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MURDER OR ACCIDENT?

Suspicious Death of an Elgin County Farmer.

HIS SKULL CRUSHED BY A TREE

Thought To Have Been Killed For His Insurance.

SUSPECTS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

Contradictory Evidence Given At the Inquest.

Hendershott Found Under a Fallen Tree, His Head Crushed in—Evidence Pointing to His Having Been Killed and the Tree Felled So As to Fall Upon the Body $11,000 Insurance Taken Out Within a Short Period, the Policies Being Made Payable to His Uncle—The Inquest Adjourned—Detective Murray Working on the Case.

St. Thomas, Dec. 17.—Elgin County is presently excited over what looks very much like a murder mystery, and, although no arrests have as yet been made, two men are under police surveillance and may be taken into custody at any moment. The Attorney-General's Department has been communicated with, and a request forwarded to send up Provincial Detective Murray at once.

The present case resembles in many of its essentials the famous Acacia murder of 12 years ago, when Louis Napolean was stabbed and shot down while hunting in the woods on his farm. Although two men, Ransom Forbes and Albert Thomas, and the murdered man's wife were arrested for the crime, no conviction was secured. So far as the crown has proceeded in the present case no proof that a murder has been committed has been adduced, but the authorities claim to have something in reserve, which they decline to divulge. The scene of this last supposed murder is a small place called Middlemarch in Southwold Township, three miles west of this city. It was formerly known as Smokes Corners, and consists of a blacksmith shop, hotel and church. The Hendershotts and Welters, the two families to which the parties implicated belong, have lived in this locality for close on to half a century, and are known all through the southern counties. Briefly, the facts of the case are these:

Family Entanglements.

On Friday last two young men named William H. Hendershott, aged 23, and William Welter, aged 20, left the residence of John Hendershott, uncle of the first named, to go into the woods on what is known as the Wardell Farm to fell trees. Both young men lived with John Hendershott.

William Hendershott, the young man alleged to have been murdered, was a son of David Hendershott of Walsingham Centre, but it is said quarreled with his family about the division of some property and came to Middlemarch to reside with his uncle.

Welter is a son of Isaac Welter, who resides on the adjoining farm to Hendershott. He, too, had singularly enough quarreled with his family also, a young woman being at the bottom of the trouble. This young woman is a daughter of Hendershott, with whom Welter two years ago went to live.

Crushed Under a Tree.

Friday night Welter returned from the woods alone, and reported that Hendershott had been killed by a falling tree. Welter's story was that, after they had chopped the tree through, Hendershott, whose vest was lying on a stump, called out, "It will break my watch," and ran towards the stump. Welter warned him of his danger, but Hendershott ran directly under the tree, was struck by it and instantly killed, his skull being crushed. His story of the accident was accepted.

Had Recently Put on $11,000 Insurance.

On Saturday, however, it was learned that since September last $11,000 insurance had been placed on the life of the deceased, the policies being made payable to his uncle, John Hendershott. In September a policy of $6000 on deceased's life was taken out in the Covenant Mutual of Galesburg, Ill., of which J. W. Cook is agent, and on Nov. 12 another policy of $5000 was taken out in the Mutual Reserve of New York, of which G. Roche of this city is agent.

A Constable's Discovery.

Suspicion once aroused grew by what it fed on, and County Constable Fairbrother paid a visit to the scene on Sunday, when he made what he regarded as a startling discovery. He found the tree which had been sawn and felled lying with the branches pointing westward, and the stump at the east. Running north and south from the branches of the falling tree is a log on which deceased's coat, vest and watch are said to have been lying. Deceased, it is claimed, was struck by the tree at a point 10 or 15 feet from this log, or almost clear of the branches of the tree.

About 60 feet in an easterly and northerly direction from where the deceased was struck by the tree was found a pool of blood. A little further on were found sticks with blood marks. Then turning in a circle to the south at a distance of 104 feet was found a pool of blood. Continuing in the same direction on a log are found blood marks and again a pool of blood, at a distance of 170 feet from where the body lay. The last blood was found a distance away from the starting point of 196 feet, and this is at a point considerably east and south of the fallen tree.

The Inquest Opened.

