# POOR DOCUMENT

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### TO POLICE. JULES VERNE'S PROPHECIES. TENDERING ALONE FOR THE FAST LINE. GOODSPEED'S CONFESSION

The Words in Which He Told That Doherty Was Killed By Higgins.

BOTH BOYS IN COURT.

Developments of Yesterday - Revolver Being Traced by the Officers-Another Shooting of Years Ago Which Doherty Murder Recalls -Much Similarity in the Cases.

Friday afternoon a Telegraph reporter made some enquiries at places where Higgins had been employed and from these quarters came the word that he was found a good boy. Higgins was in the employ of D. Magee for about a year as stable and errand boy and left the place of his own free will. Mr. Magee found Higgins honest and upright and a good worker.

## THE STORY GOODSPEED TOLD.

The Telegraph this morning is able to give word for word the terrible story which Fred Goodspeed told the police on Saturday morning, August 9, a week and a day after the murder of Willie Doherty, and it is especially interesting in view of the comments made after his evidence at the inquest as

to just what his first story to the officers after his arrest was.

Interviewing the boys of the tan yard crowd, sifting their stories, hearing from Baird and Patterson of Doherty and two other boys being seen going tofrom Baird and Patterson of Doherty and two other boys being seen going towards and, later in the park on Friday, August 1, had led the officers to form a connection of who the parties were they wanted on suspicion of the awful crime, but it remained for Goodspeed, after a night in loneliness behind the bars of a prison cell to furnish, the first other than circumstantial evidence. As the sergeant on duty near the boy's cell paced back and forth, he was called by the young fellow who told him he wanted to see Chief Clark. The chief was called and to him Goodspeed said he wanted to tell the whole story of the murder of Doherty. When advised that what he would say would be used against him he still said the wanted to talk and asked to be taken be used against him he still said he wanted to talk and asked to be taken

This was done and in the inner room of the chief's office the blood curdling tale was told—the only auditors Chief Clark and Deputy Chief Jenkins. The chief said to the boy: "I warn you that you need not tell me anything and what you do tell me will be used in evidence against you, now you can

Goodspeed then made the following statement:

St. John, N. B., August 9th, 1902.

"Frank Higgins asked me one day to help kill William Doherty. I said 'no I won't.' William Doherty came up in the graveyard Friday afternoon, week ago yesterday. Frank Higgins asked William Doherty to go out to the Park and pick berries. I was with William Doherty picking berries, when I heard four revolver shots go off. I turned around and heard Willie holler, 'My God Higgie you have shot me.' Willie said 'Go get the doctor, Higgie, and I will say it is an accident.' Frank Higgins then said to me, 'If you don't help me I'll kill you out here.' I helped Frank Higgins to get some wood to bury him over. This was about 3 p.m. on Friday, August 1st. We came in by the Park entrance and Higgie threw the revolver in the creek, nearly opposite Hanover street. Yesterday he came to me on Waterloo street and said the cops are after me and that we had better get out. When he was burying him up he (Higgins) threw the rocks on to his head; this is what cut his head; and told me if I did not help him and have a hand in it he would shoot me right here. When Doherty fell Higgins ran up the hill with revolver and went to strike Doherty on the head. When Doherty caught the revolver out of his hand, then fell and groaned afterwards. Higgins then took the revolver and struck Doherty about five times on head. Higgins kicked the body and it rolled into the hole where it was found.

(Signed) "FREDERICK GOODSPEED." Goodspeed then made the following statement: honest and upright and a good worker. Another place where Higgins worked for about six months was the White Candy factory on Union street. Here every person met by the reporter yesterday had a kind word for the young fellow. The lady in charge of the building stated that they never had a better boy about the place than "Frank." She said if he wanted to steal there was the greatest chances in the world, but all the time he was there he was not connected with a bad gang. He left of his own free will. He was mart and a willing worker and they were all supprised when he was arrested.

As to the revolver which was fished out of the creek on Thursday afternoon, and the one which Goodspeed says killed Willie Doherty, it has been giving the police some trouble in learning just when and where it was purchased. It is thought, however, that the pistol was bought in a second-hand store on Mill street for an entry is on the books showing that during July a revolver answering to the one found in the creek was purchased from this store.

The Prisoners in the Police Court.

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### ALL LITERATURE WILL BE COMPRISED IN NEWSPAPER.

Veteran Writer Looks Forward to the Time, Fifty to One Hundred Years Hence, When There Will Be No Novels-Working on His Hundredth Book.

