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REX AT EASTWOOD

Strong Evidence That Burchell Was There Feb. 17.

ALICE SMITH SHOOK HANDS WITH HIM

He Asked the Young Lady How the Folks and the Old Governor Were—The Trainmen and Their Passengers on the Mysterious Monday—The Unique Inquest That Coroner McLay Presided Over—Neither of the Prisoners at the Hearing—It Will Be Continued at Princeton To-day.

PRINCETON, March 7.—The centre of attraction in the intensely dramatic murder of Fred C. Benwell was once more transferred to this little village to-day. Had there been a township fair with a circus thrown in more people could not possibly have been attracted to the village during the whole of the afternoon and even long after nightfall. The inquest was resumed before Coroner McLay at 2 p.m., but in some respects it was quite unique as an investigation. During the day the Coroner received this telegram from the Deputy Attorney-General:

TORONTO, March 7.

Please adjourn the inquest in the Princeton case until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

J. P. CARTWRIGHT.

Coroner McLay said he was perfectly willing to agree to Mr. Cartwright's request; infact in face of present developments he could not see how he could do otherwise. In the first place Mr. Pelley, who had received a subpœna to attend as a witness, did not put in an appearance, he having remained over in Toronto until late in the afternoon, then he started for the village. Detective John Murray was also missing, much to the disgust of Coroner McLay. "These witnesses were of the utmost importance," said the Coroner, "and I don't see how I can get along without them." But the most serious disappointment of all, at least to the 500 countryfolk who had gathered in the village streets and taverns, was the non-arrival of J. Rex and Florence Burchell. The prisoners, it was expected, would arrive at 11 o'clock on the accommodation from the east, and when only three or four Toronto reporters stepped from the train loud was the protest of the gathering villagers thereat.

There Is a Hitch Somewhere.

It is no longer a secret that there is a hitch somewhere. Coroner McLay was certainly handicapped because the prisoners were not sent on from the Welland jail and from the Niagara boarding house where the woman is confined." Had they been there the important witnesses of the afternoon, especially those who swore as to Burchell being at Eastwood on Monday, Feb. 17, could easily have strengthened their evidence by a sight of the prisoner, or perhaps it would have proven otherwise — for the accused's benefit. The Niagara Falls authorities evidently do not want to send the prisoners to Oxford, where they could be more conveniently dealt with, until they have got through with their examination. But the Attorney-General has given instructions that if Coroner McLay wants either or both prisoners at the adjourned inquest to-morrow they are to be sent on to Princeton. They will probably both be here to-morrow.

County Crown Attorney R. E. Ball took a different view entirely from the Coroner. He said the inquest would be proceeded with, no matter whether the prisoners, Pelley or Murray were absent or not. To the coroner's protest the County Crown officer turned a deaf ear, and he ran things to suit himself during the 2½ hours that the enquiry lasted this afternoon; in fact the coroner had no say at all and he might just as well have been a stockexpert as the head of the court for all the authority he exhibited.

The enquiry was held in the Town Hall, into which building there was the wildest kind of a rush when the witnesses and others in authority had been admitted. The constables almost lost all control of the audience and they crowded and jostled each other like so many caged cattle. The last gathering that was held in the hall must have been a dance, for all the seats were piled up against the walls, and so eager was the throng to take in everything from start to finish that they would not allow the seats to be placed in order for their comfort.

Important Evidence to the Front.

Mr. Ball had a list of about a dozen witnesses written on a slip of paper and he called seven or eight of them. The evidence was principally as establishing Burchell's visit to Eastwood on Monday, Feb. 17. On this point some positive evidence was given, none more so than that of Miss Alice Smith. Foreman Robert Rutherford and his fellow jurymen are an intelligent-looking set of men, and they seem very anxious to have the matter thoroughly and impartially sifted. There seems to be no reason therefore why there should be any clash of authority or jurisdiction. But all the same Coroner McLay did not exercise his authority to-day as he saw fit, or as he was entitled to.

I, in company with several others, visited the lonely swamp where Benwell was found before the inquest opened. As it has been described, it is one of the most lonely and deserted places imaginable. The swamp is about 100 acres long—extending on both sides of the second concession of Blenheim. The remains were found about the middle of the length of the swamp, some 18 feet from the road, which is not separated by a fence as is generally supposed. There is a small clearing in the thicket where the body was found, and to the west of it are two small trails which would allow one man to pass through into the clearing within by an independent route from the main entrance. This clearing is about 15 feet square, and it was here where Benwell was shot down or where he was carried after being shot. No one passing the entrance to the little clearing could see the body where it lay from the concession. By road the clearing is just about 4½ miles to Eastwood station, 3½ to Princeton and 1½ south to Goble's Corners. It is about 10 miles from Embro. There would be no possible way of getting into the clearing except by the main entrance or either of the small trails mentioned, so dense is the growth of saplings all over its surface.

