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Criminal Proceedings Promised Against Boodlers.

A SATURNALIA OF CORRUPTION.

Prosecutor Nesbitt Asks for Findings Against Nine Men.

Speeches of Counsel at the Boodling Investigation — Judge McDougall Will Prepare His Report at Once, and, if Necessary, Sit to Hear Further Evidence —The Street Railway Company Severely Censured—Director Everett and Secretary-Treasurer Grace Accused of Complicity in Corruption—Ald. Hewitt Said to Be a Man Whom Society Should Be Protected Against.

The second act in the civic inquisition, more popularly known as the "boodling investigation," which Judge McDougall has held for 22 days at the Court House, came to a close yesterday. The whole day was devoted to the hearing of counsel. Corporation Prosecutor Nesbitt in his address asked for findings against these men:

ALD. JOHN BAILEY.
ALD. JAMES GOWANLOCK.
ALD. EDWARD HEWITT.
EX-ALD CHARLES C SMALL.
EX-ALD. W. H HALL.
EX-ALD. J. E. VERRAL.
EX-ALD. JOHN MALONEY.
W. ADAMSON BELL of City Clerk's Department.
SECRETARY-TREASURER GRACE of the Toronto Railway Company.

Criminal Proceedings to Be Instituted.

From hints dropped out in court by Mr. Nesbitt and his colleague, Mr. Grier, it may be safely taken for granted that against some of these criminal proceedings will be instituted. Mr. Nesbitt in his argument touched upon the corrupt acts of each person mentioned. His remarks upon the attitude of the Street Railway Company in reference to the franchise in 1891, and the change in the street railway agreement last year, were particularly strong. The evidence, he said, pointed to an "irresistible conclusion of the most barefaced bribery attempted to be supported by nothing less than deliberate perjury." Director Everett was handled without gloves. He was characterized by the lawyer as a "commercial leper," whose presence seemed to be inconsistent with honest dealing. A special finding was asked for against Secretary-Treasurer Grace of the Street Railway Company of complicity in the giving of coal orders to a son of Ex-Ald. Bell to influence the latter's vote. In the Guelph matter, it was argued that a clear case of corruption had been made out against Ald. Hewitt and ex-Ald. J. E. Verral of an attempt to extort money for their influence.

Another Interim Report.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the Judge stated that he did not intend to formally close the investigation, but to keep it open for a while in case any further material evidence relating to other matters was obtained, and in the meantime to prepare his report of the investigation to date.

Ex-Ald Maloney and the $1000

As Lawyer Hodgins was present on behalf of ex-Ald. Maloney, Mr. Nesbitt dealt first with that gentleman's connection with the enquiry. Upon the evidence, Mr. Nesbitt said, he would have to ask His Honor to find that Mr. Maloney did receive from Fred Coleman the sum of $1000, either to influence his vote and to enable Maloney to solicit ex-Ald. Hill's vote. Which way His Honor took it was a matter of indifference to him. He thought ex-Ald. Hill's evidence was more than corroborated by Maloney's own answers in reference to the thousand dollars, and his admission that he was in possession of $1000, which he said was obtained from Coleman on account of supplies furnished and to be furnished, and that later it was treated as a loan and the money paid back. This was at a time immensely near the date when they found Coleman in the possession of $7000, drawn in $100 bills, which he had received from the Street Railway Company. He thought there was about as close a connection as one could reasonably expect to find between that $1000 as part of the $7000 and the Maloney $1000 which they found him showing to Hill.

In Defence of Maloney.

Lawyer Hodgins, speaking on behalf of his client, ex-Ald. Maloney, again expressed the opinion that the resolution of the council did not give power to enquire into the acts of any ex-alderman. His Honor had told him that enquiry might properly be made under the clause in the resolution whereby it was to be determined whether the public business or good government of the city had been affected by them.

The Judge: "Now or heretofore?"

