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STRANGLER HER.

Child Playing With the Rope That
Killed His Mother.

New York, Dec. 16.—While Paul
Gebauer was in police court to-day
awaiting arraignment for intoxication
and still half dazed from the effect of
drink, his wife's dead body was found
in their flat in Brooklyn. The woman
had been strangled to death during
the night and her five-year-old son
said he had unwound ten feet of
clothesline from around her neck. He
was playing with the rope when the
neighbors entered.
Gebauer was held on a charge of
homicide.

For Dad and the Boys.

See Christmas presents in razors at
Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street
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in city. In safety razors, the Gillette,
Auto-Stop, Witch, Boker's, Gem Junior,
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Magnetic, Barbers' King, King Shaver,
Champion King Cutter, Diamond Edge,
Johnson, Griffin and many others.

CANADA AND THE EMPIRE.

Dr. Sproule and Mr. W. F. Maclean
on Navy.

South York's Member Willing to
Spend Millions.

Mr. F. L. Fowke and Mr. Stratton
Also Speak.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—That the Opposi-
tion are heading towards a policy of
naval defence which will include the
gift of a Dreadnought to the Imperial
navy or a contribution of money was
the impression created by a speech by
Dr. Sproule in the House of Commons
to-day, and strengthened by an appeal
by Mr. W. F. Maclean for the adoption
of a more elaborate naval pro-
gramme than that foreshadowed by the
resolution of last session and in the bud-
get address of the Finance Minister. Dr.
Sproule quoted the words of Mr. Foster,
that if the Government were prepared
to make a gift of Dreadnoughts or of
money the Opposition would support
them, and affirmed his belief that that
was the sentiment of the country to-day.

Much more emphatic was the pro-
nouncement of Mr. Maclean. Seizing
upon the statement in Mr. Fielding's
speech that the Government proposed
to meet the naval expenditure out of
revenue, he drew the conclusion that
a policy was intended which would be
utterly inadequate to meet the situa-
tion or to fulfill Canada's obligations
to the mother country. "Canada should
show to the world that she is behind
Britain not only in words but in deeds,"
he said, "and that she is prepared
to vote ten millions or twenty
millions of the people's money for the
immediate construction of one or two
super-Dreadnoughts." He proposed
that Canada join with the other over-
sea States in imposing a tax against
the products of foreign nations, a per-
centage of the proceeds to be devoted
to completing a joint system of naval
defence.

DOWN ON THE PREFERENCE.

Dr. Sproule, who resumed the debate
on the budget, first admitted that the
country was in a prosperous condition,
a result he attributed not to the ad-
ministration of the Government, but
to an abundant crop and to the enter-
prise and resource of the people, and
then he illogically proceeded to paint
a picture of a nation, some of whose
most important industries were lan-
guishing and decaying because of the
Government's preferential tariff policy.
The British preference, he declared,
had swept away the capital invested in
the woolen industry, had destroyed
the machinery, closed the mills, de-
prived the Canadian farmer of his best
market or wool, and ruined sheep-
raising and diminished the country's
exports. Dealing with the question of
naval defence, he complained of the
Government's delay in introducing
their bill. "I have only to say," he
continued, "that in my judgment what
Canada expects is that something shall
be done immediately and effectively. I
am not going to pretend to say what
it will be, but it did occur to me at
the time, that the observations of Mr.
Foster pointed directly to what was
perhaps the sentiment of the country
on the question then. "Mr. Foster's
words were, he recalled, as follows:
"To-day peril stand at the gateway;
it is not for me to say how grave it is,
but I come here to advise you, let me
say to the Premier that if, after care-
ful consideration, he proposes to this
Parliament a means of meeting that
emergency adequately by a gift of
Dreadnoughts or a gift of money, this
side of the House will stand beside him
in thus vindicating Canada's honor and
in strengthening the Empire's de-
fence."

Dr. Sproule added: "I believe the
sentiment of the country remains to-
day the same as when these observa-
tions were made; that what Canada
desires is immediate and effective ac-
tion, whatever that action may be."

MR. F. L. FOWKE.

