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## MRS. BURDICK ON THE RACK.

Shameful Disclosures by Wife of Murdered Man at Buffalo Inquest--Letters Which Pennell Wrote to Her Were Maudlin.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 23—Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick, widow of Edwin L. Burdick. She said it was his handwriting, but she did not remember having received

WA swer whenever possible and reluctantly ment mitting facts when the district attorney we wilessly read extracts of the love letter finis bel written to her by Arthur R. Pennell. Mrs. Burdick testified that she would be 42 years of age on April 30. She was married to Burdick in 1886. They had three children. She met Pennell at a card

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party five or six years ago, at which Mr.
Burdick was present. She went to New
Haven and New York with the Pennells
in 1898. Mr. Burdick did not go, being
detained by business. No unusual friendship sprang up between her and Pen-

The district attorney showed the witness a letter from which he had quoted. Mrs. Burdick trembled.

"Yes," whispered Mrs. Burdick.
"And you recall the incident?"

ing:—
"I shall try to telephone you tomorrow morning, and on Thursday, if all goes well, I shall know the exquisite happiness of

Mr. Coatsworth also produced a letter written from the Waldorf-Astoria on Sept. 18, 1900, and addressed to Mrs. Bur-

"What does he mean by 'Paradise with-Men your arms'"
Twe'l don't know."
Statio Pretty strong language, isn't it?"

. I Another and a Strong One = Mr. Coatsworth quoted the witness anther letter, written from the Waldorf-

on the stand when court adjourned until to o'clock tomorrow morning. She will be than because I was going away. If there recalled tomorrow to complete her testi
There is that in the manner of your hus-

"Did you take some letters from that box and give them to him?": "I unlooked it." "How did you happen to unlock it:"
"He forced me to."

"He forced me to."

"He forced me to."

"He took me by the throat."

Burdick had not started divorce proceedings, but she wanted to get a divorce from him. She had no love for him, but did love Pennell, whom she expected to marry. He had a wife, but he expected they would be divorced. In reply to a question as to whether Mrs. Pennell had consented to a divorce, she said: "Sometimes she did, and sometimes she did not."

A second letter written by Mrs. Burdick to her husband said she and Pennell had realized that they must give each

had realized that they must give each other up, but that Pennell declined to do anything that would mean a loss of his self-respect. She promised never again to to a doorway and kissed her. She thought wolumtarily see or communicate with "Arthur." She made a plea on behalf of the custody of juvenile offenders in New Brunswick, so as to give the she remonstrated.

Mr. Coatsworth produced the letter written by Pennell, postmarked New Haven, Sept. 17, 1900, and addressed to the witness. Mrs. Burdick said she recalled receiving the letter. In it was the follow-

In another letter Burdick wrote that he forgave his wife the wrong she had done him. In another Burdick declared he had I shall know the exquisite happiness of seeing you."

'I have had your dear picture in the locket to look at, and that has been awfully sweet and comforting."

'Did you give him a locket?" asked Mr. Coastworth.

'No sir."

Mr. Coatsworth also produced a letter Mrs. Burdick was taken back by her husband.

The minister of justice asked attention for a bill, which, as he explained the relative produced a letter was the street of the contamination of other boys, to prevent the contamination of other boys, to prevent the contamination of other boys, to remove a boy to the penitentiary. The removal cannot affect the duration of the sentence weeks after this letter, Mrs. Burdick was taken back by her husband.

nell in another house on Seventh street after that incident. Witness at first de-Sept. 18, 1900, and addressed to Mrs. Burned meeting Pennell elsewhere, but on Mr. Coatsworth's telling her that Pennell had told him differently, she admitted that she met Pennell at a house on White Mcin this letter he said: "I just came new place, two or three times. Witness was questioned regarding other meeting places, but she did not remember them. one you from way down here? It was orth all it cost me. I realize more and Burdick was suspended and the inquest was

#### In this same letter he says: "It is only day more and I shall once more see he paradise within your arms." "What does he mean by that, Mrs. STRIKERS GOING AW STRIKERS GOING AWAY.

Twenty others left last week and it is RADICAL CHANGES IN THE

## GOODSPEED'S TRANSFER TO

Parliament Passes Bill Giving Power to Make Removal When Necessary.

TO STOP IMMORAL SHOWS

Minister of Justice Introduces a Bill Inflicting Very Severe Penalties for Obscene Performances -John Bain to Be Assistant Min-

Ottawa, March 23-(Special)-This was private members day in the house. Hon. John J. H. Ross, the first member for Laurier and Walter Scott, and was

given a rousing reception.

