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FOURTEENTH YEAR

AGED PEOPLE IN DEATH

James Williams and His Wife of Port Credit Foully Murdered at Their Home.

BRAINED WITH A BOOT AND A PUMPER

The Hired Man and One of Williams' Horses and His Cutter Missing.

Just as He Had Finished Supper Williams Was Struck Down in His Arm Chair, Six Blows With a Long Boot Smashing His Skull—Mrs. Williams' Body Found in the Pantry Terribly Disfigured—They Had Not Been Seen Since Thursday Night—The Murder Thought to Have Been Committed That Night, But the Bodies Were Not Discovered Until Yesterday—The Hired Man Under Suspicion.

PORT CREDIT, Ont., Dec. 17.—One of the most blood-curdling tragedies ever enacted in the County of Peel took place in the "Middle-road," Township of Toronto, one and a half miles north of this village between Thursday night and Sunday-morning, William James Williams, aged 50 years, and his wife, Eliza Williams, aged 35, being literally beaten to death. The Williams' resided in the Township of Chinguacousy about 27 years ago, when they left for Bay City, Mich., where they remained until 1878, they returned to the County of Peel and took up their residence on the Middle-road.

They were an unassuming couple and did not mix much with their neighbors, although they were generally well known in the neighborhood. On Wednesday last Miss Goldthorpe, a neighbor, called at the house and saw the old couple, when they informed her that they intended leaving for Toronto on the following day to do some marketing. They had killed a number of geese during the forenoon, and a number of geese had been plucked ready for market when she called there.

Came to Toronto Thursday. Early Thursday morning Williams and his wife drove to Toronto market and disposed of their fowl. En route to the city they called at Nurse's Hotel at the corner of the street with Mrs. Nurse. It is supposed that they reached home after disposing of their fowl in time for supper, and that the murder was committed about 5:30 o'clock Thursday night, as the condition of the bodies when found went to show that Williams had apparently just finished partaking of his evening meal when a murderer stole upon him and struck him down.

His head had been battered to a shapeless mass, the murderer having apparently used a heavy boot, which was found underneath the chair, for the purpose.

The body of Mrs. Williams was found in a closet. She had evidently been struck down by a potato masher, as the masher was found in the kitchen and dragged across the floor to the pantry.

A trail of blood marked the floor where she had been dragged. The potato masher, smeared with the arterial blood of the victim was found in the corner of the kitchen.

Suspicion Rests on the Hired Man. Suspicion rests upon a hired man named John, who was engaged by the couple about a month ago and whose time was up on Wednesday, when he left. It is believed that he returned on Thursday night and committed the crime.

The House Battered. All the upstairs rooms in the house were thoroughly ransacked, as if for plunder. The murder was discovered at 4:30 to-day by Clayton Osborne, son of a farmer living opposite, who noticing a strange light about the premises went over to investigate.

On an armchair at this table, with his back to the door from the front room, lies stretched the body of the murdered man. The body has fallen back, with the arms hanging straight at either side, the hands clenched and the legs stretched straight out under the table.

Over the head was thrown an old coat, which was found, too, by the dogged blood. The removal of the coat disclosed a sickening sight, at which the stoutest heart might well quail and the most alacrous tremble.

Mr. J. B. Thompson was seen last night. He lived in his youth in the vicinity of the murder. His wife was a Miss Goldthorpe, sister of the Goldthorpe family. Mr. Thompson told of the Williams family and what he knew of the mystery as told him by his brother-in-law.

WRECKED BY WIND AND FROST

ATTEMPT AT FRIDAY'S VISIT OF THE STORM KING.

Immense Damage Occasioned to the Street Railway Service and the Telephone and Telegraph Lines.

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Business in the city generally was completely paralyzed on the morning of Friday. The Mayor read the World Saturday morning, and awoke from his slumber to find that the city was in a state of confusion. He found that the streets were covered with snow, and that the various street railway tracks were completely paralyzed.

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