Mr. F. L. Fowke, in an exceedingly
able speech, which aroused the Liberal
members to enthusiasm and even evoked
the admiration of his opponents, after
pointing out that the British capitalists
regarded the budget presented by Mr.
Fielding with favor, claimed that the
prosperous conditions which prevailed in
Canada to-day were due largely to the
wise and honest administration during
the past thirteen years of the present
Government. As one indication of the
change which had taken place since the
Conservatives went out of power, he
pointed to the fact that two hundred
and twenty-six and a half million dollars
of American capital has been invested
in Canada. While Dr. Sproule had criticised
the Government's tariff policy he
had suggested no alternative. The Opposi-
tion's policy was simply one of
fault-finding, and of unsubstantiated
statements. Drawing a comparison be-
tween the conditions prevailing now and
those when the Conservatives were in
office, he showed that, whereas then
wheat brought fifty-eight cents a
bushel, to-day it brought a dollar, while
eggs which sold at ten cents a dozen
before 1896 were to-day commanding the
price of twenty-five cents a dozen, and
butter a shilling a pound, compared with
twelve cents fourteen or fifteen years
ago. He asked Dr. Sproule whether he
was prepared to recommend to his
party that the British preference be
withdrawn. Dr. Sproule was one of
those who waved the flag and shouted
loyalty on the 12th of July, and yet
refused to give any practical expression

to his loyalty. Dr. Sproule had com-
plained of the decay of the woolen
industry. That was not universal in
Canada. In some places the woolen
industry was flourishing. In his own
constituency there was a mill which
had been established only a few years
ago, and which was now a prosperous
concern, and his view was that the
manufacturer who could not live and
thrive and flourish under the present
tariff deserved to perish, and that
sentiment had been applauded by the
manufacturers themselves. By the
development of transportation facilities,
by the creation of a portfolio of Labor,
by the institution of a system of an-
nuities, and by the erection of a true
national spirit the Government had
more than justified the confidence
which the people had placed in them
on four successive occasions.

MR. W. F. MACLEAN.

Mr. W. F. Maclean noted that in
the speech of the Finance Minister
the announcement was made that the
proposed naval expenditure out of revenue
regarded that as an indication of a
policy which, to his mind, would be
altogether insufficient, Canada was an
integral part of the empire, and it was
her duty to do something substantial in
the aiding of the empire to maintain her
supremacy at sea, which was threatened.
Canada had received a direct invitation
from the mother country to join in the
defence of the empire, and as loyal
Canadians and Britishers they were
bound to give a better answer to that
invitation than that outlined in the
resolution of last session and in Mr.
Fielding's speech. England was to-
day busy preparing to strengthen her
naval defence. Both parties were be-
fore the people with programmes, each
of which was designed to increase the
revenues for the purpose of strengthen-
ing the navy. The whole country realized
that there was a peril imminent. It
was not a nightmare. In these cir-
cumstances he asked whether the
programme outlined by the Minister of
Finance was consonant with Canada's
duty to the empire. "What is it Cana-
da ought to do at this time of peril? We
should first of all declare by a
unanimous resolution that we are be-
hind the mother country in her hour
of peril, and that we are prepared to
spend the resources of this country
generously in the maintenance of the
naval supremacy of the empire. We
should express ourselves not only in
words but in deeds, and be prepared
to vote ten or twenty millions of the
people's money for the construction of
one or two super Dreadnoughts, and
that she is prepared to join with the
other overseas dominions with the estab-
lishments of a tariff against the pro-
ducts of foreign nations, a percentage
of the proceeds to be applied to the
development of a joint system of naval
defence. That would not interfere with
the idea of building a Canadian navy.
The people of Canada were not parsi-
monious; and he believed that all that
was needed to induce them to respond
generously to the call of the mother
country was an intelligent leadership.

HON. J. R. STRATTON.

