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Local Briefs

W. R. Hickey, Bothwell, was in the city to-day.

J. A. Galbraith, of Dutton, was a Chatham visitor Sunday.

Miss Annie Wilson has returned from Port Lambton, Dresden and Eberts.

The inaugural meeting of the Separate School Board will be held on Wednesday evening.

The C. P. R. gate on Queen street was broken by a house being moved up against it Saturday.

Dr. Bechard has removed his office on King street, in the Lamont block, next door to Dr. Tye's.

One of John Piggett & Sons heavy draught horses dropped dead on Saturday. It was valued at \$150.

The police have a small purse containing a small sum of money. The purse was picked up on the street.

The firemen were called out on Saturday night by still alarm to Westman Bros. to put out a small chimney fire. No damage.

A gentleman in the city to-day from Thamesville stated that London coal firms had seven cars of stove coal stored on the siding at the village.

William B. Wells, of this city, and W. Meredith, of London, left to-day for Tennessee, where they will attend the field trials. Mr. Wells took some of his dogs with him.

George Peters, constable, was out in Chatham township Saturday and arrested Frank Newby on the charge of stealing a flock of geese from Mrs. Austin.

J. L. Wilson has gone to Valetta to meet a committee to look over ground and consider plans for a new Presbyterian Church to be erected there this spring.

A Frenchman named Toulouse from Big Point met with an accident Saturday night. He was driving home when his horses ran away near Robt. Smith's farm in Dover Township. Mr. Toulouse was thrown out but escaped injury.

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DEATH OF J. PROTHERO.

SANDWICH MAN FOUND DEAD
IN A MANITOBA SHANTY.

John Putvain, Owner of the Shanty, Committed For Trial—Evidence of the Men Who Found the Body.

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—The trial of John Putvain for the murder of J. Prothero, formerly of Sandwich, at Snake Island, Lake Winnipeg, on December 22, took place before Magistrate Scott. Mr. F. Heap defended the prisoner, and Deputy Attorney-General Patterson and J. O'Reilly prosecuted.

The first witness, H. Bostock, described going to Putvain's shanty, along with W. Darcey, to get Prothero, who was his partner, to go home with him, and, on opening the door, found both Prothero and Putvain lying on the floor, with their heads close to the door, apparently asleep. This was about 7:30 in the evening. There were no lights in Putvain's shanty, but he had a lantern with him. He soon saw something was wrong, and sent Darcey back to Raymond's house for help. Soon Raymond came, and then all three—Raymond, Bostock and Darcey—went inside. Putvain had then arisen. They began to examine Prothero for signs of life. They could find none. He had two or three slight cuts over the eye, and blood was about his face and neck. There was blood on Putvain's hands, face and shirt. The three men spoke to Putvain, but he could not give any account of how it happened. Mr. S. Raymond, Magistrate, took charge of Putvain, and had him remove his shirt.

There were no signs in the shanty of any row or scuffle. Five or six teams and several men had arrived that day from Selkirk to take back loads of fish. They were busy all afternoon loading their teams. Prothero was last seen alive about 5 o'clock in the prisoner's shanty. Prisoner had received two bottles of whiskey that morning from Selkirk, and had been treating the boys. He never had any ill-feeling or quarrel with Prothero. When seated beside the stove that evening, Putvain said, though not spoken to by any of the other three: "That was a devil of a scuffle we had, but I got the best of him. It takes a good man to get ahead of me." Three or four of the teamsters heard him say this. They did not ask prisoner any questions. He complained of his hand being sore, and also his body. Later on Raymond and Jensen took the prisoner into another room and examined his body, but could not find any marks or bruises.

Evidence given by witnesses, Darcey, Raymond, Bostock, Jensen, Taylor, J. Ross and A. Ross, was very similar. Dr. Ross told of going out and holding an inquest, and of how he found the body of Prothero. The body was frozen, the face covered with blood, and small cuts over the eye. All the skin was off one ear, very suggestive of teeth marks. The mouth was open, the tongue protruding. On the throat were abrasions, apparently made by finger nails. Across the bridge of the nose there was a line of marks suggestive of teeth. The only blood around the shanty were a few spots on the window pane, and some on the floor beneath Prothero. The body of Prothero was brought into Selkirk in the post-mortem they found deceased, heart and lungs in good condition. There was no sign of any disease. The doctors decided the cause of death was due to strangulation, to insufficient respiration, from blood in the larynx. The muscles of the head showed marks of bruises, and also the tissues over the larynx were bruised, showing violence. One eye was swollen, evidently from a bruise. The mark on the neck had the appearance of a grasp of a hand. The injuries on the head, the doctor did not think, were sufficient to cause death.

After the evidence, the Magistrate committed the prisoner for trial at the next Assizes.

Putvain is a very peaceable-looking man, about 45 years of age. Prothero was a very large, able-bodied man, and Putvain being somewhat smaller, it is a mystery how he could possibly have overpowered Prothero.

The prisoner was brought to Winnipeg by Chief Elliott.

RUSSIA'S FIRM STAND.

Will Not Give Adhesion to Sugar Convention.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—Russia has replied to the British note of November 30 last on the subject of the sugar convention. She reiterates the views expressed in previous notes, says she considers the British contentions to be attempts to interfere in her domestic legislation, and repudiates the idea that another State may, in its own interest, effect a change in Russian internal legislation, or in the event of Russia not agreeing to its proposals that it can penalize Russia's products without violating existing commercial treaties. The note declares that Russia can in no eventuality give her adhesion to the Brussels agreement, and concludes: "As Great Britain declines arbitration, and as the penalty clause cannot be applied to Russian sugar until the international commission declares the Russian system to be a bounty system, any further exchange of views before the commission settles the proposition would not be productive of results."

MISS PURDY KILLED.

Struck by a Train at Gilmour's Crossing.

Belleville, Jan. 19.—A fatal accident happened on the line of the G. T. R. near Trenton yesterday. A young woman, Miss Lillie Purdy, whose residence was in the second concession of Sidney, was driving a horse and cutter, and had to cross the railway at a place known as Gilmour's Crossing. She evidently thought she had time to cross the track in advance of an approaching express train, but must have miscalculated the distance. The horse got over, but the train struck the cutter, smashing it into fragments and instantly killing Miss Purdy, who was about 22 years of age and leaves a father and five brothers.

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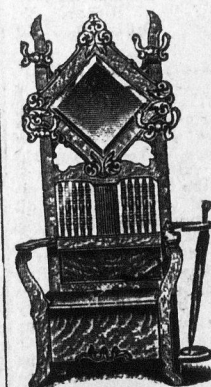
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Our January Furniture Sale Gives Extraordinary Values.

ALTHOUGH the success of our January Furniture Sale has been greater than our anticipations we know there are hundreds of people in this city and surrounding country who do not fully realize the extent of the stock carried by us—its uniformly high character and its fairness of prices. We have as a fitting introduction to people who should trade here inaugurated this January Clearing Sale.

Here are a few quotations illustrative of the values offered throughout the stock. The goods are in perfect condition and a critical examination of the entire line is earnestly invited.



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