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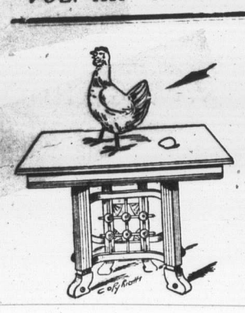

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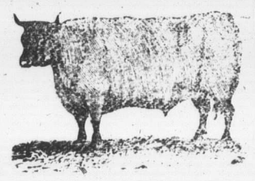

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TWO POLICIES FOUND.

Kate Tough's Death Meant $5000 to Hammond.

A Tell-Tale Trunk Discovered in Toronto Which Belonged to the Dead Girl—Hammond's Father's Attempt to Get Possession of the Evidence Frustrated by the Police.

Toronto, March 14.

When William Thomas James Hammond appears before Police Magistrate Henry Castle and Mayor McNeill in the Gravenhurst Police Court next Wednesday, to answer the charge of having murdered his wife, Katherine Elizabeth Tough, he will be confronted with a mass of circumstantial evidence that has a strong tendency to confirm the suspicion that the young woman came to her death by poison administered to her by her husband, the motive being to gain the proceeds of several policies of insurance on her life, the prisoner being the beneficiary.

It is now beyond doubt that the deceased carried a considerable amount of insurance, all of which was taken in the name of "James," and in case of death would revert to her husband.

Some four weeks ago deceased took out a policy for $3000 in the Provincial Provident Institution of St. Thomas. She had also recently taken out a policy for $2000 in the Metropolitan of New York.

Chief of Police Archie Sloan came to Toronto on Thursday and Inspector Stark detailed Detective Burrows to help him in the case.

From papers found in Hammond's possession at the time of his arrest, the detectives rightly surmised that the dead girl was insured, and after some difficulty they confirmed this fact by visiting the insurance offices.

The detectives then went to Hammond's late boarding house, 35 Beverley-street, where they hoped to find a trunk belonging to Hammond, but were disappointed to learn from Mrs.

KATE TOUGH-HAMMOND.

Bryan that Ephraim Hammond, father of the prisoner, had called on the previous evening and taken the trunk away, saying it was to be sent to Gravenhurst. Sloan and Burrows then went to the Union Station and discovered that the trunk had been held over till the morning train. A message was sent to Gravenhurst to have it impounded on its arrival, but the trunk never reached there. It appears that for some reason Mr. Hammond, sr., and a private detective who was working with him, had gone to the Union Station and stated to the authorities there that the trunk had been sent to Gravenhurst by mistake, and asking that a wire be sent up the line to have it returned as soon as possible to the city.

Detective Burrows got on to this move, and learning that it had been transferred to a crossing train at Allandale, watched for the incoming train. When the train arrived old Mr. Hammond had a private detective named Ellsworth anxiously looked for the precious box. They had secured it when Detective Burrows went up and took possession of it in the name of the Crown.

The trunk was taken to detective headquarters, where it remained over night and was opened yesterday morning. To the surprise of the detectives it turned out to be the trunk belonging to deceased, as it contained a quantity of woman's clothing, but also a number of shirts and other things belongnig evidently to Hammond. There were numerous trinkets, but the important find consisted of the two insurance policies in the Provident and Metropolitan, a number of letters and a marriage certificate.

Among the letters were several from deceased to Hammond, one of which was dated Nov. 29, 1895, and would lead to the belief that policies had been taken out, or that applications had been made by deceased for insurance in the Equitable and New York Life companies. The letter was written by deceased at Buffalo to the prisoner, who was then in New York.

The wedding of Katie Tough to William Thomas James was shown by the marriage certificate to have been solemnized by the Rev. Edward Whitman, a Baptist minister, at Buffalo, on Nov. 19, 1895.

One of the letters that were found in the trunk was from Hammond to his wife which would lead to the inference that he was hard up and expected to get money from his wife.