When the coroner finally got his court going matters were considerably expedited by the services of a stenographer. The first witness called was Brakeman George Hay, who told substantially the same story that he did at magistrate Hills' investigation at Niagara Falls yesterday. He positively identified Somerset or Burchell as having got on the train at Eastwood at 3.45 on Monday, Feb. 17.

On Conductor W. H. Poole's Train.

William H. Poole, conductor, of Niagara Falls, Ont., testified that his run was between Niagara Falls and Windsor. On Monday, Feb. 17, his train left the Falls at 7.05 a.m. for the west. Two young men got off the train at Eastwood station, which point was reached on time at 11.14 a.m. The men must have got on at Hamilton, as he did not notice them before they arrived there. He was sure they were not on the train between the Falls and Hamilton. Two trains leave the Falls for his one, at 7.35 and one at 7¾. Both of these pass me at Hamilton. Neither of them, however, stops at Eastwood. A passenger could leave the Falls at 7.35 or 7¾ and overtake me at Hamilton. I don't know where the tickets of the two men were from, or whether they had been punched by another conductor before being presented to me. The tickets for my train are now in the audit office at Montreal. One of the men was of dark complexion and wore dark clothes; the other was light complexion and wore light clothes. I never saw either of the men before. They were the only passengers that got off my train that morning at Eastwood. I was in the baggage-car when we reached that station and I saw the baggageman hand out a queer-shaped box, which I thought contained a gun. I do not know who it belonged to. One of the men while in the train had an overcoat thrown over the back of the seat.

The fancy check mackintosh with cape attached worn by the deceased when his remains were found was produced by the coroner but Conductor Poole could not identify it as having been worn by either of his passengers. Mr. Poole's evidence was of importance as showing that two men left his train on the morning of Feb. 17 (Monday).

What a Bailiff Saw from a Rear Coach.

Matthew Virtue, a bailiff of Woodstock, said he was on Conductor Poole's train on the morning of Feb. 17. He got on at Paris en route for home. He knew the person called Somerset who lived in Woodstock last summer. He did not remember seeing him that Monday. When the train reached Eastwood he was in the rear coach. He looked out of the window and saw two men walking away from the train. He did not know whether they had been on board or not. One of the men had an overcoat with a cape on. They were both young. I think one of them wore a cap and the other a hat.

"Who did you think they were?" asked the Crown Attorney.

"I thought they were two young Englishmen going to Mr. Patteson's place, near Eastwood."

The witness could not identify the cape-coat as that worn by either of the men.

Farmer John Crosby of lot 13, 2nd concession of Blenheim, said that just before noon on Monday, Feb. 17, he met two men to the east of the Eastwood turn on Governor's-road. They were both young; one was fair, of medium height and wore a dark overcoat and a dark hat; he also had a mustache. The other was a tall, clean-shaven man of 22 or 24 and wore spectacles. One of the men carried a small parcel wrapped in paper. It was between 4 and 5 miles from where the corpse was found that I met them. I do not know either of the men.

Positively Identified by Miss Alice Smith.

As to Burchell's presence at Eastwood on the Monday in question Alice Smith, a miss of some 16 or 17 summers, gave positive evidence. This young lady wore a conspicuous red hat and her somewhat robust figure was encased in a dark costume trimmed with silver braid. She has raven black hair and seems to be intelligent. She testified: "I am the granddaughter of John Hayward of Eastwood. On Monday (Feb. 17) afternoon just before the 3 o'clock train going east passed Eastwood I arrived at the station to post a letter. As I was going into the station gate I met the man called Somerset. I knew him by his calling at my grandfather's house last summer. He came up to me and held out his hand. I shook hands with him and he said: 'How do you do? I asked him if he were Dudley (Somerset's chum in Woodstock last summer), and he said, 'Don't you know me?' He also asked me how all the family was and also the 'old governor' (her grandfather). He went into the station and bought a ticket for Hamilton. I heard him ask for the ticket, as I also went inside the station. I do not know whether he went to Hamilton or not, as I did not see him get on the train. I am sure he is the same man who was known as Somerset. He told me he was coming back again. He I did not quite understand what he meant, whether he was coming to live in Woodstock again or not."

