

# Coroner's Jury Decides Four Deaths Accidental

A coroner's jury empanelled by acting coroner Howard Clark to inquire into the death of Howland Gavin, Walter Gavin, Daniel Harper and Edmund Arsenault at St. Felix October 10th heard evidence of seven persons at the Tignish parish hall last night and returned identical verdicts that the accident victims came to their deaths October 10th, 1954, at St. Felix bridge by drowning by means of a car accidentally crashing into the bridge and upsetting into the water. The jury also brought in the following recommendation, "we the jury feel that the said bridge should be extended to the full extent of the main road."

The first witness, Milton F. Keough of Tignish, told of seeing Dan Harper and Edmund Arsenault about five o'clock Sunday afternoon. He said Harper was with his wife and children and seemed to be in good physical condition. He did not see the Gavin brothers.

Reginald Harper, Tignish, the second witness called said he met Harper at Howland Gavin's and that Walter and Howland Gavin accompanied him in his truck to Tignish where they stopped at Steve McInnis' home. Edmund Arsenault got in the back of the truck and they all proceeded to Harper's restaurant at Tignish. Witness left his passengers at the restaurant talking to Dan Harper.

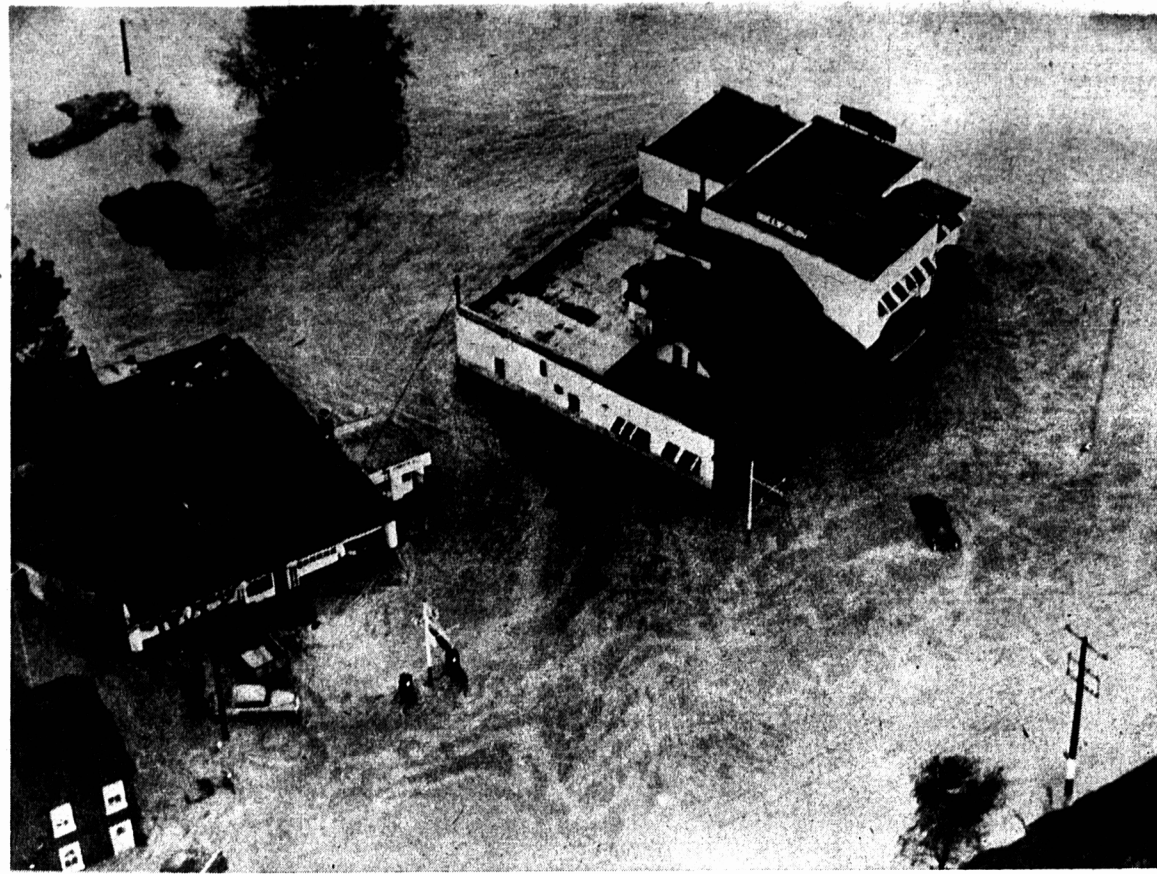
The next witness, Clarence Gillis, St. Felix, said he lived about a quarter of a mile from St. Felix bridge. He saw a car coming down the road on the night of the accident and wondered why it did not come up the hill. His wife came in and said she heard a crash from the direction of the bridge. He jumped in his truck and drove to the bridge where he saw a car in the water with the wheels in the air. He tried to get

the car doors open but failed to do so. Returned to his home where he called the R.C.M.P. at Alberton and asked the operator to notify a doctor and priest. Estimated it had taken him six or seven minutes to reach the scene of the accident after the crash, and that the car appeared to be in good control and possibly travelling 45 or 50 miles per hour.

