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LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

The Middlemarch Mystery Still Unravelled.

DETECTIVE MURRAY ON THE SCENE.

Arrests Expected to be Made in the Case To-Day.

The Authorities Believe That William Welter Was Killed in Order That the $11,000 Insurance on His Life Could Be Secured—Many Circumstances Which Give Weight to Their Suspicions—The Companion of the Victim Publicly Charged With Having Committed the Murder.

St. Thomas, Dec. 18.—Chief Provincial Detective John Murray arrived here to-night to investigate the facts in connection with the taking off of William Hendershott, the 24-year-old farm laborer who met his death in the Wardell woods at Middlemarch, three miles west of this city, on Friday last. The local authorities evidently believe in making haste slowly in murder cases, at all events. Four days have elapsed since the commission of the crime, yet the suspected parties are still pursuing the even tenor of their way unmolested. The penultimate act in the drama is evidently some distance off.

Elgin has had many murder cases, but the present mystery is likely to form one of the queerest chapters in the criminal history of this county.

There are many things, however, that will have to be cleared up before John Hendershott, the uncle of the dead man, and William D. Welter, his companion in the bush, can creep from under the cloud of suspicion which at present envelops them.

Questions the Police Want Answered.

The questions that the police would like to see answered are these:

1. Why was it that John Hendershott was so anxious to have the life of his brother's son so heavily insured, while he personally carried no insurance, notwithstanding that he was a widower, with a family, while the nephew had no one depending upon him?

2. Why was John Hendershott so generous in advancing $70 to pay the first premiums, when he knew that the insured could not earn enough money to meet the premiums as they fell due, let alone recoup his uncle?

3. Where is the ax with which the tree was felled, and which a thorough search has failed to unearth?

4. How did the deceased receive the half-score wounds upon the head, which Dr. Lawrence, who conducted the post-mortem, states could not have been inflicted by a tree?

No person in Elgin takes any stock in Daniel Webster's saying that "Murder will out." They admit that it is epigrammatic, but it is inaccurate. Murder never "outs" in this county. There was a man convicted of murder here once, but that was a long time ago—in 1856, if memory serves your correspondent. But even his sentence was commuted on the eve of execution. There have been innumerable murder trials since, but never a conviction. A jury came so near convicting a murderer a couple of years ago, however, that people became afraid that he would be found guilty at the next trial, and the prisoner was induced to plead guilty of manslaughter, so as to save the county the disgrace of a hanging. The murder was a deliberate one, but the murderer had an epileptic fit once—and that fit saved Elgin's reputation from being sullied.

Delay at the Start.

The local authorities are not to blame for all these failures of justice. The murderer knows that the penalty of his crime is death. No man likes to pay that penalty. Every man will go to the most extravagant extreme to prevent paying it. When a man's life, instead of merely his liberty, depends on carefully planning a crime beforehand, and carefully hiding it afterward, he will be careful. It is on the face of it evident that the best the constables can do is to show adroitness in basing suspicions correctly, and of taking the suspected person before the bar of justice. The police cannot convict a man of murder—that must be done by judge and jury. But the police can furnish evidence and show wisdom in gathering it. And promptness is the vital point in cases of this kind. The escape from conviction of the murderers of Louis Napoleon Stillwell at Acacia was due to the delay in taking the accused into custody; the escape from detection of the murderers of Roger Allin, whose almost headless body was found lying in a street in this city, was due to delay in searching the house where the detectives believe the murder was committed; and the same mistake of delay has been manifested in the present case. This is the more remarkable when it is borne in mind that at the inquest last night County Crown Attorney Donahue gave Hendershott and Welter to understand distinctly that the Crown believed that Hendershott deliberately insured his nephew's life for $11,000 and then entered into a conspiracy with Welter to kill him and convey the impression that his death was accidental. "You are lying to me, sir." "Was it not a feeling of guilt that kept you away, sir?" were two of the questions flatly put to Welter. "Did not Welter tell you he struck deceased with an ax?" was the query put to Hendershott.

Few Developments.