Miss Mary Swazie, another young lady of Eastwood, said that she was at the station on the date in question just before the 3 o'clock train going east came in. She saw a strange man talking to Station Master Dunn. "I do not know who he was, but I could recognise him if I saw him again. His pants were turned up and his shoes were muddy. He looked as if he were out for a walk. He had dark, bright eyes, a dark mustache and was very intelligent looking." The intelligent bearing of the bright-eyed young stranger seemed to be of uppermost importance in the estimation of Miss Swazie, for she repeated it twice and with emphasis, too.

Miss Ida Cromwell, also of Eastwood, saw the same person referred to by Miss Swazie at the Eastwood station. He was talking to Mr. Dunn and he bought a ticket for Hamilton. He wore light pants and a dark coat. He had a mustache. "I would know the man if I saw him again. I do not know the man they call Somerset."

Didn't Remember the Gun-shaped Package.

Mr. Thomas W. Dunn, station master at Eastwood, did not remember the gun-shaped package coming off Conductor Poole's train on the morning of the 17th. As he had an assistant, however, that gentleman might be able to remember it. "I sold a ticket to a man for Hamilton for the 3 o'clock train. The man came into the station with his pants rolled up and his boots covered with mud. I don't know whether I would know him again if I saw him."

Alfred Hayward was positive that he saw two men coming from the Eastwood station on the morning of Feb. 17. It was between 11 and 12. They were 200 feet away when he saw them first. One of the men wore a cape coat. "I saw Somerset once that I don't know if one of these two men was him or not. The men walked north towards Governors-road. I did my work on this side when they passed that they looked like two Englishmen going to Mr. Patteson's. One of them threw a snowball at our cat as they passed the gate."

Benwell's coat was shown to witness and he said it looked very much like the coat worn by one of the men whom he saw.

John Freelingburg, a farmer of Blenheim, gave two men a ride on the morning of Feb. 17, but his description of them was not in any way identical with either Burchell or Benwell. One of them he said was quite elderly and gray.

James Hayward, a storekeeper of Eastwood, was the last witness. He saw Mr. Dunn and a stranger talking together before the 3 o'clock train came on on Monday afternoon, Feb. 17. "The stranger was the man I have heretofore called Somerset. He wore a dark coat, light pants and a cap. His pants were turned up."

Come Along, John, and Save Arrest.

The inquest was adjourned at 4½ until 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Coroner McLay was still quite ruffled in temper when he walked into the telegraph office this evening. He telegraphed to Deputy-Attorney-General Cartwright at Toronto instructing that officer to send up Detective Murray and Mr. Pelley to Princeton to-morrow to identify the body, which had been exhumed for the purpose during the day, as it would not keep. The coroner emphasized his telegram by stating that if Mr. Murray and Pelley did not come he would issue a warrant for their arrest. "That will bring them," remarked the gentleman from Woodstock, as he told the operator to charge the despatch to the Attorney-General's Department.

Coroner McLay, it should be mentioned, is very anxious to have the body identified by Pelley. Burchell, who saw it a week ago to-morrow (Saturday), is the only person who has identified the remains as those of Fred C. Benwell. There has been no evidence under oath on this point.

COL. BENWELL TALKS.

How Burchell Schemed to Rob the Murdered Man's Father.

GLOUCESTER, Eng., March 7.—Three days after Benwell was murdered at Niagara Falls Burchell wrote to Benwell's father in England and requested money. Burchell was shrewd enough not to date his letter, though he headed it with an address at Niagara Falls, directing where money was to be sent, but the postal stamp on the envelope shows that the letter was mailed at Niagara Falls Feb. 20. It reached Benwell's father at his home in Cheltenham late last Tuesday night, a few hours after he had learned from the London newspapers of his son's murder.

In this letter Birchell asks that a distinct agreement made about money matters under which young Benwell sailed for America with him be set aside, and that $500 be sent him at once:

"I have been talking with your son to-day about arrangements," Burchell writes, "and he is so well satisfied with the prospects here that he is ready to go immediately into partnership. He is writing you to-day on the subject."

The Crime Conceived in England.

