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A SAD CASE

"Alas, it was pitiful
In a whole city full,
Home he had none."

Irwin Shaw, an old man, helpless and crippled with rheumatism, is being sheltered at present at the police station.

"The treatment this man Shaw has received is a disgrace to the County of Kent," said Chief Holmes this morning. "Shaw belonged to Camden Township and was an inmate of the House of Refuge. Last fall he was sent to the home of his son, near Chicago. About a week ago the man returned. The poor old cripple is in an awful state. An effort has been made to get him back into the House of Refuge. Both the Caretaker and the Clerk of the County claimed that they had no authority without an order from the Warden. The House of Refuge committee met on Saturday and I, personally, brought the matter to their attention. There was some dispute as to whether the County or Camden should assume the cost of his keep. I hated to see the poor old fellow around helpless and I told him to walk down to the House of Refuge. He left the police station at five o'clock and arrived at the Home at eight o'clock, so you know how fast the aged cripple can travel. I saw County Commissioner French and told him what I had done and he said it was all right."

"They gave the old man shelter Saturday night at the House of Refuge and let him go on Sunday morning. Saturday night Shaw was found lying over in North Chatham. The citizens who found him had him removed to the hospital. Had he been left out all night he would have perished. They had no accommodation at the hospital and the unfortunate was returned to the police station. The policemen have been feeding the man, but he is in such an awful state that the police station is no place for him. He should be some place where he can be taken care of. The heartlessness and red tapeism that keeps the poor old sufferer from the House of Refuge is a foul blot on this County. Something should be done at once. Had the old man died from exposure Sunday night his death could have been called nothing but murder. The dispute between the County and Camden as to who should pay the costs of the man's keep is no excuse for allowing him to suffer."

AGAINST GEN. MACDONALD.

**A FAMOUS SOLDIER TO FACE
COURT-MARTIAL.**

Charges, it is Alleged, Are Baked Upon Immoral Acts—Returning to Stand Trial.

Colombo, Ceylon, March 25.—Charges of the most serious nature have been brought against Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, K.C.B., commanding the British forces in Ceylon since 1902. In consequence the Governor of that island, Sir Joseph West Ridgeway, has been authorized to convene a court-martial to try General Macdonald. The latter, when the charges were filed some time ago, went to England to confer with his friends and superior officers, and now, it is understood, he will return and face the charges, which, it is alleged, are based on immoral acts.

London, March 25.—The announcement from Colombo that Major-General Macdonald is to be tried by court-martial on charges of immoral conduct undoubtedly will prove to be the greatest sensation in British military circles since the case of Col. Valentine Baker, who was sentenced August 2, 1875, to pay a fine of \$2,500, and to undergo twelve months' imprisonment for assaulting a lady in a railroad carriage. General Macdonald is regarded as one of Britain's great soldiers. He rose from the ranks in the Gordon Highlanders to his present position, and the service list shows no more honorable war record than that of Macdonald, while few officers possess more hard-won decorations. He is extremely popular in the army and in civil life.

While the army officials and many of his brother officers were aware that charges were pending against General Macdonald, no intimation of their nature leaked out until the dinner of the officers of a Highland regiment March 21, at which General Macdonald was present. Lord Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief, paid tribute in a speech on that occasion to the Highland officers who had served with distinction, but did not mention General Macdonald. This attracted considerable notice, and the sensation was increased when another speaker, who was not aware of the facts in the case, lauded the General as a typical Highland soldier, and found that his remarks were received in cold silence by the majority of the officers present. General Macdonald, it is announced, left England for the continent some days ago, and it is understood he is returning to Ceylon, under the advice of Lord Roberts, after hearing Macdonald's version of the charges.

Dalhousie Postoffice Robbery.

Dalhousie, N.B., March 24.—Postmaster J. A. Johnston and Geo. Chiverton were arraigned before the County Judge here to-day, pleaded guilty to stealing \$248 from the postoffice on July 30 last, and were remanded for sentence.

MR. FOY MOVES AMENDMENT

Opposes Royal Commission in a Pointed Address—His Motion.

It is Deemed Likely that Premier Ross will Make Some Statement To-day.

