BULLETS AND DYNAMITE

Mr. Hanson, of Hanson & Co., contractors agents, of Toronto, arrived last night from Gravenhuret and reports two very exciting incidents which occurred in that vicinity. The first was a shooting affrey. On Tuesday night an Italian in the employ of Hondrie, Symms & Co., contractors for the construction of the Northern and Pacific Junction Railway, entered the office of Mr. James' Hendrie at Gravenhurst to receive his pay. A dispute srose as to thirty cents and the Italian threw the money he had received down on the floor. While Mr. Hendrie was stooping down to pick it up the Italian drew a revolver and fired a shot at him which fortunately mis a mark. The book-keeper of the firm McKay, promptly grappled with the Italian, and the pair rolled out of the office and down the steps unto the sidewalk. After a desperate struggle the Italian got free and fired a shot at Mr. McKay, the bullet passing under his arm. Mr. Hendrie ran to Mr. McKay's assistance, when the re volver was discharged a third time, but without any more effect than the previous occasion. The blood-thirsty Italian, by the combined efforts of the two, was overpowered, and taken to the lock-up. During the night some of the Italian's friends attempted to effect a rescue. They obtained some dynamite and attempted to blow up one of the cells in order to effect an entrance. They were, however, unsuccessful. Tho Italian was taken to Barrie on Wednesday morning and was lodged in gaol to await his trial. He refused to give his name. - Mail.

A TALE OF MISFORTUNE.

QUEBRO, Nov. 30.-A family named Breton have just removed to Quebec in a very distressed condition, and under very painful circumstances. In the St. Lawrence, midway between L'Iele and Bay St. Paul, or at about seven miles from either shore, there is a small island known as L'Isle au Loup Marie, and owned by Toussaint, Ritchie & Co., its entire superficies being not more than a few acres. For three years this little spot of dry earth amid the waste of waters had been the hume of the Breton family, who had not only cultivated it successfully, but had erected buildings on it and stocked it with a few domestic animals. In fact all went well with them until the night of the 5th of November. when the island was submerged by the storms waves, and they not only spents night of horror with two workmen in their employ, one of whom was nearly drowned and the other nearly died of fright, but they had the misfortune to see nearly all their possessions, buildings, crop and cattle, either destroyed or swept away. To cap the climax of their distress, the father of the family hurt bimself while trying to save some of his stock. Finally, by means of signals of distress, they managed to attract the attention of some people on the shore of L'Islet, who gallantly put out and rescued them from their perilous situation.

DARING ESCAPE.

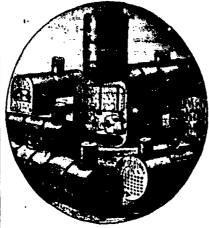
Kingston, Dec. 1.-William Johnston alias Jacobs, a seven years' convict in the penitentiary, placed a dummy in the bed in his cell yesterday afternoon, and by a series of fortunate circumstances escaped. He hid between two dead walls, climbed fifty feet to the roof, and with a bar broke through a wall of stone and coment and crawled up the rafters. Here he secured old overalls, and finding a lengthy piece of cord, knotttd it, tied one end to the ladder and throw the other through a ventilator and crawled out and finally descenced to the earth. He successfully avoided the guards in the yard, and by a ladder and a belt, secured his liberty over the walls. It is thought be left for the United States by the boat. Jacobs was an accomplished burglar, captured in Belleville a year ago. When arrested at that time it was at the top of a church spire, to which he had climbed.

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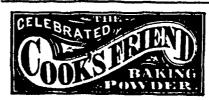
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