

HALIFAX INQUIRY COMES TO END

Agent Says He Protested Against Luxuries for the Crew.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—When the marine inquiry resumed this morning it was stated that the inquiry here would conclude today.

J. A. Dunn, electrical supplies, testified he had telephoned Capt. Johnson, about two weeks ago, about a small account that was standing against him.

S. H. Brookfield, of Halifax Association, had no knowledge of the payment to Capt. Johnson on account of the services of the Government steamer Lady Laurie to steamer Hestia, and did not know at the time of the Mount Temple's stranding that payment on her account had been made to Capt. Johnson, as he was in England.

Paid \$550 to Crew.
W. A. Black, of Pickford and Black, said payments of \$550 had been made to the captain and crew of the Lady Laurie on account of services to the Hestia. They worked night and day and deserved it. Some hawesers lost were also paid for.

Agent Parsons Testifies.
Agent Parsons, of the marine and fisheries department here, was the next witness. He considered the employment of extra men here in October and November last was warranted. He said twenty buoys had been sent to the agency here without consultation with him or at his request, and he had protested against there being made a charge of \$45,000 against the agency. Ten years ago he had complained of the cost of luxuries on the ships and had laid the matter before the deputy minister, who thought some little leeway should be given or the crew would complain to Ottawa.

Mr. Tremaine, accountant of the agency here, testified that he and Mr. Parsons had once objected to the deputy minister and Commander Spain against the purchase of luxuries, such as tropical fruits, etc., for the ships, but were advised to allow some latitude in this respect, as members of the crews would write to the members at Ottawa, and they would make both there. Mr. Parsons had said the deputy minister's advice had been to let it rip, but Tremaine would not be positive as to that expression being used.

Questioned regarding the purchase of \$5 per yard carpet and 3 table cloths for the Lady Laurie, Mr. Tremaine said he certified the account on the strength of a letter from the department at Ottawa. He believed the goods were worth the money charged, and certified the cost as fair and just. He did not certify as to the necessity.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.
Anniversary services celebrating the completion of 20 years of its history will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday morning and evening, Dec. 6 and 7, following Monday evening. A Christmas treat will be given to children and others under the auspices of the Guild. The beautiful pictorial story of "Alice in Wonderland" will be exhibited by Rev. R. S. W. Howard.

Mr. John Stoneman, after a pleasant two months' visit to his son in the Northwest, has returned home pleased and benefited by his excursion. The Ladies' Aid of Emmanuel Church, at a large meeting at James I. Shoenberger's last Wednesday, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. John H. Shoenberger; vice-presidents, Mrs. Wm. Froese and Mrs. E. M. Roberts; secretary, Miss Violet Fitzgerald; assistant, Mrs. W. Deacon; treasurer, Miss Edna Shoenberger. The Bishop of Huron will administer confirmation at a special service on Sunday evening, the 13th inst.

Mrs. S. Newcombe, of Masonville, will leave in a few days for a visit to her father and other relatives in Devonshire, England. She expects to return about April.

Mr. Isaac H. Shoenberger and family have recently moved into their new residence, erected this year. It is one of the most stately homes of the township. The Masonville Sunday school is preparing for their annual Christmas entertainment, which is sure to be a successful one.

Mrs. Bayley, visitor for the Peterboro Barnardo Home for Girls, has just made her annual tour to the many farmhouses where these young girls are placed, and finds them everywhere happy and comfortable.

Lyndhurst, the fine old residence for many years of the Sifton family, at St. Johns, is offered for sale, and will no doubt soon find a ready purchaser.

The new Children's Day Home for Polio-kashaws and district, Renfrewshire, was opened on the 13th ult., by Lady Stirling-Maxwell. The other day Rev. J. F. Daly said that as much was expended annually on golf balls as was contributed to foreign missions.

Mr. Andrew West, 33, Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, died suddenly there the other day while visiting his sister Annie, 83, on her deathbed. She died two hours after him.