County Crown Attorney Donohue concluded that these facts warranted an inquest, and it was opened at Middlemarch this afternoon before Coroner Gustin of this city, with Mr. Jabel Robinson, at one time head of the Provincial Grange, as foreman. The inquest was not concluded until after midnight. Welter, the companion of the dead man in the woods, being subjected to an examination extending over 3 1-2 hours.

Contradictory Testimony.

The only two witnesses examined were young Welter and John Hendershott, the boy's uncle, when the inquest was adjourned until Friday, pending the arrival of Detective Murray. The stories of the two did not correspond in many particulars. Hendershott left home early on the day of the tragedy to visit Aylmer and Eden, where he was to get a robe which was being made for him. Before leaving he says he told Welter and his nephew to go to the woods on the Wardell place and cut down trees, explaining that two axes and a saw would be found there with which to do the work. They were to continue felling trees Friday and Saturday.

Welter, in his evidence, stated that Hendershott told them to cut the trees on Friday, and they could go to St. Thomas for a holiday on Saturday. This was the first contradiction in the evidence.

The Insurance Payable to His Uncle.

There was also a discrepancy between the stories of Hendershott and his son-in-law, that was soon to be, with respect to the insurance policies.

Hendershott swore that in September his nephew took out an insurance policy of $6000 in the Covenant Mutual, and he (Hendershott) paid the first premium of $23 because he at that time owed his nephew $25. The fact that the insurance was payable to the uncle was explained, according to Hendershott's testimony, by the circumstance that deceased had quarrelled with his family and did not wish to leave anything to them. On this policy the yearly premium was $70.20, or $11.70, to be paid every two months. On Nov. 23 another policy of $5000 was taken out in the Mutual Reserve of New York.

Hendershott swore that he did not know of his nephew's intention to take out the new policy until the day it was issued, when he met him in St. Thomas, and his nephew told him of his intention, and also added that he purposed cancelling the other policy.

The uncle thereupon paid the first premium of $48, agreeing to pay another instalment of $18 within 60 days. Before the 60 days elapsed the insured was dead.

Retained Both Policies.

Hendershott, who is a widower, occupied the same room with young Welter. The latter swore that on Sunday morning Hendershott showed him one of the policies, and stated that the other was locked up in the bureau drawer. Hendershott flatly contradicted this and swore that he never showed the policies to Welter or anybody else.

There was discrepancy between the stories of John Hendershott and Welter as to the number of axes in the woods. Welter swore that there was but one. Hendershott swore there were two. When Constable Fairbrother visited the woods on Sunday he saw one ax, but this one has mysteriously disappeared since.

A Dramatic Incident.

A dramatic incident occurred while Welter was telling the story of the tragedy. He described how he and Hendershott had gone to the woods and were felling a tree when Hendershott cried out, "Oh, my watch," and ran towards his vest which was lying on a stump. Suddenly he tripped and fell and at the same instant the tree came crashing down upon him. "I was paralyzed for the time being," said Welter in his evidence, "and fully 10 or 15 minutes elapsed before I could go near Hendershott. I was sort of dazed and merely leaned against a log. I could not collect my senses. I heard Hendershott groan and kick his leg once or twice but could not move. Eventually I overcame the shock and went over to him and put my hand under his clothes to feel his heart and found he was dead."

Nine Wounds on the Head.

Dr. Frank Lawrence made a post mortem examination of the remains to-night and found no less than nine wounds on different portions of the head and face.

His report will not be made public until the inquest is resumed Friday, but it was learned late to-night that the doctor is prepared to swear that the wounds could not have been inflicted by a falling tree. They had evidently been occasioned by some instrument, and might have been occasioned by an ax.

The Murder Theory.

The theory of the prosecution is that Hendershott was struck on the head with an ax, a couple of hundred feet south of the fallen tree, at the spot where the first pool of blood was discovered, that he staggered in the direction of the tree, which explains the presence of blood stains at various stages. That he was again struck about 60 feet from where he was found, and that his head was then placed under the tree at the point where it was found in order to lead to the impression that he had been killed by the falling tree. It must be remembered that these pools of blood were found in the opposite direction from the tree to that traversed by the parties who carried the body from the woods.