Mr. Demers, of St. John's and Iberville, introduced a bill giving the Supreme Court of Appeals jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases regarding the constitution, the laws of Canada, admiralty laws, cases to which the government of Canada is a macy with Pennell, she thought, on Jan.

1, 1901, when she told him, in reply to a question, that she had been walking with Pennell. He said she was very imprudent. She agreed with him then, and did now.

"Did you give these letters to Burdick?"

"I don't know."

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Several questions were put and answered and a number of motions for papers, etc., were put and carried.

In reply to Mr. Monk, Mr. Blair said the contract for 25,000 tons of steel rails for the government railways was awarded to a Glasgow firm, but was not yet signed and until it was he would not give the

name of the firm. patrick's bill to amend the expropriation act. The bill gives the government power to take over quarries or other properties for a limited time by paying full remun-

eration to the owners.

Mr. Haggart opposed the bill and Sir
Hibbert Tupper and others criticized it rather strongly.

The principal clause was passed and the

ney general, to order the removal of a boy from any industrial home to the peniten-tiary at Dorchester. At present, Mr. Fitzpatrick explained, the governor in council has power to order a boy's removal from Dorchester to an industrial home, but he has not the converse power. He said it might be necessary sometimes, to prevent the contamination of other boys.to remove

for a bill, which, as he explained the other day, had been asked for by the recorder of Montreal, and others interested n the preservation of public morality. manager of, and a couple of performers at a theatre in that city, were convicted of taking part in a production of an immoral ter, but it is claimed the existing penalties are not severe enough. The new performance, or other entertainments or representations," is liable to penalty of one year or \$500, or both if convicted on idictment. On summary conviction the penalty is \$50, six months, or both; in the case of a performer as assistant, three months, \$20, or the two together. All persons who appear in an indecent cospersons who appear in an indecent costume place themselves within the danger of six months, \$50 or both. The word "theatre" is given with significance. It includes any hall, room or other place open to the public, gratuitously or otheropen to the public, gratuitously or otherwise, where dramatic, musical or other bases of the towns and cities. If only the dominion government would confine its attentions to the superfluous urban population and leave our too few rural families alone it would be doing a real service to the mother country and the agricultural industry in particular." Calais, Me. March 23-Twenty of the strikers of the St. Croix mills left today

sented or given. Hon. Mr. Haggart asked what the mean-

resented some arguments against hasty iterference with the law as it stands. "A large class think all the modern

the bill passed through committee. Supply was then taken up. On the cus

toms item, Mr. Patterson announced that John Bain, the minister's private secretended to go on with building the minus soon as a site was secured in Ottawa It would cost fully equipped \$300,000.

Mr. Brock, of Toronto, moved in committee that the item for the mint be against. Mr. Logan spoke strongly for building a new geological museum.

The house adjourned at 11.30 p. m. It was the first long sitting of the session. a Note in a Cheese.

The first government caucus of sion will take place Wednesday. DEMENTED WOMAN SUICIDES IN A

Mrs. John Carey, of South Maitland, N. S, Hacks Her Head in Ribbons.

Husband, Worn Out Watching His Unbal-Deed--Deceased Left Two Little Children.

Truro, N. S., March 23-(Special)-A report from South Martland this morning gives the news of a terrible and sad sui-

and fell down stairs, dead.

Deceased had been unbalanced at tilmes, and her husband came home from work in the States about five months ago. She had bad turns, but was usually apparently sane and only four days before her death attended a social in the village hall, and was evidently in good spirits and happy with her two little children.

The next day she was worse, and con-The next day she was worse, and continued so till her death-

Her husband, being worn out tending her, dropped asleep for a few moments, when his wife took the opportunity to do the dreadful deed. She had frequently threatened to do away with herself, and was once found at the brink of the rushing Shubenacadie river, waiting for the tide to come in to drown herself.

# CANADIAN CHEESE

gram's cable from London says: "Canadian cheese was quoted on the English markets today at 70 shillings per hundred weight, the highest price in 20 years. Choicest quality white and colored Canalause proposes that everyone who, as dian cheese advanced three shillings per hanager, lessee or owner of any theatre hundred weight last week. First quality presents or allows the presentation of "any indecent or immoral play, opera, concert, acrobatic, variety or vaudeville

Toronto, March 23-(Special)-The Tele

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

FRENZIED MOTHER'S FEARFUL DEED

#### HEARTY WELCOME FOR THE BRITISH DELEGATION.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Ross Assure Englishmen a Good Time.

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Lord Rosebery to Move in the House of Lords for Its Approval of the Scheme--Bobs Pays a Tribute to Highlanders - Canadian Girl Sends

Montreal, March 23—(Special)—A special London cable to the Star says: "In the Things have not been going well of late from its present position.