There were few new developments to-day, but it is expected that Detective Murray will advise some arrests to-morrow. No trace of the ax with which the wounds on the dead man's head are believed to have been inflicted could be found to-day, although the woods were thoroughly searched. Welter states that he only saw one ax, and that he left it lying near the tree. Hendershott states, however, that there were two axes, and this story the police believe to be correct, and that when it is found an explanation will be afforded of the numerous wounds on the dead man's head, which Dr. Lawrence positively asserts were not occasioned by the falling tree. There are wounds at the back of the skull and on the top of the head, gashes on the sides of the head and cheeks, the eyes are blackened and the nose cut. There were no branches on the tree or shrubbery where the body lay, which would cause the wounds. They are wounds which would more likely be caused by a blunt instrument.

The Bloodstains.

Much importance has been attached to the discovery of the various pools of blood, extending in a circle from the stump of the fallen tree, back to a point near the log on which deceased's vest was lying. This blood could not have dropped from the body when it was being carried from the woods, as the corpse was removed in a straight northerly direction. Two or three pailfuls of the blood-stained leaves were gathered up with the object of having the blood analyzed. As a matter of fact, the presence of the blood, though it is a circumstance, will have little bearing on the case, because science has no means of differentiating between the blood of human beings and the blood of animals. No scientist can be found in this country who is certain enough of his learning to enter the witness box and swear the life of an accused person away by testifying positively that the blood on those leaves is human and not that of some bird, squirrel, rabbit or other animal that may have been shot by a hunter. The theory is that deceased was struck on the head with an ax while standing alongside the stump of the tree, which the two lads had just felled. That he staggered around, the blood pouring from his wounds until a second blow brought him to the ground, and that he was then placed under the tree.

The Insurance.

The most damaging fact in the whole affair is the heavy insurance carried by the deceased. Hendershott was insured for $11,000, one policy of $5000 being taken out Sept. 7 last, the other on Nov. 23 last. The premiums on these two policies aggregated yearly a greater amount than Hendershott earned, consequently he could have had no expectation of ever paying the policies. His uncle, John Hendershott, admitted that he had paid the first instalments. It is to him the $11,000 is made payable. The only explanation John Hendershott has to offer for his generosity towards his nephew in advancing the $71 is that he expected that the deceased would pay it back. It was at John Hendrershott's solicitation that his nephew insured his life. The boy was not canvassed, but was brought by his uncle to the St. Thomas agents, and to the examining physicians. It is even doubtful if the deceased ever really knew that the second policy of $5000 had been taken out, as it was arranged that one should be discontinued before the other was issued, but the premium was paid by his uncle who received the policy. Two more premiums would have fallen due within 60 days. That deceased could not have met them was manifest from the fact that he was working for his uncle for his board.

Other Suspicious Facts.

As stated yesterday John Hendershott was absent on a visit to Eden when the tragedy occurred. Before leaving he told his nephew and Welter to go to the Wardell woods and chop trees. They had never been there before, and they had only felled two trees. As a matter of fact Hendershott had no proprietary right to the timber on the place. The lease of the farm, which was produced at the inquest, contained no clause permitting the cutting of trees.

While at Eden Hendershott received a telegram reading, "William Hendershott is dead; come home quickly." Hendershott has a brother named William living at Shedden. The police claim that he told the Ketchabaw at Eden that it was his nephew who was dead. How did he know that it was the nephew, unless he expected the telegram? they ask. Hendershott denies that he said it was his nephew, and claims that he did not know who it was until he reached St. Thomas. When told that he would fall heir to a nice little pile, Hendershott remarked, "Yes, I will get it if nothing happens." To this remark the police also attach importance.

The Suspected Parties.

