

# SEVEN MEMBERS OF FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT NEW LISKEARD, ONT.

### Mother and Six Children Unable to Get Out of Small House—Husband Badly Burned in Attempt to Rescue Them—Children Very Young.

NEW LISKEARD, Feb. 10.—Seven persons were burned to death by fire which destroyed the dwelling of Lawrence Haacke on north side of Wauba River this morning. The victims were his wife and six children. The children's ages range from an infant up to a girl of eleven years.

The house is a small building, twelve by fifteen, with one room downstairs used as a sitting room, and one upstairs as a bedroom. Behind this is a kitchen. Haacke got up at 8 o'clock and kindled a fire in the front room and then went outside to get some kindling for the kitchen stove. The rest of the family were in bed. While lighting the kitchen stove he heard his wife scream and rushing in, discovered that the front part of the house and stairway were on fire. While trying to get out and summoned his brother-in-law, Mr. Frez, who lived next door and they got a ladder and put it up to the only window a flame shot out and they were badly burned them-

# GERMANY'S CROWN PRINCE AND CROWN PRINCESS ON A BOB SLEIGH



Among the many visitors to St. Moritz, none enjoy the winter festivities and sports more keenly than the crown prince and crown princess of Germany. Sleigh riding is their favorite amusement, and this they indulge in every day upon the snow-clad slopes of the foothills around the resort.

# ELECTORS SHOULD TAKE HEED OF THESE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW ELECTORAL LAW

There have been a few by-elections since the new Election Law of New Brunswick came into force, and where they have taken place the voters have had a fair idea of what is required of them when they enter the polling booth to vote. The new law, however, makes the provincial ballot secret, and in order to carry out its provisions, some information regarding the manner in which an election is carried on, will be of interest to every voter in the province.

Under the former act, the number of people in the polling booth was left largely to the discretion of the Deputy Returning Officer. It was his duty that "in addition to the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk, the candidates, and their agents not exceeding one in number for each candidate, in each polling station, and in the absence of agents one elector to represent each candidate, on the request of said elector, and no other shall be permitted to remain in the room during the time the poll remains open, provided always, that any agent hearing a written communication from the candidate shall always be entitled to represent such candidate in preference to any other elector, and that an elector who might also claim the right to represent such candidate; and further provided that in any election when the number of candidates nominated does not exceed two, the deputy returning officer may, upon request of either candidate or his agent, allow of the appointment of two agents for each candidate."

Not more than one elector shall at any one time enter the room where the poll is held, and no elector upon entering, shall declare his name, surname and addition, and if the name of such elector is found on the list of voters, he shall receive from the deputy returning officer an envelope on the back of which said deputy returning officer shall write in black ink his name in the presence of the elector. The elector on receiving the envelope shall forthwith proceed into the compartment of the polling station, which compartment shall be screened off so that the voter shall be wholly concealed from the rest of the room, and shall there place his ballot paper in the envelope previously handed to him by the deputy returning officer, and shall then hand it unsealed to the deputy returning officer, who shall ascertain by examining his initials that it is the same which he furnished the elector; and shall then immediately, and in the presence of the elector, place the envelope containing such ballot paper in the ballot box. No such ballot shall be received by the Deputy Returning Officer until after the voter has proceeded to the compartment screened off as above provided, and has, while there, placed his ballot in the envelope furnished him by the Deputy Returning Officer. The clerk shall, under the direction of the presiding officer, then enter the name of such elector on the check list. The Deputy Returning Officer at each polling station before opening the poll at any election shall see that the compartment referred to above, is provided with a suitable table on which ballots may be deposited.

On the poll being granted, the returning officer shall furnish each returning officer with at least two days before the polling day with a sufficient number of envelopes with unsealed flaps, all being of the same description, to supply the number of voters on the list of each polling district, and shall also furnish each deputy returning officer with the necessary materials for voters to write their ballot paper.

The voters have the right to deposit, in the separate compartment of the polling booth, printed notices bearing the names of the candidates or candidates, such notices shall be printed on white paper, in black letters only, and no ballot shall be counted by the returning officer at the close of the poll unless the same is so printed, or unless the ballot is a piece of white paper having the names or surnames of the candidates written therein in black ink or with lead pencil; provided always that no ballot shall be rejected by the returning officer by reason of the names being partly printed and partly written thereon, or by reason of a name or names having been marked through or struck out.