Another letter was written by Mrs. Hammond from Gravenhurst after her return home. She asked for her trunk, which was in the city, and said that her parents upbraided her for being so much away from home. Her parents argued from the fact that she had not her trunk that she had been out of employment and that her trunk had been retained for her board. She said that she had told lies to conceal the real state of affairs from her people. She begged him to write to her as she had written four times and received no answer. That letter was dated Feb. 24 of this year.

It was on Jan. 9 that Mrs. James, as she was called, went to Mr. Armbrust of the Provincial Provident Institution and stated that she wanted a policy for $3000 payable to her husband, Wm. Thomas James. She was examined by Dr. R. D. Moffatt, 311 Parliament-street, and accepted as a good risk. The result of the examination was sent to the head office of the company at St. Thomas along with the form in which the applicant for insurance gives the names of two references and also of the family doctor. One of the references given by the girl was the name of Mrs. J. T. B. Lee of 459 Bathurst-street, where Kate Tough was employed as a domestic at the time. The company sent on a list of questions to Mrs. Lee regarding the girl, and, the answers being satisfactory, the policy was made out payable to Wm. Thos. James, and mailed to the girl at 459 Bathurst-street. Kate Tough in the meantime had paid $13 entrance fee and $9, the first year's premium, to the company.

"I remember the examination very well," said Dr. Moffatt. "She was a perfectly healthy girl, and I considered her an exceptionally good insurance risk. I think she said that her husband was a lawyer residing on Bathurst-street, and I thought nothing of her desiring to insure her life in his favor, as this is very frequently done." Mr. Armbrust was of the same opinion. He said he did not see the man James at all during the proceedings. The girl transacted all the business herself.

On Jan. 13 last a few days after she had been in the Provincial Provident to apply for insurance Kate Tough wrote to Mr. Armbrust in relation to another policy taken out on her life. The letter stated that while on "the other side" her husband had placed some insurance on her life, but she wanted her husband to have it cancelled, as it had been obtained under false pretences. Her husband, she said in her letter, had promised to do this, but had been busy and had not had the time. What she wanted to know was did this first policy make any difference with respect to the policy she had applied to the Provincial Provident for? Mr. Armbrust replied that having another policy on her life made no difference. The girl did not state in the letter the amount of the first policy, the company, the name it had been taken out in, or where it had been taken out. The policy to which she referred was the Metropolitan.

In June, last year, Miss Tough entered the service of Mr. McKellar, 195 Bathurst-street, giving her proper name. She was there several months, and was much liked. Hammond often called on her there. The girl left on Nov. 13, presumably the date she went to Buffalo with Hammond.

The stomach of the deceased girl will be brought to the city at once and examined by the Provincial Analyst.

Buffalo, N.Y., March 13.—There is considerable interest manifested here in the Gravenhurst poisoning case. Katie Tough and Wm. K. Hammond were married in Buffalo on Nov. 19, 1895, and it was reported that her husband took out a policy on the life of his wife in the Metropolitan Insurance Company. Hammond assumed the name of William Thomas James.

The record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shows that Wm. Thomas James of Toronto, Ont., aged 22, a law student by occupation, whose father's name was Ephraim and whose mother's name was Sarah West, was married to Catherine E. Tough of Toronto, Ont., aged 25, whose father's name was William and whose mother's name was Elizabeth McNabb. This marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Whitman, the pastor of the Cedar-street Baptist Church.

Gravenhurst, March 13.—(Special)—The despatch from Toronto that Hammond will break down and give away the whole story is not credited here.

He is not at all likely to say another word incriminating himself. His bearing is one of indifference or bravado, and at times he exhibits a jocularity which ill becomes the tight place he is in.

BRITAIN AND THE TRANSVAAL.

Likely That an Arrangement Will be Made to Enfranchise British Subjects.

London, March 13.—The Times will tomorrow publish a despatch from Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, saying that President Kruger is considering an important despatch which he received through Sir Hercules Robinson, the British High Commissioner in South Africa, in which Joseph Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, suggests the abrogation of the Anglo-Boer convention of 1884, which gives suzerainty to Great Britain, if the Transvaal will redress the grievances of the Uitlanders and enfranchise British subjects in the Transvaal who desire to become burghers.

