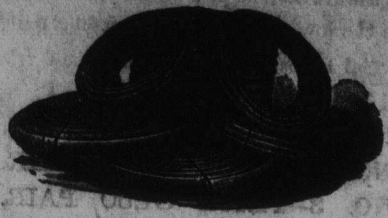


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GROWTH OF FRATERNALISM.

TORONTO, April 25.—The Canadian Fraternal Association met in annual session in the Confederation Life building yesterday morning, with about sixty delegates in attendance. W. F. Montague, secretary-treasurer, reported that the income of the association for the year was \$1,154, and the expenditures were \$333. The statement of assets and liabilities shows a surplus of \$812. In the eleven societies from which returns for the last year had been obtained, the total membership was 736,745, a gain of \$1,227, 131,545 new members were enrolled, but there were 44,221 lapses, and 6,944 deaths. The total insurance carried by the eleven societies on December 31, 1901,

amounted to \$1,229,097,400, showing a gain of \$85,774,000, over the previous year. So far these societies have paid in benefits \$18,139,330.

OLD HOME WEEK.

Gloucester, Mass., has taken her first step toward the proposed observance of "Old Home Week," says the Advertiser, when on Tuesday evening at the meeting of the common council, an order passed for the appointment of a joint select committee to consider and report some plan for the proper observance of the week.

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STILL A MYSTERY.

The Death of Isaac G. Oulton Unaccounted For.

Thomas Gillespie Gives His Reason For Believing the Man Came to His Death By Accident.

But little light has been thrown on the Oulton mystery during the last twenty-four hours. A careful search of the premises on Saturday revealed nothing that would furnish any evidence upon which a tangible result might be based. This afternoon Detective Killen and Sergt. Kilpatrick will again examine the contents of the house in which Oulton died. The task is no mean one as the place is in almost inextricable confusion, and the previous searches have in no way lightened the work.

At the inquest it came out that the last meal Oulton had consisted in part of fish and oranges. He took his supper Tuesday night at Mr. Gillespie's house, and while he may have obtained fish on that occasion he certainly did not get oranges. The inference is that he had a later meal than supper Tuesday night. Further Mrs. Cameron of Victoria street feels certain that she saw the unfortunate man Wednesday morning on the Elm street dump. To this place, from time to time a large amount of damaged goods, including fruit are brought, and it is natural to suppose that in such a manner as that Oulton obtained the oranges which formed part of his last meal. Up to the present no trace can be obtained of him getting food at any house or shop.

Speaking of the statement that Isaac G. Oulton always had money about him, a North End man who had done some work for him several years ago says that Oulton came and told him he could not pay the bill then, or till he had collected some rents.

"For," said Oulton, "it doesn't do to disturb the hen that hatches the eggs." This was an allusion to his bank account. The incident would seem to show that he did not always carry money with him, though for what reason is not known. He says that Oulton was in the habit every night of heating two or

Thomas Gillespie, in a talk with a Sun reporter on Saturday made a statement that had previously been kept a secret by him, though for what reason is not known. He says that Oulton was in the habit every night of heating two or

THREE LARGE STONES, and a large smoothing iron without a handle, and placing them in his bed for the purpose of warming his feet. Gillespie, who clings to the theory of accident, states his belief that the old man while in the act of climbing up to put something in his cupboard was seized with a fainting fit and fell, perhaps striking the stove first, and then pitching face forward upon his jagged heap in the bed. Some of the firemen who threw the burning bed out the window Wednesday night remember finding a smoothing iron without a handle either on or under the bed, but none of them is able to state anything positive about the presence of the stone. Dr. Scammell, when told of this last night still declared that the injuries he discovered on the body could not possibly have been caused in this manner.

