

FRIDAY'S FATALITY.

INQUEST INTO MR. C. McGOURTY'S DEATH—HIS FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY.

The remains of the late Mr. Cornelius McGourty were conveyed Sunday morning to Black River, for interment, a large number of friends gathering to attend the funeral, which was held at 10:30 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Martin McGuire, Waterloo street. The body was taken first to the cathedral where the service was read by Rev. Father McCarthy. The Dead March in Saul was rung out on the chiming, as in Saul was borne from the church. The pall-bearers were Messrs P. J. O'Keefe, Thos. Fitzgerald, chieftain of the branch 133, C. M. B. A. Thomas Kitcham, of branch 134, and John Kelly. The interment was made at Black River. When the body was brought in from Misses all the employees followed in solemn procession for a distance on the road. Many attended the funeral Sunday.

On Saturday evening Coroner Barryman held an enquiry into the death of the late Mr. McGourty. The inquest was held at the coroner's office, being S. C. (Golding) for the State, Robert W. Gordon, Arthur Hamm, Thos. Richardson, Walter H. Carnall and Thos. Donohue.

Dr. Silas Alward, Q. C., appeared as representing Messrs Mooney & Sons. Joseph Sievers gave evidence that he was employed by Mr. McGourty at Misses. "I was to help him with the dynamite. My duty was to put the dynamite sticks in a bag, which would hang over the boiler. I would not take it down, but would take the sticks out of the bag. On Friday morning for the first time, I put capped dynamite in the bag with the other sticks, of which there were about 15. I put in two capped sticks. I put them in between 7 and 8 o'clock Friday morning by the side of the boiler. Since the cold weather, pieces have been put in the bag each night to thaw them and keep them from freezing. The capped dynamite was made on Thursday and left in a box in the brick building. I was up digging when Mr. McGourty told me to put the two pieces and put them in the bag. I did so and returned to my work. Mr. McGourty himself went down later for the dynamite. I told him where I had put it. That was the last time I saw him. Shortly after, I heard the explosion. I found the bag removed from over the boiler and lying to the side of the boiler. Mr. McGourty ordered it brought back and I did so.

P. J. Mooney testified: Am of the firm of B. Mooney & Sons. Have been a practical builder for many years. The firm is at present building a pump mill in Simonds. A part of the building would be the excavations for a superstructure. Consequently we had to do a good deal of blasting. Made the selection of a competent man to take charge of the blasting. The dynamite, caps, fuse, steel and powder would be under his charge. We employed Mr. Cornelius McGourty for such purpose because he was a man of large experience in that kind of business. Mr. McGourty was employed by us in April last and remained in charge till his death.

To Mr. Alward—I am a contractor under the company. Our contract is the construction of the building. Mr. McGourty was employed by me. Have known him 25 years and trusted entirely to him, and did not interfere in his department in any way. Mr. McGourty employed most of the men working for him. Did not interfere at whom he should employ. I furnished the dynamite.

Hugh Wallace said: Am employed by the General Fire Extinguisher Co. of Providence, R. I. I have been putting in fire protection at the pump mill during the last three weeks. Was in the boiler house yesterday about 10 a.m. Knew Mr. McGourty, and know his special business was to look after the blasting. Recognized him as the person in charge of the explosives. Remember seeing him go in the boiler house at 10 a.m. Do not think he had a pipe in his mouth. He entered the building two or three feet. Asked the fireman to please hand him down the pipe. The fireman handed it to Frank Duffy, who handed it to Mr. McGourty. The latter laid the bag on the ground two or three feet from the boiler. Said Mr. McGourty put his hand in his pocket. He had something in his hand which I supposed was his knife. Did not see any pipe. Just then a large blast came on the boiler. It appeared about 10 feet high. I called to the other men and made my way to the end of the building and the rear of the boiler. I had no idea how the explosion occurred. I never heard Mr. McGourty speak after he asked the fireman for the dynamite. I could not say he had hold of the bag at the time of the explosion.