No Blood at the Tree.

It is mentioned as a singular fact that there was little if any blood found on the tree, or in its vicinity, while, according to the evidence of the inmates of the house to which the body was taken, deceased's shirt and underclothes were fairly saturated with blood. Another circumstance to which the prosecution attach much importance is the statement of Welter, that after the tragedy, he proceeded 1 1-2 miles down the street to the house of Charles Welter, before notifying any person of what had occurred, although he passed half a dozen houses on the way.

No Arrests Yet Made.

These are the facts on which the prosecution hang their theory of murder. That they have made no arrests is a point in favor of those accused by implication. There will have to be a good deal more substantial testimony adduced before people hereabouts can be made to believe that the tragedy was other than accident, notwithstanding that the remarkable circumstance that a common laborer, who carried $11,000 on his life, should meet with a sudden death after a single premium had been paid.

In the old homestead true comfort reigns, particularly when the inmates use Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

Cattle Not Allowed to Land.

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Antwerp says that a vessel from Canada, which has arrived there, has not been allowed to unload her cargo of cattle owing to the reported existence of foot-and-mouth disease in Canada.

Christmas Just Around the Corner,
And we are ready to help you meet it. Buy him one of those fancy vests. If you wish to make it a surprise we will tell you how to get the measure. You will find it will be appreciated. Waterson, 126 Yonge-street.

The Ontario Society of Artists' Exhibition of Paintings open daily and on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 173 King-street West.

Said a Man to a Man,
What talk have you? Have you a home? Do you know what is going on in Toronto at night? Do you live, and do you ever eat? Ever out late at night? Will you be uptown to-morrow? If so, drop into the Arcade saloon and try half a dozen blue points. Chivrell of 96 King-street west, open all night, manages the oyster counter.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch whisky, as supplied to her Majesty, Queen Victoria. 246

Get the youngsters a box of Tutti Frutti for Christmas. It is a delightful confection and keeps their stomach right.

Richardson House.
This commodious and comfortable hotel will accommodate winter boarders at reasonable rates. 246

MINISTERS TO MEET TO-DAY

NO CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS EXPECTED UNTIL THURSDAY.

Sir C. H. Tupper Has Reached the Capital—A General Conference of the Ministers Called for To-Day, But No Cabinet Slate Expected Until Thursday.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper arrived by the 4.40 train, and was met at the station by Hon. J. C. Patterson, and drove to the Western Block, where he was closeted for about an hour with Hon. Mr. Bowell. That is about the sum total of the day's news.

Mr. Bowell spent the evening in his office with his private secretary, and at half past eleven, when on his way to the Russell, informed your correspondent that he had been engaged in catching up arrears of correspondence, and that he had nothing to say for publication.

From a gentleman who is generally well informed your correspondent learned that it is expected that a general conference of the Ministers will be held tomorrow, as they are now all here, and that it is most probable that it will be Thursday before any announcement is made.

Assessment system.
A sensible Xmas present would be a policy in the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society for $1000 or $2000. Manufacturers, merchants, clerks and salesmen are eligible to take advantage of it.

English Violets.
A greenhouse 300 feet in length is devoted entirely to the culture of violets at Dunlop's, and 1500 flowers are gathered daily. The violets seen at Dunlop's city depots, 5 King west and 445 Yonge, cannot be surpassed for size, odor and perfection of color.

Through Tickets to Southern Resorts.
Charles E. Burns', 77 Yonge-street, third door above King. Passages to Savannah, Jacksonville, Florida, West Indies, Mexico, New Orleans, and all Southern States and resorts by any route.

Turkish Baths—open all night on and after Dec. 31. Try one. 204 King-st. w.