Mr. Chamberlain also suggests a treaty of amity, but by the terms of which Great Britain guarantees the independence of the Transvaal. President Kruger has intimated that he will reply to the despatch in about three days. The despatch adds that the preparations that have been made for President Kruger's visit to England indicate that he will probably start very shortly.

MONEY IN OLD CANADIAN STAMPS.

A Hamilton Man Pays $1320 for Two of Them in Boston.

Boston, March 13.—Two little pieces of paper, which, when originally issued by the Canadian Government, were valued at 12d each, were sold by auction last night in this city for $1320. The price was the largest given for any single lot of stamps in the three days' sale which closed tonight. All Canadian stamps of the issue of 1851 are rare, but these two 12d stamps are believed to be the only unused ones of the kind printed on laid paper. The stamps were purchased by Mr. Needham of Hamilton, Ont., who sold these same stamps to the company holding the auction and got $1500 for them. Mr. Needham also bought a number of other Canadian stamps at prices ranging from $10 to $185. A five-cent St. Louis, 1845-46, which is a postmaster's provisional issue, sold for $251, while a 10-cent specimen, the same date, brought $105.

An Important Arrest at Hamilton.

Hamilton, March 13.—(Special.)—Detectives Coulter and Bleakley to-night arrested Stanley Niblott, Morris Niblott and Harry Marshall on a charge of burglarizing the residence of Hiram Lampman of Winona Monday. Articles stolen were two gold rings two gold bracelets, four silk handkerchiefs and a silver badge, and the officers found a portion of these in the possession of the prisoners when they arrested them in the east end of the city. Stanley Niblott has served four years in Penetang.

Burglars entered the office of the People's Coal Company to-night on King street west, but didn't get any booty, as there were no valuables in the office.

Killed Powell For His Money.

Hempstead, L.I., March 13.—John Wayne, one of the Powell murderers, made a confession before a Pinkerton detective, Detective Kavanaugh of Long Island City, and others, in the Queen's County Jail to-night. He stated that he and Arthur Mayhew killed Powell with a piece of rock placed in a stocking. The greatest excitement prevailed in Hempstead when the fact of the confession became known. Many threats were uttered of lynching the negroes when they are brought to Hempstead before the coroner's jury next Wednesday night.

A Soudan Possibility.

London, March 13.—The Anglo-Egyptian expedition that is to make a demonstration towards Berber and Wady Halfa in favor of Italians at Massaii, is much discussed in the lobbies of the House of Commons. In an interview Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., who is an acknowledged authority on foreign affairs, denounced the decision of the Government to join in the expedition. He said that if the affair should result in a defeat Great Britain would be compelled to immediately intervene on a large scale, and it would possibly lead to another Soudan war.

Burned Herself to Death.

Paulsboro', N.J., March 13.—Mrs. Joseph Featherer, a middleaged woman living in Bridgeport, near here, committed suicide to-day by burning herself to death. She saturated her clothing with kerosene and then set herself on fire. Before help came the woman was so badly burned that she died shortly afterwards. Insanity is supposed to have been the cause.

Gomez Waiting for Yellow Jack.

Havana, March 13.—Gomez, the rebel commander-in-chief, was reported to be near Jevellanosa, Province of Matanzas, yesterday. Maceo has entered the Province of Havana. He is said to have a strong force, but has refused an engagement with the combined columns of Vienna, Durnal, Lindy, Prats, Tort, Molina and Almanzi. A battalion is now in active pursuit of him.

The Oshawa Postmastership.

Oshawa, March 14.—The rumor is running here that William Smith, M.P., will become postmaster of this town at the close of Parliament.

Herbert Booth Will Quit.