JAIL DILLABAUGH IN BALLOT CASE

Conservative Poll Officials at Hamilton Sentenced for Mishandling Ballots.

Hamilton, Dec. 4.—Dillabaugh and Lawson were found guilty, and immediately sentenced, Dillabaugh got four months, and Lawson was sent down for two months.

An echo of the ballot box scandal which created a sensation on the eve of the Provincial election, when Wm. Lawson, Conservative deputy returning officer, and Harry Dillabaugh, poll clerk, were arrested for tampering with a package of ballots, was heard in the high court today, when the men were placed on trial.

Lawson was charged with unlawfully allowing the ballots out of his possession, and Dillabaugh was accused of trying to sell them to Wm. McLaughlin, Liberal ward chairman. Both pleaded not guilty.

Their counsel, L. McCarthy, K. C., of Toronto, objected to the charge being laid under section 192 of the election act, and contended the information should have been under sections 182 and 183.

While frankly admitting that ballots had passed between the defendants previous to the election, Mr. McCarthy thought the affair was more or less a joke. Tampering with ballots was serious business, but he was confident there was no criminal intent in this case.

WALTERS-PEARSON

Pretty Wedding at "Hedge Farm" Home of Mr. J. A. Pearson, Kintore.

A very pretty wedding took place in Kintore on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the home of Mr. John A. Pearson, "Hedge Farm," when his youngest daughter Tillie was united in marriage to Mr. Albert Walters, of Cobble Hill, Ont.

At 8 p.m. the charming bride, becomingly attired in a dress of duchess satin, wearing the conventional bridal wreath, and carrying a bouquet of white carnations, entered the drawing room leaning on the arm of her father, who took her to the altar. The wedding march played by Mrs. Wm. Walters, of Thornedale. The bride was attended by Miss Elsie Walters, of London, as maid of honor, who also wore white silk, and carried pink carnations. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of fifty friends and relatives of the contracting parties. During the signing of the register Mr. Charles Hogg favored the company with a solo.

After the ceremony the guests proceeded to the spacious dining-room, which was exquisitely decorated with palms and pink and white carnations, where a dainty wedding breakfast was served.

With the best wishes and congratulations of their many friends Mr. and Mrs. Walters left on the 10 o'clock train for the west. They will be at home to their friends after Dec. 7 at Stratford.

The presents were numerous and costly, showing the high esteem in which both Mr. and Mrs. Walters are held.

GREAT BLIZZARD IN NORTHERN OHIO
Cleveland, Dec. 4.—A furious snowstorm, which set in early today, prevails throughout Northern Ohio, the ground being already covered to a depth of several inches. Telegraphic service is badly hampered. The storm has also resulted in some delay to railroad trains.

EXPLOSION AT BRANTFORD.
Brantford, Dec. 4.—Part of the interior of the Moffatt Building, an Dalhousie street, on the second floor of which is located the Elks' lodge room, was wrecked by a natural gas explosion late last night.

Someone extinguished the fire in the small gas stove in the lavatory, but failed to turn off the supply of gas. Later, when a member of the lodge, which was in session, struck a light, there was an explosion.

Plaster was torn from the walls of the hallway, and the front door was blown out. One partition was bulged. The damage will amount to about \$200. No one was hurt.

The average value of land in Manhattan Island, according to the assessment, is \$272,173 an acre.

PETRIFYING BABY MAY BE CURED

A Remarkable Medical Case Is Reported from Hospital in New York.

New York, Dec. 4.—One of the most remarkable medical cases on record in which the limbs of a baby six weeks old have turned to stone, was reported at the meeting of the Hudson County Medical Society in Jersey City, by Dr. Karl H. Goldstone, who has charge of the children's clinic at the Mount Sinai Hospital in this city.

The child so appallingly afflicted is Benjamin Gordon, whose parents reside at 319 East One Hundredth street. Dr. Goldstone reported to his colleagues that the child's limbs had now become almost entirely as hard as stone after gradually solidifying since its birth.

