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NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL

COMMITTED SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Wm. Madison, also known as McPherson, and whose photograph is in the Rogues Gallery, shot himself in the breast three times today to avoid capture for a robbery committed in Mount Vernon last night. He died while being removed to a hospital.

Madison might first have killed an officer or two had he been so inclined, but after holding up his pursuers he deliberately turned the weapon upon himself.

Madison, if the police identification be true, last night entered the jewelry store of Samuel Raymond at Mount Vernon and, pushing a revolver into the face of the proprietor, demanded: "Give me everything you have."

Then shifting the gun to the left hand Madison drove his right hand through the glass of a showcase and gathered up a handful of jewelry valued at \$20 and fled.

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INSURANCE.

At the beginning of the year the new law in the State of New York and out of it will in all probability arise conditions which will affect insurance business all over America. This law applies only to New York companies, not to those doing business in the state, and certain rules are laid down which are regarded by the companies as most unfair. However, spite of strong opposition the bill was passed and will no doubt be enforced.

Among other things it fixes the portion of the first premium on a policy which may be devoted to expense. The medical examiner's fees will be reduced as will also the commission agents, the result being that those who have to hustle for business will be placed at a disadvantage in competition with other canvassers and will meet with but little reward. It will probably be found that these New York companies will deem it absolutely necessary to increase their rates to overcome the provisions of the new act, and this will of course injure the companies instead of the canvassers, in the general competition.

It is scarcely probable that companies other than those affected will join in this increase but rather they will prefer larger business, to the increased profits through higher rates.

In Canada it is not anticipated that the coming year will see any material change in the regulations governing the method of conducting insurance affairs, although it may be expected that a somewhat different system of inspection will be devised and that companies will be asked to send in more comprehensive reports than have been furnished in the past. The publication of all returns from investments, results to policy holders, expense accounts, etc., will place the companies in such a position that competition will be more open.

STUDY THE REPORT.

During the next few weeks, members of the board of trade and of the common council will be expected to consider carefully the report of the assessment commission and the draft of a bill for a system of taxation in St. John which accompanied that report. It is not to be doubted that those corporations, and maybe the weather citizens, who will be compelled to pay higher taxes, will fight this bill to the utmost. Indeed, it already appears that certain of them are arranging their campaign at the present time. Such being the case, it would be wise for not only those directly concerned in the discussion of the bill, but for all persons interested to study it carefully and familiarize themselves with the working out of the different sections. Although the opposition which may arise will not have any serious effect before the board of trade or the common council, still there are bodies which are known to wield a considerable influence at Fredericton, and the city must be prepared to oppose this outside influence in the strongest possible manner.

SKILLED LABOR.

The Canadian manufacturers, having been unsuccessful in securing permission for the importation of skilled labor from the United States, to relieve the situation in Canada, are now looking to England, to which country the Alien Labor Law, of course, does not apply. The association at the recent meeting in Winnipeg discussed the project of establishing a labor bureau in London. The idea has materialized and an agent will be appointed during the present week. The bureau will be opened about the first of the year and it is anticipated that by spring a large number of mechanics will have been secured.

This undertaking is the outcome of the failure of the different labor organizations to supply anything like the number of mechanics required to meet the demand.

SCHOOL VENTILATION.

A letter from another mother dealing with the ventilation in public schools appears in the Star today. While it must be admitted that in rare instances some of the teachers fail to properly acquaint themselves with the working of the registers and ventilators in the schools, and while it is also true that accidents occasionally happen to the heating systems, yet on the whole the schools are splendidly conducted. When parents believe they have good reason to complain it is well that they should do so to the proper authorities rather than to publicly condemn all the schools because of a temporary condition which could not be avoided.

Winnipeg and Moncton can rub thumbs on the telephone question. It might be a good plan, for Mayor Sweeney and Premier Roblin, who seems to be booming the Winnipeg movement, to get together and have a chat.

Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow because it is a hair-food. Feed the hair-bulbs, and the hair grows. That's nature's way, and that is all there is to it.

It is alleged that after sending several threatening letters Page secured entrance to the complainant's home and placing a revolver against her head demanded \$500. The woman fainting and Page fled. Tonight at the suggestion of the police she met Page by appointment and he was arrested.

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WINNIPEG PEOPLE

WILL OWN 'PHONES

Premier Roblin Gives Interview on Probable Result of Tomorrow's Vote.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—When Premier Roblin was asked as to the telephone question coming up for vote by the municipalities on the 18th, he said: "The people are almost unanimously in favor of municipal ownership of local exchanges, with long distance lines owned by the government. They have been confused by the artifice of appearing in newspapers controlled by the Bell people and by cunning agents employed by that company, pretending to be the farmers' friends. If every elector votes 'yes' on the 18th, it does not mean that they will necessarily have a municipal 'phone; it simply means that they endorse the principle and may have the advantages if they wish them."

"After it carries and before an exchange can be established, a sufficient number of subscribers must sign a contract to take the 'phone, to guarantee the interests on cost of construction, etc., just the same as the Bell system, only that we give a better system for half or less. The collection of the charges will be made distinct from ordinary rates; in a word, the taxpayer will not know from his rate bill that there is such a thing as a municipal 'phone. Only those who use a 'phone will have anything to pay, exactly as under the Bell."

"How many miles do you expect to construct next year?"

"I should say one thousand, possibly more. We will more than cut the Bell figure in two. They charge now 2 1/2 miles for three-minute service, and we can give a service of three minutes for 100 miles for 25 cents, and will do so as soon as we decide that no margin of profit is desirable."

"Then you consider the question settled?"

"Yes," said the Premier emphatically. "The Winnipeg vote settled it, and the Municipal Union of this province deserves more of the credit than I can say for the rapid manner in which a decision has been reached."

Scarcely a day passes without one or more serious accidents at Sand Point. Yesterday morning George Collins, a ship laborer, fell down the ashes hold of the steamer Halifax City, and sustained a fracture of the shin, and a severe scalp wound. The injured man was found at the bottom of the chute about 4:30 a. m., but it is not known how long he had been lying there. He was taken to the emergency hospital, and later to the General Public Hospital, where at an early hour this morning he was reported to be progressing satisfactorily towards recovery.

Herbert McIntyre, of Fairville, had his collar bone broken on Monday night, while wheeling a truckload of crockery packages