Mr. Hodgins, continuing, did not think it was the intention of allowing an enquiry which was unlimited as to time and money, into past transactions, but to enquire into the good government of the city by the present aldermen so that any unproper acts might be stopped at once. He thought an unfair disregard had been taken, so far as his client was concerned, of the limitation of the powers of this tribunal, which, under the Act, as he read it, was entirely deprived of power to compel witnesses to answer any question which might tend to incriminate himself.

The Judge: If he claims protection. Had Mr. Maloney declined to answer questions on that ground I would have extended the protection.

Mr. Hodgins: The court did not inform my client that he had a right to refuse to answer any questions.

The Judge: So you think it is the duty of a Crown prosecutor to ask the accused a lot of questions and at the same time tell him that he need not answer them if it was going to incriminate himself?

Mr. Hodgins further complained that although counsel had a specific charge against him, his client was put into the box without having an opportunity of having counsel to represent him.

Mr. Nesbitt: Do you mean to assert that Mr. Maloney did not know that that charge was going to be made against him?

Mr. Hodgins: He did not.

Mr. Nesbitt: Then your client is a most innocent robin redbreast.

Mr. Hodgins then proceeded to defend his client in detail. The light in which Coleman was now presented to the court might, he said, give rise to the suspicion in some minds that any transaction with him was of a corrupt nature. That would not, of course, have been the case had it not been adduced in the course of the enquiry that he had attempted to influence aldermen. He argued that Mr. Maloney's explanation was a most satisfactory one, the only suspicious circumstance in the matter being Mr. J. F. Coleman. Ex-Ald. Hill's evidence, he contended, was totally unreliable, and his story of the $100 Traders' Bank bills he characterized as a fabrication.

It Was a Personal Loan

The $1000 which Maloney received from Coleman was a personal loan, and should not have appeared in the Trinidad Asphalt Company's books, but should have appeared in Maloney's books, which was the case. Maloney afterwards paid this money to the account of Maloney & Whillans, and was so shown in the books of the latter firm credit to the Trinidad Asphalt Company's account.

Mr. Nesbitt in reply, referring to counsel's statement that Maloney did not receive the protection of the court, said that he would have been perfectly willing to have received Maloney's refusal to answer, on the ground that he might incriminate himself, certain questions casting a reflection upon his position as an alderman. Mr. Maloney, he urged, had been treated with absolute fairness.

The court then adjourned for luncheon.

Counsel Nesbitt Sums Up

After the adjournment Mr. Nesbitt delivered a comprehensive summation of the evidence taken at the investigation since the enlarged powers were granted.

At the outset he referred to the various matters that had been enquired into, and gave a list of the witnesses called in connection with each branch of the inquisition.

Ex-Ald. Verral and Hewitt.

In the Guelich matter he contended that a clear case was made out against J. E. Verral and Edward Hewitt of an attempt to extort money for their influence. That those parties solicited a bribe, he thought, there could exist no doubt. Mr. Verral's varying accounts of the matter revealed by his evidence, are pointed out as being enough to condemn him, and convince the court that the story related by Guelich and corroborated by Maitland, Tully and Shields was true.

As to Hewitt, in view of what has transpired in other matters, Mr. Nesbitt asked that whenever he is found opposed in his testimony to any disinterested witness he be discredited as utterly unworthy of belief.

"As to Mr. Verral," said Mr. Nesbitt, "one is a good deal struck by his positive denial and his apparent sincerity in his denial that any such transaction took place, and I should be glad if I were able to see my way to say of Ex-Ald. Verral that I gave credence to what he said, but it is impossible, unless you can impute some motive to Guelich and to Maitland, Tully and Shields to say that their evidence is not to be accepted. And you have it coupled with the singular circumstance that Guelich's testimony is corroborated in various points by the other evidence upon other matters."

City Lost Thousands of Dollars.