Hon. J. R. Stratton, in a telling
maiden speech, noted that the Op-
position critic seemed to be still
"looking backwards" and rehearsing
old issues, on which the people had
already pronounced. He dwelt on
many evidences of the growth and
prosperity of the country declaring that
no other country in the world
could show relatively as great an in-
crease of national undertaking in im-
proving transportation facilities with
so small a population. Mr. Stratton
advocated a national policy of the
conservation of the natural re-
sources and their transformation into
finished produce within the Dominion.
He emphasized the advantages that
would accrue from taking steps to
have Canadian pulpwood, Canadian
nickel and Canadian iron and steel
exported to the home market, and
finished commodities rather than, as
at present, exported largely as raw
material. The export of pulpwood
last year totalled 794,986 cords, valued
at \$4,966,391. Had this been manu-
factured into paper in Canada the
value would have been approximately
thirty-eight millions. On the ques-
tion of the Government's naval policy
he claimed that there was no valid
reason why it should not be made
concomitant with the building up
in this country of a great steel ship-
building industry.

The debate was continued by Messrs.
McCall, Martin, Barnard and Roy.

Adjournment was moved by Mr. Sin-
clair.

TO RESTRAIN COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to
amend the act establishing the commis-
sion for the conservation of the
natural resources by providing that
no member or official of the commis-
sion shall accept or acquire the fran-
chise of any lands, water powers
or fishery rights which they may be
called upon to examine, and that any
member or official so doing shall be
liable to certain penalties.

Mr. Armstrong explained that the
bill was not intended to reflect upon
the members of the commission, but
was in the public interest.

LOSS OF THE BESSEMER.

Mr. A. C. Macdonell moved the
adjournment in order to discuss the
loss of the car-ferry named Besse-
mer II, in Lake Erie. He said there
were no foghorns or signals at any of
the three harbors on the north shore
of Lake Erie, and no means of an-
swering signals, and it was the opinion
of marine men that if there had been
proper signals at Port Stanley the Besse-
mer II, and a number of valuable lives
might have been saved.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur regretted that
Mr. Macdonell had not given notice
of his intention to raise the question,
so that all the information in the
possession of the department regarding
it might have been placed before the
House. Instructions had been given to
hold an inquiry into the loss of the Besse-
mer II.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that
the naval bill would be introduced on
January 12.

Mr. Foster asked whether the Pre-
mier had made up his mind as to whe-
ther he would sit for Ottawa or Que-
bec East.

Sir Wilfrid replied that he had
made up his mind, and would make
a statement to-morrow.

DOMINION COAL.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Dominion Coal
Company shareholders had till to-day to
decide whether they would hold their
shares for the merger with the Domini-
on Steel Company or accept \$95 per
share for their holdings, the same as
President James Ross. Of the replies
received, 28,049 decided to hold for the
merger and 3,050 to sell.

MILLS HARDWARE CO.

On Saturday, Dec. 18th, we will open our fine new branch store at 425 BARTON STREET EAST. Our intention is not to close our John street store but to run TWO stores; serving our customers to better advantage by being located in the centre and east end of the city. All east enders who have already seen our new building will appreciate our effort to make Barton street east a business centre, which means quicker service at cheaper prices. Our motto is: ONE PRICE TO ALL—CASH ONLY. We deliver goods to all parts of the city from either store. Read below the FOUR big bargains for opening week and visit our fine new store.

Opening Week Bargains

During opening week we invite the public to come in and see our new store, and as an inducement we will offer at our Barton street store FOUR big bargains for one week only. Only ten of each bargain will be sold each day until Christmas. We will not deliver any of these four bargains, and sell only one to each customer.

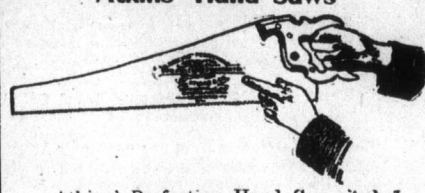
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Tea Kettle



No. 9 Nickel-plated Copper Tea Kettle;
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OPENING WEEK PRICE 59 CENTS

Atkins' Hand Saws



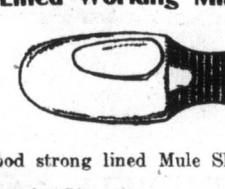
Atkins' Perfection Hand Saw, includ-
ing a carpenter's apron and cap FREE;
regular price \$2.25.
OPENING WEEK PRICE \$1.59 EACH

