

ORR INQUEST.

Coroner's Jury Call Attention to Dangers in Using Soft Coal.

Coroner Dr. Daniel E. Berryman held an inquest last evening as to the death of Miss Annie Gertrude Orr. The following jury empaneled had previously viewed the remains: S. T. Golding, foreman; David Watson, W. C. Dunham, Charles Damery, Jas. W. Lee, R. T. Worden and Chas. A. Chas.

Pilot James A. Miller, who resided in the house adjoining the one in which the girl died, was the first witness. When he came home Saturday morning about 1:30 o'clock he smelt gas, but thought it came from the self feeder in the sitting room. Witness told of getting up in the morning about 8:30 and going down town, where later he heard that there was trouble at his home. There was an ordinary cooking stove in the room. The gas he encountered later smelt like gas from soft coal. There were no windows broken in and no ventilation. The stove was an ordinary cooking range. The damper shut off the escape of smoke or gas. Did not know till breakfast time that his wife had agreed to call Mrs. Daggett and Miss Orr at 8 o'clock. It was considerably after eight o'clock when his wife died.

To a juror witness said there was no communication between his house and that of the one occupied by Mrs. Daggett.

Dr. James Christie was the next witness. He told of being called to the Daggett house about 10 o'clock, where Dr. Daniel was working with the Orr girl. Artificial respiration was being applied. As a last hope he suggested to Dr. Daniel that he continue his efforts for a half hour longer, which would make three hours in all. There was evidence not that the fire had been damped but that coal had been put in and only partially consumed, carbonized. Quite a quantity of cinder. It resembled paper, but did not know what it was. Examined stove pipe; damper handle was perpendicular, shutting the draft off. Did not know whether it was a tight damper or not. It was shut off as far as it could go. Banking a fire and shutting off the draft would cause improper combustion, which would cause asphyxiation. Was informed that the Orr girl was found lying on her face and the Daggett woman on her back. This might explain why one died.

Mrs. James Miller, sworn, said she tried to wake Mrs. Daggett and Miss Orr at nine o'clock, but could not get in. Called Mr. Miller, who pounded at door. There was no answer. Mr. Miller went away, saying "Let them sleep it out." Could not get in house at all. Later witness and Mrs. Murray rapped again. Mrs. Murray tapped on window with clothes pole. After a little heard a sound as of some one falling, and later saw Mrs. Daggett at window as if on her knees. She had a peculiar look and later Dr. Daniel sent for, arriving about an hour after they broke in the door. Mrs. Daggett said she did not remember turning the damper off. Miss Orr would be sixteen years of age next month.

Mrs. William Murray, sworn, testified that on New Year's night Mrs. Daggett and Miss Orr visited her home in the lower flat. They remained there till after twelve o'clock. Witness broke open the doors. The gas was almost suffocating.

Miss Nellie Murray corroborated the evidence of the previous witness. Coroner Berryman stated that he had requested Mrs. Daggett to be present and give evidence, but realizing that she was not in a fit physical condition to attend, and that her evidence would be of little value, as she had not disclosed anything of importance to her most intimate friends, he believed it advisable to go on with the inquest in preference to a postponement.

It was certainly a remarkable circumstance that in London, Glasgow, Philadelphia, New York and other large cities during the last three months the attention of the coroners in these districts had been called to similar cases. There seemed to exist, at this season of the year when so many people were using soft coal, an improper understanding as to the manipulation of the stoves and the proper handling of the coal. The famous Emilio Zola died from a gas stove in a fashionable quarter, where the furnace had been banked and the dampers closed. It was proved that the people using soft coal did not understand the use of it. Continuing, the coroner referred to the fact that stove dealers should post buyers as to the use of dampers, and the accident that occurred on Broad street was caused through ignorance, and unless the public took this case as a warning they would daily and weekly live in equal danger.

