Saturday and have taken residence in apartments over the general store.

Miss Stokes, of Victoria, is now on the nursing staff at the Lourdes Hospital.

The Brownie Pack marched to the hospital on Saturday afternoon, each little Brownie carrying a bunch of lovely daffodils. They also delivered a basket of fresh eggs and dressed chickens as an Easter treat for all hospital. The Sisters welcomed the Pack and treated them to delicious apples and chocolates galore, and in the end Father Quinlan photographed them, much to their delight.

Mr. Wm. Hanson, of Vancouver, paid a short visit here on Monday on his way north.

Mr. P. L. Anderton and Mr. L. S. Cokely, of Courtenay, paid a business trip here early in the week.

Miss Beryl Hudson Becomes Bride Of Mr. Alex. Davison

An interesting Easter wedding was solemnized at Cumberland United Church on Saturday evening last, when Beryl Winnifred, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hudson, became the bride of Mr. Alexander Davison. The church, prettily decorated with Spring blooms by the bride's friends, was crowded. Rev. Mr. Hewitt read the service, and Mr. C. Parnham played nuptial music. The petite bride, led to the altar by her brother, Mr. Walter Hudson, who gave her in marriage, was a charming picture in a gown of white crepe de chene, trimmed with satin frills. Her embroidered veil was arranged in Juliette cap style and held a wreath of orange blossoms. A lovely bouquet of white carnations and pale pink roses completed her costume. Miss Dorothy Maxwell, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, wearing a handsome gown of pink flat crepe, heavily beaded, with picture hat to match. Her flowers were pink and white carnations. Mr. Wm. Davison supported his brother as groomsman.

During the signing of the register, Mrs. Spooner sang "O Promise Me."

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, where the happy couple received the congratulations of numerous relatives and friends and a sumptuous supper was served. A magnificent bride's cake occupied a prominent place on the prettily decorated table, while the dining room made a fine setting in effective pink and white decorations. The numerous presents testified to the popularity of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison left by motor to spend a honeymoon in Vancouver and Sound cities.

NO P.-T. MEETING MONDAY

There will be no meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association originally scheduled for Monday, April 25th.

The series of whist drives being held by the W. B. A. are proving very popular. Ten tables were in play last Thursday evening, the prizes being won in men's division by Mrs. Carter, first; Mrs. Saunders, second; and in the ladies division by Mrs. Farmer, first; Mrs. R. K. Walker, second.

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ROASTING THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGG

To kill the goose that lays the golden egg has passed into a proverb for foolishness, and yet we, patriotic and intelligent Canadians, are doing that very thing in allowing our forests to be burned to death. We are doing even worse than the people of the proverb, for they at least had one dish of roast goose, however costly, but our "roast" forests provide not a single meal for any human being. Presumably the man of the proverb did not injure the remainder of his flock, but we in burning our forests singe the Agricultural goose, that lays the largest golden egg of all, and we injure beyond calculation those other producers of golden eggs, Manufacturing, Transportation, Banking and Commerce, the Fur Trade, and Tourist Traffic. And the worst of it is that we do not commit this crime because of any foolish theory about the source of the golden eggs. We do it, or permit it to be done, simply because we do not think.

Our second greatest natural resource is not only in danger; it is actually burning up before our eyes. Our forests, lumbermen, railway executives, bankers and leading men in every walk of life are calling aloud to arouse us to the situation. "What can we do about it?" you ask. Everything! We can stop forest fires now, by a little protection and attention, we can have our singed goose put forth new feathers and lay more and larger golden eggs next year than ever before, and keep on doing it as long as grass grows and water runs.

"And how shall we do this?"

Just the same way as we stopped prairie fires in settled districts by the force of public opinion. When every man, woman, and child in Canada, not only those who live in and near forested areas but those on farms and in villages and towns and cities far away from the forests—yes, if even thirty per cent of the people of Canada decide in their own minds that forest fires must cease, fires will be cut in two this year and will virtually stop next year. Small accidental fires there will be from time to time just as there are in a city, but the old and costly fallacy of forest fires as a dispensation of Providence will be gone forever.

"And when will this come?"

Just as soon as a majority or even a good-sized minority determine to do their part in this matter. April 24 to 30 is Canadian Forest Week and a little earnest thought, a little getting together and talking with fellow citizens and neighbors and school children, will turn the scale and save this goose that lays the second largest golden egg of all our magnificent flock of Canada geese.

SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISING

"Window displays are the most effective form of advertising for my particular line of business," said a merchant the other day.

Now, in the opinion of this writer almost every form of advertising has some merit and selling power. But, naturally, newspaper advertising to us is the most effective form, and the most effective producer of results, when cost is taken into consideration. The old fashioned hand bill is far more expensive than the newspaper advertisements. In addition to paying the printer for the bills, you must pay for distribution which is seldom efficiently done and you must overcome the housewife's prejudice against having her door step littered with waste paper. The newspaper goes right into the home, to the very center of the family life, and puts your message before the reader when he is in the most acceptable mood.

We have no quarrel with the merchant who believes in window displays as a good form of advertising for his store. But how many will stop to look at it as they hurry down the street? Quite a number do, of course. But the selling power of your window display is considerably increased when it is linked up with some good newspaper advertising copy.

The buying public, especially the ladies, read newspaper advertising, and while you may not always be able to trace some particular purchase to any single advertisement, yet by keeping your announcements constantly before the public through the newspapers, it has been the observation of shrewd merchants that it is the best paying investment they can make in ridding shelves of merchandise.

It is an undisputed fact that those stores that follow the practice of putting in good window displays and also use the newspapers as an advertising medium, are the business houses that reap the greatest volume of trade.

THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS

At the bottom of almost every bad habit is a mistaken desire for happiness. To become happy is the aim of all drunkards, of all takers of drugs, and of others who are guilty of any form of abuse.

It takes a long while for some people to realize that good, sound health is a surer recipe for happiness than anything that one can take.

There are no short cuts to happiness, and no permanent foundation for it, except the normal function of all one's powers. To look for it through the means of some drug, or artificial help, is to lean upon a broken reed, but perhap this doesn't apply to the solace of smoking. We personally can testify that a pipe has helped over many rough places in life's highway.

DROSS
FROM THE MELTING POT

TIT FOR TAT

A man and woman at a dinner party were having an argument which became very heated, whereupon the woman exclaimed: "Sir, if you were my husband I would give you a dose of poison."

'Madam," he replied, "if you were my wife I'd take it."

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UNEXPECTED

"Rastus, what have you named your twins?'

"Ah named de fust one Adagio Allefro, an' de second one Encore.'

"Encore, how come?"

"Kass, y' see, he wasn't on de programme at all."

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PROPERLY SQUELCHED

The American gazed contemptuously at Ben Nevis and said, "Say, we've a darned sight bigger hills than that where I come from."

"An' whaur dae ye come frae?" asked the Scot.

"God's own country," replied the American.

"Aweel, ye've an awfu' puir Scot's accent."

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POOR MARKSMANSHIP

This year the great sensation of the travelling circus was a Spanish knife thrower, who gave a splendid exhibition of his art.

Two sons of the soil gazed with awe and wonder as the Spaniard arranged a fair maid against a dark background whilst he took up his stand some distance away, balancing a gleaming knife in his hand.

Suddenly there came a flash and a whistling sound, and the knife was quivering in the wood, barely a hair's breadth from the girl's shell-pink ear.

"By gum!' ejaculated one of the air, "E's missed 'er!"

The barbers' union of Binghampton, New York, made an unique Easter gift to three orphans' homes in that State. They cut the hair of 500 children free of charge so that the kiddies would present a good appearance over the Easter holiday.

CANADIAN NATIONAL EUROPEAN TOURS

A maximum of travel through particularly interesting countries at a minimum of expense is provided in the Canadian National Educational Tours this summer through Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy.

Two tours have been arranged and sailing will be made from Montreal, July 8, on the S.S. "Andania," direct to Glasgow. Very careful attention has been given to itineraries involved.

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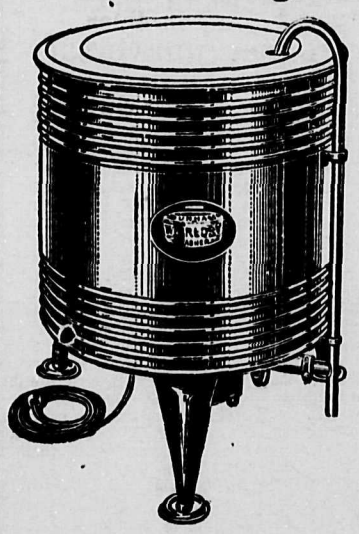

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Jury Returns Open Verdict

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was rather thin. The horn was not working at the time of examination but the impact may have put horn out of commission. I should think the car weighs about 2000 pounds.

