

# CONFLICTING STORIES AT BALMORAL INQUEST

Body of Dead Man May be Exhumed to Ascertain the Number of Bullet Holes — Jury will Visit Scene of the Shooting in Order to Judge for Themselves.

DALHOUSIE, N. B., June 17.—The inquest over the shooting at Balmoral opened Monday at 10 a. m. in the court house here. It was crowded with people from all parts of the county. Several newspapers were represented. The coroner was represented by W. A. Trueman; the Pontaine family by R. A. Lawlor, K. C., and the constables, Sealy and Gallop, by W. A. Mott. The first witness called was Andrew Pontaine. He swore that J. Albert was the first man who met Sealy at the door. They clinched. All his evidence went to show that J. Albert was the first man who met Sealy at the door. Gallop dragged him to the scene after he had been arrested. Gallop struck J. Albert with the baton. J. Albert ran away, and he also made his escape. Before he left he saw Peter Fontaine run about the house, and both fired at him.

The next witness, Joseph J. Albert, swore that Sealy came to his house, knocked at the door, pushed it in, and he ran to the door and pushed Sealy out and knocked him over with a piece of firewood. His wife then called out to Peter Fontaine to come down, and Gallop appeared on the porch and on the head and ran away and hid behind the barn. From there he saw Peter Fontaine run around the house and came back to go in the house, crying on his hands and feet. He heard several shots fired.

William Gallop swore that he saw two men at Sealy at the door of Joseph J. Albert. He had Andrew Pontaine in custody. He dragged him over to help Sealy. Struck J. Albert on the head with a baton and tried to strike Peter Fontaine, but missed him. Peter Fontaine ran round the house, and Sealy fired one shot.

To Mr. Mott he said he would not swear that Sealy aimed at Fontaine. Fontaine ran back into the house and started upstairs. Gallop followed him and had a scuffle and one of the stairs broke away. Both men fell to the ground. Then both Sealy and Gallop got Peter Fontaine and handcuffed him and placed him on the bench. Then they started to look for the prisoner. Andrew Fontaine, who had escaped, heard a noise at the woods and going in that direction saw a man coming with an axe in a threatening position and both fired to frighten him away. When they returned to J. Albert's house, he saw blood running from Peter Fontaine's head and saw he was in a dying condition. Then he traveled five miles to D. C. Arsenault's house, where there was a telephone, to have the doctor come at once, but Fontaine died in a few minutes. He also swore that he had been told that the Fontaines were dangerous men to arrest. He had taken precautions accordingly.

Anthony Fontaine was the next witness called. He was the man who came with the axe from the woods, having been notified by his sister, Mrs. J. Albert, who said there was a murder at the house. On the way down he met the officers, who fired at him, striking one of his fingers. He exhibited the wound to the jury. He ran away, he said, and in about one hour returned to J. Albert's house, where he found his brother dead and saw blood in all directions.

R. A. Lawlor suggested that the body be exhumed again to ascertain the number of bullet holes that entered the body, also the calibre of the bullets. It is supposed that the revolver used by the two officers were different.

The inquest was then adjourned until Wednesday at 10 o'clock. In the meantime the jury will visit the scene of the tragedy to see for themselves on account of the conflicting testimony.

## QUINTETTE OF BEAUTIFUL AMATEUR ACTRESSES



This picture represents the five daughters of Mrs. Brookings, Nevill Court, Eng., and of the late Geo. Brookings, of Dartmouth, Devon, Eng., and Piasqua, Chile. Three of them appeared in the amateur performances of "The Ideal Husband" given at the Imperial Theatre, London, in aid of the "Ibero-American Benevolent Society," and proved themselves actresses of a talent well above the ordinary. Miss Maria Brookings (seated in the centre) was a charming Lady Chiltern; Miss Lillian Brookings looked and played the part of Mrs. Cheveley quite faultlessly; and Mrs. Donald (turning who stands close to her in the photograph) was the Lady Basilford. The Ibero-American Benevolent Society exists for the benefit of poor Spaniards and South Americans in London, who number something like 40,000.