The disease, which is bringing about this is known to science as sclerema neonatorum, a very rare ailment. The child has been removed to the children's clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital, where it is under close observation by physicians.

The reading of the report created a stir among the medical men, as there are only eight known similar cases, according to Dr. Goldstone. Methods of treatment similar to those recently adopted in German hospitals are being tried on the baby, and although many physicians at first held out no hope for the baby's recovery, Dr. Goldstone now reports that beneficial results of the treatment are already apparent, so much so that its ultimate cure and recovery now seem almost assured.

CAPTAIN HAINS' STORY

Says His Wife Admitted to Intrigue With Murdered Annis.

New York, Dec. 4.—Captain Peter C. Hains today told how his wife had confessed. He said he wanted her to go up to a place in the mountains with his father and introduce him to people she had stayed with there during the summer. He wanted her to be vindicated. The wife made some contradictory statements as to the route she had taken in going to the mountains. Then Hains took her head between his hands, held her face so she had to look into his eyes, and said:

"Claudia, in God's name, tell me the truth."

"Then, after a minute, she told me all. She told me about her relations with Annis, about the operation Annis had performed," said Hains.

"Oh, my God," I cried. "How could you, how could you? I don't care. I have loved Annis for five years."

"Think of it, five years that had been going on right under my eyes, and I never suspected it once. How could I? I worshipped her, and a man does not suspect the woman he loves, the mother of his children."

ONE OF CECILS FINED FAMILY VERY ANGRY

Indignity Heaped Upon Scion Who Played Rowdy at Oxford.

London, Dec. 4.—Everyone except members of the Cecil family is laughing over the latest episode in which it figures. The autocratic temper of the Cecil is as tangible a quantity in the family as its belief in the divine right of kings or in aristocratic privileges.

Now, Randle Cecil, a son of Rev. Lord William Cecil, rector of Bishops Hatfield, and who is the second son of the late Prime Minister Salisbury, is a freshman in Balliol College, Oxford.

He and several chums recently were handed roughly by the Oxford police. They were arraigned before a magistrate and fined \$10 each on a charge of disorderly conduct in the streets on Guy Fawkes' day. This is one of the days licensed as a tradition when Oxford undergraduates make life miserable for the townspeople.

The proud spirit and congenial lack of humor in the Cecils prompted Lord William to write a fiery epistle to the Times, protesting against high-bred but high-spirited youths being dealt with by clumsy and lower class policemen.

Lord William's idea was that the cultivated upper class college dons alone should mete out disciplinary measures in such cases.

In view of this pronouncement it seemed perhaps fateful when an announcement was made that Randle Cecil had been suspended by the college.

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lege dons for throwing stones at the windows of Balliol College on Sunday morning. Randle pleaded that he was trying to wake an occupant of the rooms, who would unlock the doors and admit him. In spite of this plea the sentence of suspension stands.

Lord William has expressed his conviction that there is something rotten in a university that could "rusticate" a Cecil, and he will not send Randle back.

Edward Bennett, a member of parliament, and a distinguished Oxford don, is finding strong support among Oxford townsmen for his proposition that undergraduates should be "bitched" for rowdiness in the streets in addition to being fined.

The undergraduates retorted on Bennett by wrecking his college rooms.

UNRAVELS QUEER DIVORCE TANGLE

Daughter of a Detroit Family Relates Matrimonial Troubles in Boson.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—A story of marriage and divorce that took place with the bewildering rapidity of a kaleidoscope, was told on the witness stand today by Mrs. Christine Pfaff, of London, England, who, although she admits that she secured a South Dakota divorce, claims to be the real and only widow of the late Henry Pfaff, the brewer who left a million-dollar estate to Mrs. Louise C. Pfaff, "my wife."

Mrs. Christine Pfaff is a daughter of J. Anton Hecking, the New York and Paris artist, and her mother is of the famous Clark family, of Detroit. On the witness stand today, Mrs. Christine Pfaff said she was travelling with her mother in Germany in 1889 when she met Pfaff. Two months later they were married in Geneva. Married life did not agree with her, she said, and in 1892 she went to South Dakota, where she got a divorce from her husband.