"I cannot pass from the Guelich matter," said Mr. Nesbitt, "without expressing my regret at the action of the council and the unusual course adopted by the City Engineer and City Treasurer. It is no part of my duty to criticize a matter of policy on the part of the council, but what was here done resulted in a direct loss of some thousands of dollars to the citizens, and in helping to perpetuate a combine which is an active menace to good government, apart from the financial loss its existence entails upon the community. It is all the more to be regretted that such pressure having been put upon the Engineer and Treasurer, and when the city was fully protected against loss by the bonds taken, the asphalt combine should have triumphed, apparently working in harmony with the Toronto Street Railway Company.

"Had an investigation taken place promptly the corrupt means taken by the combine and the street railway would have been traced succesfully, and the 'I don't remember' phrase of the present investigation could not have existed."

The $7000 Advanced to Coleman.

Respecting the advance of $7000 to Coleman by H. A. Everett, the strenuous denial by the officers of the street railway that they were assisting the combine, Mr. Nesbitt treated as improbable. There was also Mr. Godson's testimony that he had paid Coleman $1600 for his co-operation. Contracts had been given at Coleman's request, and $200 had been handed over to Ex-Ald. Bell, which sum, however, was returned. Mr. C. A. B. Brown had, even according to his own statements, said that benefits would result from a support of the then policy of the railway company, which was sworn to have been stated to be harmonious with that of the combine. The singular corroboration of Guelich's satement by every contemporaneous fact elicited was regarded by Mr. Nesbitt as remarkable.

A Saturnalia of Corruption.

"In 1893," said Mr. Nesbitt, "there seems to have been a perfect 'saturnalia' of corruption, with Coleman most active, and the Street Railway Company, furnishing the funds, all without a suspicion in the minds of the officers of that company of wrongdoing, if the evidence is to be believed."

The next matter touched upon by Mr. Nesbitt related to the street railway franchise. In face of the payment by a partner and follower of the present president of the company of $4500 "hush money" to stop proceedings, one could hardly understood action not being taken, yet a perusal of the correspondence at the time between the City Solicitor and the Mayor convinced him that it was then honestly thought unnecessary.

Barefaced Bribery and Deliberate Perjury.

What, shortly, are the facts proved, continued Mr. Nesbitt: A stranger approaches Mr. P. J. Brown with the $10,000 proposal. Mr. Hugh Ryan states that Mr. Kiely claimed that they had spent $30,000; Hewitt obtained an advance of $10,600 within a week after the contract is signed on a practically worthless mortgage. All these pointed to an irresistible conclusion of the most barefaced bribery, attempted to be supported by nothing less than deliberate perjury on the part of some witnesses. Next they found the storage battery threatening, and when Hewitt threatens to desert the trolley system in favor of the storage system, a second trustee loan is put through for $13,700, and Hewitt remains firm to his allegiance.

"Can you wonder that the detectives watch Hewitt at the instance of Everett, the man who asserts that he has no knowledge of any improper influence being used, but who is asserted in contemporaneous correspondence to have been closeted with Hewitt?"

Everett the Corrupter in Chief

It is Everett we find associated with corruption throughout. Since he has been removed from active interference here I have not discovered the same influences at work. From the moment the tenders of the Kiely-Everett syndicate are opened up to August, 1893, the lights and shadows all reveal but one thing—corruption, with Coleman the hand and Everett the guiding mind, with, I submit, a knowledge on the part of the directors of what was going on, as evidenced by the ability of Coleman to get whatever money he wanted under the

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DISTRESS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

PARALYZED BY THE BANK FAILURE STARVATION IS IMMINENT.

Every Kind of Employment Has Ceased and Thousands Are Confronted With Actual Famine—Proposal That the Bank Bills Be Legalized at a Rate on the Dollar.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—From information received from St. John's, Nfld., it is learned that all business is at a standstill there, and the depression, due to the numerous and serious bank failures, still continues. The Government has no funds to relieve the thousands of unemployed, and it has been a sorry Christmas all over the Island. The colony will not recover from the dire calamity for the next 20 years. There is only $300,000 in specie on the whole island, and a [illegible] barter or exchange is being operated. Firms are being closed up every day, and the suffering during the coming winter will be beyond description. The directors of the Commercial Bank are much blamed, and the citizens demand the indictment of the directors of both the Commercial and Union Banks. The Government has refused to bring in a bill ordering the two banks to accept their own notes in payment by debtors.

