# DOUBLE DROWNING.

Chester McClaskey and Walter Pyne Go Down to Death in the Waters of Loch Lomond.

## CORONATION DAY TRAGEDY.

will but serve to recall, an occurrence deeply tragic. There are two families in the city that the 9th of August will but present reflections solely of sadness, rep-resenting as it will the anniversary of 2nd was seen to slip away from her opponent, the gap of blue water steadily widening. Almost a mile long between the day upon which their home circles were ruthlessly and suddenly broken by the drowning of Walter Pyne and Chester, McCaskey in Loch Lomond, the boat in which they were sailing a race capsized and foundered

Saturday afternoon came with stunning effect upon the community and to the relatives and personal friends of the two young men it brought overwhelming grief.



WALTER C. PYNE. Both Messrs. Pyne and McClaskey were Pyne, but the boats mo representative young men, favorites so-cially, beloved at home, popular with their fellow citizens. The young men were drowned about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, while boat racing on Loch Lomond. Their boat capsized and though both were good swimmers they sank in more than 60 feet of water, after struggling scarcely more than 10 minutes. Their deaths were witnested by hore chant a dozen people, who notwithstanding mediate and strengths effort to save,

mediate and strengous effort to save, found successful exertion to do so an impossibility.

The race upon the lake was the out come of a graphetition which had been decided upon between Commodore Wright's yacht Alexandra and the sail boat owned by members of the Leg Cabin Club and named Log Cabin 2nd Wright's yacht Alexandra and the sail boat owned by members of the Log Cabin Club and named Log Cabin 2nd.

On Friday this craft lay in Market Slip, was placed upon a team and conveyed to Ben Lomond, where the Alexandra already lay. George Blizzard and Alexander Baillie, both of Orange street, were to be the crew of the former boat, and Chester McClaskey and Walter Pyne were to man the latter. Saturday all were at the lake, together with a party from the city, who were interested in the race.

The Log Cabin 2nd is a boat about 17 who were interested in the race.

The Dog Cabin 2nd is a boat about 17 feet in length, partly decked and sloop bigged. The Alexandra was more in the nature of a large sail boat than a yacit. Her former name was the Bessie B., owned then by Robert Watson and others. She was about 17 and a half feet over all.

The starting point of the race was in front of the Ben Lomond House and a comparatively short distance away from the what. The start was made at 2.55 o'clock. A steam launch, the property of Sterling Barker, of the Ben Lomond House, lay just off the starting place, and followed the boats in the subsequent race. Among those on board of the launch were J. Arthur Dawson, J. N. Sinclair, A. E. House, lay just off the starting place, and followed the boats in the subsequent race. Among those on board of the launch were J. Arthur Dawson, J. N. Sinelair, A. F. Johnston, Enoch W. Pau', Mrs. Sinelair, Miss Jennie McLaughlin and a number of American tourists, guests at the Ben Lomond House. Sharp at 2.55 o'clock the two racers began to glide out upon the lake and head for the turning point—a flag displayed off Macready's Point, about two miles up the lake. The wind was southwest, and the lake. The wind was southwest, and just about strong enough to draw the boats along at an easy racing rate. At first, the Alexandra lead and succeeded

There are two families in St. John to whom the memory of Coronation Day her occupants taking full pleasure from the sail and eagerly marking the gain or loss of the competing boats. On the homeward race the Log Cabin

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"The moment I heard that cry," said E. W. Paul, who was on board the launch, "I glanced in the direction of the race boat, but she had vanished. All I could see was about eight feet or so of mast sticking out of water and every second, growing shorter.

"By this time, the launch, with a full head of steam, had, put about, and was traveling for that bit of mast as rapidly as it was possible to drive her. We had been sailing along just at an easy distance from both boars and the time it took us to get where the Alexandra had been, was scarce more than minutes. As we approched I distinctly saw two ance from both boars and a dook us to get where the Alexandra had been, was scarce more than minutes.

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The grampling party in one boat was George McDermott, jr., Chas. Bridges and James Murray. Another boat contained Www. Price unce of deceased, Joseph Classey were striking out for shore, the distance being from where they were, about 250 yards. We were then just off Stephenson's clearing, and I somehow feel that the swin oddle have been made, especially by men who had as good re-putation as swimmers as had McClaskey

"As the launch drew closer, I saw one

"I could not distinguish McClaskey anywhere. We were now almost alongside of great that we shot past. As we did so ne of us grabbed a long pike pole, and leaning far out over the side, thrust it



CHESTER H. McCLASKEY.

She was about 17 and a half feet over all.
In some quanters it is thought that too great quantity of sail was carried and was largely re-ponsible for her sudden foundation.

