

## SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

John D. Tease to be Executed on June 11.

He Murdered Old Farmer Near Brampton.

Jury Wants Only Life Imprisonment For Him.

Brampton, April 1.—The sentence and judgment of the court upon John David Tease, is that you be taken from the place where you now stand to the place whence you came, and that on Thursday, June 11 next, you will be taken thence to the place of execution and be there hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may the Lord have mercy on your soul.

Such was the sentence meted to John David Tease by Chief Justice Meredith here this afternoon for the murder of Wm. Currie, an aged farmer, at Toronto Township on Christmas Day last. The verdict, which was rendered by the jury after an hour and forty minutes' deliberation, was the most astounding feature of the proceedings, and is the talk of the town to-night. From the beginning of the case it was thought that Tease, who was pronounced by medical experts as an imbecile of a most degenerate type would escape the gallows on the grounds of insanity. It was upon this point that the defence pleaded its case, and in order to ascertain all the conditions connected directly and indirectly with the charge the Attorney-General had medical experts called.

Mr. T. C. Robinson, K. C., who was assisted by A. R. Hassard on behalf of the prisoner, stated that he would immediately make application at Ottawa for commutation of the sentence.

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"Have you anything to say before the sentence of the court is passed upon you?" asked his Lordship of Tease.

Grasping the side of the dock, Tease, whose face was the pallor of death, pulled himself up.

"I'm not guilty of the charge laid against me," he replied, with the tears trickling down his cheeks.

At this juncture Mr. Robinson arose and stated that in view of the circumstances, and the importance attached to the medical evidence, the date of the execution be made as far distant as possible to enable him to communicate with the authorities at Ottawa and some friends of the prisoner in England. "Of course," continued the counsel, "we were not able to bring evidence from the old country in this case."

Sentence was then pronounced.

"This puts a bit of romance into my life," murmured the prisoner as he sat down. He had been hopeful of a verdict of insanity, but it was quite apparent from the appearance of the prisoner all through the trial that he did not fully realize the seriousness of his position.

He was then led out of the court by two constables. When he reached the back steps leading to the jail yard, a few yards distant, several photographers tried to get a picture of the prisoner, cunningly pulled his derby over his face and blocked them.

Mr. Hassard, who had been offering a word of encouragement to the prisoner, hurried to the jury box and succeeded in getting the attention of the jurors who had decided the fate of Tease. Subsequently he related the story of how the jurors viewed the case.

He said that the jury was strongly of the opinion that the prisoner should be incarcerated in prison for a long period. From what he had gleaned from them it was quite evident that they were absolutely ignorant of the meaning of the verdict, as they had suggested a recommendation to mercy, believing that the prisoner was insane. Another juror had told him that they did not care to bring in a verdict of manslaughter, because they were strongly of the opinion that he would probably get a short term in prison and be liberated. Regarding the verdict of insanity he said the foreman of the jury had informed him that the reason they did not consider it from this point of view was that the prisoner was a pernicious element to society, and if allowed to go at large would be a danger to the community. "One juror," said Mr. Hassard, "had even remarked that he was surprised at the judge for ignoring their recommendation to mercy, believing that it carried some weight with it in a verdict of murder. When I informed him of the only judgment that could be elicited on such a verdict," concluded the counsel, "he seemed quite surprised."

Undesirable Immigrants.

Before relieving the grand jurors of their duties Chief Justice Meredith said: "The immigration question at present is a matter of the greatest importance to the people of this country. There seems to be a unanimity of opinion that the people such as are being dumped into this country are a different character, and do not blend well with the people of this country. The doors should be closed against the introduction of degenerates. Recently a prominent physician pointed out to me that over 60 per cent. of these immigrants are afflicted with dementia praecox, which means that their mentality is exceedingly low and of the degenerate type. They are the most incurable class, and likely to live a number of years at the expense of the country. I hope the grand jurors will speak out at every opportunity and that the Dominion and Provincial Governments will redouble their efforts to keep out this class. Under the present law, the Government has an arrangement with the steamship companies whereby undesirable immigrants can be deported at the expense of the company, and this method has its obstacles, and some better means must be devised if we are to prevent the influx of such classes into this country."

