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MYSTERY OF THE LIFELESS CORPSE

Did Decapitation Precede the Crime of Arson?

WAS DANIEL SCOLLIE MURDERED?

Or Was His Death Caused Simply by Accident?

After the lapse of many months the head of an Onondago farmer is up and examined by half a dozen surgeons with a view of ascertaining the cause of death. A Petterboro sensation which the Attorney-General's Department is investigating.

Mr. David Scollie of Onondago Township murdered his own son, but it is not known whether he did so intentionally or accidentally. The body of the deceased was found in a state of decomposition in a field near the farm, and the cause of death is still a mystery.

Chief Murray has had many intricate cases to unravel during the past few months, but it is doubtful that he has had more difficult than that which he is at present engaged on.

In several respects the death of Scollie resembles the death of Willie Wells by the Hymans twins. The coroner accepted the tragedy as an accident, and the public, who were entering into the case, kept their opinions to themselves, and a year or more passed without the authorities being communicated with.

The alleged murderer is now in the possession of the Township of Onondago, County of Peterborough, six miles from the town of Peterborough. Scollie was a bachelor and lived alone on a small farm, of which he had a lease for a term of years.

It is possible that the outcome will be to establish that the death of Scollie was purely accidental, and that he had no intention of murdering his son. The case is still under investigation.

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On February 23 the house occupied by the Greys took fire. Grey was away from home at the time, and his wife, Mrs. Greys, was the only person in the house.

Next morning a search of the ruins was made, and the body of Scollie was found. The cause of death is still a mystery.

HUGH SUTHERLAND WORRIED

WORK ON THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY STOPPED.

CONTRACTORS WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING—DO CANALS OPEN?

Ottawa, June 2.—For some days past nothing definite has been heard of the Hudson Bay Railway project, and the contractors are beginning to grow impatient.

Mr. George Duval, chief law reporter for the Supreme Court of Canada, died Sunday morning, after an illness of several days. He was born in Quebec in 1842, and was called to the bar in 1865.

The despatch from England announcing the intention of the Imperial Government to increase the duty on sealine as decided by the tribunal at Paris. It is said not to involve any new principle.

The Customs Department has been advised that on the recent inward trip of the steamer Empress of India a number of Chinese were made at Vancouver, as not being entered on the ship's manifest.

Mr. P. J. has received a letter from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in which he says that he has reconsidered the matter of prohibiting the use of dynamite in the waters of the St. Lawrence.

Workmen at present engaged upon the excavation for the proposed statue of Sir John Macdonald, which is to be erected at the eastern end of the Parliament building. The general impression is that the site is too far to the north in order to give it effect to the statue which is desirable.

As an instance of the excellent effect of the restrictions which have been put upon sturgeon fishing in Lake Ontario, it is stated that the fish which are now being captured are of an enormous size, and with a view to reducing the number of fish in the lake, it is proposed to commence on June 15, or a month earlier than usual.

The congregation of the Dominion Methodist Church have sent a very strong memorial to the Montreal Conference asking for the appointment of Rev. William Sparling to the pastorate of the church.

It is stated that Mr. Farrow, Acting accountant of the Customs Department has been completely exonerated from the charge of misappropriation of \$4,300 of departmental funds. The committee which investigated the charge found that the discrepancy occurred through inadvertence.

The Ottawa Electric Railway Company are about to begin work on a road through the village of Hintonburg, a distance of nearly three-quarters of a mile. The company will build its line to the Experimental Farm, via this route.

A number of Ottawa people are seeking incorporation as the Dominion Engraving Company. The late chief of the stamp branch of the Postoffice Department, took place Saturday, and was very highly attended.

AN UNFAILING BAROMETER.

MR. FOSTER'S FACE AND HEART GOES UP AND DOWN WITH THE WEATHER.



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A NEW TRIAL REFUSED

HENDERSHOT AND WELTER MUST STAND FOR THEIR CRIME.

Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright has carefully reviewed the evidence and the files submitted by counsel and decides that the accused received a fair and impartial trial.

Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright has carefully reviewed the evidence taken at the trial of Duncan Henderson and W. D. Welter, sentenced to be executed on June 15 for the murder of the former's nephew, and has decided to refuse the application of the counsel for the prisoners for a new trial. Mr. Cartwright has given the matter the fullest attention and reviewed the various points submitted by the counsel, and has arrived at the conclusion that the prisoners have had a fair and impartial trial, and he sees no reason whatever why a new trial should be granted.

The only hope left for the accused now is the commutation of their sentence to imprisonment for life, which has been applied for from the Deputy Minister of Justice. In view of the nature of the crime, it is highly improbable that the commutation will be granted, and the law will probably be allowed to take its course.

The condemned men have commenced to show signs of weakening. Particularly in the case of Henderson, who is growing very uneasy as the time of execution draws near. He sleeps very little, and passes the long nights waiting about his narrow cell, occasionally reading.

Both prisoners seemed much affected when told that Chatele had been executed at Stratford. The only impression made upon Henderson's mind was that he would be spared, but the meantime arrive this morning, en route to Colborne, where the burial takes place.

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