Frank Duffy said—"Work at carpenter work at the mill. Was in the boiler house when Mr. McGourty visited it about 10 o'clock. Just after he went in he put a pipe in his mouth. Did not see him light it or smoke it. The fireman handed me the bag. I passed it to Mr. McGourty, who put it on the ground. I then sat down. I saw the reflection of fire. Mr. McGourty was about two feet in front of the boiler and near its door. Wood is used for heating the boiler. Would consider it impossible for sparks from the fire to ignite the bag; the doors were closed. I did not hear Mr. McGourty give any warning to get away nor saw him attempt to lift the bag. I saw young Sievers loading the cartridges the night before the accident. Don't know what he did with them. Don't know how I got out of the building.

To Dr. Alward—Did not notice the bag was warm when I handed it to Mr. McGourty; of course it was very dry.

Frank Duffy recalled: said: I was not smoking in the boiler house Friday. Had a pipe but it was in my pocket.

Michael J. Mullaney, of Milford, the fireman referred to, was called. He said

A GREAT SERVICE.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF EVANGELISTS MARTIN AND GORDON.

Sunday night Evangelists Martin and Gordon began a series of revival services in Carleton City Hall, under the auspices of the United Baptist, Methodist, and Free Baptist churches at 8 o'clock. When the evangelists came on the platform the house was well filled. The choir of the churches formed a united choir and the singing was something grand and inspiring.

Among those on the platform were the Revs. Dr. Hartley, Penna, Hughes and Higgins. For half an hour the service consisted of singing the Gospel. Byrnes being read. Rev. Mr. Gordon sang a solo, when the Mists Have Rolled Away.

Evidence was also given by Mr. Mulcahey, Frank H. Chaplin, Daniel Sullivan, and John Kourke, but nothing of special import gleaned. The jury returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased came to his death accidentally, and that the accident was due to his want of care in placing dynamite in a bag with caps attached. We also find that no blame can be attached to the Salphite Fuel Company at Misses, or to the Messrs B. Mooney & Sons, contractors.

FISH AND GAME LAWS IN MAINE.

Augusta, Me, Jan 5.—The Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association held its annual meeting at the State House today. Though there were many at the State House, the attendance at the meeting was limited. The report of the secretary was in favor of a license upon all visiting sportsmen, and a smaller fee upon all resident sportsmen, to help defray the expenses of the State protection of the game. The report was referred to the committee on legislation.

The report of the committee appointed for the revision of the fish and game laws of the State was read. It advised that all previous laws be repealed, and that a new code be drawn up, which would be better reference. It advised the moose law be left unchanged, with the exception of having the punishment for the killing of a moose in close time left discretionary with the judge, whether it shall be imprisonment or a large fine.

The change on caribou was advised to be lengthened to the same as the moose, and the law relating to deer changed so that close time would be from 15 instead of Jan. 1. Another change suggested is the allowing of one deer to be killed by each sportsman in September. That the payment of a fixed sum, that the sale of spotted grouse and woodcock be prohibited. The transportation of game birds and of all sorts of game birds and deer in September, and the sale of deer and other game. The other changes, in regard to fish, were of a sectional nature, and do not affect the law as it stands.

There was quite a little opposition to the change in the moose law, for the killing of deer in September, but both were finally approved. Adjournment was made to Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the State House. The committee on game was re-elected president and Col. E. F. Carrington was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

FILIPINOS WILL FIGHT.

AMERICANS MAY LAND AT ILOILO UNARMED.

MANILA, Jan 8.—Advice just received from Iloilo say that the action of a delegation which assured the Americans that they might land unarmed, but that the latter landed armed, the natives would be uncontrollable.

It is further said that every preparation is being made for resistance upon the part of the rebels and that reinforcements are arriving from Negros and the neighboring islands, in spite of the efforts of the United States Navy to capture the rebels and to scatter them.

The Spanish gunboat El Cano is still at Iloilo, but as her status is not clear she has not been molested. It is understood that she is destined to go to Zamboanga, one of the Philippine islands on the southwest extremity of the island of Mindanao.

The American troops are restless and the rebels are drilling on the beach, evening and morning, in full view of the American expedition which is still aloft.

The California Volunteers were embarked on four transports today but their destination is unknown.

The allies here are quiet but watchful.

Famous Actress Dies.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Charles Matthews, the actress, formerly known as Miss Lizzie Davenport, died yesterday at Brighton.