Eye Witnesses Give Evidence

George Logan, brother of deceased, was next to testify. "On the evening of Sunday, April 17th, I was playing catch ball with Robert and Jean Dunsire and a few smaller children were around, including my sister Esther. We were catching the ball thrown across the road opposite Dunsire's mail box. I was on the right hand side of the road, going down, near Johnson's fence. Jean Dunsire was on the same side of the road and had the ball, and I took it away from her and was going to throw it across the road, but didn't throw it. My sister was on the left hand side of the road as far as I could see. I heard a bump I didn't see the car until it hit sister. Sister was standing 4 to 5 feet from the ditch and about 14 feet from the mail box towards Royston. She was looking towards Dunsire's house, away from the road. I heard a bump and saw sister rolling down the road, but did not see the car hit her. The car kept going. I am not sure if she crossed the road but am sure she was standing and looking at Dunsire's." (Questioned by Cpl. Matthews, witness estimated that the car was going about 45 or 50 miles per hour). "I Know Tadao Doi and he was driving the car. He came back after hitting sister. He had gone almost up to Leighton's silo tank, but I don't know how far it is from the mail box to the silo. I had no conversation with Doi. I am not sure how many passengers Doi had in the car, but he let them out and took Esther to the hospital. My sister was the only child on the road—the others were on the far side of the ditch, and Robert Dunsire and two others were standing near Dunsire's gate." In answer to Cpl. Matthews, the witness said that in his estimation he was about eleven yards from his sister when the car struck her. Questioned by Mr. P. P. Harrison, Logan said that it was after the car had struck his sister that he came to the conclusion that it was going about 45 or 50 miles per hour. He also said that he had been in the car in question on 3 or 4 times, and twice, when Doi was driving. He had watched the speedometer and it registered usually 30 or 35 miles per hour.

Robert Dunsire, 17 years old, was the next witness called. He corroborated the evidence of the previous witness in the main, but added that when he last saw Esther Logan she was standing on the road and the car was one or two feet from her. He was also of the opinion that the car was going about 45 miles per hour. He went on to say that: "She was dragged for a second, then dropped in front of the car and two wheels went over her. She was picked up about 40 or 50 feet from where she was standing, and about 3 or 4 feet from the ditch. I did not see Esther cross the road." In answer to Mr. Harrison, witness declared that he did not see the car pass him, and the driver did not start to slow down until he was betwween the Trent and the Maruya roads.

Father Did Not See Accident

Mr. David Logan, father of the deceased, testified that "the accident occurred about 7 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th of April. I was sitting in the house when my daughter, Jeannie, came in and stood looking out of the window towards the road leading up Boulder Hill. All at once she exclaimed, Oh! I ran out of the house and up the road towards Cumberland, and found my daughter on the roadside. I picked her up about 100 feet from Dunsire's mail box on the Royston side, and on the left hand side of the road. Her head was toward the ditch and her feet toward Royston. She was not dead, and I put my coat around her. The car came back, with Tadao Doi driving, and Doi put the passengers out and then took the girl to the Hospital. She died about five minutes after entering the Hospital. I do not know anything about the actual accident. Her eyesight was good and the child was perfectly normal." Mr. Harrison did not question.

Miss Jean Logan, sister of the deceased, said: "I had just left my sister and she was then in Dunsire's driveway. I went home, got in the door, looked out of the window and saw her standing on the side of the road. I did not see the car hit her because a stump was in the way. I did not take notice of the car because I didn't know what had happened."

Mrs. Margaret White Pridge, another sister of deceased, was the next witness. She testified that she saw Esther standing about 12 feet from the mail box on the left hand and Royston side of the road. She had seen an object cross the road very fast and saw a car coming down the hill. The car was near Johnson's mail box when the object crossed the road, and the car was going "mighty fast." Mrs. Pridge said she saw the car hit her sister, spin her and drop her on the side of the road. Witness said she watched the accident from the window of her home, and then ran out of the house into the yard. She did not see a car near her house because she fainted on reaching her yard. Questioned by Cpl. Matthews, she said deceased was looking toward Dunsire's house at the time of the accident. Mr. Harrison also asked witness several questions, eliciting the fact that witness had a rather hazy notion of time and distances.

