

MURDERED WOMAN NAME OF ST. JOHN; CRIME MOST BRUTAL

Father MacAulay's Housekeeper at New Ireland
Slain While Fleeing From Man Priest Befriended

Jury Names Thomas J. Collins as Suspect But He Has Apparently Made Good His Escape--Man Arrested at Sackville Likely to Prove Himself Innocent--Murderer Robbed House and Drove Away With Priest's Horse--Likely in St. John Tuesday--Murdered Woman Has Relatives Here.

Albert, Albert County, Aug. 22--To be buried at her home in New Ireland, and almost within the shadow of the church where she had been a beloved and devoted member, lies the late of Miss Mary Ann MacAulay, housekeeper and cousin of the parish priest, Rev. Father MacAulay.

The tragedy is one of the worst in the history of this section of the province. It is the one topic wherever men meet the ghastly details are discussed, and the name of the murdered woman is almost everywhere with the evidence and horror of the crime, all possible sympathy is extended.

With Governor Murray, of Albert, present, an inquest was held this forenoon, and part of the verdict was to the effect that Thomas Collins, who was a hired man at the rectory, is suspected of the murder.

It came out in the evidence that on Sunday evening, when the murder was committed, Miss MacAulay and Collins had a slight altercation, the former accusing the latter of stealing condensed milk. Some time during the night, or early Monday morning, Collins disappeared, and to hasten his progress it is thought, he drove for fear of the priest, taking the priest's horse, it has also developed that on Tuesday afternoon, Collins met at Elgin Father MacAulay, who was at that place on business connected with the parish.

At about this point, it is said, Father MacAulay turned aside for a moment or so, and Collins took advantage of it to disappear.

The Story of the Crime.
Father MacAulay and his cousin were the sole residents of the rectory until within a fortnight ago, when Collins, who seemed in desolate circumstances, came to have run away from a vessel--appeared and was given employment. The rectory is a neat and attractive little dwelling, of the cottage type, about one and a half stories high, surrounded with trees and lawn, and standing not more than twenty yards from the church. Collins' general conduct about the house, it is said, was exemplary, and the different duties allotted him, were thoroughly carried out.

On Friday afternoon, Father MacAulay went to Albert on matters connected with the regular circuit routine, and the following morning he went by train to Fredericton. About noon, the parish priest finally brought him to Elgin on Monday afternoon, and there he and Collins were at home with the housekeeper.

In answer to the priest's query Collins is alleged to have said:
"I had a row with the housekeeper."

There was some further conversation, the nature of which The Telegraph representative was not able to learn, but it has been learned that Collins made it plain to his employer that he was willing to return, but eventually he took the first convenient opportunity to escape.

Father MacAulay concluded his work in Elgin, and on Tuesday started for New Ireland. He arrived home at about 8 o'clock in the evening, being driven by a man from Elgin by a young man named James Doyle. The rectory was dark and silent.

In the barn was the priest's horse, and what seemed to be a somewhat strange circumstance, part of the harness was on the animal.

The rectory door was unlocked, but there was nothing to indicate that anyone was within. Father MacAulay, mystified and alarmed, hastened to his apartments, and discovered that an upper panel in the door of his bedroom, closed, had been cut open, presumably by an axe. There were other signs of disorder, and immediately he and young Doyle commenced to search the premises.

The Awful Discovery.
They passed out to the woodshed. In a corner there is an opening in the floor, leading down into a small cellar, where it was the custom to store wood. In this cellar, battered and cut and dead was found the body of Miss MacAulay. She was fully dressed, which fact would go to show that the murder had taken place early in the evening and prior to the hour of retiring. There was a terrible gash in the back of the head, the wound having apparently been done with an axe. The weapon had been swung with such force that the blade had crashed through the skull, and seemingly it in itself was sufficient to cause death. From ear to ear the throat was cut, wind pipe and artery having been severed. The cut is thought to have been made with a knife. Over the right temple there was a bruise, inflicted it is thought by some blunt instrument. On both lips were marks of violence. There was no evidence of criminal assault. From the appearance of the shed floor, which was blood stained, it is believed that the murder was accomplished there, and then the body thrown

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THE MAN WHO IS WANTED

The description of Thos. Collins, the suspect in the New Ireland murder, is as follows:

Age 20 years, complexion dark, stature short and stout, eyes black, weight 155 pounds, height about five feet six inches. He has an honest, reliable face, and has a dark, yet ruddy complexion and somewhat full mouth. He wore a black, square cut coat and an acajou-colored vest, and cap set well back on the head. He is believed to be carrying a small lock and telescope grip.

through the opening in the floor. Strange to say there was no sign of axe or knife. The shock to Father MacAulay and his young friend was almost overpowering. To reach home and to find the housekeeper missing was something quite sufficient to arouse suspicions, but to discover her lifeless under such terrifying circumstances was a blow almost numbing in its effect.

