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—BROWNING.

London, Friday, Oct. 21.

THE CRIME OF MURDER.

As a consequence of recent tragedies, a good deal of discussion has arisen with regard to the question of carrying dangerous weapons and as to what constitutes murder.

It is unlawful for any person—except officers of the law or individuals who have procured certificates of exemption from a justice of the peace—to carry a pistol or air gun elsewhere than in his own dwelling-house, shop, warehouse or counting-house.

The penalty for this offense is a fine of not more than \$25 or less than \$5, or imprisonment for one month, and invariably the weapon is confiscated. An interesting case under this law was decided in Hamilton a few years since. A Buffalo man came over to that city at a time when a disturbance was threatened about the lecturing of Wm. O'Brien, the Irish M. P. He was followed into a hotel and arrested by a detective on a charge of carrying a revolver which was found in his pocket. The magistrate dismissed the charge, holding that a man's hotel is his "dwelling house" for the time being. From the frequency with which tramps and rowdies resort to revolvers when they find themselves in a tight box, one is forced to the conclusion that the penalty is not stringent enough. Any man found with a loaded revolver in his possession, and unable to show a reasonable cause for his preparedness, should be sent to the penitentiary for a long term. Such a one is a murderer in his heart, and will not scruple to shoot down any one who opposes him.

Any one is criminally guilty of the murder of another if death takes place within one year and a day of the cause of death, and culpable homicide becomes murder in each of the following cases:

1. If the offender means to cause the death of the person killed.
2. If the offender means to cause the person killed any bodily injury which is known to the offender to be likely to cause death, and is reckless whether death ensues or not.
3. If the offender means to cause death, or being so reckless as aforesaid, means to cause such bodily injury as aforesaid to one person, and by accident or mistake kills another person, though he does not mean to hurt the person killed.
4. If the offender, for any unlawful object, does an act which he knows, or ought to have known, to be likely to cause death, and thereby kills any person, though he may have desired that his object should be effected without hurting any one.

It has been asked whether or not a person is also guilty of murder who counsels another to commit the crime. The Canadian criminal code is clear on that point. It stipulates that every one is a party to and guilty of an offense who (1) actually commits it; or (2) does or omits an act for the purpose of aiding any person to commit the offense; or (3), abets any person in commission of the offense; or (4), counsels or procures any persons to commit the offense. There is no mistaking that explanation of the responsibility of the accessory to crime.

In some instances, culpable homicide, which would otherwise be murder, may be reduced to manslaughter if the person who causes death does so in the heat of passion caused by sudden provocation. Any wrongful act or insult of such a nature as to be sufficient to deprive an ordinary person of the power of self-control, may be provocation if the offender acts upon it on the sudden and before there has been any time for his passion to cool. These, however, are questions of fact that shall be decided by the evidence. No one can be held to give provocation to another by doing that which he had a legal right to do, or by doing anything which the offender incited him to do in order to provide the offender with an excuse for killing or doing bodily harm to any person. An arrest does not necessarily reduce the offense from murder to manslaughter because the arrest was illegal, but if the illegality was known to the offender it may be evidence of provocation.

These points in the law governing murder come up in connection with the slaying of Detective Phair, but for the obvious reason that the accused man will have to stand his trial in due course, the ADVERTISER does not at this time propose to apply them to that unfortunate tragedy. However, the reader who is seized of the facts, as chronicled by us from day to day, and which will come out at the inquest, may find it convenient to have this statement of the law at hand.

PREMIER TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

Oliver Mowat celebrated the 21st anniversary of his Premiership of this Province to-day. Ontario's Grand Old Man has unique distinction in his record as the chief executive officer in the government of his native Province. He has been Premier of Ontario for so long a period that a parallel to his experience is not to be found in the government of English-speaking countries. Sir John Macdonald was a member of a number of governments in Canada, but his longest continuous stretch of power was only thirteen years, and no other Canadian premier has ever held sway continuously for so long a term. In Great Britain, Walpole served his country as Premier from 1721 to 1742, 20 years and 10 months—the elder Pitt was Premier from 1783 to 1801, a period of 17 years and 84 days; and the Earl of Liverpool was head of the Government from 1812 to 1827—in all 14 years and 319 days—when death cut his career short. No other British statesman who has headed governments in the last 100 years ever enjoyed a continuous term of office extending into double figures.

There are various reasons for Sir Oliver's uniform success. Chief among these is the fact that the people have faith in the honesty of his administration. No scandal has been developed under his regime, and though some of us believe that he moves a little slow in some matters, it has generally happened that he has advanced quite as fast as the people were willing to give effective support to his legislative measures.

Sir Oliver, though well up in years, enjoys physical and intellectual vigor superior to many who are his juniors. That he may live to equal the age of Gladstone, and continue to serve his Province in the capacity in which he has done her such good service in the past, is a wish that will be indulged by the large majority of the electorate.

The Toronto World says the question of the future of Canada should not be discussed if those who discuss it believe that honorable political union with the United States would be the best destiny for the people. Still, the World keeps on discussing the subject. Our contemporary has a streak of humor in its make-up.

A RIGHTEOUS VERDICT.

The notorious murderer, Dr. Cream, alias Neill, has met the fate he richly deserved. A London jury did not hesitate many minutes to convict him of the murder of one of his numerous victims, and this afternoon he was sentenced to be hanged.

While the rascal temporarily sojourned in this city, some 15 or 16 years ago, a girl that came under his care died, and the newspaper men who investigated the affair had little doubt that he murdered her; but legal evidence was wanting and he escaped. Since that time, this utterly unscrupulous scoundrel is believed to have killed at least a dozen women. For many years he escaped his just deserts, but he has been ensnared at last. His exposure and conviction give small comfort to those who may be tempted to follow in his footsteps. At the time when he thought himself most secure, a righteous retribution overtook him, and his mispent life must end in ignominy.