John Hendershott for years conducted a hotel at New Sarum, six miles east of here, removing to Middlemarch, when he lost his license. He is 42 years of age, a farmer and also owns a blacksmith shop. He is a very nervy man, and, naturally, is doing all in his power to keep his skirts clean. Young Welter, who is engaged to be married to Hendershott's daughter, is a rather fine looking young fellow, and has also borne a good character. With the exception of a retreating forehead, his face displays no marked characteristic. Ever since he was induced to leave his father, who occupies the adjoining farm, he has lived with Hendershott, sharing the same room. It is claimed that he knew nothing about the deceased's life being so heavily insured, but rumor has it that he had been jealous of young Hendershott's attention to his affianced, and that it was his uncle who first called his attention to the fact.

Such are the circumstances which connect John Hendershott and William Welter with the death of young Hendershott. They may be perfectly consistent with the innocence of these two men. But in the interests of the men themselves, as well as in the interests of justice, the provincial authorities should spare no expense or pains in ferreting out all the facts in the latest Elgin mystery.

Sudden Death of a Baronet.

London, Dec. 18. — Sir Edmund Anthony Harley Lechmere, Bart., M.P. for Evesham division of Worcestershire, died in Pershore this evening. He was about to address a meeting of electors when he was stricken with apoplexy in the anteroom of the meeting hall. He was a progressive Conservative. The deceased baronet was a son of the late Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., and was born in 1826. He represented Tewkesbury in the Commons from 1866 to 1868, West Worcestershire 1876 to 1885, Bewdley division 1885 to 1892 and was returned for Evesham division in 1892. He was chairman of St. John's Ambulance Association, chancellor of the Order of Jerusalem in England, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and held other foreign distinctions. His seats were Rhydd Court and Severn-End, Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire.

French-Canadian Opinion.

Hon. Mr. Bowell has been called to take the reins of Government at Ottawa. This is a judicious choice on the part of Lord Aberdeen. Mr. Bowell has been, both in the Commons and in the Senate, the impartial defender of the rights of the classes and of the creeds of the diverse nationalities, which form the Canadian nation. We can still recall his famous speech on the subject of Separate schools in Ontario. Since then he has never deviated from that line of conduct, so just and so fair to our position. He has fought side by side with Sir John Macdonald and John Hillyard Cameron to maintain the balance between the different elements of the nation. At the period when George Brown attempted to eat Catholics, Mr. Bowell was his adversary. No person of the Protestant faith is received in better favor by the Catholic clergy of Ontario than Mr. Bowell. In the County of Hastings, where he had many an election fight before going up to the Senate, the Catholic vote was always for him. He was the personal friend of the regretted Father O'Dowd of St. Patrick's, so much so that he visited that venerable father some hours before his death. Mr. Bowell follows men of the very highest reputation, but his past, his parliamentary experience, and his devotion to the cause of Canada are a guarantee for our future.

Just received New Scarfs at Varcoe's for Christmas—Rossin House Block.

Wed in St. George's

London, Dec. 18.—Capt. H. I. Kenny of the Bombay Lancers was married in St. George's Chapel this morning to Miss Zoe Fellows, daughter of the Hon. J. G. Fellows, Agent-General of New Brunswick.

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

DEALT A MURDEROUS BLOW.

DASTARDLY ATTEMPT TO KILL A WOMAN IN JARVIS-STREET.

Two Men Enter the Home of Mrs. Spencer, Make Improper Proposals and Attempt to Criminally Assault Her—One of Them Nearly Slays Her With a Hatchet.

Mrs. Spencer, a woman 35 years of age, and her two daughters, occupy room over the grocery store of Cornelius Flannery, 117 Jarvis-street. The entrance to their rooms is by means of a stairway leading from the adjoining yard.

A few minutes before 6 o'clock last evening, the younger on eof the girls, on entering the door, stumbled over the unconscious form of her mother, who lay at the foot of the stairway with her head bathed in a pool of her own blood. The girl rushed to the Lombard-street firehall to give the alarm, and Mrs. Spencer was carried by the firemen up to her rooms.

Dr. Norman Allen was called, and upon examination found an ugly gash at the base of the woman's skull, from which the blood flowed very freely.

When restored to consciousness Mrs. Spencer told her story of how the wound had been inflicted. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, she says, two men, one of whom she thinks is named Williams, came up the stairway and entered her rooms. Williams was sober, but his companion was in an intoxicated condition.