The body was not disturbed, and as soon as possible instructions were given to the New Ireland rectory. James Doyle (foreman), John Duffy, Henry Doyle, James R. Long, Thomas Campbell, Arthur Huddins, Michael Thean.

One of the witnesses, Michael Thean, told on last Saturday afternoon a party of people who were desirous of fishing in a lake about a mile from the rectory called at the latter place. He (the witness) was one of the party, and another was Mrs. Sarah Williams. All were local folk. They went to the house by the rectory, and accompanying him was Collins, and the following afternoon all returned to the rectory together.

The witness said that he drove in the morning to the rectory, and that he and Collins were together in the house, Miss MacAulay asked Collins of stealing condensed milk, and that he (the witness) advised Collins to go up to the rectory, and that, according to the testimony, said: "The water was so bad I had to drink something."

The following verdict was returned:
"That the said Miss Mary Ann MacAulay was found dead on the 21st of August at New Ireland, Albert county, and that the cause of death was that she had been murdered with an axe, and that her throat was cut with a knife in the hands of some person or persons, but we believe that person is Thomas J. Collins, foreigner."

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not taken. It was on the floor of the closet, and hidden from sight by the lower panel of the door, which was not broken, while the upper one was.

New Ireland is a very thinly settled country. On both sides of the rectory, there is not another dwelling for at least a mile. The funeral of Miss MacAulay will be held tomorrow. There will be requiem mass celebrated at New Ireland, of St. John, is here and Rev. Father White, C. S. S. R., St. John, is expected tomorrow.

Crime Most Atrocious.

Moncton, Aug. 22--Murder, the most atrocious and most foul recorded in the annals of crime in New Brunswick, is the only fitting description of the tragedy at New Ireland, which came to light last evening. The story of the crime is hard to believe. The victim, a maiden lady, was of about fifty years, and the suspected murderer is not more than twenty years of age.

Friday last Father MacAulay left home to conduct service the following Sunday, and he left at home Miss Mary Ann MacAulay, his cousin, who had been his housekeeper for many years. He was accompanied by a man who called himself Thomas Collins, a run-away sailor whom Father MacAulay had taken compassion on two weeks previously and whom he had given a letter to his relative, but only the echo of his voice resounded through the empty rooms.

Monday he was in Elgin on his way home. As he sat in the house of a parishioner he was surprised to see Collins. He went out and accosted him, asking him where he was going. Collins replied that he and the housekeeper had a quarrel and he was leaving. The priest talked with the youth and finally asked him to return, and Collins left him with the promise that he would. That was the last the priest saw of him.

Next day Father MacAulay returned home with James Doyle. At the house all was still, but the priest still had no suspicion of anything wrong. He called to his relative, but only the echo of his voice resounded through the empty rooms. He went to his own room and there found the first evidence that something was wrong. He found that the closet in his room had been broken into and the evidence of violence found in his room to some extent prepared the two men for further developments, but they were barely prepared for the sight they were soon to behold.

Passing through the kitchen into the woodshed, the priest saw the body of the woman lying at the bottom of a cellar, and he recognized her for wood in the woodshed, about three or four feet from the door. He was so shocked that he did not know what to do, and he called to the priest, who was standing by the door, and told him what he had seen. The priest then went to the cellar and found the body of the woman lying at the bottom of a cellar, and he recognized her for wood in the woodshed, about three or four feet from the door.

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tattooed. This would seem to indicate that the man who was arrested is not Thomas Collins who is supposed to have committed the murder.

MURDERED WOMAN HAS RELATIVES HERE

Miss MacAulay, the murdered woman, was born in St. John. Her father was Patrick MacAulay, and he, with his family, removed to Boston about twenty years ago. A year later the deceased went to New Ireland to act as housekeeper to her cousin, Father MacAulay.

She was related to Edward Hogan and Michael Ward of this city, her father and their grandfather being brothers. Two sisters and a brother reside in Boston. She was a woman of estimable character.

Father MacAulay was formerly stationed at New Ireland. About nineteen years ago he was succeeded by Father Carson, who was in turn succeeded four or five years ago by Father MacAulay.