Toronto, March 25.—The introduction by Mr. J. J. Foy (South Toronto) of an amendment to Premier Ross' motion to refer the Gamey bribery charges to a Royal Commission of two Judges was the most important event at the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Foy's amendment, after reciting the charges made by Mr. Gamey, and taking objection to the Premier's proposed method of dealing with the matter, provides that the charges be referred for trial to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Foy, in moving the amendment, made an exhaustive address, in which he outlined what he considered to be a number of vital faults in the terms of the commission as brought down by the Premier. An important announcement was made by the Attorney-General in answer to a statement by Mr. Foy that the clause requiring witnesses to answer incriminating questions was ultra vires of the statute creating the commission. Col. Gibson's reply was to the effect that if the members of the House thought it necessary to adopt the clause of the Dominion evidence act of 1888 in express terms to the commission, so as to avoid the possibility of the provision being useless, there was no reason why they should not do so by the unanimous consent of the House.

The speakers during the afternoon, in addition to Mr. Foy, were J. S. Duff (West Simcoe) and A. G. McKay (North Grey). Mr. McKay, in the course of fifteen minutes, which was left before the adjournment, outlined what will doubtless be an important contribution to the debate when the House resumes to-day.

At the opening of the House Premier Ross presented a motion that the time for receiving private bills be extended until April 15.

The full text of Mr. Foy's amendment is as follows:

That all the words in the motion after the word "that" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

Whereas, certain statements and allegations were on the 11th day of March, 1903, made in this House by Robert R. Gamey, member for the Electoral District of Manitoulin, involving the independence of the House, and the honor and privileges of its members, and containing a direct accusation that the Honorable James Robert Stratton, a member of the House, was a member of the Executive Council of this Province, one Captain John Sullivan, one D. A. Jones, and one Frank Sullivan, did attempt to bribe the said Robert R. Gamey in order to influence him in his proceedings as such member by the offer and payment of money, the procuring the dismissal or abandonment of a petition against the said Robert R. Gamey under the Controverted Election Act, and by the transfer and allotment to the said Robert R. Gamey of the patronage of the said electoral district of Manitoulin and other considerations;

And whereas the statements and allegations also implicate the following members of this House and members of the Executive Council, namely, the Hon. George W. Ross, Premier and Provincial Treasurer; the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Attorney-General; Hon. Richard Harcourt, Minister of Education; the Hon. Elihu J. Davis, Commissioner of Crown Land, and Hon. Frank Latchford, Commissioner of Public Works, and cast suspicion on the remaining member of the Executive Council;

And whereas it is the undoubted right and duty of this Legislature to enquire into all charges of misconduct in office against Ministers of the Crown, and the reference of such matters to a royal commission created upon the advice of the accused is at variance with the grave responsibility of Ministers of the Legislature and tends to weaken the authority of this House over the executive Government and its members;

And whereas, it is the right and duty of this Legislature to take all steps necessary to the protection and preservation of its own honor; And whereas, the Premier of the Government, representing himself and his colleagues, when the said charges were presented to this House, then gave this House the solemn assurance that investigation should be made at once under the rules of the House, either by a Special Committee to be appointed by the House for that purpose, or by the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the usual way. Therefore, the matters set forth in the statements and allegations made to this House by the said Robert R. Gamey, as aforesaid, and all matters and things which relate thereto or are connected therewith, or affect, or may arise out of the same, be forthwith referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to enquire into and report thereon, and with power to send for and examine all necessary persons and papers in or concerning the premises.

FOURTEEN RIOTERS DEAD.

Many Others Wounded at Port of Spain.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, March 25.—Fourteen natives were killed and forty wounded during yesterday's rioting. The Government building was entirely destroyed by the rioters, and the police barracks were damaged by fire and water. All the Government records were destroyed. The sailors and marines from the Pallas rendered invaluable services in patrolling the streets and guarding public buildings.

Volunteers have been called on, and special constables have been sworn, but no further rioting has occurred, although intense excitement prevails among the inhabitants.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, March 24.—Two hundred men of the Lancashire Fusiliers left the Island of Barbadoes yesterday for Port of Spain, Trinidad, on board the British schooner E. A. Sabean.

JAMES QUIRK'S MURDER.