Mrs. Potts' Sad Irons



Mrs. Potts Nickel-plated Sad Irons;
regular price \$1.00 set, ...
OPENING WEEK PRICE 69 CENTS

Lined Working Mitts



A good strong lined Mule Skin Mitt;
regular price 50c.
OPENING WEEK PRICE 23 CENTS PAIR

Don't miss this chance to visit our new store.
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Binbrook

The monthly young people's services
at Knox Presbyterian Church, Bin-
brook, will not be held next Sunday
evening, Dec. 19th, as the pastor has
to preach elsewhere. The next service
will be held on the 3rd Sunday of Jan-
uary.

Knox Church, Binbrook, Christmas en-
tertainment will be held in the church
on Friday evening, Dec. 24th, at 8 o'-
clock. A good programme will be given.
There was no meeting of the Women's
Institute in November, and there will be
no December meeting, but all the ladies
are requested to be present at the Jan-
uary meeting, prepared to help either
by song, paper or poem.

Miss Gladys Young, of Hamilton, is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.
Young in the village.

Glanford

The Mount Hope Sunday School will
hold its anniversary on Sunday, and on
Monday evening will have a concert in
the town hall.

Mr. Phillipott will speak at the tem-
perance meeting in Mt. Hope on 21st
December.

Miss Elleda Dickenson has returned
home after spending a week with friends
in Guelph.

Mr. J. Cowie, of Hamilton, visited
at Mr. A. Reed's, in the village.

Scotland

The children of the Sabbath schools
are making preparations for the Christ-
mas entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Smith entertained
friends from Windham Centre recently.
Mr. James Scott, of Mohawk, was in
this place on business one day last week.
Mr. S. Hunter and family, who recently
moved to Los Angeles, Cal., are de-
lighted with the city and climate.

Fisherville

Mr. Jas. Ullman, of Dundurn, Sas-
katchewan, is visiting here.

Mr. Joseph Shurr has purchased from
a Brantford firm a new gasoline traction
engine, and two eight furrow ploughs,
with the intention of operating them in
the Northwest next spring.

A new piano has been installed in the
home of Wm. Feas, and one in the home
of Henry Held.

Fisherville hockey team played its
first match at Nelles Corners on Sat-
urday and defeated the home team by
2-0. The following are the officers of
the club for this season: G. A. Nabie,
President; Jas. Otterman, Sec.-Treasur-
er; Fred Nabie, Manager; E. G. Mehlon-
hacher, Referee.

Cheapside

Quite a large number of friends gath-
ered at the home of Mr. James Mellon
on Wednesday evening of last week and
a very enjoyable time was spent.
Mr. Orrion Weidrich spent a couple of
days in Hamilton last week.
Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis and Mrs.

Abe Harris visited relatives in Nanti-
ooke on Monday of last week.

Miss Catharine Stillwell spent Wednes-
day and Thursday at the home of her
sister, Mrs. Fred Smelser, town line.

Mrs. P. Gibbs spent Saturday in Jar-
vis.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kersy, of Sel-
kirk, were the guests of her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Reuben Matre, on Sunday.
Mr. Cecil Fulson spent Saturday with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fulson,
Selkirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pond, of San-
dus, called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
James Pond, on Sunday last.

Owing to the inclemency of the weath-
er on Sunday evening the services in the
Baptist Church were not very well
attended.

Valens

An entertainment will be given in the
Valens school-house on Friday evening,
Dec. 17, by the pupils of Miss McKnight,
assisted by the Valens orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Keachie, of Dexter,
Iowa, are at present visiting with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour, here.

A number from here attended the Win-
ter Fair in Guelph last week.
Mrs. Adam Valens visited last week
with relatives in Guelph, and while there
attended the Women's Institute conven-
tion.

The December meeting of the Women's
Institute will be held at Valens, at the
home of Mrs. Harbottle, on Tuesday, Dec.
21. A report of the annual convention
will be given, also recipes for Christmas
cake and pudding, and ideas for Christ-
mas gifts will be asked for.