Legislative Plan of Relief.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 26.—The report of the Legislative Committee on the condition of the suspended banks is not ready for submission to the Legislature owing principally to the difficulty in obtaining any information from the officials of the Commercial Bank. The report, however, is promised for to-morrow for certain.

A general idea of the report of the committee leaked out to-day, and it is stated it will recommend the endorsement of the Union Bank's notes at the rate of 85c on the dollar, the notes not to be redeemable within two years. The report will also recommend of payment of 30c on the dollar for all the notes of the Commercial Bank, payment not to be made, however, until after a full call has been made upon the shareholders of the bank.

An expert, representing a syndicate of English banks, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Ulunda. The steamer also brought a stock of specie, to be used in the general trade.

There is intense suffering and destitution in this city; every kind of employment has ceased. The cold, too, is intense, and nearly all are unprovided for it. Hundreds, the possessors of Commercial Bank notes, cannot purchase food or fuel. Business people demand cash and the public offices will take nothing but gold.

The influx of people from around the coast is large, and all these are destitute and throw themselves on the Government. They assert that the condition at their homes is far worse than here. At best their condition is never very prosperous; they usually barely struggle through the winter, but now they are confronted with actual famine.

On the Verge of Starvation.

Rev. L. Curtis, Methodist minister of Twillingate, one of the largest outport settlements, writing to a brother minister in this city, draws a glooomy picture of affairs in that part of the island. The people there are largely dependent on the firm of Edwin Duder, who is a debtor to the Commercial Bank to the amount of considerably over $500,000.

"I do not know what we are to do here," the writer says. "Starvation will soon stare us in the face. Most, or at all events many, of the people have not yet got in their winter supplies of provisions. Unless food reaches us before navigation closes, the Almighty have mercy on the poor people. They will starve."

The people bear their privations quietly so far, buoyed up with the hope of speedy relief.

ABUSED HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Absalom Book on Trial for Assaulting His Wife's Mother.

Absalom Book, Toronto Junction, was tried at the Sessions yesterday on a charge of doing grievous bodly harm to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dempster. The relations between Book and his mother-in-law had been somewhat strained for some time previous to Oct. 28, on which day Mrs. Dempster visited her daughter, Mrs. Book. When Book, who had already forbidden Mrs. Dempster to visit his house, came home and found her there he ordered her to leave within ten minutes.

During the scuffle which ensued on Mrs. Dempster refusing to comply with his demand, the woman fell from the doorstep, and alighting on her hands sustained a fracture of the wrist. She also charged that Book kicked her while she was in the act of rising from the ground. Mrs. Book appeared in court and gave evidence against her husband, who denied the kicking, and swore that the first assault, which occurred in the parlor, was commenced by Mrs. Dempster.

The verdict will be given this morning.

ACCIDENTS WITH COAL OIL.

Two Children Burned to Death, a Woman Injured and $1000 Lost.

Buffalo, Dec. 26.—Mrs Cohn spilled some coal oil on the floor and over her clothing while filling a lamp in her home last evening. Attempting to light the lamp, the wasted oil was ignited and the woman severely burned. Her 9-months'-old child was burned to death and the household effects damaged to the extent of $1000.

By the explosion of a lamp in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aberhorn last evening a flood of burning oil was scattered over little Lena Aberhorn, and she is fatally burned. Her father was painfully burned trying to extinguish the flames.

Gunpowder Explosion Disfigures Five.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—In Fulton, in the lower part of this city, five persons were disfigured for life by the explosion of gunpowder, which they were using in firing a toy cannon.

Mr. R. S. Baird as School Trustee.

The World is glad to see that Mr. R. S. Baird is again a candidate for school trustee in Ward 3. Mr. Baird has in past years proved himself a valuable member of the board and should be re-elected.