Mr. John Pridge testified that he was at Logan's house at the time of the accident, and ran out with Mr. Logan after the latter's daughter had cried Oh! He saw his wife faint and ran to her, not going to the scene of the accident. He saw a car backing up between his place and Leighton's.

Court Is Adjourned

It was now nearly six o'clock, and the jury requested an adjournment until 10 o'clock the following (Wednesday) morning. At 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning the inquest was again opened, and Mr. John Sutherland, foreman of the jury, requested a further adjournment in order that the jury as a whole might visit the scene of the accident. This was done, and the court came to order again at 10:25 a.m.

Constable George Johnston, of the Provincial Police at Courtenay, testified that in company with Corporal R. Matthews he had taken measurements of the road near the scene of the accident on the morning of April 19th, and had drawn up a rough plan. The measurements were made by tape. From the post box (Dunsire's) to the point where witnesses described the girl as standing is 13 feet, and five feet from the ditch on the left side. The road is 21 feet across at this point. From this point another tape measurement was taken to where the blood stain was found on the road, and this was 57 feet. From the center of the stain to the left hand side of the road the distance is 4 feet, and the road here is 22 feet wide. Constable Johnston said: "I came to the lock-up in Cumberland and saw an Overland coach, no. 13-788. I got in the car and tried the service brake and the pedal went down to the floor boards. Cpl. Matthews pushed the car when the pedal was down, but there was no braking. The engine was locked but I had got the key from Doi, who was in the lock-up in Courtenay." Witness also corroborated the evidence of Mr. J. Ledingham as to tests made with the brakes.

Corporal Robert Matthews gave the following evidence: "On April 17th, 1927, at about 7:45 p.m., I received a telephone message from Cumberland from Tadao Doi. He informed me that he had had a car accident, in which he had knocked a girl down. He had taken her to the Hospital and asked me to come to Cumberland right away. I went to the Cumberland Hospital at 8 p.m., found Doi there and took him in charge after learning deceased had died. I inspected car no. 13-788 which caused the accident. It was standing at this time in front of the hospital, and I had it placed by Doi in the garage at the Cumberland lock-up. Then I left for the scene of the accident, accompanied by Doi and George Logan. I took notes and next morning took measurements with Constable Johnston. Then I went with Ledingham and Constable Johnston on a test of the car. On the morning of the 19th a further test was made by John Cameron, garageman. This test was made over the same ground as the accident occurred, and Mr. Cameron, Coroner Conway and myself were in the car."

Doi Gives Evidence

Tadao Doi was called to the stand by Mr. Harrison and gave the following evidence, after being warned by the coroner that anything he would say might later be used against him: "I was seventeen years old on March 22nd, and reside at Royston mill. I am the man involved in an accident on Sunday, April 17th, which resulted in the death of Esther Logan. On Sunday 17th, I was driving a car towards Royston at about 7 p.m., and was going down Boulder Hill in the direction of Royston. When I was half way down the hill, I threw out the clutch and was going about 30 miles per hour. I was on the right hand side when I was coming down the hill, and I saw a boy named Robert Dunsire crossing the road at quite a distance in front of my car. I did not see the deceased girl because of a jack pine and some mail boxes. Immediately after, the deceased followed Robert Dunsire across the road. She was about 75 feet in front of the car when I first saw her, and she was crossing from right to left. She went in the middle of the road and then she stopped there, hesitating to go left or right. She tried to go right, so I swung to the left, but she too ran to the left and then the car struck her That is why the car struck her, because she went first to right, then to left." In answer to questions by Cpl. Matthews, Doi said: "I put both brakes on when I saw the girl. There were 2 women, 2 men, 2 babies and 3 children in the car with me, and one woman and one baby were in the front seat with me." Doi claimed he had let the clutch in again when he hit the girl, and he had both brakes on, and that the service brake had braking power. After hitting the girl, Doi says he stopped before getting to Logan's house. After stopping, he went on to Pridge's and turned because it was the best place to turn. He had called the police and they took him in charge, along with the car, which, had been used only to bring the girl to the hospital.