The people of Ontario will greatpreciate the visit of British public It will be one of the most import.

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With either steel or coal, although some of the events, such as the fire in the coal mine at Glace Bay, have been through no fault of existing conditions.

The steel company has a lease of the steel company has a lease of the steel company has a lease of the steel company its present position.

Both concerns are under one group of capitalists headed by James E. Ross, Senton Forget, Sir William VanHorne, of Montreal; H. M. Whitney, of Boston, and Montreal; H. M. Whitney, of Bosto ing, Lord Lyveden said that he had received the following letter from Premier ly appreciate the visit of British public ant events in our history.'

great favor. Canadians of all classes will do everything possible to make the visit

"Lord Lyveden said a close relation between the colonies and mother land is greatest resource. Any colonial contributions must be purely voluntary. The results of the tour will be the promotion anced Wife, Fell Asleep, and Desperate of unity and the acquirement by the legis Woman Took Advantage of It to Do the lators of a greater knowledge of Canadian affairs. He considered it an elementary duty of members of the House of Lords and House of Commons to visit the col

"Lord Rosebery will move in the House of Lords tomorrow that the house express eye, on both sides of the head, top of head, and then severed the jugular vein that the first efforts of the council will

"Lord Rosebery is expected to make a pronouncement on the question of coloni-al contributions at the same time. He al contributions at the same time. He will probably urge the necessity of the colonies sending members to the imperial house of commons. A reform of the House of Lords is a necessary preliminary, as the lords are opposed to colonial representation in imperial councils. Lord

DIAN CHEESE

Lucknow, where Highlanders had led the final gallant charge. There had been more Highlanders killed in South Africa than had died of disease. This record was unique in the history of the war.

Lord Strathcona said that probably more than half of the Canadian contingents to South Africa were Scotchmen or descendants of Scotchmen.

Whitby, Ont., March 23—(Special)—The South Ontario Conservative convention to day unanimously offered the candidature descendants of Scotchmen. ants of Scotchmen.

"While Shopkeeper Kingston, of Surrey, was cutting open a Canadian cheese he found a small bottle. Inside of it was a note, signed by Miss Eva Halliday, of Elgin (Ont.), asking the finder to write to her as to the quality of the cheese when it was received and the price paid for it, as the writer was curious to know of the ultimate destination of the local factory's cheese. The desired information of the ultimate destination of the local factory's cheese. The desired information will be forwarded.

"The Morning Post, noting the success of the Canadian emigration movement, says today: 'As a result of Canada's organized efforts to attract emigration, the labor question in British rural districts is assuming a still more acute form. What makes the position even more aggravating is the overcrowded state of the towns

# BIG STEEL AND COAL MERGER.

Working Out Plans in Montreal to Bring the Two Dominion Companies Under One Management--Involves Interests of \$51,000,000.

some of the other directors.

Montreal, March 23—(Special)—Plans are coal property which became operative under way to bring the Dominion Coal March, 1902, and runs until April, 1992.

There has been a feeling for a long time. pany in under one management, an idea which involves interests holding \$51,000, running heavily behind, in spite of the control of the contro which involves interests holding \$01,000,

000 in stocks and bonds.

The Herald says it has assurance that the scheme is being figured upon by a Montreal financier interested with both the price dropping from 60 to 29 has been supplied to the scheme in the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that the price dropping from 60 to 29 has been supplied to the scheme in the scheme in the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that the price dropping from 60 to 29 has been supplied to the scheme in the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that some new to be a contract that the scheme is being figured upon by a contract that

### "Sir Wilfrid Laurier wrote: 'Canada has received the news of the visit with great favor. Canadians of all classes will WAS NEITHER DRUGGED NOR STABBED.

Boston Authorities New Think St. Stephen Man Fell from Train, and the Police Have Abandoned Work on the Murder Theory.

Boston, March 23-(Special)-An autop- tain any evidence that McEiroy had been

sy was held today by Medical Examiner given drugs.

Medical Examiner Braper reports that its approval of the policy of instituting a council of national defence. He hopes that the first efforts of the council will be directed toward the adjustment of the national army requirements to those of the navy in such a way as will best meet the military and financial conditions of the empire.

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sy was held today by Medical Examiner a moving McElroy evidently fell from a moving train and struck upon his left shoulder, day while on his way from Dedham to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The autopsy showed that he was not stabbed or drugged, as has been believed. The medical examiner could not discover a sign of a stab wound nor were any bones broken. The stomach did not consent to Littleton (Mass.), for burial.

