

ITALIANS MURDER AND ROB PEDLAR AT BEAVER BROOK

Shot Him Dead from Ambush and Tried
to Kill His Companion

Rifled His Pack and Stole \$3,000; Then Fled Into
Woods--Posses Hemming Them in and Capture
Is Expected--Murdered Man Patrick Green, of
Montreal--Slayers Were Laborers in G. T. P.
Camp.

Plaster Rock, N. B., Dec. 20.—New Brunswick is to be thrilled again with news of another murder within its borders and that two lives were not taken in the desire of two Italians to possess other men's money is due only to the fierceness of foot of a Hebrew pedlar.

Shot at from ambush this morning, Patrick Green, of Montreal, a pedlar fell dead at the railroad track at Beaver Brook, near here, while his Hebrew companion, whose name is unknown, fled and escaped the bullets sent after him to bring him down.

Robbery led to the crime and the murders were successful in this, too. With little thought of the life they had taken, they stole Green's value, carried it into the woods, rifled it and secured \$3,000 and then fled for their tracks in the snow are being followed.

The murder appears to have been deliberately planned. The names of the suspects are known, but it is known that they were laborers in one of the construction camps on the G. T. P.

The number of recent murders and assaults by Italians in the railway construction camps has roused the community and every means will be taken to bring these men to justice. Macleod is up in arms over this, the latest crime, and the country is being scoured in all directions in search of the men. The chances of escape are all against them as there is no line of railway by which they can get away and the farther they penetrate into the woods the less will be their prospects of escape. The intense cold is another feature which is all against them.

Green is said to be an Irishman who came down as a pedlar from Montreal some time ago and was engaged in selling watches and jewelry to the men in the construction camps. He was well known

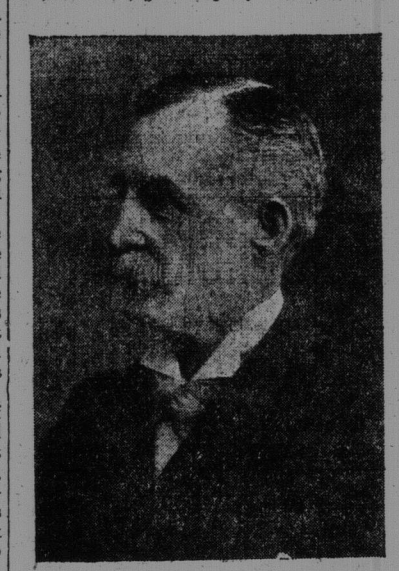
T. S. SIMMS IS
DEAD; SUMMONS
IS UNHEARDED

Prominent, Public Spirited Citizen
Stricken With Heart Trouble

SOON PASSES AWAY

Manufacturer, Active Church
Worker, Leader in Sunday
School Work and Liberal Giver
for Missions and Other Church
Projects--His Business Career.

The community was shocked Friday on learning of the death of T. S. Simms which occurred early Friday morning. Death came with awful suddenness, as Mr. Simms had not been ill. He awoke about 5 o'clock in the morning, and complained of distress about the chest, but believed it but an attack of indigestion. He, however, grew rapidly worse, and Dr.



The Late T. S. Simms.

P. R. Inches was summoned, but before he arrived Mr. Simms had passed away. About his place of business on Thursday he was bright and cheery and there was not the slightest suspicion that death was so near at hand.

Foremost in the business community, a leader in church work, and an active and energetic worker for missions and large gifts to charity, his death is a loss to the community. In the life of St. John that it will be hard to fill.

Thomas Stockwell Simms was born near Portland, Me., in 1840 and was consequently 68 years old. He came to St. John as a commercial traveler, having been associated in Portland in the brush and broom manufacturing business.

The claims of this city as a place for doing business were impressed upon Mr. Simms by Messrs. Logan and McLean, and in 1872 he removed here, purchasing the brush and broom manufacturing business of John Murphy, corner of Union and Commercial streets.

The business was incorporated in 1893 as T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., and in 1902 the company moved into their present fine new building, Union street.

The present factory is one of the best equipped in Canada. Through Mr. Simms' great energy and business ability, the business extends to the Pacific coast and Newfoundland, a large staff of travelers covering the big territory, the factory being one of the largest in Canada.

Mr. Simms completed a trip around the world in June, 1907, and delivered interesting lectures on the trip, particularly in January previous to taking the tour he was tendered a banquet at White's. He was a man that traveled largely, and was passing a trip to Europe in 1907.

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Mr. Simms was an ardent and loyal member of the German street Baptist church and had its interests ever at heart, being a large contributor to its funds.

He was a senior deacon, a member of the board of trustees, was on the financial board and was for twenty-five years superintendent of the Sunday school, holding the honorary superintendency at the time of his death. He made missions his life work and was a great contributor to the movement in Canada and toured the world with the committee that began the movement.

As an example of his generosity to missions might be mentioned the building of a church in India known as the Simms Memorial church to which he had agreed to contribute \$500 yearly for three years. He was also one of the largest givers to the Y. M. C. A., and was prominent among those having the new building project in hand, and was a member of the board of management.

