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FOURTEENTH YEAR

# THE MURDER OF WILLIAMS

The Detectives Think They Know Who Killed Williams and His Wife.

MAY BE PLACED BEHIND THE BARS TO-DAY.

The Murderer Tracked Along Dundas-street to the City.

A Suspicion That There May Have Been Two Men Concerned in the Crime—The Murderers Missed a Large Sum of Money Which Was in a Trunk in a Bedroom—The Old Man Nearly Ninety Years of Age—Additional Facts in Connection With the Tragedy.

**MISSING.**—John, age 45 to 50 years, missing man and horse the first close to being unraveled the details of the awful crime will, it is believed, have been discovered.

At all events that is the direction in which Government Detective Greer and the other officers are devoting their energies at present.

**Friday the Day of the Dead.**

The visit of Miss Minnie Goldthorpe to the Williams residence on Wednesday to "pay" guests and the trip of old man Williams and his wife to Toronto marked on the following day have been recorded.

They returned home at 5:40 o'clock, and the hired man assisted them out of the rig. He was seen by a son of John W. Hickey, a neighbor, who was returning from school at the time. That was the last seen of the old couple alive.

**The Hired Man at Cookville.**

Mrs. Waterhouse, wife of the proprietor of the hotel at Cookville, states that Williams hired man came into the hotel between 10 and 12 o'clock on Thursday, when he spoke to him, and enquired how Williams and his wife were. He replied that they were first rate. He had two or three drinks, remained perhaps an hour, and then left.

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**Who the Mystery Man Is.**

"John" was hired by Williams on Nov. 13. He was engaged for one month and was to have left on Wednesday.

Prior to entering Williams' employ "John" is said to have worked for 18 months for A. W. Gordon, contractor of this city, on the latter's farm at the Hamlet. Here he was known as James Brigan. That is the man for whom the detectives are now looking.

**A Mysterious Englishman.**

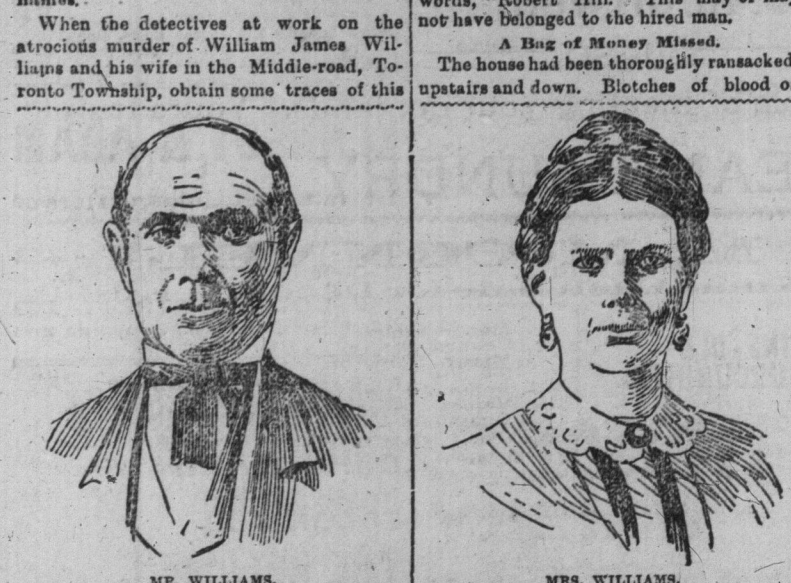
Some excitement was occasioned at Port Credit yesterday by a story that an Englishman about 22 years of age had called at the house of William Death, who has a farm on the third line some miles from the Williams' place, on Thursday afternoon about 4, or a little after, and asked if he knew where Mr. Williams lived. "I don't know where the house was," said Mr. Death, "upon which he asked me if I was not an old man, and I told him that he was."

It appears that on Thursday morning a young Englishman wearing a short jacket and otherwise answering the description given of the unknown by George Death was in the hotel when the old man and his wife stopped there. Mrs. Williams told the young man who Williams hired and mentioned that he was a lame man. J. H. Phillips of 697 Gerrard-street east, Toronto, and William Howe of Paris, Ont., were in the hotel at the time and heard the conversation. Both men would be able to identify the man in question.