The reason he (the coroner) had brought the jury together was that he believed that the poor of the community, as in every one in the dominion, are ignorant of the deleterious and dangerous effects of the use of soft coal. He hoped and trusted that this inquest would be the means of bringing these people to a knowledge of the danger they ran if it was so the life of the beautiful young girl might not have been taken when it was not. There was no question but had Mrs. Daggett and Miss Orr known their danger they would not have managed the stove as they did. There was no doubt the draft was shut off and that death was due to the gases from the coal. In a large majority of the local townships the ventilation was inadequate. This was a matter the jury should consider also; the danger from banking stoves and shutting off the drafts, as well as precautions when purchasing stoves. There should be a law to prohibit the sale of stoves that were not equipped with proper dampers.

St. John was not the only city that was considering this matter; hard coal was equally dangerous, if not more so.

than soft; the question was one that affected the entire dominion. After being out some time the jury returned with the following verdict: "We, the jury empaneled as to the death of Annie Gertrude Orr, find that on January 3rd, 1903, at 47 Broad street, in this city, she came to her death by inhaling noxious gases from a fire of soft coal in a cooking stove, the damper of which had been shut off so as to prevent ventilation. While we attach no blame in connection with the loss of life, we strongly recommend the general public to exercise great care in the banking of fires and adjusting of dampers and stoves."

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

By Lieut. Colonel Sturges, Commanding 62nd St. John Fusiliers.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 6.—No. 1. A school of instruction for non-commissioned officers will be opened in the upper room of the Custom House on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., and for the first week will be held every evening from 8 o'clock, sharp, till 9:30, when Sergeant Major Fowle, No. 4 regimental depot, will be the instructor in charge. Plain clothes will be worn. The commanding officer expects every non-com. officer of the regiment to attend each evening during that week, to qualify in the new drill, and to take advantage of the lectures to be delivered by Sergeant Major Fowle, who will be here for one week only. The non-com. officers of the band and drum corps are also expected to attend. Sergeant Major Lamb will keep a roster of the attendance each night. After the first week the school will be continued, until further orders, four evenings each week. The sergeant major will divide the N. C. O.'s into two squads, one of which will attend Monday and Thursday evenings, and the other Tuesday and Friday evenings. The sergeant major will arrange a detail of instruction, under the superintendence of the adjutant. Each N. C. O. will provide himself with a copy of Infantry Training, 1902. A company officer will be detailed by the adjutant to be present, in rotation, each evening, to superintend the school.

No. 2. The adjutant will make arrangements for the formation of an officers' class, under Sergeant Major Fowle, at such hours as may be convenient. Every company officer is expected to qualify in the new drill.

No. 3. The annual meeting of the officers of the regiment will be held next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock sharp, at the officers' rooms.

MEETINGS.

The January meeting of the Associated Alumni of the University of New Brunswick will be in the equity court room, St. John, on Friday, 9th inst.

The usual monthly business meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the guild Friday, 9th, at 3 p. m. A full attendance of the members is requested.

There will be a special meeting of the Trinity Church Athletic Association in the church school house this evening to consider the advisability of holding a ping pong tournament in the near future, as well as several other matters of interest to all the members.

The Y. P. A. of St. Andrew's church held a very successful meeting last night. Forty-three new members were elected. The evening's programme was a most enjoyable one, including a solo by D. B. Pidgeon and piano selections by Miss Crosby and Mrs. Scoville. The association will meet again on the 23rd inst.

Loyalist Division, No. 431, S. of T. met Monday evening in their hall on Simonds street. After order of business and initiation, the following officers were installed by A. M. Wetmore, D. W. A. and M. M. McLean, D. S. Earnest Ramsay, W. P.; Miss Mabel T. Arent, W. B.; Miss May A. Tutts, F. S.; Mrs. A. Hastings, Treasurer; Miss Bertie A. Treant, R. S.; Miss Lillian McGorman, A. R. S.; Miss Ayles, Chaplain; Miss V. M. Hastings, S. P. E. W. George Ingram, Conductor; Fred A. Hastings, A. C.; H. Worden, I. S.; Mr. Armstrong, O. S.; George Pottick, P. W. P. This division will hold a public meeting next Monday, January 12, to which all S. of T. and the public are invited.

