Toronto murderess couldn't stop talking

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When the wreckers cut a swath for the Gardiner Expressway through Toronto's Parkdale district the night winds raced unhindered through the empty rooms of a house at the foot of Jamieson Ave.

Small boys clambered through the walls came tumbling down. The police know Clara . .

night of October 6, 1894. When the bulldozers had gob- a pistol in her pocket. bled the remains of the place there was nothing left to remind compulsion she had to be heard. anyone that it was here that Neither did the lawyer she Canada's most talkative murder-

ess got her start. She talked her way into court when she left town — to the distinct relief of her lawyer she was gabbling at such a clip one customer. that people were buying tickets

lawyer could shut her up. not long after Frank Westwood, B. B. Osler (crown prosecutor) ents' front door at 10:15 on that wasn't having any of that. October night.

time to fade on his grave before windy thought.

The chances were a thousand to one she would never have been caught if she had been able to

keep her mouth shut. But, then, she wouldn't have wanted it that way because she tors craved the limelight.

To hear historian Albert Has-Other Trials): "Searing winter's first faint frost had laid its blighting beauty on the quivering boughs of the trees, shaking their auburn tresses to the ground. Presently a figure appeared on Jamieson Avenue.' Skúlking, presumably:

When young Westwood opened the door he was shot. But he, too, was something of a talker. He lived four days, and he made her such a confusion of statements that the police never did determine where fiction ended and truth began.

Once, he said he had seen nothing but the moustached figshadows by the door. In the end, he hinted that he knew who had done him in. "But mum's the

The police were up a creek, looking for a killer sans name and sans description, when in

Persistent type

DETROIT (A) - "I'm going to SCORNED POLICE through the police station's front ly. She shoveled scorn on the cific. window.

charge since June 18.

its gaping windows and thrilled Ford flew into the case born to the creak of its doors before upon the wings of a stool pigeon. If they had known the story Clara who was given to walking of this house they might have abroad when her day's work was thought the wind was whispering done with a man's suit draping of something nasty done on the her jaunty figure and a Christy Stiff hat cocked on her head and

But they didn't know what a Neither did the lawyer she hired. He was Ebenezer Forsyth Blackie Johnston, a slow, delib-She talked her way into court and she talked her way out. And death in 1919 was to defend in 20 murder trials and lose only

He didn't lose Clara. But, to hear her. Neither law nor then, once she fastened on an ear nobody could.

The trial was one of many in Her tongue started wagging which Johnston fought against 18, son of a wealthy sporting usually to the point where their goods manufacturer. heard adroitness at law overshadowed someone knocking at his par- the prisoner in the dock. Clara

Johnston didn't know Clara The flowers had hardly had very well when the trial began.' But he did one thing with her her tongue began waving like a that he had never done with a banner at the passage of every defendant before and would' never do again.

He interviewed her. Before her, he had refused to talk to clients, leaving the interviews to solicitors. After Clara, hel promptly went back to solici-

When the trial opened, Johns- in the rain. ton, who was given to great inon the day she confessed.

officers who had listened Clara's vast outporings.

Between gales of words they gathered she was saying she had shot Westwood because he had once made improper advances to

JUST A WARM-UP

Clara's 7½ hour confession was and then insisted on giving evi- yesterday. ure of a man standing in the dence. After that, the lawyers | could hardly get a word in.

Eleanor Duse in the shade.

for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, She outtalked everybody.

police with both hands. Migdusewski, who had just When she climbed down the been released from the Detroit seamstress was dead and an act- World demand for rice is ex- the best in the world. House of Correction, was held on ress was born. The jurymen were pected to reach 104,000,000 tons his third malicious destruction in tears. It took them less than by 1965, compared with 86,000,-



Jurisdiction line tine among movie unions

By BOB THOMAS

(Second of three articles)

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — "Turn on the wind maing season, interrupted only by chine," said the director as the actors stood shivering a

But who was to turn them on a local of a different electricsard tell it (in Not Guilty and dignation, called the police "vul- There was a brief meeting as lans' union. tures in human form" for grill- the jurisdiction was decided. If Or, if the fan is gasolineing the poor girl from 4 to 11:30 the fans were electric and un-driven, it is handled by the der 18 inches in width, they members of the prop men's local. Before the trial was over, he would be operated by members. This shows how fine the lines must have sympathized with the of one electricians' local, if more of jurisdiction have been drawn

just a warm-up. She held her 93,500 pounds of halibut landed their realm of influence.