**That "John" a Farmer?**

Some people profess to believe that this young Englishman was a partner with "John" in the murder. An effort will be made to find this young Englishman.

The murder was undoubtedly committed about supper time. Williams was seated at the table, and had evidently just finished eating. The tea-pot was on the stove as the tea had been put there to steep. Williams was in his stocking feet. It was one of his own boots that had been used upon his head by the murderer, and it lay in a



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pool of blood under the chair. Another pair of men's shoes which are not believed to have been owned by the murdered man, were found alongside the chair.

A long briar pipe-stem was also picked up on the floor. It was broken in three pieces and no trace of the bowl could be found. The pipe belonged to his murderer. The only thing found in the room in the attic in which the hired man slept was the words, "Robert's Bill." This may or may not have belonged to the hired man.

**A Bag of Money Missed.**

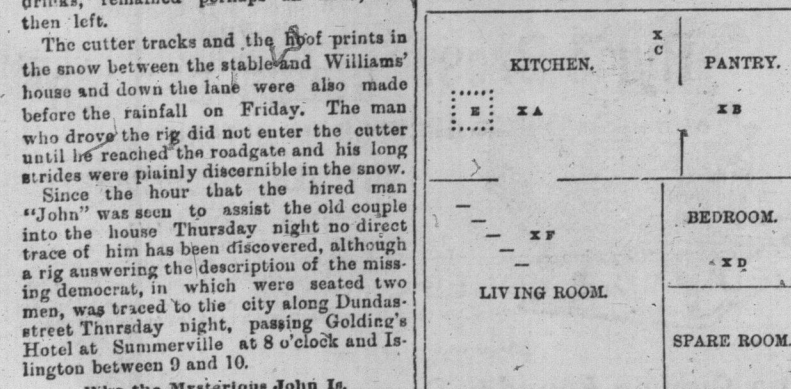
The house had been thoroughly ransacked, upstairs and down. Botches of blood on

the stairway leading to the attic show where the murderer's coat rubbed against the wall as he was ascending. In a trunk in Williams' sleeping apartment was a bag containing \$100 in bills, an American half dollar and a Prussian thaler. This bag had evidently been overlooked by the murderer.

Although the murder was not discovered until 4:30 Sunday afternoon the fact that something was amiss was known on Saturday. As has been stated, on the morning of that day Howard Guthrie, a nephew of Ross Goldthorpe, went over to the Williams dwelling with the old gentleman. He found the door open, and the blinds down, and the doors locked, and failing to get in, he put the mail matter in the latch of the door and went back home. Although no air was observed at the Williams house that day no notice was taken of this till late at night, when Mrs. Goldthorpe spoke of it and suggested that they might perhaps be ill. A doctor was called, and at present Howard Guthrie, the nephew, was sent over to see if there was any sickness, and if he could give and find any trace of the doctor, remained perhaps an hour, and then left.

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**KITCHEN.** Parlor. **PARLOR.** **BEDROOM.** **LIVING ROOM.** **SPARE ROOM.**

**MIDDLE ROAD.**

**A.**—Where Williams' body was found. **B.**—Where Mrs. Williams' body was found. **C.**—Where the body of the hired man was found. **D.**—Bedroom where money was overlooked by murderer. **E.**—Entrance at which Williams was killed. **F.**—Stair leading to attic.

do, as the labor of attending beasts on the farm fell almost entirely on Mrs. Williams' shoulders, owing to the lameness of her husband. Young Guthrie returned to say that the house was still closed, and the blinds drawn, and that the letters he had left inside the latch were exactly where he had put them Saturday morning.

**Did Not Think of Breaking the Door.**

Feeling somewhat disturbed at this Mr. Ross Goldthorpe, the boy's uncle, went over to investigate. He was called by the sound of a gun or entrance or to obtain a glance inside, and he visited the barn. He found the stable door open and the horses described above missing. The livery was found put away where it was usually kept, showing that the man who had taken away the horse was thoroughly familiar with the stable. The cutter was also gone.