Sunday school work appealed to him and he worked unsparingly in its behalf. He was the first N. B. Sunday School Association president and occupied a position on the executive committee.

His purse strings were ever loosened to charitable objects of all kinds, and he gave in a quiet way that few knew about. Of a kindly disposition, bright and cheery manner and sympathetic nature, he will be greatly missed and the sympathy of the entire community will go out to his family so suddenly bereaved.

He was three times married, and is survived besides his wife, who was Miss Ida Rutledge, by four sons and one daughter. The sons are Lewis W., connected with the business; Stockwell, H. R. Rutledge, and Philip W., and the daughter is Miss Helen. One sister, Louise, in Danvers (Mass.) also survives him.

Mr. Simms traveled on his world's tour with a passport from Earl Grey. He saw service in the civil war and was in receipt of a pension. He was a member of the board of trade and the Canadian Club.

The final mail for the season to the Magdalen Islands left Pictou on Thursday.

SHOT SHEEP AS THEY FED IN PASTURE

Norton Youths Then Quietly
Began to Skin and
Dress Them

OWNER CAME ALONG

Thought They Were Deer, Was Excuse
Given--Matter Went Into Court
But Was Withdrawn and There is
Dissatisfaction--A Case Which Illustrates
General Conditions.

A St. John business man who spends considerable time in the towns and villages along the I. C. R. between here and Moncton, complains that considerably unnecessary disorder and petty law breaking is permitted by the local authorities. His idea is that the failure to punish the offenders is due to the reluctance of one neighbor to testify against another and the hesitation of town and village constables and magistrates to do their plain duty because of the fear of "making bad friends," as the saying goes. He cites a recent Kings county case to back up his opinion. They pretended to have mistaken the sheep for deer.

In October last two young Norton men went out with their guns and in the pasture of John O'Keefe, who lives about a mile from Norton, in Campbell settlement, shot four sheep, cut the animals' throats and were preparing to skin and dress them when Mr. O'Keefe came along. They pretended to have mistaken the sheep for deer.

O'Keefe agreed to settle the matter if they would pay him \$25 apiece for each sheep, and it was so agreed, and \$4 was paid down. When O'Keefe could not get the balance he had legal papers made out and, after some delay, the constable, Paxton McLeod, one of the young men, Allie McKinnon, was arrested and put in Hamilton jail. McLeod could not locate the other man.

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McKinnon's brothers and Griffiths' father tried to get the matter settled and saw Mr. Heine on the 10th inst. Mr. Heine said he could not withdraw the case and the law would have to take its course.

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NORTH SHORE MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Robert Nelson of Richardsville
Struck by English Mail
Special

HORSE ESCAPED

Victim was Father of Thirteen Children--Fast Freight Takes Siding at
Glochester Junction Colliding with
Another Engine and Several Cars
Smashed.

Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 20.—The citizens of Campbellton were greatly shocked at noon yesterday when word reached town that Robert Nelson, of Richardsville, and highly respected citizen of Richardsville, two miles east of Campbellton, was struck and instantly killed by the English mail special in charge of Engineer J. J. Smith, of Moncton.

The first intimation of the accident, was when the English mail was running away, with broken shafts attached. On investigation, the body of Robert Nelson was found about twenty feet from the crossing. The body was removed to Undertaker Graham's rooms and prepared for burial. Coroner Doherty examined the body and decided that an inquest was unnecessary, and issued burial permit.

Deceased was 55 years old, was a devoted husband and kind father. He leaves a widow, seven daughters and six sons to mourn his loss. They are: Mrs. Jasper Davidson, Campbellton; Rebecca, Winchendon (Mass.); Alice, New York; Minnie, Lucy, Edith, Florence, at home; Maxwell, Alaska; John, Courtney, Robert, William and Ernest, at home. The funeral will take place from his residence, Tuesday, to the Rural cemetery, Campbellton.

A wreck occurred at Gloucester Junction Saturday night at 10 o'clock. A special, Conductor Crockett in charge, had set off on a siding and backed into another siding to allow a fast freight, Conductor Barreau, to pass. The switch was left open, and the fast freight ran in the siding, smashing several cars and the engine. An auxiliary from Campbellton was quickly summoned and cleared the wreckage at 6 o'clock this morning. No one was injured.

CLERGYMAN VERY ILL

Rev. E. Skagen Who Came to Hospital
Here from Grand Falls Is Not Expected to Recover.

Rev. E. Skagen, who was brought to the city from Grand Falls about two weeks ago suffering from rheumatism and who has been in the hospital since, is very low and not expected to live. Mr. Skagen is now in the city, having arrived on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Skagen is a Norwegian by birth. He has been chaplain of the Danish colony near Grand Falls for about a year.

North Sydney Man Killed.

North Sydney, Dec. 18.—John King, building mover, was instantly killed this morning while engaged with a number of men moving a rink. The accident was unexpected for some time, the unfortunate victim having slipped from a staging and falling to the ice was killed. He was about thirty-five years old, a native of Newfoundland, and leaves a family residing in North Sydney.

Georgetown harbor is still open and the steamer Empress is plying between the port and Pictou. Two schooners are loading potatoes for Boston and Halifax, respectively.