Winnipeg, March 15.—(Special)—Commandant Herbert Booth, head of the Salvation Army in Canada, headquarters Toronto, passed through Winnipeg to-day en route to the Pacific Coast cities, on a farewell tour of inspection. To your correspondent the Commandant imparted the first intimation that he gives up the present command and leaves Canada on June 1 next.

His orders to this effect were received on the train between here and Toronto.

Militia May be Called Out.

Amherst, N.S., March 15.—The situation at Joggins' Mines over last Thursday's riot is unchanged, and there is no telling when work will be resumed. The excitement is intense. About 200 men have locked themselves in the P. W. A. Hall, and are in state of siege. Police Officers Macdonald and Carroll, with a number of constables, have attempted to arrest the ringleaders, but are powerless owing to the number they have to contend against, and it is reported that the militia will be called out. Food to the men in the hall is being supplied by persons who are taking their part.

NEW BILLS ARE DOWN

Several Questions Were Asked the Government.

Yesterday's Business in the House of a Formal Character—The Central Prison Enquiry—Notices of Bills to be Introduced and Motions for Returns of Information.

Toronto, March 17.

Though the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly yesterday were of a routine nature, two or three important measures were introduced during the few minutes the House was in session.

The following bills were brought down:

The Cities Municipal Act—An act to amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Marter. It authorizes Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee to sit with the Public School Board, the High School Board and the Public Library Board while they are preparing their estimates. It applies to cities of one hundred thousand inhabitants, and enables such cities to maintain public lavatories and other conveniences, and also enables the Council of any municipality to pay rewards for the discovery and apprehension or conviction of impersonators.

An act respecting traveling shows, circuses and other like exhibitions—The Attorney-General—prohibits the exhibition of travelling menageries, circuses, wild west shows and other shows of that kind without a license having been obtained for that purpose from the Provincial Treasurer. The sum of fifty dollars per day is to be paid for every day during which the show is licensed to be exhibited. It is made the duty of the provincial detectives to be present at every place at which the show is to be exhibited, to see that the law is obeyed, and to protect the public from fraud and imposture. The act also provides that Dominion and Provincial detectives and constables are to have free access to every menagerie, circus or other like show, and to every horse race, agricultural, horticultural and industrial exhibition, to the grounds, tents and buildings in which the shows, races and exhibitions are held, and every part thereof.

An act to amend the Judicature Act and the law relating to the Superior Courts—The Attorney-General. This act contains a number of amendments made in anticipation of the revision of the statutes. Among other things, it is provided that all actions against municipal corporations in respect to injuries sustained through non-repair of streets, roads or sidewalks shall hereafter be tried by a judge without a jury, and enables peace officers against whom actions are brought to have the same security for costs as police magistrates or justices of the peace.

An act to correct a clerical error in The Debentures Registration Act—The Attorney-General. It amends section 4 of that act so as to make the word "holders" mean "debenture holders."

An act respecting bills of sale and chattel mortgages in unorganized territories—The Attorney-General. It makes provision for the place of registry and the time of registration in Algoma, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Rainy River and Haliburton.

An act respecting fraud by debt collectors—The Attorney-General. It imposes a penalty of $20 for every day on which the offence is committed of sending out notices or forms in imitation of the forms appended to the Division Courts Act, or calculated to induce the persons receiving the same to believe that they are process-issued within the Division Court.

An act to amend the Registry Act—Mr. Marter. This is to prevent any plans in which roads are laid out being accepted by the registrar unless the consent of the proper Municipal Council is registered therewith.

An act respecting Surrogate Courts—The Attorney-General. This enables Surrogate Courts, where the estate is less than $1000, to remove an executor or administrator. It also provides that the executor of an executor shall not, by virtue of such executorship, be an executor of the estate of which the testator is appointed executor. The act further repeals the provision which makes County Judges ex-officio judges of the Surrogate Court, But the repeal does not affect judges heretofore appointed.

An act respecting Houses of Refuge—Hon. Mr. Gibson. This provides that where the amount granted by the Government towards the establishment of a House of Refuge has been less than $4000, a further grant, not to exceed, with that already made, the sum of $4000, may be made upon the acquisition of land or the erection of further buildings.