Col. Benwell was seen yesterday in Cheltenham. In addition to the particulars already know, the following are the main points of what Col. Benwell said:

When young Benwell went to Upper Norwood, after preliminary interviews and correspondence, he met Burchell there with his wife and an elderly lady and gentleman to whom he was introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson. The outcome of the whole arrangement was that Benwell agreed to send his son to America with Burchell. One condition was that he was to look about him for three months, then if he found the prospects of the farm good and everything satisfactory he would pay $500 for a half interest. Barchell agreed to this plan and said he would board young Benwell three months for nothing.

The date fixed for sailing was Jan. 18, but Burchell postponed it on one excuse and another till Feb. 5. When the passage was taken on the Britannic. Burchell himself engaged all the passages, yet Benwell's name is the only one which was correctly furnished to the White Star Company. Burchell's name is given as Mr. Bushell and Pelley's name as pretty nearly anything you chose to read it. It appears as Petty in the Company's printed list. This indicates a deliberate plan of Burchell to avoid observation.

suspicious of Burchell.

Benwell wrote his father from Liverpool that he was much surprised to find on his arrival there that another young man named Pelley was going with them, apparently on the same understanding as himself. He was afraid Burchell had two strings to his bow. The Colonel subsequently heard from his son by postal card and letter from Queenstown that he had talked the matter over with Burchell, who said Pelley was the underwriter for Lloyd's shipping agency at a large salary and was going across as his guest for the benefit of his health.

On arrival in New York Benwell wrote his his father giving a minute account of the passage. He said Burchell kept to his bed in the cabin five-sixths of the time, and avoided the other passengers.

"I received no letter after that one," said Col. Benwell to the correspondent.

"I was getting very anxious when I saw a brief announcement in a London paper last Monday that F. C. Benwell had been found murdered. I cabled immediately to Burchell's address asking if my son was murdered. I got no reply. Tuesday night I got a letter from Burchell, not dated, though the postmark showed it was mailed at Niagara Falls Feb 20—three days after my boy was murdered. In this letter Burchell said that my son was so pleased with the farm prospects that he wanted a partnership immediately. He asked me urgently to send £300 at once.

One of Burchell's Lies.

"He said my son was writing me by the same mail to urge the same thing. I have sent a full statement of the matter with Burchell's letter of Feb. 20 to Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies. To-day I received a letter from Pelley's father which indicates that Burchell made substantially the same proposals to him about his son as he did to me about mine. Pelley also wrote his father from Liverpool that he was very much surprised to see my son there."

"Did your son take much money to America with him?" asked the correspondent.

"No, I am sure he could not have had more than £15 with him when he landed in New York. The arrangement was that I was to send him some money. But he took a large outfit of clothes with him and I insisted that he have them all marked with his initials so as to have no dispute in the Custom House. Burchell strongly urged him not to so mark them, saying that in America clothes marked with initials were charged much more.

"I wish you would also deny," said Col. Benwell, "the insinuation of my son's improper relations with Mrs. Burchell. He met her only once before he went to America. That was in her father's house at Norwood."

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

Mrs. Burchell's Runaway Match with the Murderer.

LONDON, March 7.—A reporter went to Upper Norwood last night to see David Stephenson. He found him in bed, prostrated by the news of his son-in-law's alleged crime. He is a white-haired man, 76 years of age, and the family fear the shock will have a serious effect on his health. A doctor is attending him. Mr. Stephenson said:

"It is quite true that my daughter is the lady mentioned in the case. Her marriage was in direct opposition to my wishes. We had received no previous warning. My daughter first met Burchell at a party given by one of my intimate friends. They instantly became attached to each other, and had only been engaged three months when Burchell asked me to allow the wedding to take place.

"I gave as the reason for the sudden request that he had important business affairs in Canada which necessitated instant attention. I refused to consent to the marriage, saying it was too sudden to be proper.

"Burchell never mentioned anything about business, except to say he was a wealthy owner of large estates in Canada. He seemed a thorough gentleman and had plenty of money. I enquired and found he had been at Oxford University and was the son of a clergyman of the Church of England, living somewhere in Lincolnshire. I wrote a letter from another clergyman at Oxford, giving Burchell the highest character.

"I spoke to my daughter about the hasty wedding and advised her to wait until I had made exhaustive enquiries as to Burchell's career. She declined and said she would go with him if I did not give him dowry. Burchell did not broach marriage again. I considered that he was going to wait until I gave consent.