**HIS WIDOW NOW SUES THE
INSURANCE COMPANIES.**

**A Mysterious Case May be Reopened
—The Death of a Brantford Hotelkeeper and Sporting Man Recalled.**

Toronto, March 25.—If litigation ensues as a result of writs issued against three insurance companies the mystery surrounding the murder of James Quirk at Brantford on Sunday, March 23rd, of last year, may yet be cleared up. Mrs. Jennie Quirk, the widow of the murdered man, suing on behalf of herself, has issued writs against the Excelsior Life Insurance Company for \$2,380, the London Guarantee & Accident Company, Limited, for \$5,000, and the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Limited, for \$2,500, on policies upon the life of her late husband, a total of \$9,880.

James Quirk, who was a well-known sporting man in Ontario, and at one time a foot runner and part proprietor of the Commercial Hotel in Brantford, was found lying on the floor of his barn in rear of his hotel with his head horribly crushed in. He lived for a few minutes only, and was unable to speak to those who discovered him. The Provincial authorities took up the case, and Detective John Murray worked for several months upon it, but after the inquest had been adjourned several times the unsatisfactory verdict that Quirk had met his death at the hands of parties unknown was brought in.

It was understood at the time that Quirk had insurance upon his life amounting to \$12,500, but part of this was in favor of his two daughters.

The widow now sues on the policies she holds. Mrs. Quirk is understood to be in Buffalo at the present time. The Crown have not yet given up effort to trace the murderer, and Detective Murray was in Brantford last week upon the case.

Mr. Louis F. Heyd, who has acted for John Toole, the former partner, and Mrs. Quirk, denies that the couple have been married in Buffalo. "To the best of my knowledge, there has been no marriage," said Mr. Heyd, "and I have seen the parties quite recently."

STRIKE SETTLED.

**Collingwood Shipbuilders Return to
Work To-day.**

Collingwood, March 24.—The strike of six hundred men at the Collingwood Steel Shipbuilding Yards has been settled, after the men had been out for two weeks. The men go back to work this morning at a general advance of 2 1/2 cents per hour, but the general opinion is that only about one-half of the number will go back, as fully half of the original strikers have found other employment. The men have behaved themselves exceedingly well. Mr. Glocking of the Ontario Labor Department, who is here, has been a great factor in the settlement. Mr. Glocking addressed a mass meeting of workers in the opera house last night.

FAST LINE STORY.

London Cable Announcement Denied at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 25.—The story from London that the Allan firm has been awarded the contract for the fast Atlantic service is erroneous. Tenders will be received until June 1, and the contract cannot be awarded until after that date. What is meant probably is that the contract for the carriage of the Atlantic mails has been renewed with the Allans for another year. The aggregate sum paid for this service will probably amount to between \$150,000 and \$170,000. Payments are on a sliding scale in proportion to the speed of the service. If the speed falls below a certain figure deductions in payment will be made.

Montreal, March 25.—Mr. C. M. Hays, Second Vice-President and General Manager of the G. T. R., said to-night that he knew nothing whatever as to the truth of the Associated Press despatch regarding an arrangement between the G. T. R. and the Allan Line.

Mr. A. A. Allan does not credit the Associated Press despatch that a fast line contract has been signed between the Allan Line and the Dominion Government. The mere fact that the Government had called for tenders confirms his opinion.

The following is the Associated Press despatch to which the above despatches relate:

London, March 25.—An agreement has been signed between the Dominion Government and the Allan Line for the establishment of a subsidized fast service between Canada and Glasgow and Liverpool. The arrangement stipulates that the steamers are to make at least twenty-one knots, and specifications for a number of large steamers of this speed are now being prepared. The vessels will be built on the Clyde, on the Tyne and at Belfast. The service will be started within two years.

To facilitate the carrying out of the contract an important agreement has been entered into between the Allan Line and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

EARTHQUAKES IN DERBY.

Ceilings Cracked and Fireplaces Destroyed.

London, March 25.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt in various parts of Derbyshire at 1.30 yesterday. No great damage was done, but the shocks caused great alarm. In the Town of Derby ceilings were cracked, cornices and fireplaces were dislodged, and the walls of houses swayed.

Death in the Flood.

Memphis, Tenn., March 24.—Reports from Gavin, Ark., in the flooded district, say a boat carrying four unknown travelling salesmen and two negroes has been capsized near there. All six of the occupants were drowned.

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