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**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

In order that we may supply our readers with the very latest news regarding the Tucker case the ADVERTISER appears with but four pages this week, and will be issued again on Tuesday in time for all mails. On account of pressure of news matter much of the report of the Agricultural meeting is left until another issue.

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With regret we say that within five miles of Hartland people are living in circumstances as poverty-stricken in civilization as primitive, in vice and brutality as great, as the Tucker family. "Oh God! and shall it ever be?" How badly misconstrued is our present manner of Christian work. We are exercised over the state of women in India; and we work our emotions up and shout and sing in "religious ecstasy," while at the same hour our sons of twelve and fifteen are drunk on the street and our sisters in Johnsville are poisoning each other. While horrifying tales of wanton murder and bloodshed coming from the wild west have caused us a feeling of satisfaction that we live in such quiet and peaceful civilization. We were thrilled when came the news of atrocities nearer home. The Nulty murder, the Valleyfield case, that of Peter Wheeler, sent horror to the hearts of all. But to us in Carleton Co. is ten fold more horrible the awful tragedy that has been committed, as it were, within our own house; a fearful revelation to many that such abject poverty and uncivilization exists in our proud county.

Annie Louise Canovan may have poisoned her sister, or her sister may have poisoned herself. Mother Tucker may be implicated. The law doesn't acknowledge ignorance as an excuse for crime; but it is hoped the hearts of jurors may be moved with compassion; the prisoner hardly knows the meaning of murder. If she committed the crime, it was the out come of jealousy. Her provocation was extreme.

**COPPER WIRE FOR TRUNK LINES.**

At a meeting of the N. B. Telephone Company last week it was definitely decided to reconstruct the trunk lines of the system with copper wire, and to start the work as early in the spring as possible. When the work is completed Hartland people will be able to talk with their friends in Halifax as readily as they now converse with their friends in Woodstock.

Bring your own bottles to the Drug Store and have them filled with essence perfumes, oils, &c. When buying small quantities you get twice the quantity for the money. Estey & Jurtis.

**THE TUCKER CASE.**

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.

Sheriffs Balloch and Foster took on warrants charging them with complicity in the Tucker crime, James Tucker and wife, parents of the victim, Pat Canovan, and the neighbor Mrs. Brewer. They also subpoenaed Drs. Ross, Somerville and Cummings.

From what she told the ADVERTISER Mrs. Tucker knows a great deal about the tragedy, but disclaims all responsibility. But her vociferous protestations are prejudicing people against her.

It transpires that "old mother Tucker" is wellknown throughout the county. She has an unfavorable reputation. She says she was born within the shades of Windsor Castle and has been in this province since her girlhood. She claims to be a grand neice of Alex. Gibson. Old man Tucker has had thrilling experiences in his time. He, too, hails from London. He roved the seas for years and served on a British man-of-war. He says he has waded ankle deep in blood but nothing has so perturbed him as the present exigency. Being questioned as to his relationship with Dan Tucker whom Mother Goose immortalized he bade the reporter to hold his tongue.

The ADVERTISER strove by sympathy to elicit a confession of Mrs. Tucker's knowledge of the affair. She said "No one can say I ever—" and great sobs choked her. After a few minutes she grew nonchalant and noticed when in a state of quietude to mutter "Oh dear me, dear me, dear me" etc.

At time of going to press the examination of the prisoners was going forward, and complete account will be given in Tuesday's special edition.

**SENSE AND NONSENSE.**

A certain man whose wife had recently got angry and gone away to live with her mother was met by a friend, who in apparent sympathy accosted him thus:

"Man, Jamie, this is an awfu' thing that has befa'en you. It's a great peety that your wife has gane an left you."

"'Deed, man," quoth Jamie, "she'll dae waur than that yet."

"What waur can she dae than that?" anxiously inquired his friend.

"She'll come back again," replied Jamie ruefully.

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A little four-year-old occupied an upper berth in a ship's cabin. Awakening once in the middle of the night, his mother asked him if he knew where he was.

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