"One day I was surprised to hear my daughter had been married secretly the day before. Two of my daughters were present at the ceremony, which was by special license. The couple never came to see me, but went direct to Canada. I received letters from each of them which were in love. They ultimately returned to England and I forgave them. They lived in my house some time."

Mrs. Burchell is Mum.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 7.—Mrs. Burchell still remains at Baldwin's house in charge of an officer, the Attorney-General having wired Magistrate Hill to allow the prisoner to remain here until further orders. Several newspaper men besides American papers have made efforts to get an interview with Mrs. Burchell but she has refused all of them.

What Postmaster Patteson' Remarked.

The World's young man interviewed Postmaster Patteson last night, and asked him if it were true, as stated by the Woodstock correspondent of The Mail, that Burchell was a constant visitor at his house at Eastwood. The Postmaster said that if other people in the country were as particular as he was to give English strangers a wide berth till they produced credentials or letters of introduction, his countrymen would less frequently have to complain of the cold hospitality of the natives. The man was utterly unknown to himself and his family, and was not at the house at all, to his knowledge, under any acquaintance. The county of Oxford swarmed with young Englishman, but said he, "I don't think I know one of them." Asked if one of them now there is in the habit of visiting my house, which is closed in winter, and in summer the friends visiting here always come from of Toronto, who run up with me for Sunday." Mr. Patteson added that the witnesses who had testified to meeting the man called Somerset were known to him, and were all credible and respectable people. He knows the locality of the murder well. One thing that would come of it all would be that English parents would be less likely to send out their sons to enter upon the unknown and ruinous depths of "farming in Canada." A dozen or more young Englishmen had from time to time come out to him to be more or less "farm pupils," but with one exception he had succeeded in persuading them not to relinquish the life, and go into banks or some other office life, and leave farming for people with money to throw away, or for those who were brought up to it. Stock farming requires both capital and experience, and few emigrants have either, to say nothing of both.

Notes in Town.

Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright yesterday considered the question of sending Mrs. Burchell to Welland jail and decided to allow her to remain in the meantime at the Falls in custody of the local constable. The question of sending Burchell to Princeton will be left with the coroner. If he thinks it desirable that the prisoner should be present the Government will order his attendance.

Mr. I. F. Hellmuth of London spent considerable time with Mr. Cartwright yesterday, arguing for the release of Mrs. Burchell on bail.

Detective Murray and Mr. Pelley left Toronto at 4.55 last evening, presumably for Princeton.

Amusements of the Day.

At the theatres to-day: Grand, afternoon and evening, "Twelve Temptations." Jacobs & Sparrow's, afternoon and evening, "Saved from the Storm." Academy of Music, afternoon and evening, "Mrs. Partington."

The Swedish Ladies' Concert Company will give three concerts in the Pavilion next week, which ought to prove among the most attractive musical events of the season. The plan opens at Nordheimer's at 10 o'clock this morning.

"The Broom-maker of Carlsbad" will be given at the Academy of Music all next week, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, by Comedian Reilly and his company.

The plan opens on Wednesday next at 10 o'clock at Nordheimer's for the recital to be given by Miss Knox in Association Hall on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

Miss Platt, who is with Frank Tucker's Company, now playing at the Academy of Music, will sing "The Song That Reached My Heart" this afternoon and evening.

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Coming Auction Sales.

Note the list of auction sales under the management of Messrs. Charles M. Henderson & Co.

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York Township New Election.

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HOW CAME HE BY HIS DEATH?

ANOTHER NIGHT'S INVESTIGATION DOES NOT SHOW.

The Cause of the Newmarket Tragedy as yet Unexplained—The Widow of Robert A. Smith Says There Had Been Family Quarrels—He Had Threatened to Leave the Town—The Enquiry Adjourned.

NEWMARKET, March. 7.—In the crowded Town Hall, 800 persons being present, Coroner Scott resumed the enquiry this evening touching the death of Robert A. Smith, who was found dead in his cellar from a bullet wound. Mrs. Smith, the widow, was too ill from nervous prostration to attend, hence the coroner and jury proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Forsyth, where in these trying circumstances Mrs. Smith is staying.

On the coroner's return to the hall he read Mrs. Smith's testimony, which created much interest. She deposed that the Smith family had quarreled with her husband, and on account of this he had threatened to advertise his business for sale and leave Newmarket. She swore that the revolver (produced) was not her husband's.

Henry Noller, who was employed in Smith's store, testified that on Feb. 11 Felicia Smith had told him that deceased and his brother John had words and that John had said some ugly things about John. Miss Smith had said to witness, "Don't tell everything you know." Deceased told him not to let John go behind the counter.