COLLINS MAY HAVE BEEN HERE TUESDAY

Chief of Police Clark, in discussing the tragedy Wednesday said he regretted that the news had not reached the city earlier than Wednesday. He said it was then that he first received notification of the crime.

He only took precautions to have all the trains and boats watched, but thought it was possible Collins might have slipped through here on Tuesday.

DIRECTORS OF THE EXHIBITION PLEASED

Meeting Wednesday Heard Encouraging Reports--Bright Outlook--Less Expense.

A meeting of the directors of the Exhibition Association was held Wednesday to hear the report of the executive on the arrangements made for the exhibition to be held September 1 to 8.

In addition to the members of the executive there were present Hon. L. P. Farris, Ald. T. H. Bullock, Henry Gallagher, W. M. Jarvis, Geo. Robertson, M. P. A. Delaney, Dr. G. A. Kinnear, Dr. G. Hetherington and W. F. Burditt.

The executive presented a report and a comparative financial statement showing the importance for 1906-1907, and for 1906 as carefully as they could be estimated at \$28,824.14.

The report explained the work done on the exhibition grounds, and the departmental features and amusements which showed that whatever the public judgment may be of the comparative cost of this year's show, it will at least be that it is entirely different from any exhibition ever held here.

The new departments are the women's department, manual training, dog show, motor and motor boats, Marconi wireless station, the lake, the Boston Ladies Band and the extensive decoration and electric lighting features at the entrance and on the grounds.

The report explained the report saying that the city of St. John in addition to its grant had treated the exhibition very generously in re-roofing and building up the exhibition grounds, and that the very extensive repairs and improvements were done by the association have placed the buildings and grounds in a more attractive condition than they have ever been.

It was explained that machinery hall exhibits compared very favorably this year with those in 1904 and that nothing but the best weather would mar the exhibition this year being a decided success.

Hon. J. Harris brought up the question regarding ownership of the industrial buildings, the insurance on which is paid jointly by the provincial government and the city, and on which are made a guarantee in addition to the city grant. On behalf of the taxpayers he was glad to learn there was no foundation for this report.

The president explained that the exhibition had undoubtedly been advertised as never before and that unquestionably the attendance would be very large. He was very much more expensive than at any previous exhibition. At the same time the management had been provided for with-out any loss to the association, and that returns would undoubtedly show the exhibition a financial success.

The reason also for the popular rumor of extravagance was the abolition of the undesirable element from the exhibition grounds, the establishment of a more extensive and expensive "Pike" or amusement row, which for buildings alone cost in the vicinity of \$300, but which expense had been provided for without any loss to the association.

The directors expressed themselves as absolutely in accord with the policy to abolish the undesirable features of the exhibition, and that the people at large had arranged which had made this possible. They unanimously approved of the report of the executive.

The directors stated that the proposition to hold a regatta on the Kennebec was detrimental to the exhibition, particularly in view of the fact that the Labor Day had been set apart as St. John day this year with the idea of utilizing the public holiday to enable every one in St. John, old and young, to see their own exhibition.

C. J. Milligan, exhibition manager, Wednesday was notified by the Dominion Atlantic Railway that the line had decided upon September 4 as an excursion day in connection with the St. John exhibition. The rate will be low from Halifax four months ago, and will be reduced to September 6. It applies as far as Kentville.

This concession is looked upon by Mr. Milligan as a very important one. Reduction in rate has been made before by the D. A. R. in connection with Halifax exhibitions, but this is the first time it is believed, that if concession has been made because of an exhibit in St. John.

The trustees of the Y. M. C. A. have received approval of the sale of the Chalmers, amounting to \$68,231. Subscriptions paid in to the building fund during the last few days amount to \$200.

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MAY BE SECOND MIRAMICHI FIRE

Opinion That North Shore Is in a Fair Way for Great Disaster If Rain Delays

MANY FIRES BURNING

One Described as Five Miles Wide and Sweeping All Before It--Kent County People Fighting Fire With Fire--Conditions Better in Neighborhood of Moncton.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 21--Forest fire conditions at Sunny Brae are much improved since last night. The fire spent its force near Sunny Brae but a force of men are still on hand watching it as a high wind prevails and it is feared might spring up in some near and unexpected quarter. The school house at Humphreys had to be guarded all day as the fire crossed McLaughlin road and spread towards Humphreys' farm.

Railway men running between Moncton and Campbellton describe conditions between Rogersville and Dalhousie Junction as alarming. Last night a special train was run from Campbellton to Red Pine to save the I. C. R. water tank. The fires are raging in the forest along the I. C. R. some distance back in the woods and in certain sections close to the track.

