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W. H. Harvey of Guelph Kills His Wife and Two Daughters.

THE MURDERER ARRESTED IN TORONTO

Where He Had Come for the Purpose of Shooting His Son as Well.

HOW A MESSAGE BOY FOILED THE FOURTH CRIME.

The Three Victims Found Each with a Bullet in Her Head--The Murderer Arrested for Defalcation in the Morning--Liberated on Bail--The Murderer's History and Occupations--An Old Resident of Toronto--A Clever Arrest by Detective Black of the City Police Force--What The World Reporters Learned About the Murderer's Movements After His Arrival in Town--Safely Stowed Away at Police Headquarters.

A triple murder was committed at the usually quiet city of Guelph some time yesterday afternoon. A man named William H. Harvey murdered his wife and two daughters, and then came on to Toronto with the deliberate intention of adding a fourth victim to his list in the person of his son. Luckily he was intercepted before the fourth crime was committed and the murderer is now a prisoner at Police Headquarters. This tragedy is one of the most revolting in the annals of Canadian crime, and recalls such bloody deeds as the Biddulph butcheries and the Mann murders in Eastern Ontario.

It is said that Harvey, the murderer, is insane. There is considerable mystery about the movements of the murderer between the time of the commission of the crimes and his arrest in Toronto. Considering the brief space at their disposal, however, The World reporters have strung together a well-connected and accurate account of the awful crime.

HARVEY'S TRIPLE CRIME.

The Embezzler Follows This Offence With Bloody Work.

GUELPH, March 26.—A sensation was created in the city this morning when a report spread that W. H. Harvey, bookkeeper for J. W. Lyon, and at one time accountant for E. R. C. Clarkson, Toronto, had been arrested for embezzling $400 from J. W. Lyon, the book publisher. He was bailed out by Dr. Lett. About four o'clock this afternoon the sensation of the morning was magnified in an intense degree by another report that Harvey had shot his wife and two children.

Harvey during the forenoon had purchased a revolver at John M. Bond & Co., but what terrible use he was to make of the weapon was never dreamed of until this afternoon, when one of the most awful tragedies that ever occurred in Canada was revealed. The tragedy was discovered by Chief of Police Randall and Constable Elliott going to the house after an unsuccessful attempt before three o'clock by the latter to effect an entrance. About half-past three the chief and the constable went to Harvey's residence in Woolwich-street.

The Scene of the Tragedy.

It is a long narrow cottage-looking building with two stories in front and a one story addition at the rear. On entering the front door the stairway ascends on one side the narrow hall, and the parlor is on the other side. The hall runs into a well-lighted and spacious sitting room with a bedroom off it behind the parlor. Behind the sitting-room is the dining-room. Back of that again is the kitchen and a clothes-room in the rear corner. Upstairs there is a front bedroom with closets, and a couple of other bedrooms. The chief found the house locked at both doors, but by raising the window at the back made his way inside.

A Dreadful Discovery.

All was as silent as the grave. He passed through the kitchen, dining and sitting rooms, looked into the parlor and then went up stairs where the first object on which his eyes rested as he turned to the front was Mr. Harvey's fair-haired daughter of twelve or thirteen years lying on the floor of the front bedroom with her head in a pool of blood by the closet door. The bloody hole in her head at once told the means by which she had met her death. The chief raised the little one's head from its cramped position and laid it on a pillow.

Turning from this awful sight he went through the upper hall and in the back bedroom found the eldest daughter lying beside the bed, also stone dead.

Horrified, the chief went downstairs and in the clothes room off the kitchen found Mrs. Harvey stretched at full length with a similar awful bullet wound. A further search through the house revealed nothing more, and no trace was found of the author of the dreadful triple murder. The last seen of him was as he was walking towards the Exhibition Grounds shortly after twelve o'clock. Though many are on his track no trace of him has yet been discovered.

The news spread like wildfire and in a few moments after the house was surrounded by an excited crowd. The doors were locked and only those interested admitted.

The Purchase of the Pistol.

About half-past nine this morning Harvey went into J. M. Bond & Co.'s store. Being well known the clerk had no hesitation in selling him a pistol. Harvey asked for "a good revolver" and he was shown the best goods in this class. Harvey stated that it was for a young man whom Mr. Lyon had employed to go to Mexico and that the revolver was to be charged to Mr. Lyon. The one he picked on was a 32 double action silver plated Smith & Wesson make. He also bought 50 cartridges, 32 calibre. The clerk states that Harvey seemed perfectly rational, and knowing him so well he had no hesitation whatever in selling him the revolver. When the story of his defalcation was known this morning the proprietors having a doubt about the propriety of Harvey having the revolver informed the police.

