

The Halifax Times

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE OF RICH YOUNG FRENCHMAN

"Sheer Boredom" Made Ferdinand Ravenez, Aged 20, Want to Die
He Entertained Supper Party at Monte Carlo Cafe and Committed Suicide as a "Pleasant Surprise" for Them—Had a Record as a Duellist and a Fondness for Vivid Clothes

Paris, March 13.—Ferdinand Ravenez, a wealthy young Parisian, committed suicide at Monte Carlo last night under remarkable sensational circumstances. The young man gave a supper to a number of friends at the pleasure was far and furious. Several times during the evening Ravenez cried: "This is nothing but a big surprise it is awaiting you at the end."

SHARP PASSAGES MARKED THE DOWNIE CASE TODAY

Features of this morning's session of the Downie trial were the sharp cross-examination of Chief of Police Officer J. M. Price, the admission of an alleged confession by Judge McLeod, after a lengthy controversy between Mr. Price and the attorney general, and the development of a conference between the chief and the jury at 11 o'clock.

The first witness was Walter Peters and the second, Lewis Simms, president of the company. Under cross-examination, Mr. Simms said he was reluctant to press the charge against Downie as the money was recovered, which evoked a sarcastic interjection from Mr. Price.

Mr. Price was rebuked by his honor on several occasions. He gave directions to his chief of police, called, said he thought Downie could arise. Mr. Price said the chief was a very capable man, and the chief returned sharply and was told by His Honor not to engage in a controversy with the counsel for the defense who objected to the chief stating that Downie was in condition to arise to his feet.

EDWARD SEARS APPOINTED

Edward Sears has received official notification of his appointment as post master of St. John. His duties commence the first of April.

DUFF-MILLER PRESCRIBES A VIGOROUS IMMIGRATION CAMPAIGN FOR PROVINCE

New Brunswick Agent-General Says Tide of Immigration Could Easily be Turned This Way

What is Needed in England is an Up-to-Date Official Who Could Devote His Whole Time to Immigration Question—Make Our Resources Properly Known and Our Vacant Farms Will Soon Be Peopled with Desirable Settlers

There are plenty of the right sort of people on the other side who want to come to New Brunswick, if they only knew of the advantages of the east properly advertised and this cannot be done without money, said Hon. Charles A. Duff-Miller, agent-general in London, who arrived in the Halifax, having landed city today from Halifax, having landed city today from Halifax, having landed city today from Halifax.

One Step in the Right Direction
I understand the government has appointed an immigration agent, Mr. A. B. Wilton, and I think that is a step in the right direction. It is a good idea to find out where there are good farms for sale and where laboring men can be placed.

British Columbia Is Spending \$20,000 A Year
Mr. Miller contrasted what British Columbia was doing, with New Brunswick, the Pacific province spends \$20,000 a year on immigration and in addition they pay their agent-general a salary of \$10,000.

TODAY IN THE POLICE COURT

This Morning's Docket Was Rather Large But Was Quickly Disposed of
Weeley Goodwin, a Newfoundlandian was charged with drunkenness, proflandity and resistance on Mill street. He said he did not remember resisting or using profane language and Patricia Finley was sworn. He stated that he saw Goodwin on Mill street at 6 o'clock last evening and suggested that he go to his board house as he was in danger of being run over by passing vehicles. Goodwin replied "What are you butting in for?"

RICHARD CARLSON, A NORWEGIAN SAILOR, KILLED ON BOARD SHIP AT YARMOUTH, N. S.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 13.—(Special)—A sad accident occurred here last evening on the Norwegian bark Valborg, when a sailor, Richard Carlson, while passing along the dock, tripped over a board and fell into the hold, a distance of 18 feet, striking on his head. Medical aid was at once summoned and the unfortunate man was operated upon, but died at 10 o'clock today. He belonged to Mandal, Norway, was 29 years of age and leaves a wife and child residing there.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

There was a very pleasant gathering yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) J. Draper, Mecklenburg street, when Mrs. Robert Wilson, mother of Mr. Draper, entertained about thirty of her friends at 6 o'clock tea in celebration of her 88th birthday. The tables and rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme employed being yellow and white.