$5 Christmas Hamper.
In willow-covered basket, securely packed for shipping, containing 6 bottles, according to choice, of first-class brandy, whisky, rum, gin, port, sherry, Madeira, Burgundy, claret or Santerne. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

For Healthy Lungs.
Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion with Wild Cherry and Hypophosphites combines the curative powers of the pectoral remedies mentioned in the most perfect and palatable form. Price 50c and $1 per bottle. 246

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There is no better, safer, or more pleasant cough remedy made than Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam. It cures Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. 246

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Cabinet Photos.
Mr. J. Fraser Bryce, photographer, 107 King-street west, cabinet photos a specialty. Appointments if desired. 246

Richardson House—few warm rooms vacant for winter boarders; good table; moderate rates. King and Spadina. 246

Have You Seen This?
The "Fad" Crystal Pen writes one thousand words with one dip of ink. Price 10c. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street. 246

A Green Christmas.
Christmas of '94 will long be remembered as a green Christmas, not because the meadows still retain their June verdure, but on account of the popular craze for green neckwear. Some of the loveliest designs of neckwear in green effects that it has been our privilege to see may be seen in Quinn's Christmas window, 115 King-street west. One marvels how these ties can be sold at fifty cents.

The children expect Santa Claus to bring some Tutti Frutti. It is always welcome, and what is more it's very whole-some.

Wheat Advancing.
Still flour is selling at $1.15 per bag, sugar 4c per pound, new raisins 5c, currants 6 pounds for 20c, fine butter 16c at John Miller & Co., 77-81 Queen west. 246

Ask for the genuine Beaver Plug and be sure you get it.

What They Cannot Imitate.
It may be possible for some of the rivals of Robert Simpson's big store to equal that building, though as yet nothing of the kind has been attempted in Toronto. It is admitted on all hands to be the finest store in Canada. But where they will never be able to imitate Mr. Simpson is in the matter of prices. They may copy him in his methods, but, until they rival him in prices, they are not in the race. His wide experience as a buyer, the amount of capital he has at command and the facilities his immense trade gives him of turning over stock very rapidly, these are some of the reasons why he can undersell his competitors. His Big New Store these days is crowded forenoon and afternoon with a stream of buyers from all parts of Toronto, from all parts of the County of York and from all parts of the Province of Ontario. Simpson is a household word now from one end of Ontario to the other.

Turkish Baths open all night on and after Dec. 31. Try one. 204 King-st. w.

Beaver Plug is the old reliable gentleman's chew. Try it.

The French Treaty.
The public are cautioned against "fake" advertisements about this treaty, such as:
"We have reduced our prices 'in view' of the French treaty, etc., etc."
We can assure our customers that this treaty is not yet in operation in Canada, nor will it be until an order in council issues from Ottawa.
Therefore, reducing prices "in view" of the treaty is all nonsense.
Deal with old reliable houses, who give good honest value for your money and do a legitimate trade.
When the treaty comes into force reliable houses will reduce their prices accordingly.
Geo. D. Dawson, 16 King-street west. Established 1870. Telephone 106. 246

O.S.A. Art Gallery open daily and on Wednesday and Friday evenings, 173 King street West

If you intend buying a choice package of butter to-day for winter try us. We have 100 tubs in stock of choice dairy. Will sell you a gilt-edge tub at 17c. Skeans Dairy Co., 291-3 King-street west. 'Phone 2298. 246