HAVE NOW 169 ORPHANS IN CARE

Bishop Casey Tells of Work
in Catholic Institutions and
Details Year's Receipts.

A statement of the number of children in the Roman Catholic Orphanages in the city and the funds contributed for their support in the year just closing, was read by His Lordship Bishop Casey at 9 o'clock mass in the Cathedral Sunday.

At the first of the year there were in the institutions in Cliff street and at Silver Falls, 174 children--seventy-one girls and 103 boys. There were admitted during the year, eighteen girls and twenty boys. There were twenty girls and nineteen boys taken by relatives or placed in homes, and one child died during the year. There are now in the institutions sixty-five girls and 104 boys, coming from parishes as follows: Cathedral, eighty-eight; St. Peter's, thirty-two; St. John the Baptist, eighteen; Holy Trinity, six; St. Rose's, nine; Church of the Assumption, three, and other parishes, thirteen.

During the year the sum of \$6,244.83 was received for the support of the orphans, including: Christmas collection, Cathedral \$888.40; St. Peter's, \$320; St. John the Baptist, \$249.60; Holy Trinity, \$184.70; St. Patrick's Day Collection, Cathedral \$328; St. John the Baptist, \$47.04; Holy Trinity, \$45.65; Father Mathew Association entertainment, \$440.33; St. Peter's collection and entertainment, \$305.13; St. Rose's entertainment, \$100; Cathedral Sunday school picnic, \$1,328.78; St. Peter's picnic, \$868.77; and other amounts making up the total.

The annual Christmas collections for the orphans will be taken on Friday next, Christmas day, and Bishop Casey invited the generosity of the people for this, their principal official work of charity. His Lordship paid tribute to the devotion and work of the Sisters of Charity in caring for the little ones.

G. W. GANONG ILL
AT ST. STEPHEN HOME

Former M. P. Taken Sick on Friday
and There Is Some Anxiety.

A St. Stephen telephone message reports that G. W. Ganong, ex-M. P., is quite ill at his home there. He was taken sick on Friday and complications set in. While he was somewhat improved Sunday his friends are quite anxious about him. Two physicians have been in attendance.

The fertile island of Orylon has every requisite for growing tea of the finest quality. The excellent coffee, absolute cleanliness and delicious flavor of "salada" tea, produce a beverage that is the delight of thousands.

The French brig which grounded at Louisbourg a week ago, has been towed to North Sydney, and placed in the marine slip for repairs. It is expected that the vessel will be ready to load coal on Saturday for St. Pierre.

THE ELECTION PETITIONS

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NOVA SCOTIA BOY KILLS HIS SISTER

Didn't Know Gun
Was Loaded

Pointed Weapon at Older
Girl First, and Second Time
He Aimed at 13-year-old
Ruby, and Bullet Crashed
Into Her Brain.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Oberlin, the eight-year-old son of Captain Benjamin Hamm, of Mahone Bay, shot and killed his thirteen-year-old sister Ruby, today with a double-barrelled hammer gun.

An older brother had been using the gun yesterday and it was left down stairs. He thought the barrels were empty, but one of them had a cartridge.

This forenoon Mrs. Hamm asked Oberlin to take the gun upstairs. She started off to obey, the little chap pointed the gun at his sister Lottie. She remonstrated and the boy desisted, but he again pointed the gun this time at his sister Ruby, the mechanism was touched and the bullet was discharged striking the little girl below the cheek and lodging in the back of the head. Death was instantaneous.

SEEKING HIS WIFE!
INQUIRY MADE HERE

The Perkins Union Detective Agency, of Pittsburgh, is looking even so far away as St. John for Mrs. Bertha May Stone, wife of W. A. Stone, of Uniontown (Pa.), who is missing from her home. In a circular they state that it is thought that Mrs. Stone is not only unbalanced, and her grief-stricken husband earnestly desires that his wife be located and tenderly cared for until he be notified. A reward of \$2,500 for information is offered. One Emory Martin is also asked.

CAPT. KINGSTON READY FOR RACES

Captain Benjamin Kingston, the 61 year old skater, who has been in the line light on more than one occasion in connection with aspirations of his age, is out again this winter for honors.

His last race was with Isaac Patchell, and he claims he did not have a fair show, as the officials insisted that they skate from opposite sides of the rink, while his preference was for side by side. The captain says he is prepared to skate any man over sixty years of age, for any distance from one to five miles, start to be made side by side.

WESTMORLAND
SCOTT ACT
MAJORITY 699

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The revised returns secured by the Transcript show that the Scott Act was retained in the Westmorland election yesterday with a majority one short of 700, the exact figures being 699. The city and parish of Moncton gave 229 majority for the act, and the remainder of the county went slightly in favor of license. The results as revised are as follows:—

	Against For.
Moncton City	604 1280
Moncton parish	345 518
Sackville parish	263 392
Shediac parish	792 118
Botsford parish	33 284
Salisbury parish	30 485
Westmorland parish	49 280
Dorchester parish	279 312
Totals	3229 3928

Majority for Scott Act 699.