Every returning officer upon application of any voter who is unable to read or write, or is incapacitated by blindness or physical causes from voting in the manner prescribed by this Act, shall assist such voter by placing in the envelope the ballot paper containing the names of the candidates for whom said voter declares his intention of voting, in the presence of the sworn agents of the candidates or of the sworn electors representing them in the polling station, and of no other; and the deputy returning officer shall require the voter making such application, before voting to make oath of assistance in the following form, that is to say:

"I solemnly swear that I am unable to read and to understand the ballot paper or that I am an incapacitated person, and that I am unable to vote without the assistance of a deputy returning officer."

Every elector shall vote without undue delay, and shall quit the polling station as soon as the envelope containing his ballot has been deposited in the ballot box.

Every elector who takes an official envelope out of the polling station shall incur a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

If a person representing himself to be a particular elector named on the list of voters, applies for an envelope and another envelope in the place of the one delivered up.

The agent of each candidate, and in the absence of such agent the elector representing such candidate, on being admitted to the polling station, shall take the oath to keep secret the names of the candidates for whom any of the voters has deposited his ballot in his presence.

Every officer, clerk and agent in attendance at the counting of the votes, shall maintain and aid in maintaining a secrecy of the vote; and no such officer, clerk or agent shall attempt to obtain at such counting any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any voter is given in any particular ballot paper.

The deputy returning officer shall not count any ballot deposited in any envelope, if on opening it at the close of the poll it is found to contain more than one ballot paper.

Any naturalized alien wishing to vote at any election shall, if required to do so by the agent of any candidate, produce his naturalization papers for inspection by the deputy returning officer, and if objection be made by the agent of any candidate, said naturalized alien shall not be allowed to vote, unless it is made to appear by oath of such alien to the satisfaction of the deputy returning officer that he is the person named in such naturalization papers.

No name can be added to the voter's list after it has once been deposited with the county secretary, except if any person's name has appeared on the list for the previous year and been omitted from the list last deposited with the county secretary, in which case the name shall be added by the county secretary to the last list deposited with him, on proper application and proof being made to him.

Any person whose name has been omitted from the last list deposited with the county secretary, and has appeared on the list of the previous year, shall be entitled to vote, on producing to the deputy returning officer a certificate, signed by the county secretary, that his name has appeared on the list for the previous year; and upon taking the necessary oath.

Any person who has removed from one county to another in the province shall be entitled to have his name placed on the voter's list in the parish in which he resides, on producing to the secretary of the county in which he lives, a certificate under the seal of the county from which he has removed, that his name was upon the voter's list, at the time he moved.

Before any elector be permitted to vote, he shall state his name and residence; the clerk shall, under the direction of the presiding officer, enter his name on the check list, and the presiding officer must find it on the copy of the voters' list, mark it, and be satisfied that his vote is single, and deposited in the same ballot box with other reading it. Every ballot shall have the names of the persons voted for written or printed on white paper. The officer presiding at any poll shall state the names of the candidates to the elector requiring it, who is about to vote.

The names of all or any number of candidates at an election may be written or printed upon the ballot paper, and the voter shall mark through or strike out the names of all except the name of the candidate or names of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote, and the ballot so marked, if otherwise valid, shall be counted, if there are more names not marked through or struck out than there are members to be elected, the ballot shall not be counted.

A person may be resident in an electoral district, notwithstanding occasional or temporary absence in the prosecution of his occupation (such as a mechanic, lumberman, farmer, or fisherman), or attendance as a student in an institution of learning in the Dominion of Canada, and such occasional or temporary absence shall not disentitle such person to be entered on the voters' list as a qualified voter, or to vote.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 10.—Traffic on the I. C. E. was held up this morning for several hours through a collision between an immigrant special and an accommodation train at Upper Dochester. The accommodation was taking a siding to allow the other train to pass when the collision occurred. The locomotive of the immigrant train crashing into the second class and baggage cars of the other train. There were about six people in the second class car which was turned on its side, but although shaken up no one was injured. Conductor John Coffey was in charge of the accommodation with Driver A. R. Price, while Conductor C. W. Lutes, of Truro, had charge of the immigrant train, with Driver T. Hennessy. The immigrant train arrived here about eleven o'clock. The night express from Halifax was delayed six hours by the accident.

