

Oakes Set Afire Before Death, Inquest Told

NASSAU, Bahamas, Aug. 3.—A Miami police officer told today of signs which indicated that 68-year-old Sir Harry Oakes, his clothing afire, attempted to break loose from his attacker the night he was bludgeoned and burned to death.

Capt. E. W. Melchen, one of two officers summoned from Miami, Fla., by the Duke of Windsor to help investigate the slaying, was the first witness today at a preliminary hearing for Sir Harry's son-in-law, Alfred de Marigny, who is charged with the murder of the multi-millionaire gold miner.

"It appeared," Melchen told Magistrate F. E. Field, "that Sir Harry first was set afire while he lay on the floor not far from his bed.

"Apparently he managed to get through the bedroom door into the hall.

"The indications are that he tried to go down the hall to the stairway."

Enough brass is saved through the elimination of shoe eyelets to make 1,000,000 shell casings.

BROTHERS SERVE



O. Tel. G. F. Potter and L. Bdr. J. A. Potter

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Potter, 1004 East Tenth, are serving in the Canadian armed forces.

O. Tel. Potter, at present home on leave enlisted in the Rocky Mountain Rangers in June, 1940, and transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy in June, 1941.

L. Bdr. Potter also enlisted in the Rocky Mountain Rangers in July, 1941, and after several months service with that unit transferred to the survey wing of the Royal Canadian Artillery. He went overseas in the summer of 1941.

Both men are former Sun carriers at Revelstoke.

The steel in a pair of old roller skates would make two U.S. Army helmets.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie Returns From Ottawa

Army 'Reconditioning' Centre for Vancouver

As part of a program of soldier rehabilitation which already outstrips the ultimate objectives announced recently by President Roosevelt for the United States, the Department of Pensions and National Health will locate one of four or five projected "reconditioning centres" in British Columbia, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, pensions minister, announced today on his return to Vancouver from Ottawa.

One of these centres, which he stated, are possibly the most important phase of rehabilitation of the wounded, is already in operation in Eastern Canada, said Mr. Mackenzie.

SEPARATE HOSPITALS

"In them the soldier regains old skills or learns new ones to replace those lost beyond recovery, and on his discharge he is fit confidently to face the problems of existence," he declared.

When the armed services build separate hospitals here instead of adding permanent enlargements to existing civilian structures, the minister revealed, there are valid reasons which must pass the scrutiny of a committee of several departments, which determines that no duplication or waste is involved.

Because of scarcity of materials, permanent structures in most cases are not possible, he stated, and if temporary accommodation is necessary the services find it preferable for purposes of discipline, efficiency and administration, as well as because of the demands of a specialized staff, to have service hospitals completely independent of civilian organizations.

PROBLEMS AHEAD

In the larger view, Mr. Mackenzie said, the past session of the Dominion parliament has been one of the most fruitful in the history of Canada in matters

affecting the ultimate welfare of the people.

With the reports on health insurance and social security as bases for discussion, the foundation has been laid for great advances.

"There are great problems ahead," he said. "The economic and financial aspects must be achieved through co-operation, not compulsion, and it is going to be a hard, hard job—but we are on our way."

While here he plans to look into problems of hygiene and nutrition in war industries, a responsibility of his department.

"We are also encouraging the training of more nurses," he said, "and in the past year have increased our grants for scholarships and training aids from \$100,000 to \$250,000."

Steps are also being taken by the government to reallocate the available supply of doctors where areas are without medical attention.

Mr. Mackenzie said that an investigation will be made into subsistence costs in various parts of Canada so that future pension adjustments may be made on an equitable and just basis.

Competent and experienced research economists will next fall investigate the adequacy of existing pensions and allowances, he added.

Mr. Mackenzie will leave for a visit to northern points after a brief stay in Vancouver.

Gov't to Sell Japs' Personal Property

Furniture and other household goods and personal effects left in Vancouver by Japanese evacuees will be sold, possibly by public auction, "in the reasonably near future" according to the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

"We are proceeding with our policy of orderly liquidation of all Japanese assets and furniture and other effects will be disposed of in due time as we get around to that part of the job.

"It will be in the reasonably near future but certainly not immediately as suggested in the Japanese newspaper, New Canadian," an official said.

The New Canadian, claiming reliable information, said that the auction sale is due to begin "almost immediately" and that it would start with the large quantities of goods stored in halls and institutions such as the Hompa Buddhist Church.

The custodian's office would give no estimate of the quantity or approximate value of the stored goods.

Few Report For New Jobs

Very few registrations have been received yet at Selective Service headquarters under the fifth compulsory employment transfer order which became effective Monday. The deadline for reporting for interviews is next Monday, August 9.

Details of total registrations and dispositions under the four previous orders in the period from May to July 31 are announced as follows:

Of 1164 registered, 292 have either been placed in new employment or referred to prospective employers; in 225 cases the office still awaits medical and other reports as to fitness.

So far 176 have been definitely rejected as medically unfit, 65 proved to be married men earning more in present employment than could be offered in an es-

Parliament's Clock Stops

OTTAWA, Aug. 4—(CP)—Things have been quiet about the Centre Block on Parliament Hill since the members of the Commons and Senate went home—so quiet that even the clock on the Peace Tower stopped. The clock stopped ticking Saturday afternoon and today three mechanics were at work reconditioning it.

Deacon's Death Found Accidental

Don Deacon, former hockey player with Detroit Red Wings, who was fatally injured shortly after midnight Saturday in a fall from the balcony of an apartment suite, died accidentally, J. Edward Eade, acting coroner, decided following an inquiry here on Tuesday. He ruled that no inquest is necessary.



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Japs at Munda Resist Strongly

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was reported today to have s fened as American advan reached the final defenses of t New Georgia base.

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