

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Brookville's Big Sensation—Dr. Lapointe Shoots Down a Number of Unfortunate Citizens in Cold Blood—Peter Moore Killed on Sight and Chief Rose, Constable Tinsley and Several Others Wounded.

Never in the history of the County of Leeds has such an awful tragedy been enacted as that which occurred at the noon hour at the corner of Main and Perth streets, Brookville. About 11 a.m., on Monday last, Dr. Lapointe, who resides on the Lapointe farm, about six miles from Brookville, in the Township of Elizabethtown, was seen by two men, John Dwyer and James Konan on the stone road leading into Brookville. He was carrying a double-barrelled, break-loading shotgun, and getting on the sleigh role for a short distance with them. They said he was perfectly sober, but talked a little wildly at times. He was next seen opposite McGroarty's bakery by Gordon King, of Lynn, who knew him well and calling him by name, asked him what he was doing in town with a gun. Lapointe replied "he was going to have a little fun." A little further down street he gave two or three wild shots and fired off his gun. 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