On the trail of his wife, who, the mother of seventeen children, deserted her home with James Legton, a Crofton, John Francis Anriell arrived here yesterday, having walked from St. John. He departed this morning for Amherst where he obtained information that his wife and Legton, who are also walking, had gone to that place under the name of Murphy and told such a pitiful story that they were given help here. Anriell says his wife and Legton ran away from Halifax last May and went to St. John, where he followed them and induced the woman to leave her partner.

He and his wife then went to Houlton where they remained for a few weeks ago, claiming to have walked here from Bangor and received shelter at the police station. They traveled under the name of Murphy and told such a pitiful story that they were given help here. Anriell says his wife and Legton ran away from Halifax last May and went to St. John, where he followed them and induced the woman to leave her partner.

DALHOUSIE, N. B., Feb. 6.—This pretty little town will build up from its ruins of last year, caused by fire which destroyed the Dalhousie Lumber Company place a hundred men at work in a few weeks to build two modern mills. A saw mill and roasting mill combined will be erected at the lower end of the mill near the old site at a probable cost of \$10,000, and will employ on an average 125 men. A new shingle mill will be built, and will give employment to a large number of men. The company expect to turn out forty to fifty millions of shingles per year. One thousand men will be employed by the company in the woods and about three hundred in Dalhousie. The capital of the largest and most enthusiastic lumber company in the world is being held in that county. The attendance was upwards of 150, and included a number of delegates who had to drive forty miles to be present. Much interest was shown in the government ranks in Dalhousie, but the convention could not have been more harmonious. Peleg Smith, of Blissett, who nominated candidate Thurott, was one of Mr. Hazen's principal supporters in the parish of Blissett at the last election. Neither team was largely responsible for the defeat of the government candidates at that contest. Liberals are practically sure of at least one seat in Dalhousie.

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SAN ANTOINE, Tex., Feb. 10.—C. A. Beasly, President of the Bank and Trust Co., at Houston, Texas, and un-til recently president of the Texas Bankers' Association, shot and killed himself late yesterday. He had been in San Antonio for the last five weeks. Ill health is believed to be the cause of the act.

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# KELSON PEACHES ON PALS AND CONFESSES OLD MAN'S MURDER

### Former St. John Crook and Companions Battered Out Victim's Brains for \$1.40—Kelson Was in St. John Two Months Ago—Police Recognize Photo.

**Kelson Here Two Months Ago**  
A cut of Kelson appearing in the Boston Post of yesterday as the man who was arrested, was recognized by Policeman C. H. Marshall and Sgt. Caples when shown to them last night.

Two months ago Kelson was in St. John, at the time of the drowning accident which occurred at Gibbon's wharf off a Nova Scotia schooner. It was Kelson who, accompanied by the captain, was recognized by Policeman C. H. Marshall and Sgt. Caples when shown to them last night.

They were in charge of Lieutenant Carter and Inspector Damery of the Somerville police, who have been handling the case for the Somerville department since its beginning.

**Long Record of Crime**  
The above despatch is a sequel to a long story of crime which is credited to Kelson in this city. The notorious Briggs, his companion in crime, figured together with Kelson in five robberies but escaped from the law and although Briggs was afterwards captured, Kelson remained free.

On the 27th of March, 1901, the store of D. J. Purdy on Main street, was broken into and over two hundred dollars in cash and checks were taken. Kelson was suspected by the police which information caused him to leave for the United States. He remained away for some time but on the day of his return to St. John the store of A. Briggs was broken into and guns, and some cutlery were stolen. Briggs, his confederate had returned with Kelson and suspicion fell on both. A search was made by the police and the guns discovered in Kelson's house. The two young criminals escaped to Fairville and were followed by Officer Groer who, through some clever work, was successful in arresting them both.

On the previous Thursday a break was made in Dean's grocery store on Garden street, the work being performed in their style. This crime was also added to the charges against them. The fourth charge against them was that of breaking into and entering W. J. Mayne's grocery, at Marsh bridge where the entrance was made from the rear of the shop and an amount of money with a number of other articles were stolen.

W. E. Thompson's store at Rotheray was broken into and the evidence pointed towards Kelson and Briggs as the intruders.

After being arrested they appeared at the preliminary trial on the sixth of June. They were remanded for trial afterwards, when their counsel, J. B. Baxter, who had been talking in terms of the hall having broken into himself for a few minutes, the boys departed and were missing when Mr. Briggs returned.

Liberty was gained by jumping over the Leinster street fence, and Chief Clark was at once notified. A hot chase followed and Briggs was recaptured, but at his trial was discharged, having been found not guilty of robbery.