TRIPLE GRIT VICTORY.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—All three seats in Ontario have gone liberal. TORONTO, Jan. 7.—It is doubtful if tonight the liberals are not fully as surprised as the conservatives. Three by-elections which were to solve the fate of the Ross government took place today, and all of them went liberal. The liberals expected to get two, but were willing to concede one seat. The conservatives hoped to carry two seats.

In North Norfolk, Little (lib.) defeated Snider (con.) by 65 majority. In North Perth, Brown (lib.) was elected over Monteth (con.) by 172, with two polls to hear from. In North Grey, McKay (lib.) defeated Boyd (con.) by 236, with one poll missing.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—The Bank of Montreal shareholders today decided to increase the capital of the bank from twelve to fourteen millions. New stock will be issued to shareholders in proportion of one to six at \$30 per share. The market value today was \$34. The par value of share is \$30.

MORE COAL CONFISCATED.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—Mayor Cochrane learned today that a number of cars of coal shipped from Nova Scotia for sale to the poor of Montreal through city at cost, had been confiscated by the Intercolonial management. Fifty cars more have been ordered.

FIREMEN'S UNIFORMS.

A special committee from the safety board met yesterday and discussed the advisability of placing the permanent men of the fire department in uniform. Although no decision was reached, there was a feeling at the meeting to increase the salaries of the men and let them purchase their own uniforms.

ROCKEFELLER CLASS.

Officer Declines Sensational Reports Concerning Work of Ernest Young Men.

(New York Herald, Monday.)

"Witnessing the spectacle of the son of the wealthiest man in the world explaining the words of the poor Nazarene has moved unthinking men to laughter, and is still the theme for reporters of the sensational press. Nothing could be further from the sensational than the earnest method of law serious young man who yesterday stood before several hundred others for half an hour's talk on Peter's denial of Christ."

So said an officer of the Bible class of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., after the first meeting of the class for the new year, in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church.

Though popularly called the Rockefeller Bible class, continued the class officer, "this organization is not of Mr. Rockefeller's creation. It was formed by Mr. Forbush while the present leader was in college. Later it listened to the eloquent speeches of Charles E. Hughes, more often heard on the law than on the gospels."

"When Mr. Rockefeller assumed the leadership, three years ago, he found a well managed organization holding Sunday services for the study of the Bible, with an average attendance of forty-five, and monthly social gatherings with an attendance of about two hundred. On the latter occasion many well-known men have spoken, and the custom always followed of electing their honorary members led to the report that Mark Twain and Andrew Carnegie had joined the Bible class."

"One Sunday there entered the church and sat an attentive listener an erect, gray haired man who had been fighting the leader's father-in-law in law courts for a quarter of a century. Some people came in hope of transacting a little business chiefly of importance to themselves at the end of the hour, but not many are so blind to the fitness of things. Most of the new comers are young men, who really care to know about how the teachings of Jesus Christ will sound when interpreted by the successful business man."

"The president, J. M. Troxell, is a Southerner, who came to New York as a boy and succeeded, after a hard struggle, like many others, but he has never forgotten how big and dreary New York looks to a country boy, and his heart warms to all who have recently left home."

Henry Frank, leader of the Metropolitan Independent church, has addressed a letter to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in which he advises the young man when he has come into his inheritance to sell the Standard Oil Company and give the proceeds to the competitors, which he says, the corporation forced out of business."

Mr. Frank read the letter yesterday morning to his congregation in Carnegie Lyceum, and sent a copy to the millionaire.

The angelist regrets that he is not a member of the Bible class, so that he might make his criticism in a conversational way.

Mr. Rockefeller could not be seen last night at his home, at No. 13 West Fifty-fourth street. He sent word that he did not care to say anything about Mr. Frank's letter.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in the office of the publisher, not later than 10 o'clock, for insertion in the next issue.

SHE HAD HER WAY.