Gillespie also is inclined to doubt that Oulton was out of his house Wednesday morning. He did not see him and claims that Oulton always came to his house the first thing in the morning. Regarding Mrs. Cameron's statement that she saw him on the dump at 10.30, with a wheelbarrow, on which another man was sitting, Mrs. Gillespie says that the miser always borrowed their wheelbarrow, which to her knowledge never left the yard on Wednesday. But that Oulton was fully established, ever without Mrs. Cameron's testimony. One thing that conclusively proves it is the fact that the post mortem disclosed in

TWO STOMACHS OF THE DECEASED.

traces of partially digested orange pulp and fish. His last meal at the Gillespie house was taken Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Gillespie says he certainly did not get any oranges. She does not think he had anything but bread and milk, which was his usual fare at night, but says he might have taken a piece of shad which was on the table, as he was in the custom of helping himself to whatever he wanted, no matter where about the house he found it. At any rate, what he ate Tuesday night would have been fully digested before the post-mortem on Thursday morning. So it is indubitable that a meal was taken somewhere by the deceased subsequent to his departure from the Gillespie house. In addition to this the police claim to have traced his movements

UP TO WEDNESDAY NOON. But against the possibilities of accidental death stands the damning fact that the purse or bag of money which Oulton was never seen without, was not found on his body and has not subsequently been seen. That he always carried a large amount of money can be sworn to by many north end merchants with whom he occasionally did business. Gillespie told the Sun Saturday that he never saw where the old man put his money. When he paid him any the miser used to let it lie on a table until a moment he was unobserved, when he would quietly secrete it about his person.

Regarding the murder theory, the difficulty is to account for the execution of the deed and the subsequent exit of the murderer without arous-

ing suspicion. According to the evidence at the inquest, death must have occurred between noon and five o'clock on Wednesday—just at the time when anything unusual about the house should have attracted attention. It has also been questioned how the man could have left the kitchen doors fastened behind him as they were. The front door of the kitchen is fastened by a long prop braced against the door, and sliding down a groove in the door made by two cleats nailed about two inches apart. To the upper end of this brace is a rope passing through a pulley and out over the door. By pulling this rope the prop could be easily removed and the

DOOR OPENED FROM OUTSIDE.

By holding the door half open and placing the prop in the prepared groove a Sun reporter yesterday proved that when the door was so closed the prop would invariably fall in position and hold the door firmly. To anyone familiar with the mechanism this mode of exit would have been easy, but it is more difficult to understand how a stranger in the hurry of such an occasion could have managed. When the reporter asked Gillespie why he had not used this rope combination to effect an entrance into the kitchen Wednesday night instead of sending his boy in through the window from the front room, he said he had never known of it.

Another thing that may be more important than was thought at first by the police is the

PIECE OF BROWN PAPER.

bearing the print of bloody fingers, which was found outside the kitchen window on Friday. Mrs. Gillespie in her evidence stated that a day or so before his death she had seen Oulton with money wrapped in paper. A man who had paid him considerable money about that time remembers him wrapping it in a piece of brown paper roughly answering the description of that found. This witness will testify at the inquest tonight, and should be able to identify the paper found a most significant piece of evidence will be added to the murder theory.

AFTER HIS MONEY.

Claims are already being made on the estate of Mr. Oulton. Mrs. Carrigan, who was the only relative to attend the funeral Saturday, says that her mother, whose name was Rachel Oulton, was a sister of the deceased. She says they came from the North Shore, whence her mother went to New York, where she married a Mr. Campbell. Mrs. Carrigan has been in St. John several years, and is now the janitress of the Walker building on Prince William street. Edward, the brother of the deceased, formerly lived, she says, at Gagetown, but is now in the States. The other relatives, including some in this city, are represented by W. B. Wallace, the legal adviser of the deceased, who is in communication with them. But unless the money, which the miser in all probability hoarded somewhere, is discovered, it is probable that the estate when divided will increase nobody's wealth to any great extent.

Flashlight photographs of the interior of Oulton's home were taken on Saturday, and it is probable that they will be submitted in evidence at the inquest, though their value is discounted by the great change which the searching done by the police has made in the rooms since the night of the tragedy.

The inquest resumes at 7.30 this evening, when evidence will be given which will throw strong light upon certain mysterious circumstances in connection with the case. It is stated that the police have evidence to prove that the mysterious Kendrick had business with the old man more legitimate than has been inferred from what has been made public regarding him.

The late Isaac G. Oulton was the eldest son of the late Charles and Eunice Oulton and was born in the year 1818, Cumberland county, N. S., on the farm occupied and owned at present by his youngest brother, Bushy. His (Isaac's) second wife was Ruth Oulton, second daughter of the late William Oulton and Phoebe, his wife, of Westmorland county. Hiram and Rufus Oulton, two of the most flourishing farmers of Baie Verte, and Captain S. B. Oulton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., retired, are her brothers.