The men made improper proposals to her and attempted to criminally assault her. She rushed from the room and started down the stairway to save herself from the men and procure assistance, the men meanwhile pursuing her.

When half-way down the stairs the drunken man pulled forth a hatchet, which he had had concealed beneath his coat, and dealt her a murderous blow on the back of the head. She fell to the foot of the stairs, her assailants passing out and closing the door. Here she lay until found by her daughter 2 1-2 hours later.

Mrs Spencer's wounds are serious, but not likely to prove fatal. She says she could identify her assailants if she saw them again.

CAN WE RESIST SUCH ELOQUENCE?

Senator Gallinger Very Kindly Invites Canada to Cast in Her Lot With the States.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The following is the full text of the Canadina resolution introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Gallinger:

Whereas, we believe that the political union of Great English-speaking communities who now occupy and control North America, will deliver the continent from danger of war and securely dedicate it to peaceful industry and progress, and lessen the per capita cost of the Government and defence insure the rapid development of its boundless natural resources, enlarge its domestic and foreign commerce, unite all interests in creating a systematic development of its means of internal communication with the seaboard by rail and water, east and west; protect and preserve its wealth, resources, privileges and opportunities as the undisputed heritage of old, immensely add to its influence, prestige and power, promote, extend and perpetuate Government by the people, and remove for ever the causes most likely to seriously disturb cordial relations and kindly intercourse with the Motherland.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we invite the Canadian people to cast in their lot with their own continent, and assure them that they shall have all the continent can give them. We will respect their freedom of action and welcome it, when they desire it, into an equal and honorable nation.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with the suggestion that this committee shall grant hearings on the subject.

TAX SALES BRING $21,000.

Bargain Day at Municipal Headquarters—Land at $6.15 Per Foot.

Yesterday was a bargain day at the City Hall, License Inspector Awde having innumerable remnants of vacant property to sell for the amount of the arrears of taxes due on them. The sale took place in the Council Chamber and commenced at 10 a.m. sharp, some 200 real estate agents, speculators, loan company representatives and idlers being present. Inspector Awde made a first-rate auctioneer, and Assistant Treasurer Patterson and three clerks of the Treasury Department kept a record of the sales and withdrawals.

No. 1 Ward was first dealt with, and it was 1 o'clock before the long list of young farms for sale over the Don was dispensed with, nearly two-thirds of the properties offered being withdrawn, because bidders failed to offer as purchase money the amount of taxes registered against the property.

After an adjournment the sale was continued at 2 o'clock, bidders being much more numerous than in the morning and the results, consequently, more encouraging. Many of the properties advertised, especially in the centre wards, had been withdrawn, owing to the owners having put up the amount of the city's encumbrance in preference to losing their land.

It was 5 o'clock when the sale adjourned until 10 a.m. to-day, the list having been worked off up to the second division of Ward 5.

Many good bargains were made, while in some cases the property was bought by interested parties in order to clear the title. A. Mr. J. E. Brooks bought many of the lots offered, especially in Ward 1, among his purchases being lot 74, plan 702, 50x125 feet, on north side of Ivy-avenue, assessed to S. S. Mutton and A. R. Riches. Mr. Brooks purchased 49 feet of this lot for $6.15 per foot.

Messrs. R. Jenkins, H. Harris, W. J. Bickell and E. Eatherley were also large purchasers of property in Ward 1.

Among others who invested largely in real estate yesterday were: W. R. Parker, Joseph Williams, H. L. Hime, John Waldie, T. Cruttenden, G. A. Thompson, J. A. Nesbitt, J. Cordwell, Horace Thorne, J. K. Macdonald, W. B. Taylor, T. Bedley, A. Tait, P. J. Dolan, S. Innes, John A. Denovan, George Hogarth, T. Church and H. O'Brien.

The owners of the lots disposed of have the privilege to redeem their property within twelve months from date by refunding the amount paid by the purchaser, together with 10 per cent. interest.