Sinclairville

Mr. John Degrow attended a meeting
of the County Council last week in Ham-
ilton.

The children of the Sunday school are
practising for their Christmas entertain-
ment.

The gas drillers have struck a very
good supply of gas at a depth of a little
over 300 feet.

Some of the farmers are threshing
their clover seed.

The gas well is gushing out so much
water that it is draining a number of
the drilled wells in the neighborhood.

Mr. John C. Hewitt is prepared to do
blacksmithing.

Mrs. A. Degrow has been very sick,
but is slowly recovering.

Jerseyville

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Swartz, late of Ed-
monton, Alta., are spending a few days
with Mrs. J. L. Swartz. Mr. Swartz
speaks in glowing terms of the wonderful
Western Province, of which he has seen
considerable.

Mrs. Cole, of Hamilton, is the guest of
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wait for a few days.
Rev. Mr. Rutherford, of Brantford, oc-
cupied the pulpit of the Methodist
Church on Sunday, in the absence of
Rev. Moyer.

Mr. Harry Wood, of Altadore farm,
spent the week end with friends at Bur-
lington.

Mr. Andrew Stapleton had the misfor-
tune to have his sawmill burned to the
ground on Thursday evening, Dec. 9th.
He had a similar misfortune on the
evening of May 6th, 1908, when the mill

and everything in connection with it
were entirely consumed.

Mr. R. Misener, of Langford, was call-
ing on friends during the week.

Mr. G. H. Swartz is in Hamilton at-
tending the jury.

A petition is in circulation among the
erection of a new school house.

Renforth

Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelly, of Southcoote,
are at present visiting friends in St.
Catharines.

Rae Brothers have sold half of their
farm to Mr. J. E. Smuck.

Mr. Harris, who has sold his farm to a
man from near Burlington, is making
preparations to move in the near future.

It is also reported that Mr. Swazie,
or Southcoote, has sold his farm, the pur-
chaser being a Binbrook man.

Mr. M. Smith, of Barton is at present
renewing acquaintances in this neighbor-
hood.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Dorr, of Trinity, vis-
ited friends in this vicinity on Sunday.

Municipal matters are very quiet in
Glanford township. It looks as if the
present Council would go back by ac-
clamation.

Mr. Joseph Kellogg had the misfor-
tune, while using an axe, to cut his foot.

Mr. F. Bates is at present spending a
few weeks with friends in Norwich.

Smithville

The first gun of the local option cam-
paign was fired on Sunday last, when
Mrs. Heslop, Dominion Organizer of the
W. C. T. U., delivered two rousing gos-
pel temperance addresses, one at Frey-
ton and one at Smithville. Her argu-
ments were very strong and convincing
and the large audience present seemed
to be much impressed. From present
prospects there will be a large majority
in favor of local option.

The death occurred on Tuesday at her
residence here of Catharine, wife of
Francis Smith, of heart failure, superin-
duced by pneumonia, at the age of 63
years. Deceased was taken ill on Sun-
day, 5th, and gradually sank until the
end came, in spite of the best medical
help obtainable. She leaves, besides her
husband, one son and five daughters.
She was interred in the family plot at
Atercliffe on Thursday last.

The local flour mill is doing a very
large business and the farmers are very
fortunate in having such a mill in their
vicinity.

There passed away at his son's resi-
dence, in South Grimsby, on Wednesday,
the 15th, Geo. H. Prumen, aged 69 years.
Deceased had been sick a long time with
general debility, and the end was not un-
expected. He moved here with his son
about two years ago, and was a man of
genial disposition and bore his long ill-
ness with Christian fortitude.

Harry Lauder to Appear at
Massey's Hall, Toronto.

It has been arranged for Harry Lauder,
with supporting company, to appear at
Massey Hall, Toronto, Dec. 21 to 25, in-
clusive, and the fact that fare and a
third arrangements will apply over these
dates will be taken advantage of by
many of our citizens to see the world's
foremost singing comedian, and incident-
ally visit Toronto during the Christmas
season. Tickets will be on sale at Cana-
dian Pacific City and Station Ticket
Offices.

The officers of the British navy alone
make a formidable squad of 109,210.