Alfred Perry, St. Felix, said he lived about 25 chains from the bridge and that he saw the car going down the road and heard a report that sounded like a blow-out and then heard a crash. Looked toward the bridge and saw the car going over. When he reached the scene Clarence Gillis was there trying to open the car doors. Witness returned to his home and got his tractor and cable.

Dr. S. Dubucane of Tignish said he examined the bodies of the victims at the accident scene. Found no external injuries but water was coming from the lungs and stomach. Death due to drowning. In reply to a question said there was no possible chance of reviving the car was turned sufficiently to remove the bodies of the deceased which were pronounced dead by Doctor Dubucane. Constable MacDonald said the right front tire was flat and the tube badly torn and shredded, believed to be from a blowout. And also believed that the vehicle travelled a short distance on the road after the blowout. Measurements showed the road width leading to the bridge to be 22 feet 6 inches diminishing to 17 feet at entrance

# Flood Causes Havoc In Toronto Suburb



of bridge. The west curb of the bridge was found to be damaged and scarred for 21 feet 9 inches. The depth of water at an estimated identical tide to the time of the accident was 6 feet, 2 inches.

Members of the jury were: Emmett Ahearn (foreman) Tignish; Joseph M. Arsenault, Alberton; Camille Chaisson, Alma; Frank Peters, St. Roch; William Gaudet, Tignish; and Walter Christopher, Tignish.

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## AID FOURS

will help to repair flood damage in the Toronto district. No amount was mentioned in his message to Mr. Gardiner. Ottawa granted \$12,500,000 for rehabilitation after the 1950 flood in Winnipeg and about \$2,500,000 after two disastrous fires in Quebec towns.

A national appeal for funds to aid Ontario victims of the hurricane was issued by Premier Frost of Ontario and Mr. Gardiner. The Atkinson Charitable Foundation announced it will subscribe \$250,000. Algoma Steel Corporation and Canada Steamship Lines together will give \$50,000. Hamilton city council voted \$20,000. Toronto city council will be asked to vote \$50,000 next week.

James Cardinal McGuigan, archbishop of Toronto, said the Pope has given \$10,000 to the fund.

"His Holiness sends his deepest sympathy to the bereaved and suffering families afflicted by this tragic disaster," the cardinal said.

Premier Campbell of Manitoba termed the Toronto floods a worse tragedy than the 1950 Red River flood which took only two lives although it flooded 700 square miles of southern Manitoba and almost brought compulsory evacuation of Winnipeg. He said the possibility of a provincial grant may be considered by his cabinet.

Red Cross, Salvation Army and other relief organizations set up emergency hostels and food and clothing centres.

Highway workers threw bailey bridges across gaps in Toronto-area roads. Special commuter trains carried thousands across the Humber to their jobs. A detachment of army engineers was ordered to the city from Chilliwack, B. C. to help with bridge repairs. More than 100 army personnel already are assigned to flood work.

H. W. Manning, former chairman of the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, was coming in advisory capacity to Ontario flood organization.

## Huge Potato

A Sebago potato weighing 3 pounds 1 ounce and 18 1/2 inches in circumference was brought to the Guardian Office in Summerside during the week-end. This unusually large potato was grown on the farm of Claude Barrett in Springfield.

# The Western Guardian

**—DR. ZIELINSKI** will be in Kinkora office every Tuesday and Friday, 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.

**—SERVICE** in Wilmet Valley hall tonight, 8 o'clock. Rev. Earl Smith, pastor.

**—CLOTHING** repaired and altered (evenings) W. R. Cameron, 29 Noonan Street, Summerside.

**—KENSINGTON** Board of Trade meeting, St. Mark's Hall at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 20th.

**—ENGAGEMENT**—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carr, Stanley Bridge, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lucy Louise, to John Brendan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reid, marriage to take place November-13th in St. Ann's Roma Catholic Church, Hope River.