I. C. R. men say that rain at once is the only thing that will prevent a second Miramichi fire. Much of the forest now threatened by fire has been lumbered over and is filled with brush and dry trees that would make the woods nothing but a furnace.

People along the line are living in daily dread and in some cases back settlers are preparing to move out. At present the fire is worst between St. Bathurst and Red Pine, although fires are burning at intervals all along the North Shore.

Fire Five Miles Wide.

Fredericton, Aug. 21--H. Hunter, of the William Rice Company, returned home today from St. John and in talking with the Gleason stated that there is a forest fire five miles wide on McConnell Brook, a branch of the Pangnashung River. The fire is on what is known as the Bentley lands, which were bought by the Miramichi Lumber Company recently. Two of the hundred acres of John Robinson are fighting this fire.

There is not a village within twenty-five miles of the fire and it can thus be seen that the danger is of immense dimensions. The place is so dry that the turf has burned right down to the rocks and the trees are leaning over and just hanging by the roots.

There is another bad fire on the Gibson Company's lands on the Nappanashung River, and it is feared that the fires are fighting the flames. This fire is not as bad as the former.

There was a slight brush fire back of Miramichi last night and the flames were plainly visible from this city. This fire did little damage.

Mr. G. W. G. said in his opinion that the fire now raging on the Miramichi are the worst for a long time and that a heavy rain will be necessary to quench the flames.

Fighting Fire With Fire.

Harbour, N. B., Aug. 21--Yesterday afternoon the barns of Jabez MacArthur were burned by forest fires. Neil MacDonald house caught fire, and was saved with difficulty. The fire was working great saved Kent Junction from being scorched.

To save Wm. Boyd's buildings a number of men were sent out to cut a road through the forest, and a counter fire Sunday afternoon. New fires are springing up every day.

NOT SO BAD LAST NIGHT IN VICINITY OF CITY

Reports from points in the country near the city last night indicated that the forest fires are not making as much headway as at first it was feared they would. This is owing to the fact that there was no wind, and the fire was not making much headway as at first it was feared they would.

A telephone message from Westfield about 10 o'clock indicated that the forest fire was in evidence round there, indicating that the long wished for rain was close at hand. A fire was raging about five miles from the city, but as it was in some land that had been burned previously, the damage will not be considerable.

From Musquash the news was also of a reassuring character. One small bro of logs has been burned on the Belvidere. James Lowell, M. P., said last night that the logs are still safe, though the fire had burned to within a mile of them. The woods in all directions are burning, but the flames are not spreading, as there is no wind.

HEAVY SHOWER COOLS ST. STEPHEN

Rumor That St. Stephen Bank Is Negotiating to Sell Out Denied.

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 21--A heavy thunder storm passed over this afternoon and since then the weather is slightly cooler. Since Saturday the thermometer has been over ninety each day. Fortunately no forest fires are bothering the people here as in other parts of the province.

St. Stephen bank is not negotiating with any other bank for a transfer, consequently there is no foundation for the report in the Montreal press.

Exhibition to Open in About a Week.

Just one week from Saturday night and the biggest and best show St. John has ever had is being prepared. The public with pleasing formalities. One of the chief items of interest at the coming exposition will be the hippodrome performances. A great deal has been printed about Barlow's famous elephants, Wormwood's monkeys, dogs, bears, etc.; Montague's feathered wonders, etc., but there will be no startling surprises for those who attend, no matter how high may be the expectations of the spectators.

The building in which these combined shows will be seen is now in course of construction. It is being particularly well built because of the tremendous weight of the herd of seven elephants.

"THE MODERATE DRINKER MOST DEGENERATE."

Such is the Opinion of Dr. Crothers Expressed in Paper Before British Medical Association--Says Inebriety is a Form of Insanity--Declares the Medical Profession Must Take the Treatment of Alcohol Victims Out of the Hands of Quacks.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 22--The following abstract of the address on "The Insanity of Inebriety" was delivered by T. D. Crothers, M. D., superintendent of Walnut Lodge Hospital, Hartford (Conn.), before the British Medical Association today.

The term "inebriety" describes a condition which calls for alcohol for its anesthetic effect, and in reality means a disease or disorder of the brain for which alcohol is a most grateful remedy.

The use of alcohol is in most cases a symptom of some disorder, and not as supposed the cause. The theory that the excessive use of spirits is a vice and moral condition is not true. Great injustice and wrong follow the efforts to correct this vice, based on these false theories. A scientific study of inebriety indicates a definite disease, with distinct causes, progress and termination, the same as other diseases.