The Story of a Tennis Racket and a Sarcastic Maiden.

She was a demure looking girl, young and slight, and her hair curled in her hand she held a tennis racket. Three of the strings were "sprung."

She explained to the salesman in the big sporting goods house that the racket was an expensive one; that it had broken at the first trial; that the fact of its having done so had caused her much annoyance, as she had bought it for a birthday present. In conclusion she was here to return it.

The salesman noted the babyish curls, and, adopting the manner of a bored but rather good natured cat to an irresponsible kitten, he promised to have the racket restrung.

"But I don't want it restrung," said the girl. "I want a new one."

"Oh, but I can't give you a new one," said the clerk reprovingly. "This one has been used."

"Yes," said the girl mockingly: "it has been used, and therein was my mistake. You see, I fancied I had bought a tennis racket and so described it to the recipient. He foolishly believed me and used it. Had we both known that your firm was charging \$7 for paper mache souvenirs fashioned after the form of a racket, why, he would have put it upon his wall as a decoration. Yes," she continued politely; "I admit we erred in using it." And she smiled prettily.

Then she gave her address and walked out. The next day the firm sent a new racket.

FROM STUMP TO SAW.

Twenty-Four Hours Taken to Turn Trees to Boards.

Twenty-four hours from stump to sawmill is the record now made by the lumber mills in the Ottawa Valley. It used to take six months as a rule to transport the logs from the bush to the mill, and in dry seasons a year, but all this has changed. For some time J. B. Booth has been making good time by handling the lumber from the forest to his mills at the Chaudiere over the line of the Canada Atlantic railway. Now an extension of the road from Whitney to Opeongo, Ont., connects the St. Anthony lumber limits with the Whitney mills at Whitney station on the C. A. R. main line. Over this system it only takes twenty-four hours to handle logs from the stump to the saw. This is claimed to be the quickest work in the lumber manufacturing line in America.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A second washer. Apply at AMERICAN LAUNDRY, Charlotte street.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Coastwise—Schr. Sarah Jane, 15, Spicer, from Kingsport.

Schr. Eva and Elsie, 13, Lakeman, from North Head.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, NS, Jan 7—Ard, str Oruro.

Sid, str Pro Patria, Hendricks, for St Pierre, Miq; Halifax, Ellis, for Boston.

BRITISH PORTS.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan 7—Ard, str Celtic.

from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

SOUTHAMPTON, Jan 7—Ard, str Philadelphia.

from New York for Southampton.

BROWN HEAD, Jan 7—Passed, str Celtic.

from New York for Liverpool, and proceeded.

SWANSEA, Jan 6—Sid, str Dunmore Head.

for St. John.

GLASGOW, Jan 7—Sid, str Hestie, for St John.

LIZARD, Jan 7—Passed, str Saxon King.

from Rotterdam.

Foreign Ports.

CITY ISLAND, Jan 7—Bound south, sch Island City, from Hillsboro.

PORTLAND, ME, Jan 7—Ard, sch Ous Miller, from St. John for Newport.

Returned, schs Demoselle, from Port Greville, NS, for New York; Alaska, from River Hebert for do (later for job last night).

Sid, schs Ambition, from New York for Halifax, NS; Lottie M. McDonald, from Bay of Islands, NF, for New York.

BOSTON, Jan 7—Sid, str Sagamore and the steamer, strs. from New York, for Lou-laburg, CB; Waits, for Sydney, CB.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Jan 7—Sid, schs.

SAVANNAH, Jan 7—Ard, str Pydas, Cross-ley, from Baltimore.

PORTLAND, Me, Jan 7—Ard, strs. Nor-ma-nia, from Liverpool; Sir, from Sydney, CB.

SALEM, Mass, Jan 6—Sid, schs Ernest T. Lee, for Calais; J. L. Colwell, for St. John, NB.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Del, Jan 7.

Passed out, sch Tyree, from Philadelphia for Bridgewater, MS.