No 5 Ward

One of the new and promising aspirants for municipal honors in Ward No. 5 is Mr. R. L. Munro, foreman in the Massey-Harris works. He is a young man well liked in the West end, and said to have keen business ability.

Taft's Funeral.

Return tickets at the following reduced rates, in connection with the funeral of the late Premier, are on sale to the general public at the office of the Intercolonial Railway, 93 York-street: Toronto to Halifax and return $26.65; Levis (opposite Quebec) to Halifax and return $6.75.

AS IT SHOULD BE.

NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO EX-MINISTER OF FISHERIES: Seen in this light, sir, your action in the Noble seizure case does not fully meet with my approval, and I shall take steps to reverse it.

IDENTIFIED BY A FROZEN FOOT.

Timothy Kane, Murdered in Michigan Has a Brother and Two Sisters Residing in Toronto.

Timothy Kane, camp foreman for the Manistique Lumber Company, was stabbed to the heart by a shantyman named Ike Stetcher, Monday night in a saloon at Seney, Mich. The men had had some trouble in camp previously, and while drinking considerably, Stetcher, without warning, suddenly drew a knife and plunged it into Kane's breast. An attempt was made to lynch Stetcher, Kane being popular among the shantymen, but he was hustled off to jail under a strong guard.

Kane was a native of Uxbridge, but has worked in the Michigan lumberwoods for the last 14 years. His brother John Kane resides at 11 Abbs-street, Parkdale, and Mrs. Ferrier, O'Hara-avenue, and Mrs. James Allen, of Brant-street, are sisters of the murdered man.

The World learned from John Kane that his brother had a frozen foot and a piece off one ear, and wired Chief of Police McCann at Seney. Word came back that the description answered the dead man. Instructions were telegraphed to forward the body to Toronto.

The dead man was a giant in stature, standing several inches over 6 feet, and weighing over 250 pounds. He is described as a man of quiet temperament and the attempted lynching is evidence that he stood well in the esteem of his fellow-shantymen.

Stetcher, the murderer, comes from Port Huron.

ATTEMPTED DOUBLE MURDER.

A Stratford Man Tries to Shoot Hotel-keeper and Bartender.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 26.—John Hardman of Stratford, son of the G.T.R. engineer of that name, entered the bar of the Albion Hotel this morning, and presenting a cocked revolver at Mr. S. A. Cameron, the proprietor, said, "D— you; I'll kill you." Twice the weapon missed fire, the third time it went off, the bullet going through Cameron's coat and vest near his middle, but not even scratching him. Hardman then turned the revolver on the bartender, but it only snapped. He was almost immediately arrested and locked up. He of late has been drinking heavily.

Ramsden & Lloyd, caterers to balls, society at homes, etc.

Baseball Player and Forger.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Harry S. Decker, the ex-baseball player, was held in bonds to the Criminal Court to-day to answer charges of obtaining $218 and $68 on worthless cheques. After his release on bond he was arrested on a warrant sworn to by A. G. Spaulding, the sporting goods maker, charging him with forging Spaulding's name to a cheque for $100.

Ramsden & Lloyd, 345 Yonge-street, wedding breakfasts at reasonable rates.

Wheat Advancing

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A NOR'EASTER.

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When the electricity freezes on the wires and the bottom drops out of the thermometer, when it feels as though the North Pole was only a few miles away, you will need furs. Better get them now.

Dineens' holiday sale is on, and furs are selling at less than wholesale prices — the best and the newest styles, too. The wise man and woman will visit Dineens' to-day. Those who wait may regret it.

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WRIT OUT FOR CUMBERLAND

PREMIER BOWELL NOT IN ILL-HEALTH AS REPORTED.