James Bogart flatly contradicted Felicia Smith's account of the safe opening. She swore last Wednesday night that she did not open the safe on Wednesday night and that she had never opened it but in the presence of Coroner Scott. Bogart swore that she did open it about 2 a.m. on Thursday, but he was positive that she had not taken the will out.

The inquest was adjourned till Monday afternoon.

It is the general impression here that the jury will return an open verdict.

The Liberal-Conservatives Dine.

The members of St. John's Ward Conservative Association sat down to their first annual banquet at Victoria Hall last night.

Mr. Frank Somers presided and Mr. A. A. Graham occupied the vice-chair. The toasts were "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," responded to by Major McSpadden and Sergeant Langley; "The Parliament of Canada," by Legislative Assembly of Ontario," responded to by G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., and Mayor Clarke. "The Mayor and Corporation," responded to by Mayor Clarke, ex-Mayor Boswell, Ald. Irwin, Graham, and ex-Ald. Adamson; "The Municipal Council," responded to by Trustees H. A. E. Kent, McPherson, Kerr and Whitesides; "Our Sister Societies," responded to by Mr. Patterson for St. James', Mr. Wilson for St. Paul's Thomas, and for the Free Library Mr. G. Pears responded.

The speeches were all enthusiastic and loyal.

The Druggists' At Home.

The Toronto druggists gave an At Home last evening at the Ontario College of Pharmacy, which proved to be enjoyable to all concerned. The earlier part of the evening was occupied by a program of music, contributed by Mrs. Luther, Miss Agnes Law, Messrs. Stevens, Blight and Mills. Prior to the opening of the concert Mr. J. C. Leacock, as chairman, made a few appropriate remarks, and at its close dancing and refreshments served to beguile the time till the early hours of morning.

The graduating class of McMaster Hall gave a reception to their friends last night in the college building. The program was provided by the Misses Clarke, Kennedy, Keys, Davis, Smart, McDiarmid, Lamport and Taylor, Mrs. York, Prof. Kleiser and the College Glee Club. The guests were received by Mrs. Welton, Mrs. McVicar, J. D. Freeman and B. Davies.

Their Clever Arrest Recalled.

Just two years ago Detectives Burrows and John Cuddy arrested at the Albion Hotel President Cross and Cashier White of the Raleigh (N.C.) Bank at Raleigh, N.C., on a charge of oringing stolen money into Canada, and on them was found $26,000. They consented to return to the States for trial, and ever since have been out on bail. The case dragged and seemed, but the cases were again and again appealed each court sustaining the judgment. They have at last been taken into custody and will have to serve their sentences. Cross gets seven and White five years working on the county road at Wake county.

The Cunard Steamship Company.

It has been a rule of the Cunard Line Company to lay off their steamships for a month alternately during the winter seasons for the purpose of giving them a thorough overhauling for the summer traffic. This winter there has been more than usual care taken in the overhaul refitting, so that it will practically make these popular steamers as fine as any engaged in the trans-Atlantic trade. Judging from the number of new faces recently caged the company look forward to a large summer travel.

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Signs of Progress at East Toronto.

At the last meeting of East Toronto Village Council a petition asking that Beech-avenue be opened out and graded on the local improvement plan was granted. A communication was read from a large provincial manufacturing industry in regard to the advantages to be obtained by locating in the village.

Education at Little York.

At a meeting of public school supporters in the suburb of Little York held in the temporary school-room, Danforth-avenue, Dr. Walters in the chair, a resolution was passed recommending that an acre of land be purchased in Lansdowne-avenue on which to erect a public school.

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The General Sessions.

Fred Collins was tried yesterday on a charge of stealing a purse containing $1.65 from Mary Whalen in St. Basil's Church. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The grand jury will not sit again till Monday.

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The jury of general public have returned a verdict that White has the best range of English neckwear yet produced.

JENNINGS' BOMB.

A Conservative M.P. Gives Notice of an Important Amendment.

LONDON, March 7.—In the House of Commons to-day Louis J. Jennings, progressive Conservative, gave notice that he would move to add the following to Mr. Smith's motion asking the House to adopt the report of the Parnell Commission: "The House condemns the conduct of those who were responsible for the accusations against members of the House of complicity in murder, when such accusations were based on forged letters." The notice of Mr. Jennings' motion was received with Opposition cheers. The debate was continued at weary length and finally the House was counted out.