Open Verdict Returned

Mr. Harrison informed the coroner that he would call no more witnesses. In answer to a question from Wm. Merrifield, one of the jurors, Cpl. Matthews stated that Doi had a driver's license which had been secured on a special permit granted in 1925. Coroner John Conway addressed the jury for several minutes, and then cleared the court room. The jury returned in half an hour with the following verdict:

"We, your jury empanelled to enquire into the cause of the death of Esther Wright Logan, who met her death as the result of an accident at the foot of the hill known as Boulder Hill on the Royston road about the hour of 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 17th, find that the deceased Esther Wright Logan met her death as the result of being struck by an Overland coach, license no. 13-788, driven by Tadao Doi. The condition of the brakes was such that the car was in no condition to warrant same being driven."

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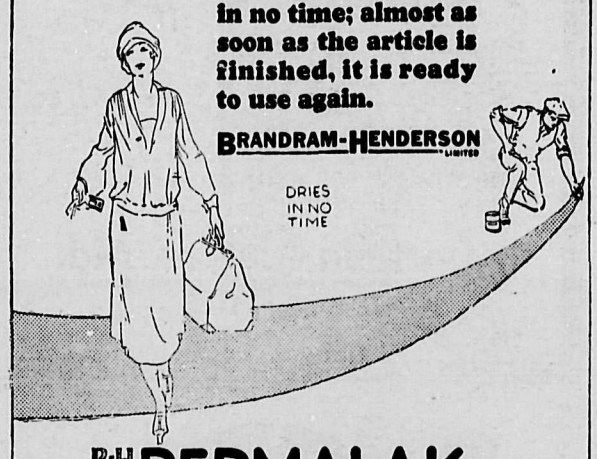

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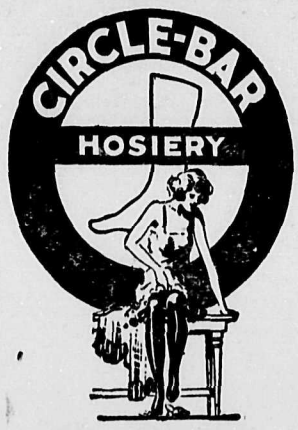

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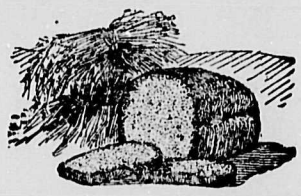

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The Misses Lottie and Amy Dallos and Miss Dorothy Gordon spent the Easter week-end in Vancouver, returning to Cumberland last Monday evening.

Mr. Cyril Michel, formerly of Cumberland, arrived on Monday night on a short visit to his sister, Mrs. R. P. Christie.

Mr. Alfred Maxwell was a holiday visitor to Nanaimo.

Mr. Harry Norris spent Easter in Victoria, returning to Cumberland on Monday evening.

Miss Mary Conn spent the holiday week-end visiting friends in Nanaimo and district.

Out of town visitors present at the Davison - Hudson wedding included Mrs. Ray Case and daughter, of Nanaimo; Mrs. Cunliffe, Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Lockner, Cassidy; Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Bowser.

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Mrs. J. Hassell returned to Vancouver last Saturday.

Mrs. T. Shields and son Denis, left for Nanaimo last Saturday to spend the Easter vacation.

Mrs. E. R. Hicks left last Monday to spend a week's vacation in Vancouver.

Miss Dorothy Maxwell and Mr. Alfred Maxwell left this morning for Vancouver.

Lieut.-Governor Randolph Bruce and Miss McKenzie, accompanied by General and Mrs. Money, of Qualicum, were in the district on Tuesday. The party visited the hospital at Comox and lunched at the Elk Hotel. They also visited the Merville area while here.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. David Logan and family desire to thank all those friends who so kindly loaned cars, also for floral tributes. Thanks are also extended to the Japanese Association and Japanese students for the great kindness shown during our sa bereavement. Heartfelt thanks are also extended to the pupils of the Cumberland Public School for their sympathy and ready help extended to us in our hour of trouble.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Logan and family take this opportunity of thanking Dr. MacNaughton and Nurse Landry for their very kind attention and solicitude to their daughter, Esther, who passed away at the Cumberland Hospital after being badly injured in a recent car accident.

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