A Doctor's Views.

Dr. Howitt was the first physician who was present. He arrived about 4 o'clock. He stated that the scene was one of the most harrowing he had ever witnessed. Lying in a back pantry off the kitchen was the mother shot through the head, from behind, and upstairs in the bedroom in the rear portion of the house was the eldest daughter, about 20 or 21 years of age, lying on the foot of the bed also shot from behind. In the room facing the front street was the other daughter, a young girl about twelve years of age, lying dead in the entrance to a closet. Evidently she had been going into the closet when she was shot. The doctor is of opinion that the victims had been shot four or five hours before they were discovered.

The Son Warned.

Harvey has a son a lithographer in Toronto. He was warned to beware, as it was suspected and as subsequent events verified, that the murderer would also take his son's life.

TOLD OVER ANOTHER WIRE.

A Second Account from the Royal City About the Awful Crime.

GUELPH, March 26.—The residents of this city were surprised to learn this morning that Wm. H. Harvey, bookkeeper for J. W. Lyon, book publisher, had been arrested last night for embezzlement. The accused came to this city from Toronto a little over a year ago, where he was employed as an auditor by E. R. C. Clarkson, the accountant. Harvey is a man a little over middle age, of refined and gentlemanly qualities. He soon won the good favor of his employer after coming to the city, in fact he was universally esteemed and trusted with implicit confidence. When the arrest was made Dr. Lett came forward and bailed the man out in the sum of $2000.

Harvey purchased a revolver this morning at Bond & Co.'s hardware store, which he had charged to his employer. The clerk's suspicion was aroused and the purchase was reported to the Chief of Police. That officer immediately went to Harvey's house and asked him what he had purchased the firearms for. The answer was that he was afraid he would be assaulted by Mr. Lyon and he wanted some protection.

When Harvey did not put in an appearance at the Police Court this afternoon the Chief of Police and a posse of men left for his residence, where they gained an entrance. They passed through the hall into the rear of the house and on entering the bath-room a ghastly and bloody scene met their eyes.

The Murderer's Three Victims.

On the floor lying on her left side was Mrs. Harvey with a bullet hole in the back of her head, with the brains oozing out.

They next went upstairs and in the front bedroom lay the once bright and vivacious 13-year-old child. A bullet had entered her right cheek.

Continuing their search Miss Harvey was found lying on her back in a room at the west corner of the building. Doctors were telephoned for at once, but as life was extinct in each case nothing could be done.

Coroner Herod did not deem an inquest necessary. A messenger reported having seen Harvey walking towards the exhibition grounds shortly after 12 o'clock.

Harvey has one son living in Toronto.

Some Later Developments.

GUELPH, March 26.—Later developments throw no light as to the motive for the crime. He went to the central school about 11 o'clock this morning and took his youngest daughter home. His son J. W. Harvey, a lithographer in Toronto, whose address is supposed to be 40 Colborne-street, was notified and is expected here to-night. Harvey was superintendent of St. George's Church Sunday School.

HARVEY AND HIS EMBEZZLEMENTS.

He Was a Good Business Man, But Robbed His Employers.

From The Guelph Mercury of Last Night.

Monday evening Mr. J. W. Lyon, book publisher, laid two charges of embezzlement against W. H. Harvey, who has been his bookkeeper and cashier for the past eighteen months. The first one is for embezzling the sum of $200 in April, 1888, and the other charge is for embezzling three different amounts ranging from $40 to over $100 each from October last. Warrants were issued last night upon these charges, and Harvey was arrested by the chief. Afterwards he procured Dr. Lett to go his bail for $2000 to appear to-day. When, however, the case was called in the Police Court to-day, Harvey failed to appear.

Mr. Harvey was not seen since 10 o'clock this morning, and it is rumored that he has jumped his bail. A reward of $50 has been offered by Mr. Lyon for information which will lead to his capture, and $10 for information as to how he left the town.

Mr. Harvey came here from Toronto, where he had been bookkeeper for E. R. C. Clarkson, assignee. He was an expert accountant, and Mr. Lyon states that he was one of the best business men he ever had in his employment. He was highly educated and rather over middle age.

It is stated on good authority that this morning Mr. Harvey went to Mr. J. M. Bond's store and bought a revolver, charging the same to Mr. Lyon. On enquiry being made by the employes of the establishment it was discovered that Mr. Lyon had not instructed him to purchase the weapon.