## NEWS OF HAVELOCK.

HAVELOCK, June 17.—The annual convention of the Havelock Parish Sunday schools was held last Tuesday at Lower Ridge. Reports were received from the five schools of the parish. Havelock, Corn Ridge, Lower Ridge, Robinson Settlement and Graves Settlement. Rev. Mr. Alton of the Avenue Baptist church, Sussex, was present and delivered practical and very helpful addresses. At the evening session the following officers were elected: Lee F. Corey, president; John Branscombe, vice-president; Maurice A. Keith and F. Bruce McLeod, additional members of executive.

On Saturday 43 ratepayers presented themselves at the school house. All was over in an hour. M. A. Keith was unanimously elected to succeed the retiring trustee, Gilbert Atkinson. \$750 was voted for school purposes for the ensuing year.

A new staff of teachers will preside in this district for the ensuing year, viz: Robt. B. Masterton, principal; Miss Newman, intermediate; Miss Winifred Keith, primary.

Rev. Geo. Howard spent part of last week at Norton, where he preached on Wednesday morning the third sermon. Yesterday morning Rev. Mr. Wilson, secretary of the St. John's Settlement, occupied the Baptist pulpit here.

The summer time table of the N. & H. Railway goes into effect this morning. The train departs twenty minutes earlier and returns about as much later.

Hay is very scarce and at famine prices. The grass is very short and prospects poor for a good crop of hay. Everything is growing well now.

Mrs. Frost of Hampton, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Labella, for some weeks, will return home on Friday.

Miss Nola Baskin of St. John West is visiting Miss Blanche Corey.

Misses Eva and Laura Howard returned from Normal School on Friday.

Miss McAuley of the Intermediate department graduated on Saturday.

Rev. D. Hart of Ingonish, C. B., is the guest of his son, Dr. E. R. Hart. Work at Woodpoint quarry is progressing favorably. A large quantity of grinders are being quarried, a cargo of which will be shipped shortly to New Haven on schooner Laura C. Hall, Capt. Rockwell. This quarry is also supplying building stone for the new I. C. R. station.

F. J. Tingley, John Gillis and John Clark were elected delegates by the I. C. R. to attend the meeting of the High Court at St. John, July 2nd.

Their annual missionary sermon will be preached at Middle Sackville, June 23. Rev. E. L. Stevens will be the preacher.

Wm. Reed, Port Elgin, has re-opened the woolen mill, with good prospects for a successful year.

## MR. RUEL SAYS HE WAS MISREPRESENTED

Never Said Valley Line Would Cost \$100,000 Per Mile.

Dr. Pugsley Says Mackenzie and Mann Have Report of Engineer Stewart New Under Consideration.

(Tuesday's Sun.)

Hon. William Pugsley, accompanied by Mrs. Pugsley, arrived home from a visit to Ottawa and Montreal yesterday afternoon.

When interviewed this evening by a representative of The Sun, Dr. Pugsley gave some interesting information concerning the proposed extension of the Mackenzie and Mann railway lines down the valley of the St. John.

Mr. Ruel, assistant solicitor of the Canadian Northern railway, who in company with Mr. Stewart, C.E., inspected the valley routes, a short time since, informed Dr. Pugsley that the Mackenzie and Mann report on the St. John route had been handed in to Mackenzie and Mann, and was now under consideration.

Mr. Ruel told decided exception to the statement credited to him by the Globe that a railway built down the valley of St. John would cost \$100,000 per mile.

Such a statement Dr. Pugsley characterized as absurd. Mr. Ruel had said nothing of the kind. What he had said was that if the course of the river were followed throughout the entire route, there was a section, and not a very large section either, the cost of which would be \$100,000 per mile.

On every road similar short portions of very expensive track have to be built. Mr. Maxwell, a very experienced engineer, continued Dr. Pugsley, has carefully gone over the country between Woodstock and Fredericton in the interest of the St. John Valley and River du Loup Railway Company.

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