#### CORINTHIAN IN A R. L. BORDEN OFFERED ONTARIO CONSTITUENCY.

Opposition Leader Asks for Time to Doubtful Case of Sickness Aboard-Consult Nova Scotia Friends Be-

of that riding to R. L. Borden, and appointed a committee to wait on him. Mr. Borden said the nomination came as a surprise, and asked that the matter be left in abeyance, as he could not entertain the proposal without consulting his friends in Nova Scotia and getting their consent to the change.

#### ARE NOW AT ODDS IN MONTREAL. Montreal, March 23-(Special)-The excutive council of the International As-

ciation of Railway Clerks has been called to meet within 48 hours to take measures in connection with the dismissal from the C. P. R. headquarters of 10 clerks who Montreal offices have joined the associa-The immediate summons to the inter-

DALHOUSIE POST OFFICE

# Comes in Without Bill of Health.

mail steamer Corinthian, Capt. Nunan, from Liverpool, March 12, arrived this evening. There was doubtful case of sickness in the steerage thought to be small-

Halifax, March 23-(Special)-The Allan

to quarantine for fumigation. She has 43

saloon, 135 second cabin and 320 steerage

passengers. She had come without receive

ing a bill of health from the port doctors MONEY STOLEN FROM GRANVILLE FERRY BANK RECOVERED.

Annapolis, N. S., March 23-(Special) became members of the association a few papers stolen from the Union Bank days before they lost their positions. It is believed that 150 clerks at the C. P. R. about 11 o'clock this morning beside at agency at Granville Ferry, was found telephone post at the ferry. It had evidently been placed there to be subsequently taken away. The con-

national council indicates an effort to force the railway company to recognize the tents of the box were intact, as it had

## ROBBER SENT UP FOR TRIAL.

robbery here was held today before W. ton. S Smith, J. P., in the court house.

Detective Chamberlain testified that Chiverton has admitted to him that he instant. R. A. Lawlor, of Chatham, re-

Dalhousie. March 23—(Special)—The preliminary examination of George A. Chiverton for complicity in the post office take place tomorrow, after that of Johnson's examination.

ge to serve for a period of three years. It addition within itself the gem of a research above the ground floor. Up and Johnston had stolen the money and Johnston had stolen the money and and Johnston had stolen the money and had given him a written confession in his serve. These proposals have met with the and Johnston had stolen the money and Johnston had given him a written consciousness and while he represents the attorney general.

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#### DRILL OF CANADA'S MILITIA. Ottawa, March 23-(Special)-In the | Large numbers of entirely raw men enlist

ace proves to him is of real practical In the future he porposes to leave out arches and ceremonial and instead to nvert the camps practically into schools

instruction for fitting the soldier to ke the field with not one item in the ogramme that does not make for fight-

pose. Consequently it is impossible to carry instruction beyond the most elementary stages. Such a system is unduly expensive and

Though the rural militia contains a rge proportion of earnest self-sacrificing icers and men it does not satisfy the quirements of a national defence force. Deminally it is a body of men who enge to serve for a period of three years.

inual report of the militia department, before the training begins, and are perhaps never seen afterwards, no real effort ne officer commanding Lord Dundonald, haps never seen afterwards, no real effort ays the Canadian soldier takes the greatbeing made to compel them to fiulfit their engagement owing to the powers of com-pulsion being quite inadequate for the pur-

> ineffective from a military point of view. satisfactory have been the conditions of training that the best men do not enter

## Kills Her Four Children, Pours Oil on Their Bodies, Sets Fire to House, and Then Cuts

Her Throat--Husband and Father Loses Senses When He Hears It.

the heads of her four little children today, threw their bodies into a closet, scattering oil over them and herself and then,
after setting all on fire, closed her awill
work and her own life by cutting her
throat.

It was Mrs. Peter Burke, the wife of a
hard-working machinist in an auger factory, who committed the fearful deed,
and her victims were Lilla, 6 years; William, 5 years; Louise, 1½ years, and Mae
Rose, 5 months old.

Is a native of New Hampshire.

But for the accidental discovery of the
fire, the deed of the mother might have
been hidden forever. Two boys happened with list of her offispring was a large
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been hidden forever, Two boys happened was.

Mrs. Burke must have dragged all the children into the closet after she had killed them and then taken a bottle of were seen hidden forever. The fire out with buckets of water, but it gained on them so fast that they were gained on them so fast that they were discovered.

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Sturbridge, Mass., March 23—A frenzied mother in the little hamlet of Fiskdale, after cutting off every means of escape by fastening windows and doors crushed in the heads of her four little children to like a pative of New Hampshire.