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of lunatics and are likely to live a great many years.

"In other words, they were the failure sent out from the old country by immigration companies, to try and make good in Canada, if possible."

## PLENTY OF WATER.

Advice and a Simple Prescription by Eminent Authority.

"The people here do not drink enough water to keep healthy," exclaimed a well-known authority. "The numerous cases of stomach trouble, kidney and bladder diseases and rheumatism are mainly due to the fact that the drinking of water, nature's greatest medicine has been neglected."

Stop loading your system with patent medicines and cure-alls, but get on the water wagon. If you are really sick, why of course, take the proper medicines—plain common vegetable treatment, which will not shatter the nerves or ruin the stomach."

When requested for such a prescription for the cure of rheumatism and kidney trouble the answer was: "You must make the kidneys do their work; they are the filters of the blood."

They must be made to strain out of the blood the waste matter and acids that cause rheumatism; the urine must be neutralized so it will no longer be a source of irritation to the bladder, and, most of all, you must keep these acids from forming in the stomach. This is the cause of stomach trouble and poor digestion. For these conditions I would suggest the following prescription, which is composed of only vegetable ingredients, which can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy. Any one can mix them by shaking well in a bottle. Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. To be taken in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Do not forget to get the water. Drink plenty and often. This valuable information and simple prescription should be posted up in each household and used at the first sign of an attack of rheumatism, backache or urinary trouble, no matter how slight."

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## VINELAND

Miss Melissa Culp spent Sunday with friends in St. Catharines.

Mr. Markle spent Saturday and Sunday with his son at Hamilton.

Miss Flossie Vero and Mr. Cecil Edward Housner have been on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Cline, of Jordan Station, spent Sunday with Miss Gerlie Cline, of this place.

Miss Stella Renner, of Jordan Station, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Moyer.

Mr. Stoenings, the new baker, has had his new bakery moved.

There is talk of another new building being erected in the near future.

The masons are busily engaged finishing the new house of Mrs. Andrew Kratz at present.

Mr. Wm. Gayman, of this place, will make his abode for the summer at the home of Mr. Sylvester Kratz, of Jordan Station.

Quite a number from here attended the temperance services which was held at Jordan Station on Sunday last.

This has been a good season for say running in this locality.

The ratpayers of this vicinity held another school meeting on Monday night to discuss school garden, etc.

## WINONA

Mr. Abe Hand procured the first catch of fish for the season on Monday.

Mr. C. Walker's sale was well attended on Monday.

Mrs. S. Rendell, Mount Hamilton, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. John Hicks.

Mr. Hudson has moved into one of Geo. Chamber's houses.

Mrs. G. Funder, of Buffalo, has returned to that city after visiting relatives here.

The nurserymen are all busy preparing for their large spring trade.

Mr. W. H. H. has been granted leave of absence from the community. He is being filled by Mr. Cudmore, of Hensall.

Mrs. (Dr.) Biggar is visiting at Jerseyville.

## JERSEYVILLE

Many friends in this village were shocked on Thursday evening to learn that during the afternoon Miss Emily H. had passed away in the City Hospital at Hamilton.

The late Miss H. was formerly a successful and highly esteemed teacher in the public school here for four years, but owing to failing health retired about eighteen months ago.

During her residence here she was an earnest and active member of the Methodist church, being a teacher in the Sabbath school and president of the Epworth League for some time.

She was idolized by her pupils, greatly beloved by the community. Her memory and beautiful Christian character will ever be cherished in the minds of those with whom she came in contact.

The sorrowing father, sisters and brother have the heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends here.

In last week's item an error was made in the little article which appeared regarding Mrs. VanSickle thanking her friends. It should have read Mrs. Alfred VanSickle, instead of "Albert."