Of course all kinds of reports are afloat regarding Harvey, but there will probably be further developments before to-morrow. The news of Mr. Harvey's defalcation came with a shock to his friends in Guelph, by whom he was held in high respect.

The books were shown to a reporter this morning and they evidently seemed to have been cooked by some one.

Mr. Lyon asserts that this is the second time he has been victimized in the same way, and that he is determined to make an example in this instance, if possible.

CAPTURED IN TORONTO.

Detective Black Arrests the Murderer at King and Yonge-streets.

William H. Harvey, the Guelph murderer, is a prisoner in a well-watched cell at Police Headquarters. He was arrested at 9.30 last evening on the southeast corner of Yonge and King-streets, immediately in front of J. E. Ellis & Co.'s jewelry store. The arrest was made quietly, and the few people who witnessed it little imagined that the man who was being hustled briskly along the south side of King-street towards the Central Police Station was the man who but a few hours before had steeped his hands in the blood of his wife and two daughters. In fact those who saw the incident paid but little attention to it, being under the impression that it was but a case of ordinary drunk.

To Detective Black belongs the credit of capturing the murderer. The circumstances are peculiar, proving that Inspector Stark's acuteness had practically sized up the situation. At 2.45 yesterday afternoon the Detective Department received a despatch from Guelph stating that William H. Harvey was wanted for embezzlement, and requesting that a sharp lookout be kept for him here, as it was suspected that he was heading for Toronto. Following close on the heels of the first telegram came a second bringing the information that to the crime of embezzlement Harvey had added that of the more frightful one of murder, and that his victims were his wife and two daughters. The despatch further stated that it was feared that, having murdered his wife and children in Guelph, he might be making for Toronto to kill his son, who was residing in this city.

Warning the Son.

Inspector Stark discovered that the son, J. W. Harvey, was employed with C. A. Sandham, engraver, at 40 Colborne-street, but before he could be seen personally he had left for Guelph, taking the 6 o'clock train, evidently even then being in complete ignorance of the terrible tragedy. Fearing that the murderer might proceed to the boarding-house of the son at No. 25 Grosvenor-street, Detective Black was detailed to go up there and await developments. This was about 8.30. At 8.45 an electric despatch messenger boy arrived at the house with the following message addressed to the son:

MY DEAR BOY: I am in town for the night. Will you come down and stay all night with me?

Walk down the west side of Yonge and north side of King to Palmer House. I may come up to meet you.

YOUR FATHER.

After telephoning this information to Inspector Stark, Detective Black, accompanied by two young men who knew the murderer, walked leisurely down Yonge-street, keeping a sharp lookout for him. At the south-east corner of Yonge and King-streets the officer spied his man. He was walking leisurely up and down the sidewalk with his hands in the pockets of his mackintosh and leisurely smoking a cigar. Every now and then he would glance nervously up Yonge-street, evidently on the lookout for his son. After observing him for some minutes in order to be sure that there was no mistake, Detective Black after calling in the assistance of Policeman Leonard stepped forward to make the arrest.

"Boys, Don't Haul Me Along."

Harvey was facing due east when the detective, coming close up to him, seized his right arm at the wrist and informed him that he was a prisoner. The next moment, before the murderer had time to realize the situation, Policeman Leonard had control of his left hand. Realizing the desperate character of the man both officers kept a tight grip, removing the hands from the pockets of the waterproof and propelling him gently along King-street towards headquarters. He made no resistance, but strode along with his head between his shoulders. When opposite Walker's store he halted for a moment and said "Boys, don't haul me along." This was the last he had to say, maintaining a dogged silence all the rest of the way.

Chief Grasett had witnessed the arrest on the corner of King and Yonge-streets, and accompanied by The World was ready to receive the important prisoner in the office of the station. Detective Black made a thorough search of his clothes, to which operation the prisoner submitted without a word of protest or single indignant look. From his inner clothing were taken a mass of papers, letters, etc., $28.98 in money, three penknives and several cigars. He was still chewing his cigar and on the station duty man removing it from his lips to place it with the others, he made a slight protest, and was allowed to keep it.

The Fatal Weapon Found.