Notice was given that the following bills will be introduced on Wednesday: Mr. Charlton—Bill to amend the act to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and of diseases affecting fruit trees. Mr. Davis—Bill to amend the Assessment Act. Mr. Richardson—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Pardo's bill respecting the Village of Tilbury Centre was passed in committee. Mr. Craig's bill to confirm By-law 248 of the Town of Mount Forest was withdrawn.

The following private bills were read a second time: Respecting the railway debenture debt of the Township of Mornington—Mr. Magwood. Respecting the railway debenture debt of the Township of Elma—Mr. Magwood. Respecting the Town of Peterboro'—Mr. Stratton. To amend the acts relating to the Land Security Company—Mr. Stratton. To enable the trustees of the congregation of Knox Church, Acton, to sell certain lands in the Village of Acton—Mr. Kerns.

The following public bills were read a second time:

To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Hobbs.

To authorize cities to hold polls for municipal election on New Year's Day—Mr. Hobbs.

To amend the Public Libraries Act—Mr. Hobbs.

To amend the Municipal Act—Mr Paton.

Respecting Road Companies—Mr. Platt.

To amend the Assessment Act—Mr. Robillard.

Mr. Meacham enquired of the Government: How many of the 1342 children who passed the leaving examination in 1895 are this year attending the High Schools of Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Ross replied that he could not answer the question without getting special information from the High Schools. If the honorable gentleman would let the matter wait over he would try to get such information.

Mr. Marter asked the Government: What was the cost of the late Central Prison enquiry in the matter of Warden Massie's charges? Name of persons paid for services in connection therewith? Nature of service rendered? Amount paid each person so engaged? If any amount is still due, state by whom claimed and what amount.

Hon. Mr. Gibson replied that the only amounts paid by the Government in connection with the enquiry were the fees and traveling expenses of witnesses, totalling in all $182.75. Foreman Walter Scott had requested remuneration for expenses incurred in defending charges not proven, and the Government had this request under consideration.

Mr. Whitney queried the Government as follows: On what date was Dugald Campbell retired from the position of Farmer, or Assistant Farmer, at the London Asylum? Was he asked to send in his resignation, and, if so, for what reason? Who was appointed to succeed him?

Hon. Mr. Gibson responded that Dugald Campbell had been retired on Oct. 31, 1895, because of his long illness and inability to satisfactorily discharge his duties. No one had yet been specifically appointed to the position of Assistant Farmer, but an ordinary farm hand had taken over the duties of that office.

Mr. Meacham's motion for an order of the House for a return showing how many of the children in each city and county who passed the leaving examination in 1895 are now attending the High Schools, was carried.

ASSESSMENT ACT.

York County Officials Want Some Amendments to the Existing Measure.

Mr. E. J. Davis, M.L.A., introduced yesterday to Hon. Mr. Hardy a deputation from the County of York, who requested that certain amendments to the Assessment Act should be carried out. The delegation included Reeve Hill, Deputy-Reeve Bull and Township Clerk Clark of York; Reeve Davis of North York, Reeve Evans of Etobicoke, Reeve High of Vaughan, Reeve Pugsley of Richmond Hill, Reeve Kane of Newmarket, Mr. C. C. Robinson, County Solicitor, and Mr. W. A. Werrett, York Township Solicitor.

Mr. Hardy approved of one of the several propositions submitted to him, viz.: That local municipalities be empowered to conduct their own sales of land for taxes, instead of having them conducted, as at present, by the mayors, thus extending to townships the privileges now enjoyed by towns and villages.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands did not personally endorse two further propositions, one that these sales be held annually, and the other that no part of a lot of 50 feet or under shall be so sold.

At Mr. Hardy's suggestion, the proposals will be embodied in a bill to be introduced by Mr. Davis.

BODIES TURNED INTO STONE.