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Second. There will be a marked increase in spiritual power. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Power is not an abstract blessing but the presence of the living God. People are crying for power as though power were an element or a blessing that God gave us apart from himself. You let the spirit of God in and you have power personified. Third. There will be a marked increase in love for souls. The spirit will shed abroad the love of God in your heart, and the commanding zeal that Jesus had, you will have. Every opportunity will be to you a divine gift and every act of yours will thus become a service. Mr. Martin used several pointed and appropriate illustrations in developing his subject.

Mr. Gordon followed in a short and telling address on the same subject. There was a general good feeling throughout the congregation and at times the enthusiasm was very plainly seen. There is every promise of a grand outpouring, and the pastors are expecting a rich harvest of souls.

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THE MASONIC HALL SLIPPED ON THE ICE AND FELL.

His right foot was twisted under him in such a way that both bones were broken at the ankle. Mr. McLeod was taken home in a coach.

Schooner Ella May, Capt. McNamara, Parrboro, for North Head, Grand Manan, with coal, is ashore at Beaver Harbor, full of water. No further particulars.

No more has yet been made by the town of Campbellton in connection with the water works expropriation award. The expectation is that the town will fight the arbitrators' bill of over \$8,000. The general opinion seems to be that Campbellton will have to pay at least \$100,000 to get possession of the water works.

An old and respected citizen in the person of Mr. Richard Cassidy died at his home on Mecklenburg street Saturday morning. Mr. Cassidy met with an accident some time ago from which he never fully recovered. He was 83 years old and leaves two daughters.

Mr. W. C. Neilson, member of the British Columbia legislature for North Kootenay, and brother of Mr. Matthew Neilson, manager of the St. John Railway Company, died on Friday at his home in Almonte, Ont., where he had gone to spend Christmas. His brother left St. John for Almonte on Thursday, but did not arrive in time to see him.

Diver F. S. Henrich, who has been up river for several days trying to find the body of Miss Sibyl Jones, who was drowned at Wickham, returned home Friday evening.

UPON THE THRESHOLD.

Once more we stand with half-reluctant feet Upon the threshold of another year: That line where past and present seem to meet.

In stronger contrast than they do elsewhere.

Look back a moment—does the prospect please,

Or does the weary heart but sigh regret? Or recollecting smile, or ill at ease With what is past, wish only to forget?

Say—canst thou smile when memory's lingering gaze

Once more recalls the dying year to sight? Wouldst thou have life o'er again those changing days,

Or bid them fade forever into night?

A solemn question—and the fluttering heart Scarce dares say "Yes," yet will not quite say "No";

For joy and sadness both have played their part.

In making up the tale of "long ago."

Here Memory sees the golden sunlight gleam

Across the path of life and shine awhile; And now the picture changes like a dream,

And sorrow dims the eyes and kills the smile.

So—it has gone—where all has gone before; The moaning wind has sung the dead year's dirge,

Time's waves roll on against the crumbling shore.

And sink the worn-out battle beneath the surge.

Here ends the checkered page of prose and verse—

Of happy words and lines writ all for thee; They must stand fast for better or for worse;

So shut the book, and bid the year good-bye!

—G. E. in Chambers' Journal.

Burned His Wife to Death.

Quincy, Mass. Jan. 7.—The dead body of Mrs. Y. Milan, burned to a crisp, was found in the front hallway of her home this afternoon, and her husband, Michael, is under arrest, charged with her murder. The couple were alone in the house, and the husband was intoxicated when arrested.

The police have a theory that the woman was struck on the head by some blunt instrument and rendered unconscious while she was burning, but the manner in which her clothes became ignited is as yet a mystery. Milan says he came home intoxicated, and was aroused this afternoon by smoke entering his room. Going into the entry he found the body of his wife lying there and gave an alarm. He has been arrested several times for drunkenness, and his domestic life has not been a happy one. He has no children.

Six Story Building Burned.

New York, Jan. 8.—The top floor of the six story building, 11 and 18 Hubbard street, occupied by Gimm & Co., manufacturers of tinware, was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning, entailing a loss on the building and its contents, which is estimated at \$40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is covered by insurance.

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Dear Sirs—I received my watch chain Saturday night. It is a fine watch chain and I could not wait to wear it. I never could have got a better watch chain in my life. Yours truly, JAMES McLEOD.