The pistol, from the barrel of which there is little doubt the three fatal shots were fired, was found in the left-hand pocket of the prisoner's mackintosh. Examination showed that it held three unexploded charges and three exploded ones, the shells of the latter being still in the cylinder. The weapon was an elegant little affair, 32 calibre, mother-of-pearl handle and nickel-plated. In the same pocket were found two boxes of cartridges, six being missing. The revolver, ammunition and property were wrapped up in a newspaper and consigned to the care of Inspector Stark.

Harvey's Personal Appearance.

The World had a good look at the man as he stood before Sergeant Somerville at Headquarters while being searched. He is fully six feet in height, large somewhat cloudy-looking eyes, gray beard, cut fairly close, and fairly heavy build. His age is apparently 55 or 60, and altogether he has a gentlemanly appearance and looks the last man to be guilty of the terrible deed laid to his charge. On being questioned as to his name, age and nationality he mumbled a few incoherent words, which when asked to repeat he refused, shaking his head. As registered on the slate the entry runs as follows: "WILLIAM H. HARVEY. English. Age 55. Charge: Murder. Property: $28.98, and a revolver."

After undergoing a thorough search the prisoner was conducted to a small cell on the ground floor adjacent to the cell in which females are placed. He made no protest, but as soon as he got inside sat down on the solitary stool, and buried his face in his hands. All through the proceedings Harvey seemed to be in a dazed condition and not to realize his awful position. The only time that he betrayed any emotion was when the revolver was taken from him. He followed it with a dogged kind of glance, and an expression which seemed to betoken regret that he could not use it on himself. The police are fully alive to the importance of the capture, and Inspector Stephen placed a man on duty before the cell to see that he does not do himself violence.

He Would Have Shot His Son.

The police have little doubt but that Harvey intended to kill his son on sight and then shoot himself. Their impression is that he is not in his right mind, but from what cause it is hard to say. What is puzzling them particularly is at what hour he arrived in Toronto. As soon as the second notification came from Guelph Inspector Stark had every train from the west covered by his men both at the Union Station and at Parkdale. No one saw him get off any of the trains and his presence in the city and subsequent arrest was as much of a surprise to the police as to anyone.

There are various theories as to the time at which Harvey reached Toronto. Some of the hotel officials think he was in the city early in the evening, and a gentleman at the Palmer House who knows the murderer says he saw him in the afternoon.

However, the most probable theory is that Harvey came to town on the Grand Trunk express from the west, which is due at 7.25 p.m. Last evening that train was 30 minutes late and it was 8 o'clock before it reached Union station. The train was in charge of Conductor John Morrison of 92½ Farley-avenue. Harvey, it is supposed, after committing his awful crime, is supposed to have walked towards Toronto on the Grand Trunk tracks to either Rockwood, Acton or Limehouse and there boarded Conductor Morrison's train. He would have about five hours to reach any of these stations, the furthest of which is thirteen miles from Guelph.

What Conductor Morrison Said.

At 1.15 this morning a World reporter called at the residence of Conductor Morrison and after having given a minute description of the murderer asked if he had seen such a man on board. He replied that although a few passengers had come on both at Rockwood and Acton he observed none answering to Harvey's description. In addition to this there were several passengers, residents of Guelph, aboard, among whom was Mr. Charles Auld, who was on his way to Montreal. As Conductor Morrison pointed out, had Harvey been on board either Mr. Auld or one of the other Guelph residents must have recognized him. The conductor also mentioned in addition that attached to his train were six colonist cars. But at St. George he had given strict instructions that none but colonists were to be admitted. In spite of this, however, it is possible that the murderer gained access to one of these coaches. It is also within the limits of probability that he secreted himself in the baggage car. Mr. Morrison stated that several stock trains followed the express and he opined that Harvey might have got aboard one of these. Another theory advanced by Mr. Morrison was that the murderer took passage on the C. P. R., a branch line of which road runs from Guelph, but this is out of the question as the C.P.R. train only arrives in Toronto at 9 p. m. and it is beyond doubt that Harvey was in the city long before that hour.

AT THE DESPATCH OFFICE.

The Delivery of the Message to His Son at 25 Grosvenor-street.

The story told by the employes of the Great Northwestern despatch office in King-street is to this effect. At about 8.50 in the evening a big stout man, who is supposed to be Harvey, came in and asked for the directory. He was given it and after looking over it for a minute he wrote a letter and addressed it to "Harvey" at 25 Grosvenor-street. At 8.55 a boy started out with the message, Harvey giving the boy car fare up and down, after saying that he would call later for an answer which he expected. When the boy reached No. 25 Grosvenor-street he rang the bell and asked for "Mr. Harvey." He handed the message to a young man who said he was Mr. Harvey, and who took it in. A moment later another man came to the door and signed the receipt with the name of "J. M. McKim."