At Somerville a number of charges were laid against Kelson and Briggs, among which was the breaking into a store and a brutal assault on a Chinese laundryman. Later they were committed to Bangor jail for common law larceny. They made their way to Waterman's store and taking goods, while there Kelson made another dash for liberty, and succeeded in getting away, but was recaptured after an exciting chase. After eighteen months' servitude they were released and stated they did not stop to take more than \$1.46 which reposed in a jug behind the counter.

**Describes the Crime**  
Kelson said to the police that the trio needed money and were talking about doing a similar job when Killian mentioned the Buehse place.

They went to the assault (Jan. 12) on the night of the assault, made together and that he stood guard on the outside while Gilmore and Killian went in. Killian, he said, asked for 5 cents' worth of paragonic.

When the old man turned around to get for him, the police say that both Killian and Kelson claim, Gilmore, who was the giant of the three, made a leap at the old man, telling him with a great bluncheon, which Kelson says he fashioned himself. Kelson claims that Gilmore was still unsuccessfully beating the old man when Killian interfered.

The police say that both arrested men allege Killian had to drag Gilmore from his victim, who was then instantly killed. The blood spouted from Buehse, who lay as if dead on the floor. This, Kelson says, so frightened them that they did not stop to take more than \$1.46 which reposed in a jug behind the counter.

**CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 6.**—The government convention opens tomorrow in the Masonic Hall. Everything points to a well attended and successful meeting. Reports received from points in the county tend to show that the government is now certain of the three seats out of the four seats and likely to take all. One great difference between the present election and that of 1903, when the opposition elected three members, including W. S. Loggie, now M. P., is that Mr. Loggie's influence is now openly and strongly for the very government he once opposed, and, in the hands of Mr. Loggie, it is a well known fact that in 1903 was above 300 and now that the opposition is so openly running the election on straight party basis in every county but Northumberland, where they know such a fight would be hopeless, the Liberals are not going to be fooled in this county, and along with Mr. Loggie are rallying to the support of the local government. The convention will be held to support the local government, as many Conservatives have the progressive Robinson giving New Brunswick a better administration than the opposition.

A public meeting will be held in the evening, when it is expected that Premier Robinson and Attorney General McKeown will be heard. The candidates spoken of are Robert Murray, M.

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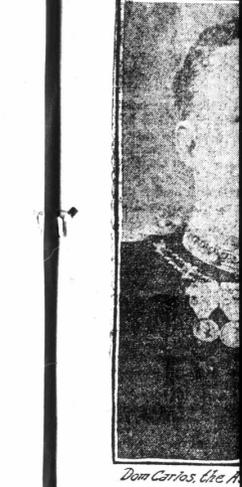
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# NEW



# HELPS INSANE LOVE ESCAPE; MURDER

**NORRISTOWN, Feb. 10.**—Love with a crazy partner aided to escape, cost a woman her position in the hospital sane here.

Charles A. Thomas is the man who made the escape. He and the nurse met the social affairs of the recently the woman decided not to his proper care at her position in the hospital sane here.

The board of trustees proved the action of Dr. Williams, the nurse and who furnished the key.

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**HAMPTON, N. B., Feb. 10.**—The committee appointed by the opposition parties in Kings, to see what arrangement could be made looking toward the meeting this morning in Hulse. While the committee arrive at a joint agreement the refusal of the Opposition to take measures to prevent the holding of the election open to strong suspicion, the committee decided to do its own account, and to hold the election, and to conduct an absolutely pure election, regardless of the course of the opposition.

While the committee were negotiating for a joint agreement of the government committee evidence that the opposition refused to act with the committee unless this agreement was investigated or denied, the committee refused to do the truth of the statement the government committee action to have them invest conference came to an end.

It is well known that for the opposition has had the election corruption fund which had been accumulated in the case of at least two candidates. It has been freely the committee appointed to hold the election, had completed their labor the opposition convention to appoint a purity committee to hold the election, the biggest kind of a bluff. It is considered as more credible by the committee, who was one of the interviewers. Dr. Pearson large election by referring to the purpose by referring to the "clean election" of the opposition.

When the committee met to discuss the matter, the opposition and set aside all the more the fact that he had set to collect a noble fund for the purpose by referring to the purpose by referring to the "clean election" of the opposition.

All of the members of the committee were present excepting Dr.