Funeral of Abraham Lincoln.

LONDON, March 7.—The funeral services over the remains of Abraham Lincoln, son of Robert Lincoln, were held to-day at the residence of Mr. Lincoln and were conducted by Rev. J. Monroe Gibson, a graduate of the University of Toronto and now the leading Presbyterian minister in Chicago. Among those present were all the members of the American Legation and the Consulate except Major Post, the military attache. They were all accompanied by their wives. The coffin was hidden beneath a mass of flowers. After the services the body was placed in the Catacombs in Kensal Green Cemetery.

GENERAL SPORT.

Curling in Chicago—Philadelphia Cricket Clifton Winners.

The Chicago and Lincoln Park curling clubs played a two-rink match in the Windy City Wednesday, the former winning by 49 to 28.

The annual meeting of the Toronto and Young Toronto Association Football Clubs takes place in the Y.M.C.A. building next Saturday evening. The boys of blue and white were the first to win the Toronto League championship and although not so successful last season will make a big effort for honors this spring.

Bayside Rowing Club hockey men will hold a meeting in their club house, foot of Scott-street, this evening.

The Dominion Bank champion hockeyists have been challenged by the Imperial. The match will take place to-day on the bay, starting at 3½ p.m. An exciting game may be looked for, as the Imperial men are making a final effort to defeat the "old timers." Bob banks hope Mr. Sid. Small will be on hand to referee.

The Toronto Gun Club's shoot for the Verity medal will take place this afternoon at the Woodbine, 15 sparrows per man.

Open sweepstake shooting will take place at the Woodbine this afternoon.

Secretary McKay of Hamilton is urging President Mills to call an International meeting.

General Brinker has been elected president of the Rochester baseball club. Ed Bohschek is secretary.

Washington has applied for admission to the Atlantic Association.

The American Association has postponed its meeting from March 11 to March 14 in order to get a glimpse of the Brotherhood schedule before publishing its own.

The Metropolitan Cricket League has adopted a schedule for the season, which begins the 24 and ends July 5.

The winners at Clifton yesterday were: Shot-Over, Sparling, Mabel Glenn, Dochart, Monsoon and the Issaquenna fifty.

Philadelphia cricketers have a new play-ing idea that a batter retire when three wickets fall an repeat the second with four downs the third time.

There is plenty of ice boating and skating on the bay these days.

There was some lively hockey practice at the Victoria Rink last night. The Victoria Rink School this evening.

At Popp's To-night.

There will be a grand exhibition at Joe Popp's to-night. The following talent will spar: Joe Morton, Jack Chapman, Arthur Stemmer, Billy Glenfield, Walt Langley, Billy Brown, Ted Cook, Jim Popp. The main event will be between Dick Guthrie and Joe Popp. If Dick Guthrie does not appear Joe will don the mittens with one of the above named. Joe will have to see a willing to meet Dick Guthrie for a purse, 8 rounds, next week. Joe Morton and Arthur Stemmer go 10 rounds at the above academy.

At "Headquarters."

Mr. Fred Mossop is now fully installed at "Headquarters" and has gone to a good deal of trouble and expense in making it comfortable for his friends and patrons. "Headquarters," as its name indicates, will always be a popular Toronto resort. 246

Lumbermen Make Merry.

The members of the lumber section of the Board of Trade enjoyed a couple of hours at McConkey's restaurant last night on the occasion of their annual banquet. Mr. A. K. McIntosh was the chairman and John Gall vice-chairman. The toast list: "Toronto and the Board of Trade," John I. Davidson; "Lumber Section," A. K. McIntosh; "The Carload Trade Interests," John Donogh; "The Interior Mill," J. D. Hay; "Planing Mills," J. J. Withrow; "The Lake Lumber Trade," A. R. Rickey; "The Lake Mill," J. B. Miller; "The Local," W. Leak; "The Box Manufacturers," J. Firstbrook; "The Contractors," R. Dennis; "The Builders," Capt. Hall. Excellent music was furnished by J. Cornuk, songs were sung by W. Simpson and A. Dennis, and T. Meaney gave a recitation. Among the others present were the President of the Board of Trade, W. Harty, Thomas Moir, T. Williams, J. Beaumont, Jos. Oliver, A. E. Hagerman, A. A. Scott and E. A. Wills secretary Board of Trade.

The Sons of St. George.