At Mr. McKim's House.

A reporter visited Mr. McKim's house, 25 Grosvenor-street, and ascertained that a telephone message was received there about 5.15 giving the first intimation of the affair. Mr. Harvey's son, William, who was staying at Mr. McKim's, took the 6.20 train for Guelph. The next message was a telegram sent to Mr. A. A. Wills, Secretary of the Board of Trade, and was sent, it is believed, while Harvey was on his way to Toronto. About 9 o'clock, as Detective Black was present, a message was received at Mr. McKim's house from Harvey to his son asking him to come to the Palmer House, where he stated he then was.

THE MURDERER'S HISTORY.

Something About His Antecedents in Montreal and Toronto.

As far as can be learned, Harvey came to this country some sixteen or seventeen years ago. He was born in England and married there. He first came to Montreal, where he resided for some time; whence he came to Toronto with Mr. John Livingstone, late of the Dominion Bolt Works, where Harvey was employed as bookkeeper at one time. After the bolt works crash Harvey was supposed to have lost what little he had.

Mr. R. H. Tomlinson of 368 Sherbourne-street rendered Harvey pecuniary assistance at this time and was the means of obtaining employment for him with E. R. C. Clarkson of this city. While in Toronto he occasionally did some work at the Board of Trade books. He resided at 143 Winchester-street. He is supposed to have left for Guelph about the fall of 1887, where he got employment with Lyon & Co. Harvey was a graduate of either the University of Cambridge or Oxford and his wife was the daughter of an English clergyman. He was about 50 years of age and leaves one son, William, who resides with Mr. Robert McKim, 25 Grosvenor-street, and is in the employ of Charles Sandham, wood engraver of this city.

Mr. Clarkson Interviewed.

Mr. Clarkson knew Harvey well. He employed him off and on as an accountant and auditor. Two years ago or more he sent him up to Guelph to audit Lyon & Co.'s books and he did it so satisfactorily that they kept him on as bookkeeper. He was, as far as Mr. Clarkson knew, as steady as a rock.

The Three Victims.

The youngest daughter's photograph shows her to have been a remarkably pretty child. Her face is full and round and her hair falls in abundance around her forehead and down over her shoulders. The mother has a pleasant face and a well-developed figure. The elder daughter has no distinctive features. She is simply a girl in her teens.

The most saddening thing of the whole tragedy was Harvey's conduct toward his youngest daughter. He went to the school at eleven, called her out to accompany him home, and then shot her as soon as she had entered the house. What must have been the man's feelings, what his conversation to the innocent girl as they walked along the street together!

The Movements of the Murderer.

Bailed out of Guelph lockup in morning.
Purchases revolver at 9.30 a.m.
Takes his little girl from school at 11 a.m.
Murders committed probably between 11 and 12.
Murders discovered between 3 and 5 p.m.
Murderer in Toronto by G.T.R. from west at 7.55 p.m.
Sends the message to his son at 8.55 p.m.
Arrested at 9.45 p.m.

It is not certain that the murderer came by the express, but there was no other train by which he could come. Where he spent the hour between his arrival and his going to the despatch office in King-street is not known. Indeed, there is no direct trace of the man from when he was seen at noon after the murders in Guelph and his appearance at the despatch office in this city at 8.55.

IN THE GARB OF A PRIEST.

A NOTED ENGLISH CROOK LANDED IN LIMBO.

How the "Rev. Father D. Foley of Ottawa" Was Going to Send a Pan of Gems to His Holiness the Pope—Captured in the St. James Hotel.

At 11.30 o'clock last night Sergeant Detective Reburn and Detective McGrath marched a smooth-faced young man into the detectives' rooms at Police Headquarters. They carried with them two valises, which, when opened, revealed six beautiful gold watches, one of which was elaborately ornamented with diamonds. These watches were in the cases of A. McMillan, Ottawa, yesterday, but were transferred therefrom by the deftness of a young man dressed as a Roman Catholic priest, giving his name as "Rev. D. Folley."

Yesterday morning a telegram from Ottawa was received at Police Headquarters to arrest this young man. Sergeant Raburn and Detective McGrath laid themselves out for him, and after an industrious search located their man at the St. James Hotel late in the evening. The reverend gentleman, who was signed on the register as "George Barnett, Ottawa," was out when the officers called, but the latter went to his room and waited, taking the opportunity to search his baggage. They found the watches and other goods. The officers went downstairs, and when his reverence came in and retired to his room they also went up and placed him under arrest.