THE Toronto Empire and its twin in Toryism, the World, daily breathe out threatenings and slaughter. The effect may be described by omitting the "lower case" s in the last word of the previous sentence. One might easily imagine old George the Third as editor of the one paper and Claverhouse of the other.

SLAPPING ON THE HEAD.

"Constant Reader" (London) sends a letter to the editor couched in these terms:

"Would you kindly give me a little advice on school matters? Do you think a teacher is allowed to slap a child about the head because she is not able to accomplish the hard lessons she gives them, which are a great deal too many for a child 11 years old? And when a note is sent by the parents, do you think she has a right to read it to the whole class? I sent her a note asking her not to give the children so many lessons, as they were not strong and not able to get up so many. I told her I would not send them till I got an answer from her. She has not sent me one yet."

Now we certainly do not think that a teacher should be allowed to slap a pupil about the head, no matter what the offense of the child may be. Slapping on the head is always dangerous, and has been known to cause deafness, brain complaints and other physical diseases. On no account should the habit be allowed, and if the facts are as stated by our correspondent the case should be reported to the headmaster, inspector or one of the ward trustees for investigation and action. Nor do we think that a teacher is justified in reading the explanatory note of any parent to the pupils. Such an act may, in some instances, tend to bring a citizen into ridicule, and help to produce irregularity on the part of a pupil rather than cause improvement. Too much discretion cannot be exercised by a teacher, nor should patience be wanting. The occupation is an exacting and oftentimes worrying one, but the situation is not improved by unnecessarily antagonizing parents. As to the lesson question, our opinion is that an attempt is made to teach the average child too much, and to keep the young brains exercised night and day. If fewer subjects were taken up and greater thoroughness demanded the system would be improved; but the teacher is not to blame for that, though we should suppose that at the desire of a parent, and on account of the bad health of a pupil, a teacher would be able to accede to such a request as in this instance is said to have been refused.

The system of forcing pupils forward is largely due to parents who are anxious to have it demonstrated that their offspring are bright, and to school board authorities who rate the teacher alone successful who can make his charge "grind" up for examinations to the full pitch of their ability, developed not only in school but in the hours when the little ones should be at play.

GAMBLING AT FAIRS.

It is reported from Toronto that the Ontario Government will hereafter make its grants to agricultural societies conditional to their keeping all kind of fairs and gambling games off their grounds. The stand will meet with the approbation of the public generally. It does not affect the Western Fair, as the directors some time since took effective action to prevent the plying of games of chance at their great annual gathering.

The City of Paris, in heating the ocean steamship record kept up steam by burning at the rate of 325 tons of coal every day. When electricity is fully developed, it is believed that the bill for fuel on ocean steamers will be very much decreased.

The West Huron Liberals apparently take it for granted that the constituency will be opened as a result of the forthcoming trial. They will meet in convention at Goderich, on Friday next, to take the necessary action. There will doubtless be a large attendance.

The extent to which musicians have used Lord Tennyson's verses is shown by a recent competition, which took place in the Musical Herald. A prize was offered for the most complete list of musical settings of Tennyson's words, and it was won by Mr. F. G. Edwards, of Hampstead, who produced a list of no less than 400. Mr. Edwards has since amplified the list, which may be published. It embraces every variety of musical setting.

HER LIFE FOR HER SERVANTS.

(Philadelphia Record.)
 From the effects of burns received in trying to distinguish the clothing of her servant girl, Mrs. Lizzie Wagner of Twenty-seventh street and Montgomery avenue, died at the German Hospital yesterday morning.

GREAT DAY FOR SIR OLIVER.

(Toronto Telegram of Thursday.)
 Oliver Mowat completes to-morrow, Oct. 21, 21 years of service as Premier of this Province. The anniversary is one that may not be formally observed, but which still has a significance of its own. The little Premier has been freely criticised; his errors have not been few. He has been something of an opportunist, and something of a time server, but the truth is, that he has been as good as a Canadian politician can be and hold office.

Ontario never had and never will have a true servant. It has been no easy task to retain office through these years. All the power of the Dominion Government has been thrown against the Grits, but their own invincible Oliver has triumphed always. With Oliver Mowat at their head, the Liberals have given Ontario a Government that is conspicuously honest as governments go. His partisans may rejoice in their grand old man's attainment of his majority as Premier, and Canadians, irrespective of party, can afford to honor a stalwart fellow Canadian.

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 I am a farmer aged 25 years, and a resident of Sand Beach, Michigan, U. S. I was taken about the 11th of November, 1891, with a cold from exposure, and about two weeks thereafter visited Dr. —, a well-known medical practitioner of Sand Beach, who treated for about three months, calling my disease pneumonia, stating that both my lungs were diseased badly. I had chills for a long time with bloody expectoration, sluggish bowels, and had digestion, bowels constive and a cough, also sleeplessness. Receiving no benefit from the doctor's treatment, I then visited Dr. — of the same place, who examined and prescribed for me, and I had bronchitis, with consolidation of a lung. The treatment benefited me only a while. I then went to Detroit and visited Dr. —, a lung specialist, who prescribed for me, and said my case was hopeless and advised me to go west to a warmer climate. I lost flesh, dropping from 185 pounds to 135 pounds, and I became despondent, but I decided to visit your London branch, and here on the 11th of last month was examined by the Association's physician, who gave me so much encouragement that I was patient and carefully followed his directions. I am now almost well; eat heartily, sleep four hours, and gained rapidly in flesh—now 145 pounds in three weeks—and the happy result costing me only \$12 for the Hystogenetic Medicine. Consultations free. 31 cases and families are placed under obligations to the Hystogenetic Medicine Association for the forgotten. Yours truly,
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