From the time the tax sales were advertised in The World until Monday night about 600 parcels were withdrawn, the tax receipts on Monday alone being upwards of $18,000. The sales yesterday are considered exceedingly good, the amount realized being $21,000.

It is probable that the sale will be concluded by 1 o'clock to-day.

Two Burglars Escape.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Johnson, alias Whity, and Lucy, two notorious burglars, escaped from the police while being taken from the court-room to the jail van, this afternoon, and are still at large.

RICHARD AND HIS LITTLE SQUIRT.

He never misses an opportunity of trying to blacken the Canadian Parliament.

FIVE YEARS FOR ROBBING A BANK.

Walter Irwin of the Rutledge Gang Sentenced for the Clarksburg Robbery.

Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 18.—Walter Irwin, the notorious bank robber, was to-night sentenced by Judge Creasor to five years in Kingston Penitentiary.

After a lengthy trial at the Grey County Court here last week, Irwin was convicted of robbing the private bank of Hartman & Wilgress at Clarksburg, Ont., of a large sum of money, on the night of Aug. 30 last. The defence did its utmost to prove an alibi, and produced no less than 15 witnesses, several of whom swore that Irwin was attending a dance in Toronto at the time the bank was robbed. The principal witnesses for the crown were Detectives Murray and Slemin and Mr. C. W. Hartman, banker. The latter swore positively to a certain coin which was found on the prisoner as being one of a collection stolen from his bank. The two detectives also gave damaging evidence against Irwin, whose previous bad record weighed decidedly against him with the jury.

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.

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A Dozen of Ale.

Many citizens will buy a dozen or two of ale for the holidays. To these we would say, "Ask your friends about East Kent." Everyone who has tried it will tell you it's the best. For flavor, color and body this celebrated ale is unsurpassed. All dealers, or direct from T. H. George, 699 Yonge-street, telephone 3100.

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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.

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MUST NOT MOLEST SHANGHAI

JAPAN AGAIN WARNED TO LEAVE THAT PORT ALONE.

Britain and Russia Both Determined That There Shall Be No Hostilities on the Yang-tse-Kiang, but Japan Threatens to Bombard Shanghai—1500 Japs Defeat 5000 Chinese.

London, Dec. 18.—A despatch from Tokyo to the Central News says: Lieut.-Gen. Katsira reports that he attacked and captured Hai-Cheng in the forenoon of Dec. 13. The total numerical strength of the Chinese garrison was 5000, while the attacking party consisted of only one brigade of 1500 men with four guns.

The Chinese retreated by two roads toward Liao-Yang. The losses were trifling.

A Central News despatch from Che-Foo says that great uneasiness continues among the residents of that place, who fear outrages at the hands of Chinese soldiers.

Four foreign warships are now at Che-Foo. A nephew of Col. Von Hannecken has left Shanghai to take command of the Chinese troops at Tien-Tsin. A French engineer is constructing forts at Pekin. The remainder of the Chinese transports have been turned over to the protection of the British flag.

Japan Has 72,000 Men in the Field.

Shanghai Dec. 18.—The first and second Japanese armies are marching direct on Tien-Tsin. They are now north of Niuchwang, which place has been captured. Several other cities have also been taken, all without any serious fighting. The force of the two armies amounts to about 72,000 men. The Shanghai officials of the native city have removed their wives and families to the foreign settlement for safety in anticipation of an outbreak, which is feared in consequence of the imposition of the war tax.

England and Russia Will Protect Shanghai.

It is understood that the agreement between England and Russia in regard to the war in the East does not permit any warlike operations in the vicinity of or approaches to Shanghai. This includes prohibition of a hostile fleet passing up either the northern or southern entrance to the Yang-Tse-Kiang River. Japan at first accepted the terms of the agreement, but has recently threatened to disregard them on the ground that the Shanghai arsenal is supplying the Chinese with arms, etc.

It is believed that the third Japanese army at Hiroshima is destined for Nanking. The English and Russian governments have intimated that they would prevent this movement, and the recent assembling of the British fleet under Admiral Fremantle at Chusan, and the gathering of the Russian fleet at Che Foo is thus accounted for. It is understood that England and Russia have decided to light if necessary to prevent hostilities on the Yang-Tse-Kiang.