I had not M. Jules Verne's address when I arrived at Amiens Station, but I soon found that it was quite unnecessary, for everyhody knew "M .Inles." as his fellowtownsmen call the veteran author. found him at his club, and it will interest English admirers of the man to know

est English admirers of the man to know that in appearance he is exactly what the author of his books should be.
"I really would much rather interview you than be interviewed," he said. "Yes, I suppose I may consider my life's work as nearly finished. I am at work now on my hundredth volume, and in the nature of things I doubt whether I shall ever write another. In fact, my feeble eyesight prevents me from doing more than a page or two of it a day just now, if I want to keep up with the world's news I want to keep up with the world's news as well. Only 84 of my volumes have been published so far, and they will conbeen published so far, and they will continue to appear at six-monthly intervals, so that, of course, 10 or 12 of them are very likely to be posthumous. I work extremely quick when I am in health, and if the operation for cataract which I must shortly undergo restores my eyesight for me, as the doctor hopes it will, I may, after all, go on into my second century of volumes. For I am quite untired, and work, either at my books or at the municipal business of Amiens, is my chief recreation.

"The field of the romance writer of the "The field of the romance writer of the future? You're quite right, the question is an interesting one, and I'm inclined to think my answer to it will astonish you. Where do I think! will the novelist of the future seek the plots and the environment for his novels?"

Jules Verne leaned forward and drummed gently on the table. "I do not think there will be any novels or romances, at all events in volume form, in 50 or 100

all events in volume form, in 50 or 100 years from now," he said. And the old gentleman laughed at my surprise.

"No, I do not think there will be any novels. They will be supplanted altogether by the daily newspaper, which has already now taken such a grip of the lives of the progressive nations." orogressive nations."
"But the romance?" I said, "The novel,

the descriptive story, the story historicand the story psychological?"

# TRAGIC DEATH OF NEW BRUNSWICK EX-M. P. Denied C. P. R. Has Joined

Ottawa, Aug. 15 .- (Special) .- A gruesome story comes from the wilds of the Gatineau region, where an old man named Samuel Napier, was found dead in a shanty with his body partly eaten by a dog. It appears that Napier, who by the way was formerly a member of the provincial parliament of New Brunswick, had been sent to one of Gilmour and Hughson's shanties about 100 miles from Desert to look after the supply of grain and other provisions that were stored

He was sent in about the first of May and was literally alone with the exception of a dog as his companion. During the month of June he was visited by some of the firm's employes, who found everything all right. Napier was living his solitary life in comfort and happiness.

Since that time no one has been to see him until last week when men were sent in to inspect the premises. As they approached the shanty they saw the dog on top of a shed in the rear of the building. This extraordinary sight aroused their suspicions and they lost no time in entering the shanty. Their fear increasing upon finding no living creature within, the men immediately instituted a search for the old man. They groped about in the dark for some time when to their horror they found his dead and badly decomposed body in a sitting position beside the table.

The most sickening feature was that a large portion of the body had been eaten by the dog, which doubtless had become ravenous from starvation. Looking around it was found that the animal had jumped through a window to the top of the shed where they had seen it

The body was brought to Desert and interred there this week. Mr. Napier was a married man whose aged wife lives in Bathurst (N. B.), and from whom there were three letters awaiting him at the nearest post office. How long he had been dead will never be known but from the position in which he was found it is evident that the call must have come suddenly.

There is considerable indignation in the vicinity over the fact that he had been left alone for so long a period in such a wilderness.

[Samuel Napier was a native of Bathurst and represented Gloucester county in the provincial parliament for a period extending from about 1872 to 1880. He was about 70 years of age, and was at one time a prominent lumberman on the North Shore. He leaves a widow and two sons. Mr. Napier left this province twenty odd years ago.]

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Threw Firewood at Him.

Accused's Father Testifies

# REVIEW AT PORTSMOUTH A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE.

Hundreds of Vessels Splendidly Illuminated on Signal from Royal Yacht.

Split, it is Thought, Will Secure Acceptance of C. P. R. Proposal -Mr. Blair for 20 Knot Mail Service to Sydney in Summer and

> Montreal, Aug. 15-(Special)-The London correspondent of the Star cubles:
> "I have the highest authority for denying

Halifax in Winter.

Forces With Allans, Elder-

Dempster and Furness.

ALLANS MAKE OFFER.

the statement published here today that the Canadian Pacific Company has joined forces withe the Allans, Elder Dempster and Furness lines for the fast mail service between Montreal and Liverpool. "The Canadian ministers left London while the matter was still in statu quo, leaving the final decision open until their return to London or even Ottawa.

"It is quite true that the Allans have submitted an independent tender for about an 18-knot service to Quebec in the summer, and Halifax in the winter for a subsidy of £225,000, of which Canada pays £150,000 and Great Britain £75,000. "The Allans are very keen to secure the contracts and this segments. contracts and this separate tender indi cates a split among the combined tend

"This split will probably result in success for the Canadian Pacific company's

within a year that she hoped if George died suddenly it would be in Woodstock, for if at home it might be said she poisoned him.

Threw Firewood at Him.

Another time George told her his wife had thrown fire wood at him and that her eister had taken a butcher knife to him.

After the delivery of the mails. The mail delivery would then equal that via New York.

"Shimping experts do not expect a high-

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\*\*Shipping experts do not expect a higher rate of speed than 20 knots for the reason of tremendous expense. Official estimates show that it costs £600,000 to



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