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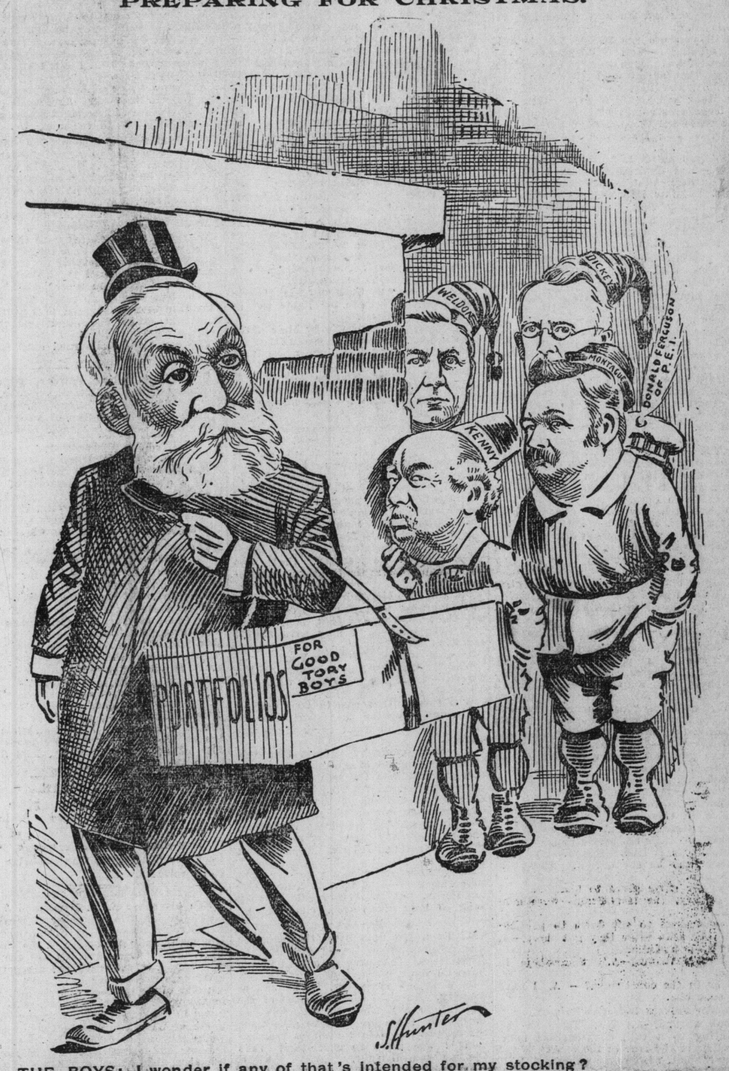
PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.



THE BOYS: I wonder if any of that's intended for my stocking?

MORE CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED

Lively Meetings in Three Wards Last Evening—Some Surprises For the Aldermen.

Fourth Ward ratepayers met last night in Wardell's Hall, Spadina-avenue, to hear the views of aldermanic candidates on civic reform. Mr. George H. Bertram occupied the chair. The meeting was addressed by Ald. Burns, Ald. Jolliffe, Ald. Crane, Ald. Hubbard, Dr. Todd, Thomson Porter, ex-Ald. Verral, ex-Ald. St. Leger, George Williams and J. O. Paterson, and a letter was read from A. R. Williamson, expressing his views and his inability to be present on account of a bicycle accident.

In reference to the proposed separation of the legislative from the administrative function in the City Council, and the proposed two year term for aldermen, the consensus of opinion among the speakers was against both measures, although they all conceded that the questions should be submitted to the electors.

J. O. Paterson stated that he had withdrawn from the contest.

A lively scrap occurred during the evening between the chairman and Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue. The row was not of very long duration, but it was hot while it lasted.

The following names were recommended to the Executive as candidates: A. F. Jury, Ald. Burns, Ald. Jolliffe, Ald. Crane, Ald. Hubbard, A. R. Williamson, M. B. Ellison, Thomson Porter, ex-Ald. Verral, ex-Ald. St. Leger, George Williams and H. Cawthra.

Ward No. 5.

The ratepayers met last night at Occident Hall, and the following nominees expressed their intention to enter the contest: Ex-Ald. Bell, ex-Ald. Follis Johnston, ex-Ald. R. H. Graham, Ald. Dunn, A. R. Denison, Dr. Noxon, William Dunlop, H. Bracken, John Ward, Ald. Bates, F. C. Campbell and Robert Munro. Among those who withdrew was Ald. Crawford, who positively refused to again be a candidate for aldermanic honors. Ward 5 not being sufficiently represented on the Central Committee, the following were suggested for addition: D. Urquhart, George Evans, R. Emmett, M. Gill, William Tiller, W. Scott, F. Hunnisett, J. B. Hall, William Crocker, R. Brassington, George Smith, Alexander Coulter, William Smith, A. Keller, J. D. Grundy and W. Thompson.