Miss Janet and Master Gordon Howell were in Brantford on Thursday evening attending the Schubert choir concert.

G. E. Patterson made a business trip to Toronto on Friday.

Misses Brecken and Richards, of Summit, were the guests on Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Miller left on Thursday evening for Calgary.

Many friends here join in wishing them every success in their new home.

Miss Clark spent Saturday at her home in Stoney Creek.

Messieurs David and Roy Kelly spent last week with relatives in Tillsonburg.

Mrs. A. E. House, with her little son, Vernal, of Brantford, spent part of last week at V. S. House's.

Miss Lucy Thompson, of Hamilton, was the guest this week of her cousin, Miss Flossie Bishop, of Jerseyville.

Miss Roberts, of Brantford, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black.

Service was withdrawn in the Methodist church on Sunday evening last.

Mr. Nile Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. Stone, of Brantford, visited on Sunday with relatives in the village.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held in the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jamieson and family have taken up their residence in Hamilton. Many friends wish them every success in their new home.

Vernal Smith, who has been absent for several years in California and Minnesota, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

## SUMMIT

Mrs. McCormack, of Hamilton, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland, of Troy, spent Wednesday at G. D. Howells, the Misses Carpenter were guests at Spruce Lawn on Saturday evening.

A. E. Walkley was the Sunday guest of Dr. Farmer, Ancaster.

Miss Richards and Miss Brecken spent Saturday at the parsonage, Jerseyville.

Lauchlan Howell spent Sunday with friends at Lynden.

Mr. Horsey and family and Mrs. Isaac Tencamp left on Monday evening for Vancouver, B. C., where they will reside in future.

## ROCKTON

Quite a number of farmers are busy making maple syrup these days. It is a good year.

Chas. Elliott and Jas. McCormick, jun., had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse each.

Mr. Arthur Stewart has returned, having spent a couple of weeks with friends in Woodstock.

Dr. and Mrs. Blacklock were away on Tuesday, attending the wedding of his sister at Campbellville.

Wm. J. Burgess is under the doctor's care.

The Christian Endeavor of Atkins Cor-

ners held a social at Mr. Adam Thompson's last Wednesday night, when a good time was spent.

The members of Dufferin Lodge will celebrate their thirtieth anniversary on April 9.

Mr. Jas. Stewart spent a couple of weeks with relatives in Campbellville.

Mr. Vincent Vingo has been appointed organist of the Methodist Church.

Miss Irene Poteruff has been very ill with typhoid fever for the last few days, but is slowly improving.

Mrs. W. E. Spers, who has been confined to her bed for some time, is improving slowly.

Mrs. DuVal, of Grimsby, spent a few days of last week with Mrs. Beamer.

The League service on Friday evening, April 3rd, will be in charge of the social committee. Everyone attending is requested to represent a town, city or book.

W. Clark spent Sunday with W. Lee.

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## LOVE AUTHOR ASKS DIVORCE.

SUIT CAUSES LILLYAN SHAFFNER'S FRIENDS TO PERUSE NOVEL.

Book Blamed by Husband—Thinks Wife Was Swayed by Fiction Characters She Created.

Chicago, April 2.—"Feed this famished soul that has perished hourly in the wilderness of plenty for a little love, a little sympathy, a tender thought, a fond caress. Do this, and I swear I'll worship you, love you, live for you, die for you."

Members of the Social Economics Club, of which Mrs. Lillyan Shaffner is the "chief of police," turned to this passage in her recent Chicago society novel, "Suzanne," when they learned she had filed a petition in the circuit court asking separate maintenance from her husband, Attorney Benjamin M. Shaffner, on grounds of extreme cruelty and immoral treatment.

The novel, held by Mr. Shaffner to be the cause of the separation, aroused comment when first published, concerning how far it revealed the domestic affairs of the writer. Suzanne, the heroine, who may or may not have points in common with Mrs. Shaffner herself, runs away with a socially inclined clergyman, who deserts his wife and child. Suzanne's husband is depicted as a money mad person, who does not understand "the sensitiveness," and resigned himself to the inevitable.