Although she got the divorce, she says it was illegal, and proved so, when, in 1901, she brought suit for \$25,000 back alimony and Pfaff fought it out on the grounds that the divorce was not valid. The courts upheld him.

On cross-examination Mrs. Christine Pfaff admitted that when she heard in 1897 that Pfaff had remarried she also married. Her second husband was a 17-year-old boy named Samuel Bogart.

"It was a joke marriage and never consummated," declared Mrs. Pfaff, who is a remarkably pretty woman.

In 1899 she married again. This was a real one," she admits, and done while she still thought her Pfaff divorce legal. B. C. Cash, an Englishman, is his husband, and she admitted that he is "still a good friend of mine, although I'm not living with him. I left him as soon as the divorce was pronounced illegal."

Although the East India Company nominally ceased to exist in 1858, that happy year which King Edward is now making memorable—it had virtually ended its long career twenty-five years earlier, for in 1833 parliament robbed it of its trading powers and interfered with its governing privileges. From that year it paid its proprietors out of taxes levied on the people of India, and had its battles fought by the imperial forces. Such a condition of things could hardly be expected to endure, and after the mutiny the government, in spite of a desperate resistance on the part of "John Company," took over all the functions of government.

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- Finest English Gun Metal Cigar Case, \$3.50.
- Finest English Gun Metal Cigarette Case, \$2.00.
- Brush Brass Ash Tray and Match Holder, \$1.50.
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PLAN FIGHT UPON SUFFRAGETTES

Britons Organize Active Opposition to Enfranchisement of Women.

London, Dec. 4.—A meeting held today, which was attended by several peers, members of the House of Commons, scientists and other prominent men, constituted itself a general committee to oppose female suffrage. Caxton Hall, Westminster, the jumping-off ground of the suffragettes when assailing Parliament, was the venue of this notable assembly of their enemies, who expressed in one of their resolutions the belief that "the extension of the franchise to women would be contrary to the best interests of the country and empire."

Among many well-known peers on the committee are Earl Cromer, the Earl of Dunraven, and Lord Rothschild. There are several well-known literary members, including Rudyard Kipling.

The committee will meet again shortly to arrange a fighting programme.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Wm. Mowat, of London, spent a few days here last week.

The funeral of the late Thomas Brown, who passed away on Sunday after a painful and lingering illness, took place on Tuesday from the Presbyterian Church to Komoka Cemetery, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Nixon and Rev. Mr. Marshall. Mr. Brown had been a resident of Komoka for a number of years, and was well known, and had a large circle of friends through Komoka and vicinity.

Mr. Brown leaves two daughters, Mrs. Alex. McDougall and Mrs. Hair, and one son, James Brown, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. James, of St. Mary's, spent last week at Sprucehead Villa.

Mrs. Bert Robinson, who has been very ill, is somewhat better.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Presbyterian Church will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23.

Mrs. Thomas Fawkes and Miss Gladys Fawkes, Queen's avenue, London, were visitors here last week. Mrs. Brown, of London, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. James Lince. The members and officers of the Methodist Sabbath School are preparing for their annual Christmas entertainment.

MURDERED WOMAN KNOWN.

New York, Dec. 4.—Following the verdict of a coroner's jury, warrants were issued tonight for the arrest on a charge of murder of Michael and Pelicia Accusio Alba, of Brooklyn.

Last July the body of a woman burned and mutilated was found in a vacant lot in Greenpoint. The entire clue to the woman's identity was furnished by a scrap of clothing bearing the initials "M. A." embroidered in a skillful manner. Simultaneously the disappearance of Michael Alba's wife was reported.

A week ago, Mrs. Alba's sister arrived in this country from Italy, and identified the embroidery work as done by her hand on a garment she had sent her sister. The jury that heard her testimony charged the husband and his brother with the crime.

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