Ward No. 3

Thirty voters in the central ward of the city, after an hour and a half's discussion at St. George's Hall, last evening, decided by ballot that Ald. Sheppard, Ald. Shaw, A. G. McLean and R.L. Fraser be recommended to the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Association as aldermanic candidates for 1895. This result was not arrived at until speeches had been made by each of the gentlemen named. All more or less endorsed the civic reformers' platform. A little friction was caused by the meeting deciding that no questions be asked of the candidates, C. Gurofsky being the chief protestant against this course. He avowed that he and the trade unionists would vote for no candidate who would not promise to extend the hours of polling till 8 p.m. This was a point none of the candidates had referred to. The following candidates retired: Dr. Barrick, W. R. Clarke, ex-Ald Boustead, ex-Ald. R. J. Score, ex-Ald. McDougall, J. Kidston Macdonald, Ald. McMurrich was not present and sent no reply to the secretary's circular. The votes for the accepted candidates were: Sheppard 30, Shaw 29, McLean 25, Fraser 25, McMurrich 18. Dr. Barrick was chairman, E. P. Pearson secretary, and David Plews and T. E. Moberley scrutineers.

See the paintings of the O.S.A. at the Art Gallery, 173 King-street West. Open daily and on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

We Are Panting for Money.
Not as a dog panteth, but as a skilful tailor should pant, pant we. Christmas is here, and nothing is more acceptable than a nice fitting pair of pants. If you wish to surprise your friend we will instruct you how to take the measure and we will do the rest. Waterson, 126 Yonge-street.

THE BLENHEIM SAILS THURSDAY.

Sir Charles Tupper Will Probably Accompany the Body of Sir John Thompson—Honors to the Dead.

London, Dec. 17.—The coffin containing the remains of the late Sir John Thompson was sealed to-day at 4 o'clock, and Miss Thompson took her last look. The coffin was sealed in the presence of Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian High Commissioner, and Senator Sanford.

Miss Thompson, Mrs. Sanford and the Misses Sanford will sail for New York from Liverpool on Wednesday on board the White Star Line steamer Majestic.

A large case five feet square, hermetically sealed, arrived at the Palace Hotel to-day from Windsor, containing a wreath from the Queen. Lord Edward William Pelham-Clinton, the Master of the Household, this morning telegraphed to Senator Sanford, saying that the Queen was sending a special wreath for the state funeral of the remains of Sir John Thompson, and expressing the wish that the Senator would take charge of it.

Toronto's Condolence.

The City Council held a short meeting last night. The first subject which came up was the death of Sir John Thompson. Mayor Kennedy, in an eloquent speech, spoke of the council's intention to adopt a resolution of condolence, which was then moved by Ald. Shaw and Hallam. It was lengthy and eulogistic, and both aldermen added some brief remarks. The only other business done was the adoption of the Executive Committee's report, after which the council adjourned, to meet next Monday.

A Question.
Ask him what he would like for Christmas and three times out of five the answer will be something to wear.
You can give him a fancy vest or a pair of trousers for a very small sum just now, and we will instruct you how to get his measure. Waterson, 126 Yonge-street.

Choice Wines for Christmas Holidays
Champagne Vin D'Ete, a delicious light dry wine, $16 per case quarts.
Champagnes—Gold Lac Sec, qts., 1889 vintage, $31 per case quarts.
Champagne—Gold Lac Sec, double magnums, equal to 4-quart bottles, $10 per bottle.
Champagne—Gold Lac Sec, Brut, 1884 vintage, $35 per case quarts.
Sparkling Burgundy (Ruby Royal), $18 per case quarts.
Clarets—Chateau Guerrit, $15 per doz. quarts.
Clarets—Chateau Du Vallon, $15 per doz. quarts.
Clarets—Johnston's Chateau Lafite, $30 per doz. quarts.
And a large stock of very old ports, Madeiras and sherries. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

An Endowment Investment Contract.
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A reference to the last official government report shows the North American Life Assurance Company has a larger net surplus in proportion to its liabilities than that of any other company.
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The great claret expert of Bordeaux, Mons. Jules Merman, is a partner in the firm of "Roshamer, Leon & Co."
We are their agents and get their wines direct, and can guarantee them to be the purest, cheapest and best value in Canada. George D. Dawson & Co., 16 King-street west. Telephone 106. Established 1870. 246

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THOSE CAPES AT DINEENS'.

Crowds Attend Yesterday's Some Special Bargains for the Rest of the Week.

Holiday shoppers are out in full force these days. Yesterday brought big crowds to Dineens' for the special bargains mentioned in yesterday's papers.