Her friends turned to another passage in which Suzanne tells her husband she is going to leave him, never to return. She neglects to inform him the clergyman also is going. The novel then proceeds:

"The man stared at her with a puzzled frown. 'Don't you expect to come back?'"

"When I leave your house to-day I shall never return to it again."

"What are you going to do that for?"

"Because life is unbearable, and I have no desire to prolong the agony."

"Why, you're joking; you're just trying to frighten me. Run along to bed, now, be a good little girl, and I'll write you a cheque when I get to the office."

"I don't want the cheque."

"You want the last word," his mirthless laughter jarred her nerves sadly."

The action of Mrs. Shaffner yesterday differed in several respects from that of her heroine.

Instead of leaving her home she compelled her husband to leave.

She asserted in her petition that Attorney Shaffner makes \$15,000 a year from his law practice, causing the impression she would ask for alimony.

She did not elope, but asked for legal separation.

Mrs. Shaffner's charges against her husband were brief. She averred in her petition that during last May he became violently angry at her, and to protect her life she was compelled to barricade herself in a servant's room, and while the attorney tried to break through the door she telephoned the town hall police for assistance. A revolver with which he threatened to shoot her, she said, was given the police.

Society people knew when the novel was offered the public that a separation narrowly was averted in the Shaffner household. The attorney, it is said, objected strenuously to his wife publishing the book.

"It's all a joke," said Mr. Shaffner in his office yesterday.

"It is as much a surprise to me as any one. This morning when I left home I kissed my wife good-bye. She seemed happy. The next thing I knew I was served with notice of the filing of the suit. I honestly do not know what it means."

"Was I cruel to her? Never in my life. I always have tried to be good to her. Why, we have been living together right along and everything seemed to be going smoothly."

"By people say her book, 'Suzanne,' caused the trouble in your family; that you objected to the moral of the novel, and tried to prevent its issue?"

"Yes, that is undoubtedly the whole trouble. It must be the book. She probably has thought about it about it, living over the characters in her mind. I have not had an opportunity to get to the bottom of the trouble. But it all will be straightened out in time."

Mrs. Shaffner asked an order restraining her husband from interfering with her at her home. She also asked a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Shaffner on a charge of threatening to kill her.

At her home, 308 Pine Grove avenue, it was said Mrs. Shaffner was confined to her bed, suffering from a severe attack of nervous prostration.

LAND IN FINE SHAPE.

The Farmers in the West Ready to Begin Seeding.

Winnipeg, April 1.—James Argue, M. P. P., came in from the west to-day, and stated that seeding prospects have not been so good for years. The land is in splendid shape, and a great deal of it is prepared. Seeding should be general by the 12th or 15th. Wheat will be put in more quickly this year than it has ever been done before, for the farmers are all ready, their machinery is in shape and all they await is the proper date on which to begin operations in earnest.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

Intercolonial Trains Crash at Digby Junction.

Newcastle, N. B., April 1.—In a collision between two Intercolonial trains at Digby Junction, late to-day, one man was killed and several hurt.

Bert Lamkey, of Harcourt, brakeman on the westbound train, was killed on the engine. The injured are Conductor Edward Vye, of the regular train, buried through the car door and badly hurt; Havelock Jardine, of Indian-ton, a passenger, was hurled through the door, and may die; Andrew McCabe, engineer of the regular, badly hurt; Melanson, fireman on the special, badly hurt.

Building at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, April 1.—During March there were 64 building permits issued, covering 72 buildings to be erected, at a total cost of \$92,225. In the corresponding month last year there were 115 permits, for 264 buildings, costing \$703,350. To date this year the cost of buildings for which permits have been issued totals \$113,335, as against \$807,130 for the first three months of 1907. However, a very large number of buildings are contemplated, and architects are all