

The Heslop Murder Case

A Fourth Man Arrested at Brantford.

The Chain of Evidence Now Deemed to be Complete—Bartram's Bad Condition.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 10.—The publication of the news regarding the Heslop murder case seemed to force the hands of Detective Greer, and he immediately decided upon the arrest of the fourth man upon whom the suspicion has fastened with reference to the murder of John Heslop. At about 12 o'clock the day after yesterday, he journeyed to Caledonia with a warrant in his pocket for the apprehension of John Bartram. In the city, having come from a distance, he was met by a man who had been given evidence in the case of Greer, and the fact of his presence here reaching the ears of Chief Vaughan, he at once had him taken on the direct charge of murder, and his apprehension serves to disclose the fact that the chain of evidence is now complete. Lottridge is a half-breed, of about 28 years of age, his father having been an Indian and his mother a white woman, the sister of Bartram, the latter having been arrested at the nephew's house. The party-arrested man is of formidable appearance, and he seems to take the turn of affairs with stolid indifference, although he has not yet been made aware of the serious nature of the charge against him.

A fact has just come to light which shows that he is not likely to live for more than a year in any event. It has been ascertained that he has received treatment from Dr. Marquis for cancer, and when seen today that gentleman stated that some five years ago he had removed a cancerous growth from one of the eyes. About four months ago Bartram called to see him again, when he found that it was once more growing very badly. In this connection the following conversation ensued: "Is that liable to affect the brain?" "Yes, you consider that he is at present suffering mentally in consequence of the trouble?" "Yes, I think so."

I suppose that under any circumstances his days are liable to be numbered? "Yes, I think that he cannot live more than a year anyway."

This trouble of Bartram's may have an interesting bearing on the case, and it is thought that it will lead him to make statements which he might not otherwise be inclined to do.

Lottridge was taken from the lockup to the jail to-night. Before leaving the chief told him that he was held on the charge of murdering John Heslop. He turned pale and remarked: "Why, I was at home on that night."

Detective Greer and Constable Adams have just returned from their trip. They visited Lottridge's home, nine miles east of Caledonia, in the expectation of finding some of the stolen jewelry. A thorough search failed to reveal any of the articles, but the trip in another respect, they consider, has served to strengthen the chain of circumstances surrounding the accused. It is stated that evidence will be forthcoming showing that Bartram was seen in the neighborhood of the Heslop house on the night of the tragedy.

HAMILTON, Dec. 9.—Speaking of the arrest of Bartram and the two Indians at Brantford for the murder of John Heslop, Chief McKinnon said today: "I have known Bartram for 20 or 25 years, and he is a bad man. His name was mentioned early in the affair, but the clue was investigated, and nothing could be found against him."

The chief is rather skeptical that Detective Greer will be able to get a case against the men.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 10.—At the Police Court this morning John Lottridge was charged with the murder of John Heslop at Anaster on the 27th January. The prisoner was committed for trial. The police believe that he has the right parties and can place the murder of Heslop on one of the prisoners. Bartram and Lottridge's friends claim that they can prove that neither of the prisoners was the man who shot Heslop. Bartram is suffering from cancer in the corner of the right eye, which will probably have to be removed. Gooney, the Indian, a witness in Bartram's case, was released on bail.

THE RUSSELL CASE.

The Earl Advised Not to Allow His Wife and Son to Visit Him.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Truth says that Earl Russell, acting under advice, has determined not to allow his wife and son to visit him until he has been cleared of the charges against him. He is said to be in a very bad state of mind, and until she openly admits that she herself does not believe him to be true, Countess Russell, on the other hand, has commenced a suit against her husband to recover her share of the sum of \$41,000 which, she claims, she paid into a bank to their joint account.

Italy and the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The London Chronicle's correspondent in Rome says: "The Italian Government has given the United States Government a semi-official promise to modify the American constitution, so as to insure the most absolute protection to foreigners. Upon this promise the Italian Government intimates its willingness to regard the New Orleans dispute as closed."

Prophet Nelson Expelled.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—As a council convened in the Baptist Church at Aylmer a few days ago W. P. Nelson, the former pastor of the Port Burwell and Jubilee Baptist Churches, who eloped with a school teacher, was unanimously expelled from the ministry. After being released from custody in Michigan Nelson was sent south on Sunday following, preached a trial sermon in an Alabama church. The church authorities there wrote to Toronto for information, which was sent.

Assignments in Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—The following assignments in Ontario have been reported by the mercantile agency: Hamilton, John Grant, grain, boots and shoes; Hawke, Chas. A. May, general store; Markham, D. M. May, builder; Orangeville, F. A. S. May, grocer; and Fruit, John W. Brish, Peterboro'; Searcy, R. Roche, hotel, assigned in trust to J. W. Brish; Stratford, G. A. Powell, drygoods and millinery.

CUT OFF.

Two Tory M.P.s Heads Dropped into the Basket—Political Pointers.

ARICHA, C. P., Dec. 10.—In the trial of the Richmond (N. S.) election petition at Arichat Joseph A. Gilles, Conservative, was unseated for corrupt practices by agents.

QUERQUO, Dec. 10.—Mr. F. A. Dyer, Conservative M. P. for Bromie, Que., has filed an acknowledgment of corruption by his agents. At the last election, when Mr. Fisher opposed Mr. Dyer, the result was a tie, but the seat was awarded to the Conservative candidate by the casting vote of the returning officer. Mr. Fisher will again be a candidate.