Change Made in the Time of Starting the Funeral Train for Halifax—Hon. A. R. Dickey Will Seek Re-election on the 15th of January—No Postponement of the Carnival.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A slight change has been made in the arrangements for the special train for the funeral of Sir John Thompson, by which it will leave Ottawa on Tuesday night instead of Wednesday morning, as at first decided. This is to provide against the possibility of a snowstorm.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell returned this evening from Belleville, where he spent Christmas. He has a slight cold, but laughs at the stories which have been circulated that he is seriously ill.

The writ for the election in Cumberland, rendered necessary by the appointment of Hon. A. R. Dickey as Secretary of State, has been issued. Nomination Jan. 15.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council to-night a letter was received from the Governor-General recommending a postponement until February. A motion by Gen. Herbert, seconded by Col. Anderson, that the carnival be postponed for three weeks was voted down, only the mover and seconder voting for it. A motion to the effect that the carnival should go on at the time already fixed—Jan. 21 to 26—was adopted.

A Green Christmas.

Christmas of '94 will long be remembered as a green Christmas, not because the meadows still retain their June verdure, but on account of the popular craze for green neckwear. Some of the loveliest designs of neckwear in green effects that it has been our privilege to see may be seen in Quinn's Christmas window, 115 King-street west. One marvels how these ties can be sold at fifty cents.

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We don't presume to dictate to our customers what "assortment" of wines, etc., they should have for the holidays, as they are much better judges of what they want than we are. We have a very large stock to choose from, and will be glad to put up any assortment which may be desired, and at most reasonable prices. George D. Dawson & Co., 16 King-street west. Established 1870. Telephone 106.

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Sudden Death From Heart Disease.

Belleville, Dec. 26.—Jacob Cruthers, confectioner, died very suddenly this morning from heart disease.

To-night R. Cuthbert's "Lay Sermon" in Massey Hall.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch whisky, as supplied to her Majesty, Queen Victoria. 246

HALIFAX IN FUNERAL ARRAY.

Preparations Begun for the Burial of Sir John Thompson—The Entire Route to Be Draped in Mourning.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26—The work of draping St. Mary's Cathedral began today. St. Matthew's Church, the Academy of Music, Spring Garden-road Court House, cemetery fence on Park-street and numerous private buildings along the route of the funeral, also business blocks in the central streets of the city will be draped. The funeral car is being built. Dark hanging drapery almost conceals the wheels of the car, caught up with silver lace. In the centre of the car is the bier, and over all, at the height of eight or nine feet, is a large canopy, supported by columns and surmounted with plumes and crown.

The arch over the entrance to the Park-street gates of the cemetery will be 27 feet high. The principal decorations will be in the Legislative Council Chamber. A large number of roses and Easter lilies and white, black and purple drapings are to be employed. No gold is to be figured in the arrangements, silver lace being used instead.

Miss Thompson Reaches New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—The White Star Line steamer Majestic, which sailed from Liverpool on Dec. 19, was sighted east of Fire Island at 3.10 o'clock this afternoon. The Majestic is about 13 hours behind her record.

On board the Majestic are Miss Thompson, daughter of the late Sir John Thompson, and Mrs. and Miss Sanford.

The observer at Sandy Hook reports that the Majestic passed in at 5.20 p.m. The wind at that hour was blowing 60 miles an hour, a blinding snowstorm had set in and the sea was running very high. It was impossible to see a hundred yards ahead through the snowstorm. The boarding officer at quarantine says it will be impossible to board the Majestic to-night, even if she should venture up the channel, as the weather will not permit it.

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A Breath of Spring.

A lilac tree in full bloom. In Dunlop's window at 5 King west is to be seen a white lilac tree covered with bloom. It is banked up with the choicest roses, carnations, violets and maidenhair fern, and presents a handsome appearance. Lilac blooms are for sale at both his stores, 5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

In periodical recurrences of business depression the provident man is naturally desirous to increase his life insurance. To get it cheap and absolutely safe, the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society meets his requirements.

For the Little Ones.

The inmates of the Boys' Home and Girls' Home have been invited by Mr. Adams, clown, to visit the Academy Thursday afternoon. The matinee this afternoon and Thursday will be especially for children, entertainment will open and close with pantomime.

