

FRANK HIGGINS GOES TO DORCHESTER
SAYING HE'LL BE OUT IN TEN YEARS.

He Thinks if it Hadn't Been the Joyous Christmas Season
He Would Have Been Hanged—Incidents of the Trip to
the Penitentiary—He Consols Dan Taylor, Who
Grieves—Murderer Jaunty and Hardened.

Frank Higgins, the lad who cruelly murdered his chum, Willie Doherty, in taining the despatch regarding it. He read it eagerly and remarked at the

Rockwood park, on the first day of August last, was conveyed to Dorchester penitentiary last Saturday morning. Higgins believes he will breath free air close:

"They're getting good. It must be the time of year. Anyway I guess if it hadn't been around Christmas time my neck

again in ten years from now. He also thinks that if the date set for his execution had not been close to the happy season of Christmas it would have been

carried into effect.

He showed no sign of contrition and no proper sense of his position. He was jaunty and hardened.

Higgins was taken to Dorchester by Deputy Chief of Police Jenkins and Turner.

Dan Taylor seemed to fully realize his position and felt very badly over his incarceration. He was bemoaning his plight to Higgins who endeavored to cheer his fellow prisoner by admonishing him to "take it easy."

key Cunningham. W. Higgins went another prisoner, Dan Taylor (colored), who will serve a sentence of three years for theft; the two were shackled together by the feet.

Mother's last Visit.

"How would you feel if you had been sentenced to be hanged at a certain date?" he asked of Dan in an evident effort to show the latter that his case was not as bad as it might have been.

This unnerved the negro and with a perceptible shiver he replied:

"My God! I'd die right dar. The

On Friday night Mrs. Higgins paid a farewell visit to her boy, and in the grey dawn of Saturday morning the lad was taken from his cell by Turnkey Cunningham to the police office, where the deputy chief awaited him. Taylor and Higgins enjoyed the answer immensely, and laughed gleefully over it.

Father Michael Advises the Boy.

Rev. Father Michael, formerly of the

Higgins were bound together by Mr. Cunningham, their feet only being shackled. Deputy Sheriff Rankine joined the party and the two prisoners, with their escorts, entered a hack drawn close up to the main entrance. They were driven rapidly

to the depot and boarded the train immediately. There were only a few persons in the depot at the time, but the little party which had entered the side door so quietly did not escape observation and its members were the centre

the affirmative, Rev. Father Michaud remarked that if he had heeded the good advice given him then and at other times he would not now be in his present condition. Higgins, indifferently, assented. The priest's parting advice was for the prisoner to be a good boy and obedient.

The morbidly curious followed it right to the train steps, and jostled one another in an effort to obtain a closer view of the lad in knickerbockers, chained to the negro.

Whole Higgins' departure from St. John was as quiet as the authorities had planned it should be, the trip to Dorchester caused considerable excitement all along the line. At every station curious crowds assembled, and boarded the

train to get even a fleeting glimpse of Higgins who bore the scrutiny with the same smiling indifference that has marked his demeanor since the hour of his arrest. The train stopped ten minutes at Moncton, and in that interval a brakeman had several times to clear the crowded aisles of the car in which were

Higgins talked a good deal on the way but never referred to the crime for which he would have paid the extreme penalty had not executive clemency been exercised.

He asked Deputy Chief of Police Jenkins if the morning papers had anything about the commutation of Cook's sentence, and was given a paper con-

ANIE GERTRUDE ORR, VICTIM OF COAL
GAS IN HOUSE ON BROAD STREET.

Mrs. Francis Daggett Nearly Lost Her Life, Too—They Were Overcome While They Slept by Fumes from Kitchen

As the result of escaping gas from soft coal, pretty Annie Gertrude Orr, aged 16, having a hard time to save Mrs. Daggett's life.

The news of Miss Orr's death was kept from Mrs. Daggett, as the shock, it was thought, might prove fatal in her precarious condition.

The deceased young woman leaves a father, mother, six brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

George H. P. Burrows was notified of the death.

In the rear of the Miller home is a small cottage, occupied by Mrs. Daggett. The latter was alone and requested Miss Orr to sleep with her during the

The two women left Mrs. Miller's house Friday evening about 9 o'clock and went to Mrs. Daggett's apartments and retired. Before they retired, however, the cooking stove in the kitchen, which adjoins the bedroom, was filled with soft coal and the fire

draughts were shut on so that the night might burn all night and be going when the woman and girl would arise in the morning. Before leaving Mrs. Miller's, they requested that they be called about 8 o'clock Saturday morning. At that hour Mrs. Miller went to awaken her sister and Mrs. Daggett but could get no response. When Mrs. Miller broke into the room the smell of gas was very strong, and it is said that had Mrs. Miller not acted promptly it would have taken only a short time until Mrs. Daggett would have been beyond medical aid. Coroner D. K. Berryman has decided that under the circumstances he will hold an inquest into the death of the woman.

After pounding on the door and window for some time Mrs. Miller became alarmed and procuring an axe smashed down the door and found the apartments full of gas. Mrs. Miller immediately proceeded to the bedroom and found her sister lying on the floor.

ter and Mrs. Daggett lying in bed. The younger girl was insensible, while Mrs. Daggett was in a semi-conscious condition and very weak.

Both were given fresh air and the services of Dr. J. W. Daniel and Dr. James Christie were immediately brought into the city. They attended to their duties and

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