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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.

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Smokers' Presents.

Alive Bollard has some very fine meerschaum pipes away below cost.

Fur-Lined Kid Gloves for Christmas at Varcoe's—Rossin House Block.

Admired By All.

The window of Messrs. Geo. D. Dawson & Co., wine merchants, in King-street west, is beautifully decorated for the holiday season. It is the work of Mr. Y. Ginelli, and is most artistic.

TWO MILLIONS OVERDRAWN.

The Affairs of the Newfoundland Commercial Bank Undergoing Investigation.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 18.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Commercial Bank yesterday elicited the fact that firms, members of which are directors of the bank, owe the institution as follows: Goodfellow & Co., $115,000; Goodridge & Jobs, represented by Hutchings, $120,000, and Duder, $500,000. Duder is a bankrupt.

The sums aggregate three times the amount of the bank's capital.

Some of the officials had overdrawn their accounts, and Bookkeeper Crowdy had falsified the books so that his friends had overdrawn to the extent of $20,000.

$2,000,000 Overdrawn.

The work of eliciting information concerning the condition of the Commercial Bank is proceeding satisfactorily, although some very unpleasant disclosures are being made. The largest debtor to the bank is Mr. Dudor, one of the directors, who owes $650,000 half secured by mortgages. His assets are not expected to reach the mortgage estimate. The total amount of overdrawn accounts is $1,941,000. A good proportion of this will realize unfavorably. The amounts due by the bank on current accounts have not yet been brought to a total.

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.

Proposed New Niagara Bridge.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mr. Daniels, N.Y., introduced in the House to-day a bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Niagara River at Grand Island. The bill modifies one heretofore introduced for the same purpose by eliminating certain objectionable features.

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Pipes and Cigars

Done up in 10 and 25, of the finest Havana; low price. Alive Bollard.

New Silk Muffiers for Christmas at Varcoe's Rossin House Block.

BIRTHS.

FOWLER—On Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1894, at 81 Bloor-street east, Toronto, the wife of Ernest K. Fowler of a son.

KIRKPATRICK—On Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1894, the wife of W. J. Kirkpatrick, 49 Cumberland-street, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

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.

THOMPSON—The Right Honorable Sir John Sparrow David Thompson, P.C., K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, youngest child of the late John S. Thompson of Waterford, Ireland, and Charlotte S. R. Pottinger, born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Nov. 10, 1844, died suddenly at Windsor Castle, England, on Dec. 12, 1894. Requiescat in pace.

ELGIE—On 18th inst., at 19 Gwynne-street, infant son of Robert B. and Mary Elgie, aged 14 days.

Funeral private.

THE NEW CABINET.

Premier Bowell Has Formed a Ministry.

TUPPER FOR MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Hon. Mr. Costigan to be Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The "Slate" Will Be Announced to the Governor-General To-Day—The Ministry Practically the Same as That of Sir John Thompson—Senator Ferguson Minister Without Portfolio—Secretary of State Not Yet Appointed—Controller Wood May Go on the Bench and Dr. Montague Take His Place.

Ottawa, ec. 18.—The trouble and anxiety which have been hanging about the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell since Thursday have disappeared to-night, and he retired to bed early, and although bothered with a heavy cold will no doubt sleep more soundly and peacefully than he has for the past two nights, content in the consciousness of having accomplished the task entrusted to him by His Excellency, and formed a ministry. The names of the members of which and the position they will hold will be favorably announced to His Excellency so soon as he comes up from Montreal, which it is expected will be to-morrow.

Meanwhile rumor has it that the ministry is practically the same as that of Sir John Thompson, with the addition of Senator Ferguson of Prince Edward Island as minister without portfolio, and the Secretaryship of State left vacant for the present. It is understood that the position has been offered to Mr. T. E. Kenny, M.P. for Halifax, but that he has not yet accepted.