To-day the firm announces these holiday plums:

First: Greenland seal capes, fashionably made, in the newest designs, with full sweeping skirts, $15, ordinarily sold at $22.50 and more.

Second: Grey lamb capes, new styles, wide skirts, handsomely lined, 22 inches long (some 24 inches) $19, usually $25.

Third: Black Astrachan capes, in the close-fitting styles of '94, glossy curl, satin-lined, 26 inches long, $20, worth $30.

Fourth: 27-inch Australian bear capes, satin-lined, full sweep, sold usually at $22.50, now $15, and wonderful value.

Fifth: Genuine Alaska sable capes, 22 and 24 inches long, '95 styles, full skirt, finest lining, $30 and $38, always sold at $45 and $60.

King and Yonge—254 Yonge. Open each evening this week.

A Correction.

Editor World: In this morning's issue of The World we note you publish a list of baking powders on the market that contain alum; among others you include Imperial as such. In reference to which we may say that this is a brand put up by us, and which we guarantee to be an absolutely pure cream-tartar powder, and perfectly free from injurious ingredients, such as alum, etc., and we defy anybody by analytical tests to prove it otherwise, therefore we insist that you make this correction in your columns, and also display it in as prominent a place as you did the aforesaid list. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter. E. W. GILLETT.

Toronto, Dec. 15.

The King of Spirits.
Robert Brown's Four Crown Brand Whisky is supplied to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and His Highness Prince Bismarck of Germany, absolutely unequalled for quality or flavor. It is the cheapest you can buy. The Crown Importing Co., 13 Front-street east, Toronto, Sole Agents for Ontario and Quebec. Orders by mail have prompt attention. 246

Edison's Kinetoscope.
The machines on exhibition at the corner of King and Yonge-streets were run at high pressure all day Saturday and late into the night to accommodate the eager crowd of citizens who wanted to see Edison's latest achievement. The attraction was a series of rounds of a sparring match. Messrs. Holland Bros., agents for the Kinetoscope, have substituted a new set of subjects specially attractive to ladies. They will be continued without change until Saturday.

DEATHS.

MOFFATT—On Sunday, Dec. 16, at 406 Huron-street, Caroline Buchanan, widow of the late Lieut.-Col Kenneth Mackenzie Moffatt.

Funeral will take place on Tuesday at 4 p.m. from St. Thomas Church to Union Station, thence to Montreal.

SPILLANE—At Uxbridge, Ont., Monday, Dec. 17, Rev. Father Spillane, aged 27 years.

Funeral from St. Paul's Church, Toronto, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, 19th inst. R.I.P.

Fine and Cool.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary 14—26; Edmonton, 2 below — 16; Qu'Appelle, 10—22; Winnipeg, 4 below—22; Toronto, 33—38; Kingston, 33—38; Montreal, 40—48; Quebec, 32—42; Halifax, 36—50.
PROBS.: Fine and moderately cold.

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SHADOWED THE INQUISITORS.

THE JUDGE AND COUNSEL WATCHED BY PINKERTON DETECTIVES.

A. F. Johnston Swears That He Paid Hall and Hewitt $1000 When They Were Aldermen for Their Influence—Director Everett Gives Evidence—The Loans to Coleman and Hewitt.

Yesterday's session of the boodling investigation was more interesting than it has been of late, although no very material evidence was adduced. A. T. Johnston, who assisted the Edison Company in securing a contract for the Street Railway Company, went into the box and swore he gave Hall and Hewitt $1000 when they were aldermen for their influence. Vice-President Everett occupied the witness stand for the greater part of the day, but all Lawyer Nesbitt's heavy artillery failed to get much out of him. The most amusing incident was the way in which the Pinkerton men set on by Everett to watch Judge McDougall, Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Grier were trapped. Two of the private detectives have been served with subpenas, and their evidence will likely prove a comical aside to the investigation.

A T. Johnston in the Box.

A. T. Johnston was the first witness sworn. He said he was agent for the Dominion Oilcloth Company of Montreal, with a branch in Toronto. He had lived in the city for six years, and previous to that he resided in Montreal. He was not acquainted with civic politics when he came to the city. He had taken no interest in civic politics.