**—SURPRISED ON ANNIVERSARY**—The family of Mr. and Mrs. James Hickey, surprised them at their home on Darnley with a party on October 3, in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary. Nineteen children and grandchildren arrived to tender best wishes and congratulations, and brought a host of good things to eat, including a decorated bride's cake. A son, Elmer, presented Mr. and Mrs. Hickey with a trillium lamp on behalf of the family.

**—POST-NUPTIAL FUNCTION**—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Mann, Irishtown Road, Kensington, was the scene of a happy event on October 7, when friends and neighbors gathered to honor the former's son, Wendell and his bride, the former Carolyn MacKay of Murray River. Beautiful autumn flowers and blue and white streamers centered with a wedding bell decorated the parlor. Nuptial music was played by Mrs. Roy Bryant while Mr. and Mrs. Eric Holmes escorted the bride and groom, who were presented with many useful and lovely gifts, into the room. The baskets were carried in by Misses Isabel Mann and Betty Palmer and the parcels opened by Misses Helen Mullaly and Mildred Mann. The names and good wishes were read by Miss Patricia MacDonald, the gifts were presented by Miss Mary Bowness and arranged by Miss Shirley Mann. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her daughter, Mildred and Shirley, and Mrs. Harold Palmer and Mrs. Roy Tuplin.

**—CURING AND SMOKING**, Hansens Market, Summerside.

**—COLONEL JOHNSTONE'S** Lectures and Slides of Old World Tour, St. Mark's Hall, Kensington, Tuesday, October 19th, 8 p.m. Admission 25c and 35c.

**—ENGAGEMENT**—The engagement is announced by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mulligan of Newton of their daughter, Annie Therese to Francis Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCarville of Emerald, marriage to take place in November.

**—FIREMEN CALLED**—Summerside firemen responded to a call last evening about nine o'clock when smoke was noticed issuing from the windows of the upper story of the Macdonald Building. On arrival it was found that all stove in one of the rooms had in some manner overflowed and caused smoke and fumes which for a time looked somewhat serious. A quick response by the firemen was made and the stove regulated and no damage was done except smoke damage.

**—GUEST SPEAKER AT LONG RIVER**—Rev. Dr. E. J. O. Fraser, D.D., L. L. D., returned missionary from Korea and former minister of the Margate Charge was the guest speaker at Long River United Church Thanksgiving Service on October 10. Rev. S. H. Haslam, B. D., conducted the service. Scripture reading was from Acts 9:36 - 42 and Philippians 4: 1-3. Special music was by the Kensington United Church Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laird, Mrs. Preston Kenney and Mr. Roscoe Walker, with the selections, "Softly Now the Shadow Falls" and an Anthem arrangement of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," also a solo "The Stranger of Galilee" by Mr. Roscoe Walker.

**—Miss Anna Paynter**, Mill Valley, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hickey, Darnley.

**—Miss Mildred Mann**, Irishtown Road, Kensington, is among those entering this year's class in Nurse's Training in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

**—Miss Lottie Sims**, Kensington.

Hurricane Hazel left a trail of dead, missing and heavy damage when it hit the Toronto area. This hotel and service station in Mount Dennis, a western suburb of Toronto, were partly submerged by flood waters of the Humber river. Motorists had to abandon their cars as the waters drowned their motors. (CP Photo).

## Premier Forecasts

the 5th district. Hon. B. Earle MacDonald for his success in getting so many of the streets of the suburban areas hard surfaced. He also pointed out that \$250,000 has been made available to the City of Charlottetown for street improvement and for assistance in paying for the new High School. "The City Council has not as yet asked for this money," said the Premier, "but it is there if they want it."

The Premier stated that he did not know when the next provincial election would take place and added smiling, "I wouldn't tell you now if I did."

The whole executive for the coming year was re-elected. This included Mr. Alex MacIsaac, president; Mr. Don Martin, secretary; Messrs. Benjamin Rogers and Simon Paoli to the Provincial Executive and Messrs. Pictou MacCormac, John Mustard and Allison MacDonald to the County Executive.

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald the representative for the district recalled that he had made certain promises to his constituents at the time of his election and added, "I am not satisfied yet with what I have got, but give me time and I'll get them before I come before you again." Mr. MacDonald was referring specifically to road work done in the outskirts of the city. "But," he said, "I can do the same thing inside the city if the Council wants it." He described himself as a liaison between the City and the Government and added "if they come to me I will see that they get the same treatment as those outside the city."

Mr. MacDonald announced that he would nominate at the next Liberal convention.

Other speakers heard briefly were the president of the Association Mr. Alex MacIsaac, Cecil Miller, Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Hon. C. C. Baker, Hon. Eugene Cullen.