SIR CHARLES SPEAKS.

LONDON, April 28.—The Daily Express, which declares that every considerable steamship line except the Beaver line, has now joined in an agreement to raise saloon fares for transportation across the Atlantic publishes an interview this morning with Sir Charles Tupper, former Canadian High Commissioner in London, in which he advocates, in the event of the control of the Canadian Pacific R. R. passing to the Morgan interests, that retaliatory measures be taken by taxing American imports and that special legislation be adopted to prevent injury to Canadian interests.

DIED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(Special to the Star.) OTTAWA, Ont., April 28.—A despatch from the war office states that Joseph Drury, 509, of the 2nd Battalion, died of enteric at Klerksdorp April 24th.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Archbishop Corrigan passed a comfortable night and those who watched at his bedside were greatly encouraged early today

THE METHODISTS

Of the United States Discussing a Knotty Question.

Shall the Church Law Be Amended as Relating to Theatres, Dancing and Other Amusements?

NEW YORK, April 26.—Deep interest has been aroused among the Methodist ministers of this city by a recent meeting of ministers in Chicago, when it was urged that the church laws prohibiting dancing and kindred amusements ought to be modified to meet modern ideas of the people at large.

That a large number of Methodist ministers of this city believe that the church law against dancing, the theatres, card playing and so on, do more harm than good is apparent. There is a large number of the conservative element among the ministers, however, who think that a relaxation in church discipline would work to the detriment of morals.

Rev. C. L. Goodell, of the Hanson place Methodist church, Brooklyn, said: "I think that the sentiment is such at present that a general conference might amend the chapter on amusements in the church law so as to eliminate the prohibition against such diversions as dancing and card playing, which can of themselves be conducted in the most innocent manner."

Several other ministers voiced similar expressions. (See also Chicago despatch on page 2 of tonight's Star.)

MONCTON.

A Young Man Found Dead in a Fire Station.

(Special to the Star.) MONCTON, April 28.—The lifeless body of Frank Brown, a well-known young man about town, 35 years of age, was found in No. 1 fire station this morning alongside the oat bin in the stable. He was a blacksmith by trade and worked with his father. He spent a deal of time about the fire station and it is supposed that he went to sleep on the oat bin and fell off, dying from injuries or exposure. Deceased was unmarried and of very respectable family, but, unfortunately, addicted to drink. An inquest is being held.

AN OFFICIAL BRIBER

Located in Mexico and Will Probably Be Brought Back.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 28.—Ex-Councilman Charles Kratz, indicted for bribery in connection with the St. Louis suburban street railway franchise legislation, and a fugitive from justice, is in jail at Guadalajara, Mexico. A telegram announcing his arrest and stating that he will be held eight days, has been received by Chief of Police Kelly from Jose De Ja Anaya, chief of police of Guadalajara. Though no extradition treaty covers the case, Circuit Attorney Folk today telegraphed Secretary of State Hay, asking that the state department use its influence to have the Mexican government voluntarily deliver Kratz to the St. Louis officials. Attorney Folk and the police have been on the trail of Kratz ever since April 7, when his \$20,000 bond for appearance was forfeited in the criminal court.

A DRUNKARD'S BLOW.

LEOMINSTER, Mass., April 27.—Joseph Plauff, a well known and highly respected citizen of this place, died at a late hour last night, under circumstances that resulted in holding an inquest by medical examiner Thompson, who reports that he is unable to say whether the man died from the effects of a flat blow or fell hard enough on his head to cause death, or whether he died from heart failure, caused by excitement. Plauff, in company with Mr. and Mrs. D. Emonds, was on his way to visit Edward Gilbert, on Elm street, late last night, and it is alleged met a number of men under the influence of liquor, when some one in the crowd insulted Mrs. Emonds, which her husband resented. He was then attacked and badly beaten. It is also claimed that one of the men struck Plauff a terrible blow in the face, which caused him to fall heavily on the sidewalk, and he died shortly afterwards. His assailant succeeded in getting away without being recognized.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Several Prominent Americans Pass Into Silence.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 28.—Dr. Peter R. Thoms, one of the most widely known physicians in Colorado, died at his residence here after an illness of two weeks. A complication of diseases was the cause of his demise.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Honor Wright, a pay director in the navy, is dead from

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