SHIP ISLAND, Jan 7—Ard, ship Creed-moore, Kennedy, from Delagoa Bay via Bar-ces.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE RING.

Looking for a Go With Some St. John Fol-

low. Joseph Seely of Liverpool, who has boxed there under the name of Young Salder, is in St. John and is a likely looking chap. He is looking for a go with Dan Littlejohn. Seely has a good reputation as a boxer, and it is very probable the two will meet at an early day.

Booky Clarke, the "Water Street Cyclone,"

looking to see any man in St. John weighing 15 pounds stronger. This young man, although heretofore almost unknown, is good stuff and very plucky.

CURLING.

Some Lively Games at Montreal Yesterday.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—The result of the curling match between Fredericton and Montreal yesterday was: Fredericton, 11; Montreal, 15. The play was close and exciting all through. The result by skips was:

Fredericton. Montreal.

J. H. Hasbrouck, 15 T. Henderson, 11 G. H. Hoegs, 12 G. W. Maddison, 11 R. P. Randolph, 13 E. W. Givan, 11 H. C. Rutter, 10 E. H. Allen, 9

The visitors were entertained at the close of the game. Campbellton and the Chatham curlers played three Montreal rinks this afternoon. Campbellton was defeated 25 to 17, while Chatham's two rinks won 25 to 17.

A German chamber of boxes has written to a St. John man offering to pit Jimmy Briggs, a crack 125 lb. man against any one of his weight in these parts. He also offers to match a boxer named Kid Goodwin against Johnny Taylor or any other 118 lb. boxer in this section of the country.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker.

Dec. 8, 1902.

Yester.	To-day.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
Am. Copper	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Am. Sugar	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
A. T. and S. P.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Baltimore and O.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Brooklyn R. T. & E.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Can. Pacific	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2
Col. Southern	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Ches. and Ohio	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Col. and St. P.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Can. and Ont.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Consolidated	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Erie	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Erie, 1st pd.	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Erie, 2nd pd.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Louisville and N.	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
Manhattan R.	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2
Met. Street R.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
N. Y. and W.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
N. Y. and W. 1st pd.	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
N. Y. and W. 2nd pd.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Norfolk and W.	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Pennsylvania R. R.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
R. I. and W.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Reading	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Southern R.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Tenn. C. and I.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Texas and Pacific	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Union Pacific	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
U. Pacific, 1st pd.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
U. S. Leather	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
U. S. Steel, com.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
U. S. Steel, 1st pd.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Washab.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Washab, 1st pd.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
West Union Tel.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2

BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Bank of England's rate of discount was unchanged today at 4 per cent.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Wall street—There was moderate activity and generally higher prices in the opening dealings. Penna. and Reading were the only notable exceptions to the advance tendency. New York Central was lifted over a point and Consolidated Gas and Sugar advanced a point.

The stock market opened firm.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Cotton futures opened quiet and steady. Jan., 5.52; Feb., 5.53; March, 5.55; April, 5.57; May, 5.58; July, 5.59; Aug., 5.59; Sept., 5.59; Oct., 5.59; Nov., 5.59; Dec., 5.59.

THEIR GREAT COMPLIMENT.

John Drew says that while he was on tour with a Daly company they appeared one evening in a minor city of this state. After the performance he and John Gilbert were seated in the balcony enjoying a smoke when a native of the place said, after eying them for a few moments: "That was to the opryhouse tonight." "I so?" said Mr. Gilbert, "and were you much edified?" "Oh, I dunno. Me and a friend went over, and we bout concluded that your show is the best thing we've had here since Hinky Dumpy."

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

Str. Arcadia, has been fixed to load deals here for W. C. England at 30. Those who are hard to suit with tea find what they want in Red Rose tea. The schooner Advance, which was in trouble at Bear Harbor, will be brought to St. John.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that KEMPORT POWDERS will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes. Str. Montfort, Capt. Cross, sailed from Barry on the 4th for St. John. She is the ship which is to follow the Orana in the South African business. F. Leger, T. J. Buckley and