The Remarkable Petrifaction in a Bradford, Pa., Cemetery Just Discovered.

Bradford, Pa., March 16.—On Saturday afternoon the remains of William R. Fisher and wife, together with the remains of their daughters, Nellie and Ida, and a niece named Nellie Dart, were dug up at the old Kenny Street Cemetery and taken to Oak Hill, where they were again consigned to earth.

The remains of Nellie Dart were buried in the old cemetery in 1861. The daughter Nellie was buried in 1861 and Ida in 1874. William R. Fisher died in 1885, and his death was followed four years later, or in 1889, by that of his wife.

The earth was dug from the graves and an attempt made to lift the coffins out, when the undertaker was surprised to find them almost immovable. After considerable effort one of the caskets was brought to the top of the grave and opened. It was found that the body it contained was in a perfect state of preservation. The body was as solid as marble, and the features were life-like in their naturalness. Even the clothing had become petrified. One after another the bodies were lifted from the earth, and when each was examined it was found to have turned to a stone-like substance.

The body of Miss Dart, which was buried in 1861, resembled a statue of marble. At the time of Miss Dart's death she weighed 200 pounds, but when the body was exhumed it was twice that weight. The bottoms of graves in the lower portion of the old cemetery are covered with water at all times, and it is supposed that the mineral properties of this water caused petrifaction. It is said that other petrified bodies have been taken from the old cemetery.

TWENTY THOUSAND PERSONS

Welcomed General Booth at the Salvation Army Meeting in London.

London, March 16.—Twenty thousand persons to-day attended a meeting of the Salvation Army, held in the Crystal Palace for the purpose of welcoming Gen. Booth, the commander of the Army, who returned a few days ago from India, and bidding godspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who will shortly sail for New York to assume the command of the Salvation Army in the United States. The principal feature of the meeting was an address delivered by Gen. Booth, after which Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker were called to the front of the platform. Two officers then held American and Salvation Army flags over their heads, which was followed by an outburst of cheering. Gen. Booth then grasped the hands of his son-in-law and daughter, and in a few words dedicated them to their new work.

Coming to an Agreement.

Washington, March 16.—Confirmatory of the statement made to Parliament to-day by Under Secretary Curzon, that the United States had proposed a settlement of the Venezuelan matter, it is learned here upon undoubted authority that Secretary Olney within the last two weeks has made such a proposition through Ambassador Bayard, and that Great Britain has consented to discuss it with a view of effecting an honorable settlement.

Crude Spirits From Beet Juice.

Fremont, Neb., March 16.—W. C. Peterson, who has been experimenting with a process for the manufacture of crude sugar from beets, has succeeded in making crude spirits from the juice. In the presence of Deputy Collector of Revenue Matthews of Omaha, and a number of Fremont business men, he operated his still for the first time, and which reached the high point of 140 degrees.

Procuring Aid for Gomez in Cuba.

Chicago, March 16.—It is stated that George Gomez, a nephew of Maximo Gomez, is in Chicago on a secret mission. According to all reports, offers have been made previously, and are now being renewed, to both private troops and individuals in Chicago to get them to go and fight for the Cubans.

Talking Over War Measures.

London, March 16.—A hastily summoned Cabinet Council was held today, at which General Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the army, was present. The Council sat two hours.

Distinguished Lutheran Minister Dead.

Philadelphia, March 16.—The Rev. Charles William Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., a distinguished minister of the Lutheran Church, died yesterday, aged 83.

Heavy Italian War Credit.

Rome, March 16.—It is understood that the Government will to-morrow ask Parliament for a credit of upwards of 120,000,000 francs to meet the expenses of the Abyssinian campaign. This sum will include the expenditures of the Crispi Government and cover the projected expenses up to the end of 1896.

A large limb fell from a tree and killed a chopper named John Verge, of Sheet Harbor, N.B. He was only 19 years of age.

While John Farrow of Armstrong's Mills was killing hogs at John Watson's, one of the animals nearly bit his thumb off.

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