The prisoner is a noted crook. He is known in both England and the United States. For a number of years he has been carrying on operations in a unique manner. In Liverpool last summer he advertised for £510 in American notes and gold and Canadian notes, stating that he was about to take a number of youths to Canada and that he wanted that sum. A local bullion dealer answered the advertisement and agreed to take the money to "Rev. Father McDonald" at the Roman Catholic Presbytery. The money was handed over and his reverence went out to get the exchange from the rector in charge, but the bullion dealer never saw him after. When the priests of the church were informed of the matter they were surprised, never having seen the man. He has been working similar games in Canada and the United States.

When he came to town at 9.30 yesterday morning he at once set himself to work to do up some Toronto people. He called at St. Michael's College early in the afternoon, arrayed in his priestly garb, and said that he was a clergyman from Ottawa and that he expected a parcel up shortly. He then went down to P. W. Ellis & Co's jewelry establishment in Wellington-street, and said he was a teacher in St. Michael's College and that the priests there were going to send the Pope a chalice and they wished to purchase $1500 worth of diamonds to gem the gift to His Holiness. This was about 3 o'clock, and the diamonds were to be sent up to the college at 4.30. At the appointed time Mr. Ellis went up, but gave an excuse for not bringing the diamonds. It was agreed then that the diamonds were to be delivered at 9.30 this morning. The prisoner gave a check for the $1500 on the Molson's Bank signed "Rev. Father Hanly," but no such person of course was known at the bank. Mr. Ellis' suspicions were aroused by the alleged father stating at the college that they were expecting Archbishop Lynch to arrive shortly, and it is more than likely that he would have looked out for the hard cash before he delivered the diamonds.

The prisoner took his arrest very coolly. He said he knew they couldn't send him to the States, but it was likely he would be sent to England after his time was served here. He wondered what penitentiary he would be sent to. He gave his name as Geo. Powell, and said that his mother lived on St. Urbain-street, Montreal.

Among the goods found in his effects was a silver monstrance, purchased (but not paid for) at D. & J. Sadlier & Co's Catholic publishing house, 115 Church-street.

The prisoner was locked up on a charge of larceny.

A NEW NORTHEAST BRIDGE.

The Board of Works Favor the Construction of a $100,000 One.

A deputation of Sherbourne-street and Rosedale property owners, backed up by a strong petition, waited on the Board of Works yesterday afternoon, to press upon that body the crying necessity of a steel or iron bridge extending from the northern terminus of Sherbourne-street on the south side of the Rosedale ravine to Sherbourne-street in East Rosedale, the structure to be of sufficient strength to bear the street cars. Mr. J. D. Henderson spoke in favor of the petition, which was signed by:

David Higgins, Joseph Elwell, W. H. Davies, James P. Murray, A. McNab, J. A. Murray, Elmes Henderson, Geo. A. Chapman, E. A. Meredith, H. Thorne, J. Flott, J. Henderson, James Alves, C. R. Nelson, W. M. Rosebrugh, William Gudson, R. B. Harcourt, James Dickson, H. B. Thompson, James Haverson, Sarah Bedford, E. Bedford, A. E. Johnson, S. H. Orde, E. Boon, Kenneth Cross, J. Livingstone, Emily E. Eddis, J. Hoskin, E. B. Osler, H. Eddis, H. Lowndes, H. F. Hooper, W. Scott, McGaw, E. Wimnott, William Gordon, George A. Case, Mrs. R. H. Ramsay, W. H. Bell, Jas. Doust, Jeremiah Bedford, G. B. Cowper, N. Cowper, H. Bedford, F. C. Phillips, E. B. Boon, Geo. Cross, J. A. Cross, J. W. L. Foster, James B. Ryan, H. W. Darling, J. E. Rose, J. F. Henderson, P. Jamieson, J. W. Scott, J. Sloan, William McLellan, R. Wickens, A. F. Banks, W. Carter, H. Kent, Helen B. Thomas, A. White, F. Bedford, E. Bedford, H. S. Crowe, Geo. Alexander, J. H. Hyland, L. M. Livingstone, H. Lamport, John Patton, C. J. Livingstone, Margaret Anderson, James Paton.