Turkish Baths—open all night on and after Dec. 31. Try one. 204 King-st w. d

Cabinet Photos.

Mr. J. Fraser Bryce, photographer, 107 King-street west, cabinet photos a specialty. Appointments if desired. 246

Monumental.

D. McIntosh & Sons, the leading sculptors, have best designs and most complete facilities for turning out best work in monuments, etc., in the Dominion. Showrooms, 524 Yonge-street, works, Yonge-street, Deer Park. 146

DEATH OF FATHER ROONEY.

THE AGED VICAR-GENERAL PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

He Had Spent Forty Years in Toronto—Succumbs to Heart Disease—Sketch of a Useful Career—His Work at St. Basil's, St. Paul's and St. Mary's.

At one o'clock this morning Monsignor Rooney, vicar-general and rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, died at the Presbytery, Bathurst-street. For two years Father Rooney has been a sufferer from heart disease. This caused him to relinquish his chairmanship of the Separate School Board, and to abstain from attendance at any public meetings. Two years ago last Sunday evening he preached his last sermon in St. Mary's.

The reverend father, although confined to the house, was not supposed to be in any imminent danger till a few days ago, when all the symptoms of his complaint became aggravated. Dr. McKenna, his medical attendant, yesterday afternoon gave up all hope of the vicar-general's recovery. He sank into unconsciousness, and the end peacefully came just before 1 o'clock On Christmas Day special prayers were offered for Father Rooney at the church where he had officiated for the past 26 years.

Brief Biography.

Francis Patrick Rooney was born in the County of Armagh, Ireland, where he received his classical education at the diocesan seminary. About the time that he was finishing it was commonly reported that Father Dowd, who was well known in that part of Ireland, was to be coadjutor Bishop of Toronto. This determined Father Rooney to come to Canada; and on writing Bishop de Charbonnel he received a most cordial invitation. He reached Toronto in July, 1853. When St. Michael's College opened the following September Father Rooney became prefect of studies. He continued in the college as professor until after his ordination as priest, Aug. 30, 1857. He remained still in the college, and for one year, in addition to teaching, he had charge of St. Basil's parish. The following summer he was appointed pastor of St. Paul's. For 12 years he labored here earnestly, zealously and successfully. When he arrived there was no Presbytery. He built one, which has since become the parish house. He repaired and decorated the church, established new schools and enlarged old ones, equipping all at his personal expense.

Soon after Bishop Walsh's consecration in 1857, Archbishop Lynch showed his confidence in Father Rooney by making him vicar-general of the diocese. When Archbishop Walsh took possession of the see he continued Father Rooney in his dignity as vicar-general. In the interval between the decease of Archbishop Lynch and the accession of Archbishop Walsh, he was co-administrator of the diocese with Father Laurent.

In 1870 Vicar-General Rooney was translated from St. Paul's to St. Mary's. One of his first works was to erect St. Helen's Church, Brockton, for the accommodation of the northwestern portion of St. Mary's people. Next he built St. Mary's Presbytery, or priests' house.

Father Rooney purchased land at Bathurst and Bloor-streets extensive enough not only for a school but also for a church and presbytery, thus forming the nucleus of a parish. A building was erected upon it, which served as a school, and a church. It was dedicated Jan. 4, 1872.

Property was also purchased by Father Rooney in Manning-avenue, and St. Francis' School built. The schools in the grounds around St. Mary's Church have 12 rooms, and are constantly filled. Other works which engaged the Vicar-General's attention were a house for the Christian Brothers and a convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph, for the accommodation of the Sisters who teach in the parish, and also for the purposes of a select school. Many spiritual agencies have been initiated by Father Rooney, who commanded the esteem and affection of all who knew him.

For many years the Vicar-General was chairman of the Board of Separate School Trustees. For 40 years he has labored in the city, and is well known for his good works throughout Canada.

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