She couldn't wait to put the 000 pounds of medium at 33.4 finely drawn." bible down before launching into cents, a pound, 14,000 pounds of A labor executive said: word," he muttered. And then he an eye - rolling, arm - waving large at 36.7 cents a pound and peroration that would have put 500 pounds of chix at 21 cents per cent of duties were not so a pound, sold to Booth; Aleutian rigidly enforced—that is, if an season, with strike votes pend-The Crown tried to interrupt with 15,000 pounds including 12,-|electrician would help move a ing. her. Mr. Osler said she had pes- 000 pounds of medium at 32.7 set, etc. As it is, we have sets another part of town a 33-year- tered Westwood for his favors. cents a pound, 3,000 pounds of full of workers, some of whem old seamstress named Clara Clara said it was the other way large at 36.6 cents a pound and actually work only a small p raround. She was cross-examined |500> pounds of chix at 20 cents centage of the day.

a pound, sold to Northern. cluding 36,000 pounds of med-on a faucet once." do it again," Tony Miodusewski, She nattered all day. She ium at 33.6 cents a pound, 12,000 Labor men argue that their 40, told police in suburban High-| thundered and whispered, Has-| pounds of large at 36.8 cents a | members are craftsmen who

VITAL FOOD

| 000 in 1958.

firm in B.C.'s fishing industry was \$1,066,569 or \$1.82 per share, the best level since the 1959 peak

than 18 inches, by members of among unions of the movie inaustry. Virtually everyone but the bosses are unionized in the studio, and even the bosses have for the year ending March 31, a Screen Producers Guild.

Each studio deals with about 45 unions. Actual shooting is \$52,000.000 up eight per cent over done by members of 20 unions. the previous year. Three vessels with a total of Most are strong and jealous of

outlook is clouded by several tongue for 33 Crown witnesses at the port of Prince Rupert Says one studio labor relations factors. The factors are: man: "I don't think there is any Selling on the exchange: Gony other industry in which the lines tion on export salmon markets: with 28,000 pounds including 13,- of demarcation for duties are so below-average salmon run, de-

spite a cycle year; "Stage crews could be cut 25 playee contracts for the current

"It's ridiculous to hire a dian Telephone Company an-Kaare with 50,000 pounds in plumber for all day just to turn

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ions, and nobody wants to. I 50.01 per cent. can remember the years before we had unions. We used to work | without extra bay . . .

Vancouver watch an egg for some sign of life. Six penguins at the zoo are fussing over eggs which normally take 55 days to hatch and are usually incubated at near-freezing temperatures.

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earnings up

VANCOUVER (P) — A full fish-

four - week herring strike,

British Columbia Packers

ulped improve 1961-62 earnings

Net income for the leading

Operations produced \$961,965 |

of these earnings, with the bal-

ance from sale of fixed assets,

said the company's annual report

1962, released Monday. Gross

sales and other revenue totalled

The report said the current

Increasing Japanese competi-

Predictions of a 24 per cent

Unsettled fish prices and em-

MONTREAL (P) - Anglo-Cana-

nounced today it has exchanged

Shares exchanged

of \$1,875,917.

Jeweller committed for trial

PRINCE GEORGE (1) - Formal man, David Sinclair Stevenson. committal to trial of a 69-year- 21, was wounded in the affray. old Prince George jeweller on a A third man involved was unnon-capital murder charge was injured. The two survivors have postponed to September at the been charged with attempted conclusion of a two-day prelim- breaking and entering of the inary hearing Tuesday.

Russack is charged with the theft of an automobile in the infatal shooting May 10 of 25-year- cident. old Gilles Jim Michaud behind Russack's downtown Prince George jewellery store. Another

jewellery store and attempted

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