Mr. David Plews presided at the regular monthly meeting of St. George's Society last night. These new members were elected: Charles Zinhorst, G. Brusfield, Harry M. Moody, E. Schuch (life), J. E. Ford, Thomas E. Clatworthy (life), W. H. Blight, John H. Avis, Arthur G. Kinnear, George F. Kinnear, W. S. Howard, J. Simpson, R. Harper. It was decided to hold the annual dinner on St. George's day at the Walker House. The first anniversary sermon will be preached at St. James' Cathedral, April 20, by Rev. H. Symond, and the second anniversary sermon by Rev. G. H. Sandwell, at Zion Congregational Church, April 29.

The Teachers Meet.

The first semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Teachers' Association was held yesterday in the Wellesley-street school. Mr. J. L. Hughes presided and all the teachers were present, in consequence of which the schools were closed for the day. The teachers were instructed regarding the different branches of study. The morning session was taken up with literature, geometry, grammar, geography, object lessons, music, arithmetic, reading, language lessons, writing and composition. The afternoon was devoted to a discussion on songs, gems, pencils, decorations, games, etc. The meeting will be continued to-day.

The Cole Murder Case.

BELLEVILLE, March 7.—The preliminary investigation in the Cole murder case was concluded this afternoon. Coroner Dr. Wilson testified that in his opinion the woman died from violence and exposure; that the exposure to which she was subjected was not alone sufficient to cause death, more especially as she was warmly clad for a woman of her class. The magistrate will give judgment on Tuesday.

Campbellford Electric-Lighted.

CAMPBELLFORD, March 7.—The electric light plant recently put in by the village was first put in operation to-night. There are 21 arc lamps, nominally 2000 candle power each, on a circuit of only 4½ miles, making this one of the best lighted places in Ontario. A separate incandescent plant will be in operation in a week or so, giving light for domestic purposes.

A Medical Mission.

The Toronto Medical Students' Y.M.C.A. is making a strong effort to obtain money to provide the maintenance and outfit of a missionary in Corea. The amount necessary is $1700, of which $900 has already been collected. If the required sum can be raised a missionary will be sent out next month.

FISHER DEMANDS FREE CORN.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE MAKES THE USUAL REPLY.

Tariff Matters to Be Fully Dealt With in the Budget—The Motion Declared Lost—Sir Richard Cartwright's Resolution on the Rykert Timber Limit Affair—The February Statement.

OTTAWA, March 7.—A demand for free corn, made by Mr. Fisher in an amendment to the motion to go into committee of supply, occupied all the afternoon in a discussion which terminated in the usual declaration on the part of Mr. Foster that the motion was premature in view of the fact that tarriff matters are to be fully dealt with in the Budget. The motion was then declared lost on a division.

The feature of the discussion was a speech by Mr. Rufus Pope, who gave Mr. Fisher a pretty complete overhauling, showing how he allowed politics to interfere with his boasted sympathy for agriculture and temperance, and while Mr. Fisher posed as a scientific farmer Mr. Pope said he carried his science so far that he invented a new fangled food for his cattle, but no sooner had he trained them to eat the stuff than the infernal brutes died. Mr. Pope did not seem very angry with the Minister of Agriculture for not the corn duty was removed but he advocated an increase in the duty on beef to keep the Chicago stock men out of the Canadian markets. They might succeed for a little while, he said, but as soon as they killed the Canadian stock raising industry and obtained control they would put up the prices as they had done in Boston and other points in the States. Mr. Pope showed quite a fit of temper amongst the other professional men in the House by announcing as a proof of his knowledge of the subject that "by profession I am a butcher."

Mr. McMullen was the next speaker and he attempted to annihilate Mr. Pope with an anecdote, which was certainly rough on his (McMullen's) boarding-house. "I was sitting at breakfast the other day," he said, "and I noticed that my neighbor seemed to be making a very hearty meal. He had had half-a-dozen cups of coffee and then asked for a seventh. 'You seem to be enjoying your coffee,' I remarked the waiter. 'Indeed,' was the answer, 'I never before had to drink so much slop to get a little coffee.'"

Read a Third Time.

These private bills were passed:

To authorise the extension of Samuel May's patent.

Respecting the Calgary Water Power Company.

Respecting the Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay & Lake Huron Railway Company.

To incorporate the Rainy River Boom Company.

To amend the act incorporating the Lake Manitoba Railway & Canal Company.

To confirm the agreement between the Montreal & Western Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

To amend the act incorporating the Victoria &