Mr. George Kiely, accompanied by his lawyer, Mr. M. Creelman, were present to oppose the construction of the bridge on the ground that it would injure his property. Mr. Kiely suggested instead a street-car route in Bloor-street to Gwynne-street, and across the ravine at this point. After some discussion the matter was referred to the City Engineer, who before the adjournment of the meeting brought in a report recommending the erection of a bridge at the head of Sherbourne-street to cost $100,000, this to include every possible cost. The Board adopted the report.

DECAPITATED BY THE ELEVATOR.

Carpenter T. R. Wadham's Sudden End at the Mammoth Warehouse.

Yesterday afternoon at 136 King-street east, the premises of Thomas Thompson & Son, Thomas R. Wadham, a carpenter, instantly lost his life. He had been working about the warehouse and was upon a scaffold on the third floor engaged in doing some ornamental work about the elevator shaft. Apparently the unfortunate man had his head projecting over the shaft, looking at his work, when the elevator in going up took the top of his head off and he fell to the floor, dying instantaneously.

Deceased lived at 45 Boulton-avenue and was 55 years of age. He leaves a wife, and son 21 years of age in the employ of W. B. Hamilton, Son & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers. Deceased has resided in Toronto for about twenty years and was a member of Court Star of the East.

The accident happened through no fault of construction of the elevator, which has been in proper working order ever since it was built six months ago.

FEDERATION'S ALL RIGHT.

Rev. Dr. Potts Says Work Will Soon be Commenced on the New Buildings.

In reply to The World yesterday Rev. Dr. Potts said that the project of Federation was beyond peradventure, in that the promised contributions had reached the necessary amount. The architect, Mr. W. G. Storm, was to receive instructions shortly to complete the plans and advertise for tenders. Building operations would then be commenced without delay.

Cloudy and Mild.

Weather for Ontario: Increasing southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild to-day or cooler northwesterly winds and local showers.

WARREN BROS. & BOOMER.

They Were Not Connected With Any "Customs Misunderstanding."

That there has been some "misunderstanding" between the Customs Department and some of Toronto's wholesale grocers about duties on sugar and molasses there does not seem to be any doubt, but The World regrets that yesterday it mentioned the name of Warren Brothers & Boomer therewith. The reporter detailed by this paper to investigate the matter stated that he had called on the firm in question. That was an absolute falsehood, as the reporter made no such call. The World being imposed upon by one of its own staff, can do nothing but publish the following letters and telegrams, which fully exonerate Warren Brothers & Boomer from any imputation against them:

TORONTO, March 26, 1889.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, Ottawa:

Our name is associated in World report this morning in connection with recent customs irregularities and the seizure of coffee, sugar and molasses. This is an infamous lie as you know, and as customs here will confirm. Please telegraph immediately authorizing emphatic contradiction over your name. This is most imperative. Answer.

WARREN BROS. & BOOMER.

This reply was received:

OTTAWA, March 26, 1889.

Messrs. Warren Bros. & Boomer, Toronto:

Surprised at your imperative telegram. Know nothing of any charge of customs irregularity against your firm.

M. BOWELL, Minister of Customs.

Mr. G. W. McMichael, Financial Inspector of customs ports of the Province of Ontario, sent this letter to the firm during the afternoon:

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, CANADA.
FINANCIAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
TORONTO, March 26, 1889.

Warren Bros. & Boomer:

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to the paragraph in The Toronto World of to-day, I am not aware of any differences between the Customs Department and your firm, nor have there been, so far as I am aware, any irregularities in connection with your entries at customs.

G. W. MCMICHAEL,
Financial Inspector.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT BRAMPTON.

But the Young Lady is Not Known at Parkdale as Stated.

BRAMPTON, March 26.—On Monday evening last the town was quite stirr ed over a report that a young lady had attempted suicide in the Revere House by taking strychnine. She came off the 4.50 train and took up her quarters there. She had tea, after which she was shown to a room. About 7.30 she met the landlady's daughter in the hallway and said she was poisoned. The daughter immediately told her mother, who summoned Drs. Robinson and Hall, who at once prescribed the usual remedies, and after almost three hours' steady work brought her to her senses. She was then questioned as to who she was, but at first refused to tell, but under threat of imprisonment divulged her name to be Ida McKay, hailing from Parkdale. She is a good-looking young lady, tastily dressed and intelligent. She has friends in Hamilton. The trouble seems to be that she and her mother could not agree.