QUERQUO, Dec. 10.—The election petition against Sir Hector Langevin in Richelieu county was dismissed yesterday at Sorel. As Sir Hector has handed in his resignation for Richelieu county, having chosen Three Rivers county, for which he was also elected, the county is now open.

ST. MARYS, Dec. 10.—A very large number of the Blanchard township Reform electors met yesterday to elect delegates to the Reform convention to be held here today. The delegates were instructed by the unanimous vote of the meeting to support the candidature of Mr. Trow at the convention. Mr. Trow's popularity has been greatly increased throughout the riding by the petty persecution to which he has been subjected. If the feeling of the Blanchard meeting can be taken as an index of the feeling in the riding he will be returned at the next election by 500 majority.

NOTES.

The Kingston Conservatives have nominated J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.P., as their candidate for the Sir John A. Macdonald's vacant seat in the House.

The Quebec commissioners did not report on the Bale des Chaleurs matter yesterday as had been expected.

FROM CHINA.

The Rebels Reported to Have Been Badly Beaten by Imperial Troops.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Despatches from Peking state that owing to the delay that has occurred in getting the Mongolian tribes together the plan of Li Hung Chang, the viceroy, to surround the rebels has not proved a success. Another battle has been fought, however, between the imperial troops and the rebels, and the latter were routed and dispersed.

This battle is believed to be the one concerning which the Chinese legation here received advice yesterday stating that the insurgents had sustained a crushing defeat.

THE WORKING WORLD.

Thirty telegraph operators employed on the lines of the Southern Pacific Railway in Arizona and New Mexico have struck because of an obnoxious affidavit which the company has been forcing its employees to sign, in which they are pledged not to belong to the Order of Railway Telegraphers without the consent of the division superintendent.

The International Barbers' Union adjourned to meet in St. Louis next year at the same time. President Greer, who was the delegate to the Federation of Labor convention. Among other business transacted they changed their grips, signs and passwords, and decided to publish their own official paper hereafter.

Credit Misplaced.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The London Globe disputes the statement in the Press that the property of the United States is due to the McKinley Bill.

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MEN OF THE HOUR.

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A GROWING IDEA.

Tendency to Tear Down the Tariff Walls.

France, Germany, Spain and United States Moving in the Matter.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—M. Billot, the French ambassador at Rome, had a conference yesterday with the Marquis di Rudini, the Prime Minister, and initiated negotiations looking to the establishment of a commercial modus vivendi between France and Italy.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Her Von Levetzow, the President of the German Reichstag, yesterday submitted to the House the decision of the Government, fixing the time for the debate on the question of reduction of the new commercial treaties between Germany and Austria, Germany and Italy and Germany and Belgium. The announcement of this decision, the President caused a very lively debate. The motion was carried by a large majority. The Chancellor expressed to secure the ratification of the treaties before Christmas.

MADRID, Dec. 10.—A number of Conservatives have joined the Liberals with the object of agitating for the establishment of a commercial treaty with Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The British commissioners from the West Indies were in conference with Secretary Blaine for several hours yesterday with a view to the establishment of reciprocal trade relations with the United States. There is every prospect of a favorable conclusion on the subject before the close of the present year.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—In speaking of President Harrison's message the Daily News says: "He would not speak so tenderly of reciprocity if his protection policy was a success."

NO NEED FOR THE NOOSE.

Dr. Whoolock's Testimony to the Success of Electrotherapy.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Whoolock Ryder, the eminent eye specialist of this city, one of the witnesses of the Lopsy execution at Sing Sing Prison, was asked: "Do you regard electrocution as successful?" "Most decidedly I do, and it is certainly the most humane way of executing criminals, if we are going to execute them at all. There was nothing sickening, nothing terrible, about the manner in which Lopsy met his death, notwithstanding sensational newspaper reports to the contrary. There was no odor of burning, no frightful contortions. "Was death instantaneous?" "Death occurred the instant the current was applied. Lopsy died before he suffered a second convulsion. Death occurred in the one-thousandth part of a second, and pain, if such it may be termed, that does not last any longer than the time it takes to write the word 'death' on a piece of paper. Any pain which Lopsy suffered I would be willing to endure all day. "Was there any evidence of respiration after the first current was applied?" "No, there was not; nor was there a single evidence of life from the minute Lopsy received the first shock. It was just as though he had been struck on the head by lightning while standing on the ground. The whole thing which Lopsy suffered I would be willing to endure all day. "Was there more than one application of the current?" "Yes; there were several. You know there is more force in a broken current than in a steady one. "How long did the currents applied?" "About 60 seconds," he said. "If death was instantaneous, why was it necessary to turn off the current and on again?" "In the case of hanging, he would not be dead until the neck is broken, but a body is not cut down for several minutes afterward, simply to avoid any possibility of a failure to produce death. When asked respecting the contraction of the muscles, Dr. Ryder said: "Muscular contraction was noticeable, of course. You apply an electric current to the leg of a frog hours after it has been severed from the rest of the body and there will be a contraction of muscles. Apply an electric current to a quarter of beef after it has been hung up in the butcher's shop, and if it has not been case hanging, he would not be dead until the neck is broken, but a body is not cut down for several minutes afterward, simply to avoid any possibility of a failure to produce death. When asked respecting the contraction of the muscles, Dr. Ryder said: "Muscular contraction was noticeable, of course. You apply an electric current to the leg of a frog hours after it has been severed from the rest of the body and there will be a contraction of muscles. 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