

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

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Interest was manifested in mission work at St. Martin's, and she felt satisfied that this was largely due to the efforts of the society.

During the evening refreshments were served. After spending a very pleasant evening in social conversation, parlor games and amusements, the clock on the church opposite indicated the approach of another day, when the party returned to their homes.

On Saturday evening a sleighing party of twenty-one ladies and gentlemen started to visit the lumber camps in the eastern section of the village. After driving about five miles and the roads not proving good, they abandoned their original intention and stopped at the only house on that road, the home of James Black and wife.

As soon as the object of the visit was made known, the good housewife set to work in earnest. The china set that was brought over from Ireland soon adorned the parlor table, and the contents of the baskets brought by the party were soon resting easy on the china plates. While the tea was being drawn, our host was unanimously elected chairman, an honor which he fully appreciated.

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Game Warden Tracy of Tracy station, Sunbury Co., is now on Kenos and Dunbar rivers endeavoring to prevent the illegal destruction of large game.

W. A. Campbell, Bolestown's representative in the municipal council and the postmaster of the village, recently purchased the Fairley property near the station. He has had the interior of both the house and store renovated, and has now a hand saw and neat house, and a commodious store, in which he is doing a good business.

Miss Annie Sharpe of Benton, Carleton Co., is paying her brother, W. T. Sharpe, station agent here, a brief visit.

PETITCOATS, Westmorland Co., Feb. 8.—On Friday last the members and friends of the Free Christian Baptist church here had a social gathering and supper at the parsonage. Those present gave or donated thirty dollars to the parson. Rev. Mr. Francis, who heartily thanked his friends for the purse.

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THE TUCKER MURDER.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 7.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon the Town hall was again filled when the investigation into the Canovan-Tucker poisoning case was resumed. Sheriff Balloch had driven up to the Gore, Glassville, and arrived with the witnesses, Martin Viker and his wife and Mrs. Ed. Carroll, about noon. It is only fair to the prisoner to say that the pictures which have appeared in the papers do not do her justice. The photo, was partially taken under trying circumstances. Certainly Mrs. Canovan is far from being the repulsive-looking woman that one would suppose from the newspaper prints. In fact, she has rather a pleasing countenance.

James Tucker was recalled. He said: I saw Dr. Cummings have the tin box in court. I saw it in my house. Did not see it before three or four days before the death. I saw it on the dresser and looked at it. The missus told me it was Minnie's. I did not hear the dead girl say anything but "Father, father, I did not hear Minnie say she did it with my own hands. I think my wife did tell me deceased said that. I belonged to the old English church till I came to this country, and I joined the Catholic church. My wife and I, both joined together.

To Mr. Jones—I would not be sure said it was more than half an hour after the death that my wife told me Minnie said she committed the act herself.

The magistrate stated that he intended to lay an information against Mary Tucker, and that the following witnesses' evidence would concern both the prisoner and her mother. Deput. Sheriff Abbot, Foster, related his connection with the case. He went first with Dr. Cummings, when the inquest was being held. Mrs. Tucker told me she was glad the girl was dead. I said: "Yes, if she found the right place." Mrs. Tucker said the girl had gone to hell. She said the girl had died very hard.

Maggie Carroll, Edmund Carroll, said: I know all parties concerned for six or seven years. I am a daughter of Martin Viker. I saw Mrs. Canovan and Minnie a good deal. I have known Patrick Canovan as long as I can remember. He, his wife and deceased were at my place several times. I saw the girl live at my house from the first of November till quite lately, and Minnie came there. There was always trouble when Minnie came. Mrs. Canovan was jealous of Minnie. She thought her husband was more attentive than he should have been to her. Minnie told me of this before Mrs. Canovan came. She told me that Mrs. Canovan turned her out of doors. I think this was on the last of November. One night when Minnie came there, Mrs. Canovan spoke to Minnie about going around with married men. Minnie said she would walk the roads with whom she liked, and said Mrs. Canovan went with married men herself. They called each other names, and said a lot of I do not care for her. Mrs. Canovan told me another time that Minnie was trying to take her husband away from her. She said she was going to move to another settlement, and if Minnie bothered her she would put her off of the way, if she had to hang for it. Mrs. Canovan showed me a brown paper which Minnie had sent her. It was for her pills, her sister said. She, Mrs. Canovan, said she was afraid it would poison her. She thought Minnie wanted to poison her. I advised her to show it to a doctor, and she said she would. Witness here related some conversation had with prisoner regarding strychnine. When Minnie told her she expressed a view about using a cup, saying she did not want to be poisoned by Mrs. Canovan. Minnie asked me if anything happened to her to look after it, as she was afraid of being poisoned. I do not remember hearing any threats made to Minnie by Mrs. Canovan. This was for her pills, her sister said. She, Mrs. Canovan, said she was afraid it would poison her. 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