When he went to the stable and fed the horses, which seemed as if they had not had any food, he noticed a small box on the table, and he noticed a small box on the table, and he noticed a small box on the table.

The singular state of affairs became noted abroad and at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, William Moody, Jr., brother-in-law of Williams, William Routledge, Daniel Hagan, William A. Burrell and R. H. Gibson's Toothache Gum sets as a temporary filling and stops toothache.

**Important Notes.**

Blight Bros., stationers, have removed from The Globe Building, corner Yonge and Melville streets, to 505 Yonge-st.

## FARMERS' TARIFF OPINIONS.

SYNOPSIS OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED TO THE CONTROLLERS.

Agriculturists Not a Unit in Favor of Sweeping Changes—Free Cost Oil, Reduction of the Free Breakfast Table Asked For—Free Trade With Britain and the United States.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—It is not probable that many, if any, more conferences with farmers and others, on the tariff question, will be held by Controllers Wallace and Wood. There have been 10-12 meetings, and a study of the evidence taken shows that a very great variety of opinions were expressed and that the farmers are by no means so unanimously in favor of any sweeping changes as they have been represented to be. The meetings being private, that is press reporters being excluded, the expressions of opinion were not so definite as they might otherwise have been, and there can be no doubt that the Government showed wisdom in having these conferences, and that the evidence taken at them will prove highly useful in assisting the Government in arriving at conclusions in what changes in the tariff are really desired by the farming community.

**Analysis of the Witnesses' Views.**

One hundred and sixty-five witnesses appeared before the controllers. They did not all express their views on the same subjects, the subjects which opinions were volunteered being very varied, as the following synopsis will show:

With regard to free trade, seven expressed themselves as in favor of absolute free trade, while 56 were opposed to it; nine favored free trade with Great Britain and 49 advocated free trade with the United States.

Nine were in favor of direct taxation and 22 opposed to it.

On the question of the tariff generally 21 asked for a general reduction of all duties, while 44 asked for a reduction of duties on certain articles.

On the question of the tariff on farm products, 23 were in favor of a reduction, 12 were in favor of a reduction of duties on certain articles, and 36 were in favor of removing the duty altogether. Only three witnesses desired to have the present duty retained.

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## RELIGION OF IRISH JURORS.

SEXTON ALLEGES DISCRIMINATION IN SELECTION.

He Questions the Government on the Matter and Receives an Unsatisfactory Reply—The House to Debate Next Week—Trade at His Request at a Standstill.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Thomas Sexton, anti-Parnellite member for North Kerry, questioned the Government regarding the statement as to discrimination being made on religious grounds in the selection of jurors in Ireland.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who answered in the absence of the Right Hon. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said that the Government had never instructed the crown solicitors dealing with prosecutions in the Irish courts to ascertain the religious beliefs of jurors.

Mr. Sexton declared that the answer to the question was unsatisfactory. He added that where it was opportune he would move that instructions be given to the crown solicitors to stop their selection of jurors on account of their religious beliefs.

H. W. Richards, a solicitor, corroborated the testimony of the preceding witness.

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Parsons, an accountant, stated that the value of the estate that Lieut. Hambrough would have come into possession of from his attaind marriage was £24,000. A string of witnesses was produced to show that Scott and Davis were the same man.

Davis was a Betting Man.

Sydney Russell, a bookmaker, then went on the stand and was identified by another witness, who stated that Russell had been introduced by Monson at the Hotel Metropole, London, under the name of Davis. Russell explained that Davis was his cousin. Monson knew and dealt with both him and Russell. He last saw Davis on Aug. 16.

## OUR TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Hon. Mackenzie Bowell passed through Winnipeg last night en route home from Australia. In answer to a question the minister denied most emphatically that his visit to Honolulu had any political significance, as had been stated in American papers. His reception in Australia, he said, was "very enthusiastic."

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