

her employment. The Commission decided to open an investigation, and appointed City Solicitor Henderson to act for them. The charges were chiefly against the discipline imposed by the sergeants.

## AGED ASTRONOMY STUDENT DIES

### Andrew Elvins Long Inter- ested in Scientific Socie- ties in Canada

Mr. Andrew Elvins, a warm friend of the founders of the first Canadian Astronomical Society, died yesterday morning at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. W. A. Clarke, 33 Dorset road, at the advanced age of 95.

The late Mr. Elvins was born in Cornwall, England, May 4, 1823, and was first attracted to scientific pursuits by the beauty of the native minerals. Coming to Cobourg, Ont., in 1844, he continued to collect minerals, and before moving to Toronto to engage in business with the "Mammoth" House, he sold his collection for a substantial amount.

He was interested in astronomy from the age of fourteen, and when he came to Toronto he again resumed the study, becoming associated with a number of local astronomers and scientists. While always remaining in the background and refusing to assume the office of President, he really directed the interests of the society for a number of years. During the years 1890 and 1891 he conducted a correspondence with some of the leading astronomers and predicted a number of discoveries, including, it is said, a fifth satellite to Jupiter. In 1893 his services were recognized by being tendered a life membership in the Astronomical and Physical Society of Toronto.

## DR. R. W. FAULDS OF ELMIRA IS DEAD

### WIDELY KNOWN PRACTITIONER A VICTIM OF SPANISH INFLUENZA.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Elmira, Oct. 28.—The death occurred early this afternoon after a brief illness from Spanish influenza of Dr. R. W. Faulds, a widely known and successful practitioner here. He fell a victim to the epidemic but a few days ago, having devoted his best energies to attending patients. He settled here nine years ago. He was a graduate in Medicine of the University of Toronto, and prior to coming to Elmira was house surgeon at the Erie County Hospital, Buffalo. He was born at Harrietsville, Ont., thirty-six years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Faulds. He was Medical Officer of Health of Elmira, a member of the Masonic and the Oddfellows' fraternities. He is survived by his parents, one brother, Oliver Faulds of Edmonton, one sister, Mrs. J. M. Elson, St. Catharines; his wife and two little girls.

At the time Dr. Faulds was taken ill he was attending one hundred and sixty cases of the influenza and was physically worn out from the strain.

## MRS. SHIRRA'S DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES

### RESULT OF INQUEST REQUEST- ED BY DAUGHTERS, WHO SUS- PECTED POISONING.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Cayuga, Oct. 28.—The death of Jane Shirra of Caledonia, whose body was recently exhumed after being in the grave for three years, was due to natural causes, according to the finding to-night by a jury empaneled by Coroner E. T. Snider. The report of Prof. S. J. Rogers of Toronto showed that no trace of poison was found in either the stomach or liver of the deceased woman. The inquest resulted from the request of a daughter of Mrs. Shirra, Mrs. Elizabeth King, a homeopathic physician of Buffalo, at present in Toronto. She expressed the belief that her mother had been poisoned, and in her story to the Coroner claimed that symptoms of poisoning were apparent in illnesses her mother suffered at various times when she was visiting at home. The deceased woman was eighty-four years of age and had lived in Caledonia for many years. Dr. T. A. Gourley, who made the post-mortem, and John Walsh, one of the jurymen, have died since the inquest was started, the former from pneumonia.

## SERGEANTS ARE ACCUSED.

### Brantford Ex-constables Allege Un- satisfactory Discipline.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Brantford, Oct. 28.—Charges against sergeants of the Brantford police force were laid here to-day by four ex-constables, when the Commission asked to hear what complaints could be made in view of the number of men leaving the force for