The meeting was largely attended and included in its audience several members of the Women's Liberal Association who through their President Mrs. W. J. Rodd brought greetings to the 5th District organization.

Resolutions re-affirming the loyalty of the Association to Her Majesty the Queen and confi-

## Revised List of Dead, Missing in Ont. Storm

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Following is the Canadian Press list of dead and missing in last Friday night's wind and rain storm in central Ontario:

- DROWNED (Toronto area)**  
BABIDGE, Claude, Etobicoke.  
BRASZ, Albert, 48, Weston.  
BROUGH, Miss Helen, 80, Etobicoke.  
BOYD, James, 84, Etobicoke.  
CLARKE, John T., 25, Toronto, at Woodbridge.  
COLLINS, deputy fire chief Clarence, Etobicoke.  
CRUMBLE, Edward, 35, Long Branch.  
CRUMBLE, Janet, 13 or 14, Long Branch.  
CRUMBLE, Mrs. Mary, 35, Long Branch.  
CURTIS, Mrs. Annie, 76, Weston.  
DEADDER, Clyde, 19, Thistle-town PO.  
DEADDER, Murray Stanley, 23, Thistle-town PO.  
DRYSDALE, Jerry, 23, Toronto, at Woodbridge.  
EDWARDS, Caroline, 4, Etobicoke.  
EDWARDS, Frank, 3, Etobicoke.  
EDWARDS, John, 3 months, Etobicoke.  
EDWARDS, Kenneth, 27, Etobicoke.  
EDWARDS, Mrs. Kenneth, 27, Etobicoke.  
GAMBLE, Walter, 28 or 30, Shelburne, Ont., at Woodbridge.  
GILLAN, George, 38, Etobicoke.  
GILLAN, Helen, his wife, Etobicoke.  
GIRODAT, Paul, 30, Etobicoke.  
GIRODAT, Mrs. Paul, Etobicoke.  
HALL, Kenneth, 53, Etobicoke.  
JEFFRIES, Edward Albert, 69, Etobicoke.  
JEFFRIES, Mrs. Elizabeth, his wife, Etobicoke.  
JEFFRIES, Mrs. Thomas, his mother, Etobicoke.  
LANNING, Bruce, 10, Oshawa.
- ence in the Federal and Provincial leaders as well as to the Federal and Provincial members were unanimously passed. A motion asking for expressions of sympathy to the families of the late Senator Jones and the late Mrs. D. J. Riley was adopted. The meeting closed with "The Queen."

two days had passed since the names first were published and broadcast by radio stations here.

# Flood Causes "Economic Disaster" In Rich Holland Marsh District

BRADFORD, Ont. (CP)—Reg senior marsh inspector here, said Monday if the water covering flooded Holland marsh is not off within 10 days, the \$3,000,000 crop will be a total loss.

The flash storm and flood caused more than \$7,000,000 property damage in the marsh. About 850,000 bags of onions—one-third of Canada's total crop—were destroyed along with 500,000 bushels of carrots and 200,000 bags of potatoes.

Mr. Whitty said the flood caused a "major economic disaster" in the area.

"What makes it even worse is that no one carried insurance on his crops."

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The flood, he said, will likely mean increases in the price of onions, carrots and potatoes.

The marsh's 1,000 residents, mostly immigrants from The Netherlands, were evacuated from the area, just south of here and 35 miles north of Toronto, after water backed up from Lake Simcoe during Friday's storm.

There have been no reports of injuries or deaths, although several families floated away on their houses before they were rescued.

The 3-square-mile area of rich black soil, reclaimed from a lake bed 18 years ago by immigrants, was covered with dirty water from four to 20 feet deep.

The marsh produces onions, cab-

ages, potatoes and celery. Nearly all the vegetables stored in sheds were carried away by flood or left covered with water.

Dikes the settlers built 15 years ago were shattered.

## Disaster Shocks Dutch Press

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—The disaster wrought in Canada by hurricane Hazel has shocked the Dutch press, which Monday expressed concern over the destruction at Holland marsh where many Dutch emigrants have settled.

The Netherlands Red Cross, in a message of sympathy to the Canadian Red Cross, has offered its assistance.

## No Mass Funeral For Storm Victims

TORONTO (CP)—Victims of hurricane Hazel will be buried privately, a Toronto undertaker said Monday.

There will be no mass funeral service although there may be cases where several victims will be buried together if more than one death occurred in a family, he said.

"It would be practically impossible to have a mass funeral service. It may be weeks before some of the victims are found."

