

THE JURY'S VERDICT
In the Case of the Drowning of John Runciman.
Greater Care Recommended in Transferring Passengers to and From River Steamers,
And That Where It Is Possible Wharf Stops Should Be Made—Out Nine Hours With Nothing to Eat.

OROMOCTO, Aug. 3.—The inquiry into the drowning of John Runciman, Thursday last, was resumed at 3 o'clock this morning and concluded at noon. The coroner announced that after consultation with the jury he had decided to conduct the examination entirely himself, excepting only such questions as the jury might ask. He stated, however, that the coroner could suggest to him any questions that they wanted to ask and he would put them to the witnesses. This course was pursued.

ALEX. G. MAYES testified. Am a deckhand on steamer Victoria. On the morning of the accident I was standing on top of the steps and saw the three men in the small boat approach the steamer. The boat was brought up first with the man's foot and then hooked with the regular hook. I saw deceased fall into the water, but did not try to catch him, as I was not in position. I was one of the men who went up to lower the life boat. My attention was drawn by the captain about the time the man fell overboard, to come to the deck. When the boat was in position the man in the stern came forward and got on board. I assisted him myself. The other two men remained seated, and did not make any move to come forward. The boat was set by with the hook and passed clear of the steamer's steps by the man's foot. The bell was rung to go ahead and I stepped back on the step, as I always do, in order to catch the side-ropes of the steps and push them up. Then I noticed the man in the bow of the boat. I supposed he was climbing to the man's part leg on the steps. That was the first I saw of him. The steamer was in motion at that time. She was immediately started, and I went back to where the coil of rope was, he could have easily thrown a life preserver. I swear this positively. I did not notice the pursuer. I did not know him from anybody else in connection with the steamer.

THE CORONER adhered to his decision, announced yesterday, not to allow the counsel to address the jury. At the return of Mr. Mullin he read to the jury the law relating to carelessness at negligence. At 2 o'clock the jury retired to make up its verdict.

THE VERDICT. The jury brought in a verdict at 11:30 p.m., having been out nine hours and having had nothing to eat or refreshment by Coroner Thurott, even though they requested it. Their verdict is as follows: "We, the jury called to inquire into the death of John Runciman, find that he came to his death by drowning between the hours of 10:30 and 11 a.m. on the 26th day of July, 1899, by falling in the river St. John at or near Oromocto while attempting to get on board the steamer Victoria from the small boat. "And we believe that the said John Runciman would not have fallen into the said river had not the engine of the said steamer been started too soon, and had not one of the men in the small boat caught hold of the steamer by the steps to hold the small boat in position after the steamer had started, deceased might not have been thrown into the river. "And we further believe that had lifebelts been promptly thrown to the man in the river, which in our judgment was possible, his death would have been averted. "We recommend that greater care should be exercised in transferring passengers to and from steamers and good, safe boats should be used. "And we further strongly recommend that where passengers are to be landed that what stops be made when possible. "Mr. Mullin and Mr. Curry returned to St. John by the evening train, and Mr. Slipp, who remained at Oromocto until after the verdict was rendered, immediately thereafter drove to Fredericton.

MADE A JUDGE. The Attorney General of P. E. Island Elevated to County Court Bench.

OTTAWA, Aug. 2.—The government today ventured to appoint a judge for the Queens (P. E. Island) county court. Sir Louis Davies has taken the risk of appointing H. C. McDonald, attorney general of the province. There has been a hot contest among rival aspirants, and the minister of marine has had his life made miserable over the matter. (Hon. Hector C. McDonald, B.C.L., Q.C., was born May 2nd, 1857, and was educated at Prince of Wales college, P. E. I., and McGill university. He was first elected to the island legislature at the general election of 1890, and was re-elected in 1892 and 1897. He entered the Warburton ministry in October, 1897, as attorney general, and was again appointed to the same office in the Bourque ministry. Judge McDonald's grandparents came to P. E. Island from Inverness, Scotland, in 1803.)

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

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SEAWANHAKA CUP.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—The fifth race for the Seawanhaka cup was sailed today. The wind necessitated the changing of the course at the last minute, and as a result the starting buoy was placed in rather shallow water. Between the first and second starting whistles the Constancia's centre board touched bottom; the yacht started with the Glencairn crossing the line four seconds ahead.

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ANNUAL OUTING.

Of the Summer School of Science at Campbellton.

A Most Instructive Lecture by Mrs. A. McNeil Travis of Hampton on Glimpees of Star-Land.

CAMPBELLTON, July 31.—In the afternoon, part of the school, under the guidance of Pres. Hay, visited the large mill owned by Kilgour Shives. They were met by the general owner, who escorted them through the establishment and explained to the visitors the different operations.

Another party, under D. Bailey, examined the outcropping ledges on the banks of the river near the town. The doctor explained the fossils, foraminifera, Silurian, Devonian, etc., that were present.

In the evening a public meeting was held. A. Cameron in the chair, who, after a few preliminary remarks on punctuality, introduced the lecturer, Mrs. A. McNeil Travis of Hampton. Her subject was Glimpees of Star-Land.

She began her lecture with a sketch of the ancient astronomers and their object in studying the heavens. This science took its rise in Chaldea, from Chaldea to Egypt, and from Egypt to Greece. All these students of the stars believed that the earth was fixed in the heavens and that the stars revolved around it.

He then said he would now prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold (e) a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

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