The above despatch was printed in The Hamilton Times last night. A reporter went to Parkdale to make enquiries about the matter. The only McKay that appears in the directory is Rev. R. P. McKay of the Presbyterian Church, who lives in Dunn-avenue. Mr. McKay knew nothing of the young lady in question. At the Postoffice the reporter was informed that there was no other McKay in Parkdale besides the rev. gentleman named.

THE CITY SUED FOR $3000.

Hotel-Keeper Melbourne Says its Employes Injured His Brain.

The case of Melbourne v. the City was before Mr. Justice Rose at the Assizes all yesterday. Robert Melbourne brings an action to recover $2000 from the defendants for alleged injury done by them to his brain. The plaintiff is an hotel-keeper and until recently was lessee and proprietor of the hotel and premises at Greenwood's sideline and Queen-street. About November or December, 1886, the city employes made a water main in Queen-street, and in course of its construction came up a portion of Melbourne's drain, rendering it practically useless. During the spring of 1887 the cellar under his premises became flooded with water by reason of the drain having been torn up. The city upon being notified made some repairs. The water, however, again leaked in and it was at length discovered that another cut in the drain existed near Greenwood's ice house. This was also caused, it is alleged, by the construction of the city water main. It is said that the water still remains in the cellar, and from this cause the plaintiff alleged that he and his family were compelled to leave the hotel and that it was necessary for him to pay $500 in order to be released from his liability. The case was not finished yesterday.

The case of Lyon v Lemon, particulars of which have already been published, was disposed of in the earlier part of the day by dismissing the plaintiff's action with costs.

The Junction Water Pipes.

Sufficient time having elapsed since the last meeting to investigate the report of the waterworks inspector regarding the short weight of pipes being used in the construction of the works at West Toronto Junction, the council met on Monday to discuss the situation and receive the chairman's report. Mr. Millar, the inspector, had the pipes weighed, and reported the shortage according to instructions, but it now transpires that the public scales on which they were weighed cannot be depended upon to weigh small weights accurately; hence the shortage, as was proved by the Investigation Committee, who, having had the scales tested, found the pipes up to the standard. Councillor Spears submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Having carefully examined the 6 and 12-inch pipes referred to, I find them full weight, with trifling exceptions, and on the whole they are up to the standard. The engineer's report recommended that $189 be expended in trestle work in Elizabeth-street in connection with the waterworks and was also adopted. The commissioner was instructed to advertise for tenders for the cutting down of the gravel hill in St. Clair-avenue at the intersection of Keele-street and remove the gravel to Dufferin-avenue east and west and to Keele-street north and south of said intersection.

Our assortment of spring scarfs is complete, comprising all the latest styles both in English and American. See the new German collars, 5-ply, the very latest that are made, superior to either English or American. A. White, 65 King-street west.

The St. George Railway Accident.

Among those who met an untimely death in the late dreadful railway accident at St. George was Dr. Swan of Woodstock. The following letter speaks for itself:

To The Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company, Toronto:

WOODSTOCK, March 4, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—As beneficiary under policy No. 927, for $1000, held by my late lamented husband in your excellent company, I desire to express my gratitude for your prompt and equitable adjustment of the claim.

Yours truly,
ELIZA SWAN.

The very best—Adams' Tutti Frutti.

A Customs Appointment.

There is not a little excitement in certain political circles in town over the appointment of an assistant to Appraiser Blackwood in the hardware department at the Custom House. Mr. Cockburn, M.P., has recommended Mr. Wm. F. Rowell, a clerk in Rice Lewis & Son, and Mr. Elijah Westman insists that his son get the appointment. It is said Mr. Westman has got Mr. Small, M.P., at his back. There will be quite a race between Mr. Rowell and Mr. Westman.

Something Good.—Adams' Tutti Frutti.

The Very Newest.

The latest style of gentleman's felt hat is a small round crown well turned up in the sides. This hat is shown by Dineen in all the new colors of brown, etc. The silk hats are a little narrower in the crown and smaller in the turn than last season's shape—this of course only applies to the very latest, other shapes are also shown in large proportions. Dineen's store is on corner King and Yonge-streets.

THE MAN FROM SHANTY BAY

COL. O'BRIEN INTRODUCES HIS DISALLOWANCE RESOLUTION.

Messrs. Rykert, Barron, Clarke, Wallace, Colby and Peter Mitchell Participate in the Debate—Dalton McCarthy Moves the Adjournment—Lord Knutsford Says the Matter Rests Solely With the Canadian Government.

LONDON, March 26.—A memorial from the Protestant Alliance was presented to-day to Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies, asking the Government to disallow the Quebec Jesu