SILAS M'CREE ARRIVES

Silas M'Cre, editor of the New York Churchman, one of the most eminent laymen of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and well known the world over as a prominent writer and speaker, who is to be the principal speaker in connection with campaign Sunday here, in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Church of England, arrived on the Boston train. He was met at the station by Rev. G. A. Kilburn, W. S. Faber while here he will deliver three addresses tomorrow, particulars of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

DUFF-MILLER'S TONIC TO HELP IMMIGRATION

New Brunswick needs a good man in England who will give his whole attention to immigration. Judicious advertising in British provincial papers would bring results. A little money spent in advertising our resources would start the immigration tide this way.

NOTABLE MEN WILL BE HERE

Canadian Bible Society To Meet Here Next Week
Delegates Will Be Present From All the Provinces in Canada—Season Will Open on Wednesday and Last Two Days
The 4th annual meeting of the Canadian Bible Society will be held in Centenary Church on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

G. COCHRANE IS THE COLLECTOR

Monton, N. B., March 13.—(Special)—George Cochrane of this city, has been officially notified of his appointment to the position of collector of customs, and L. W. Binney, who has held the position for several years past, has been notified that his superannuation will go into effect April 1st.

A ST. JOHN WOMAN TO BUILD IN DIGBY

Miss Emma Rankine, of St. John, who is at present a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Short, Queen street, intends building a summer cottage on the corner of Queen and Sydney streets, opposite the Digby House. It is reported that Mr. Charles Carty, one of Digby's well-known carpenters and builders, will have charge of the work which will be rushed along at once.

MR. MURDOCH'S REPORT

City Engineer William Murdoch has prepared a voluminous report of his recent trip to Upper Canada and United States. The document covers about twenty pages of closely typewritten matter and deals with the various systems of government, the salaries paid to engineers and their assistants, the methods of street paving, waterworks systems, etc., etc.

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ASSASSINATED BY THE BLACKHAND WHEN HE WENT TO HUNT

Lieut. Petrosina, of Italian Bureau of New York Police, Killed in Palermo

New York, March 13.—Lt. Joseph Petrosina, head of the Italian bureau of the New York police department yesterday was assassinated in Palermo, Sicily, according to a special cable dispatch to the Herald today. The assassin, the dispatch says, was unknown.

Lieutenant Petrosina went to Italy on a special mission to investigate the so-called Blackhand with a view to bringing about a better protection for peace abiding Italians in this country. Petrosina was a Sicilian expert of the New York police department and the report of his death in Italy leads to the belief that at last he had a victim to those whom he had so relentlessly prosecuted.

He went to Italy more than a year ago to work on a plan suggested by Police Commissioner Egan, the object of which was to be the adoption of means to check the tide of undesirable Italians and Sicilians to this country, and particularly to New York city. A native of Italy and a man of great experience on the local police force, Petrosina was the best all-around man to accomplish the mission.

AGITATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

The local branch of the Canadian Civic Service Association have lost no time in preparing their campaign for parties exemption from taxation on income. Petitions are now being circulated by the members of the association and are being largely signed. The petition asks the local legislature to pass a law exempting the first \$500 of income of all citizens from taxation. The aim of the civil servants is to have the law apply to every citizen, and they feel very sanguine of success.

FREDERICK HAS DELEGATION HABIT

Frederick, N. B., March 13.—(Special)—The first meeting of the new city council will be held on Monday evening and promises to be of considerable importance. As the notice states that action is to be taken with reference to the office of principal assessor held by L. W. Johnston, it is presumed that an effort will be made to dismiss that official. The names of Harry C. Mackey, Harry Beckwith and Patrick Farrell are mentioned in connection with the position.

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THE WEATHER
Fair today and on Sunday, with not much change in temperature.

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