How did you come to be mixed up with the aldermen?—A. Through Mr. Barr, Manager of the Edison General Electric Company, who told me that they were endeavoring to get a large contract for motors from the Street Railway Company. He did not know the members of the Kiely-Everett syndicate, and he asked me if I was acquainted with any aldermen. He thought they might know the syndicate people and be able to assist the Edison Company in getting the contract.

You proceeded to get aldermen?—A. I told Barr that I knew Hewitt.

Did you speak to Hewitt?—A. I told him what was wanted, and he said he could do something for us. I then introduced him to Barr. I did not suggest to him that there was money in it for him at that time.

Ald. Hewitt Good for Any Amount.

Witness stated that on one occasion Hewitt came to him, and as an evidence that he had influence with the Kiely-Everett syndicate, informed him that they were under obligations to him; that he had recently got some $12,000 or $15,000 from them, and added, "I can get $20,000 if I want it, and I would like you to tell Barr that, to show him that I have got influence with them."

Did he give you the impression that he had given security for this sum?—A. The impression I gained was that he did not give very much security.

What were the obligations that he referred to?—A. I understood him to say that he had assisted the syndicate to get the city franchise.

Did you see Everett at all?—A. No, sir.

Gave $1000 to the Aldermen.

Witness, continuing, said that Barr left town at the time, and handed him $1000 in cash to give to Ald. Hall, whom he had retained to act for the company. To the best of his recollection, he gave it to Hall. He did not know whether Hewitt was to get any of the money. He knew Hall got the money, for the latter told him some time afterwards that unless they came up with some more money he would give the $1000 back. On one occasion Hewitt went into witness' office and said that if they did not hand over some more money Hall would return the $1000 and they would use their influence to secure the contract for the Kangaroo Company (Thompson-Houston).

Witness stated that he had seen ex-Ald Hall on Saturday evening last for a minute, but he did not think they talked about the $1000 transaction.

Mr. Johnston also stated that the arrangement with Hewitt and Hall was that the Edison Company was to get $2100 per car, and that they were to get anything over that that might be obtained.

Were to Have $60,000.

It was mentioned that Hewitt and Hall's share would amount to something like $50,000 or $60,000. Of course, it was necessary that the trolley system should be adopted, and they were to exert themselves to that end.

Sixty thousand dollars is a large sum; was it personal to themselves, or was it to be distributed among other aldermen?—A. I can't say positively to that. If I remember rightly Hewitt said in the presence of Barr that the aldermen were all right on the trolley system. I don't think he mentioned any names.

Witness did not know Coleman, Hewitt and Hall were wanting money all the time.

How was it that you paid money to them the next year when they were thrown at the elections?—A. They came to us and said that unless we paid over more money they would use their influence against us. We decided to give them a few thousand dollars to get rid of them, and I handed $4000 to Hall in his office. Hewitt put in an appearance while he was there. This sum was paid in connection with the agreement (previously published) between Hall, Hewitt and Barr. They claimed to have influence with the syndicate, but as much as anything the money was paid them to ease their disappointment at not getting the $60,000.

Questioned by Ex-Ald. Hall.

Ex-Ald. Hall then took the witness in hand. He asked whether witness would swear that he had given him $1000 in 1891. "No," said Mr. Johnston, "I won't swear positively to that, but I know you got the money in that year."

From what facts do you know that?—A. Because in 1891 you told me that you would return it.

Mr. Hall asked the witness whether he would swear that he (Hall) had said anything to him about the Kangaroo people. Witness replied: "I would like to jog your memory of the conversation we had about The Canadian Manufacturer."

Mr. Hall: I don't remember anything. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hall asked a few more questions, and then Mr. Nesbitt wanted to know more about this Canadian Manufacturer conversation. Witness said he had a talk with Hall in 1891, in which that gentleman said he was offered an interest in The Canadian Manufacturer newspaper to aid the Thompson-Houston (Kangaroo) people. The next day Ald. Hewitt told witness that Hall had found that the interest was not worth much and he had refused it.

Director Everett Testifies.

H. A. Everett, a member of the Kiely-Everett syndicate and director of the Toronto Street Railway Company, then went on to the stand. Besides Bacon, Mahler and Frank Denton, there was no

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