Sir C. H. Tupper will be the new Minister of Justice and probably leader in the House and Hon. Mr. Costigan will succeed him as Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The Solicitor-General and the two Controllers will retain their positions, but there is a rumor that Mr. Wood may accept a position on the bench and be succeeded by Dr. Montague.

Sir John's Last Journey.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell to-day received a cablegram from Sir Charles Tupper, stating that the Blenheim, with the body of Sir John Thompson, would sail from Portsmouth on Saturday and may be expected to arrive at Halifax on Monday morning, Dec. 31. Sir Charles Tupper and Senator Sanford will accompany the body.

WEST ALGOMA VACANT.

Mr. Savage Unseated and the Cross Petition Dropped.

The West Algoma election petition came up yesterday for trial at Osgoode Hall. It had been understood that the trial would be almost a formal affair. Mr. Savage, the member-elect, was expected to offer no opposition. The case was heard before Judges Boyd and Ferguson. W. R. Riddell, Q.C., applied for permission to put in another petition in petitioner's name, on the ground that there was collusion between Messrs. Conmee and Savage, and the petition was a farce. This was refused. It was shown that Mr. Savage had hired and paid for a rig for use by a voter, and on the strength of this, no opposition being offered, the election was declared void and the seat vacated.

The cross-petition against Mr. Conmee was dropped, Mr. Conmee not claiming the vacated seat. James Dickinson, editor of a newspaper at Port Arthur, was present, represented by counsel, and was anxious to prosecute the cross-petition. The matter was argued at some length, but permission was finally refused.

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Kingston Election Trial.

Kingston, Dec. 18.— Edward Christley, who had no remembrance last night of getting $5 from John Laird, had a confession to make this morning at the opening of the Election Court.

He had received $5 from Mr. Laird either before or after the election last December he gto a receipt bill for money he owed Laird. He was then an aldermanic candidate, but was defeated.

The leading Conservatives tried to show Laird was not a worker, Laird himself saying he was not a committeeman.

Mr. Blake discussed the Loscombe case, reading the law that no election clerk could vote.

A lengthy argument was offered by Messrs. Blake, Whiting, Walkem and McIntyre as to Loscombe's position. His illegality in voting was admitted, but the Conservative counsel held that he was not an agent of Dr. Smythe, and that he only did clerical work given him.

The court held that Loscombe had committed a corrupt act, but was not an agent of Smythe.

Judgment was reserved in the Christley-Laird case. The court has to decide whether Laird was an agent.

Senn Forced Out.

Mr. John Senn, Patron, member-elect for Haldimand in the Legislature, has filed a disclaimer, in which he admits his ineligibility to hold office by virtue of his being an issuer of marriage licenses. He will not oppose the petition.

McNeill, M.P., Re-Nominated.

Tara, Ont., Dec. 18.—At the convention of the North Bruce Liberal-Conservative Association held here to-day, A. McNeill, M.P., was the unanimous choice of the party as standard-bearer in the forthcoming Dominion elections.

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Milder.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 6-48; Battleford, 2 below-30; Qu'Appelle, 4 below-26; Winnipeg, 16-32; Port Arthur, 8-36; Parry Sound, 10-30; Toronto, 24-34; Kingston, 16-34; Montreal, 16-28; Quebec, 14-18; Halifax, 32-36.

Probs.—South to west winds, mostly fair and milder.

SPRING HATS.

English Hats a Season Ahead of Time at Dineens'.

Careful dressers will note with interest that an advance shipment of English hats (Heath's) in the early spring styles, has been received by W. & D. Dineen. The man who wishes a hat of undoubted style for the holidays has now an opportunity to procure one. These hats are samples of the famous English makers' spring blocks, sent to W. & D. Dineen as sole agents.

The new showrooms are devoted entirely to hats, English and American, umbrellas, waterproof coats and railway rugs, all of the finest English manufacture.

Furs for Xmas presents are away down in price at Dineens'.

Capes are cheap.
Jackets are cheap.
Muffs are cheap.
Everything is cheap at King and Yonge and 254 Yonge.