## Southampton

- SUMMERS, George, 75, Deseronto, in auto crash near Deseronto. (Total 6 names)
- Missing presumed drowned  
HARRISON, Roger, Toronto, at Woodbridge.  
JOHNSTON, Mrs. Robert, 47, Long Branch.  
LEE, Richard, Toronto, on Lake Simcoe.  
SAULT, Mrs. Vera, Etobicoke.  
SAUER, Mrs. Mary, Etobicoke.  
THOMPSON, Robert, Toronto, on Lake Simcoe. (Total 6 names)
- MISSING**  
ARGET, Nick, Etobicoke.  
ARGET, Linda, Etobicoke.  
OLIVER, Mrs. Christian name unknown, Etobicoke.  
OLIVER, child, christian name unknown, Etobicoke.  
OLIVER, second child, christian name unknown, Etobicoke.  
PYET, Mary, Etobicoke.  
PYET, Dorothy, Etobicoke.  
PYET, Norman, Etobicoke.  
PYET, Paul, Etobicoke. (Total 9 names)

## Toronto Stocks

Stock	8	9	10
300 Partanen	110	665	700
1200 Pearce River	7	8	8
2000 Terabouch	375	165	370
5300 Peruv Oil	30	37 1/2	36
2500 Petro	10	10	10
1875 Pick Crow	250	250	250
400 Pioneer	15	14	14
26200 Pitch Ore	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
300 Placer	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
1000 Ponder	254	252	254
17800 Pontiac	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
3000 Pop Oil	425	400	415
9775 Preston	870	850	860
7690 Proton Ur	110	102	104
430 Queenant	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
8250 Que Cop	103	100	805
7500 Que Lab	104	10	104
1200 Que Man	45	44	44
400 Que Met	825	300	325
54500 Que Nickel	65	58	50 1/2
430 Queman	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
7900 Radiore	105	102	104
36000 Rayrock	110	102	102
12300 Red Giliar	18	14 1/2	18
500 Reef Pets	10	10	10
300 Regcourt	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
1600 Resapur	100	96	98
14840 Rio Athab	134	126	127
4200 Rio Athab	27	25	24 1/2
151000 Roche	110	102	104
2000 Rowan Cons	11	10	10
14200 Roy Silver	6 1/2	5 1/2	6
2077 San Am	140	140	140
3500 Sand River	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
1220 Sapphire	820	815	815
4700 Scurry Frahm	80	87	80
2300 Secur Frahm	80	190	190
100 Sigma	850	880	880
1333 Shawkey	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
1200 Silares	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
7353 Sil Mir	45	44	44
2410 Sisonc	42	41	42
1600 Souris	45	44	44
1100 Spooner	21	20	21
300 Steeles	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
3800 Steep Bank	700	685	685
301500 Sud Crk	43	38	41
12660 Sullivan	425	415	415
1700 Surf Inlet	12	11 1/2	11 1/2
650 Sylvantie	216	213	216
1000 Tandem	16 1/2	16	16 1/2
1620 Teak Higha	240	221	221
4230 Tex Cal	140	135	135
2000 Thon Land	16	16	16
3600 Tombril	85	20	32
500 Tohril	150	146	146
1550 Trans Emp	170	166	170
4500 Trans Emp	37	35	35
1300 Trans Mt	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
1500 Trans Res	35	35	35
3000 Trans Res	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
4015 Trans Oil	110	305	315
10000 Tupper	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
2750 U Ash	380	365	365

## Out Our Way



## By J. R. Williams

"I don't think anything could have been done to avoid this flood," said metro chairman Gardiner.

"But now it must be painfully obvious that it is an invitation to disaster for municipalities to allow people to build homes along river flats."

"Subdividers must not be allowed to develop lands lying next to rivers."

**KILLING TORRENT**  
The Humber, which has its source in the Peel plains 70 miles north of Toronto, rose slowly at first as 7.2 inches of rain fell, then poured in a killing torrent southward toward Lake Ontario. Riverside residents—some failed to heed early warnings to evacuate—could not escape its onslaught.

In its wild rampage it killed about half those left dead in hurricane Hazel's course from the south Atlantic to James bay where it disappeared.

Officials in some stricken areas said they fear an epidemic of typhoid or dysentery might follow the flood, although provincial health authorities discounted the possibility. Residents of the flood area were advised to boil all water. In Woodbridge suburb, 14 miles northwest of the Toronto business district, hundreds received typhoid inoculations.

Monday night, 31 bodies had been identified in the Islington disaster morgue. The total known dead in Toronto suburbs was much higher.

Newspapers and The Canadian Press based their lists of dead also on eyewitness reports of missing contained across although

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