If am not sure whether he got a grip on it or not, but this I do remember. I can all but see him now. It seemed as if he made a strong—a great effort—and came up out of the water, so that his chest was

as if he would momentarily disappear as if he would momentarily disappear again. And, he did before those in the tender could possibly get within reach.

"Earlier than this the Log Cabin 2nd liad come up, Bailie and Blizzard having seen what had nappened, about the same time that we did. I would never have import that hoat could have come up with agined that boat cou'd have come up with such rapidity. But when they did arrive they were as helpless as ourselves.

"After it was seen that both Pyne and McClaskey had gone down. Baillie and Blizzard made a long line out of part o

in rounding the turning point slightly in advance of the Log Cabin 2nd. ope end, and a big spread of canvas



WHO IS LISTENING TO HIS STORY?

the other. All was sent overboard, the

ut it was too short-they lowered it over the side, but the line and weight and eanvas, it all disappeared. I expect the

"Did you make note of when the Alexandra went down?" "Yes, it was just two minutes of 4 o'clock, and later, when we got Pyne's body, the hands on his watch pointed to

our minutes past 4 o'clock.
"The theory of a sudden squall striking the Alexandra is, in my opinion, not cor rect The wind, all along was gentle—no on the launch, states he saw the Alexandra suddenly heave into the water bow foremost, and that he saw Pyne dive from the deck, just as the bow went under. He thinks the cause of the yacht diving as she did was due to McClaskey leaning over the side of the bow for due the consequences."

The launch, after the disaster, put back

widening. Almost a mile long between them, and the attention of those on the launch was about divided between the contestants, when somebody shouted "She's over."

The launch, after the disaster, put back for Barker's while the other boat remained and near the scene of the fatality. Information was telephoned into the city and Robert Jackson and Samuel Richey pro-

George McDermott, jr., Chas. Bridges

James Murray. Another boat contained
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Breen and Wm. Watters.

These who manned the boat that found
McCl skey's body were James King, Wm.
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Commissioner La Billois for a minuter of two public works as follows: For the rebuilding of the Jaclyn, bridge, York county—to
wm. R. Fawcett, Temperance Vale, York
county.

of the heads disappearing and I imagined one of the men had became suddenly exhausted, and that the other was suporting him. Just then though the remaining him. Just then though the remaining him. Just then though the remaining him. arrived and taken charge of the body of Pyne. The bodiss were conveyed to the city Sunday and prepared for burial. Sunday evening, at the saddened Pyne

was an eye witness to the drowning, being on the launch. Yet suffering acutely from grief she told falteringly of a sight that shall doubtless dwell with her "I heard them shouting," she said,
"and as I looked to see, the people tried to prevent me. It was uscless, for I looked out over the water and could just see Walter struggling. I saw the toot row out to him, and saw an oar extended or through 10, him, but, as I looked he sank from sight. It only seems so short a time ago that he was talking to me about the race, and telling me how he'd enjoyed his vacation. He had been a week or so at Ben Lomond and last week had so at Ben Lomond and last week had returned to town. Oh, he should have been sived both were such good swimmers" and silently she gave expression to walter Pyne was 23 years of age, the son of Thomas and Mary Pyne, of Broad atreet. His brothers are William and Harold of this city. His sisters are Mrs. Thomas Sharkey, Misses Fiorie and Stella, all of this city. For years he was in the employ of T. and especially in musical circles, he was prominent. He was a valued member of the Harmony Club. His father, Thomas Pyne, is at present at Grand Manan on business. He has been wired the sad news

and will probably be here this afternoon.

Chester McClaskey was about the same age as Mr. Pyne. He was the son of Alfred A. McClaskey, traveler for Baird & Peters. Two years ago deceased enlisted in the Baden-Powell constabulary, but returned to St. John last winter in imreturned to St. John last winter in impaired health. He leaves a write, two brothers and one sister. The brothers are Harry, the singer, and Frank C. Hissister is Mrs. Fred C. Macnell. Deceased was of a genial nature and possessed many warm friends, was and a second many

## McCLASKEY FELL OVERBOARD.

Story of an Eye-witness--Pyne, Seeing the Boat Filling, Dove Into the Lake. Joseph W. Hazelhurst, of Spring street nd his son William, at the time of the ecident were in a small boat fishing a spot off what is known as Dead Brook Mr. Hazeflurst, who came in from Loch Lomond Sunday, was seen by the Telegraph whom he told the following: "We were fishing off Dead Brook when the boat's rigging, attached a weight to he boat with Pyne and McClaskey passed s. I was interested in the race and pull ing my revolver fired in the air as a bay coaster, and had been trading between salute for them. One of the boys shook this port and Nova Scotia ports. It is nis hand in acknowledgment and the boat passed on That was almost 4 o'clock and they were then about half way between Donaldson's Point and Dead Brook on the north side of the lake. I should judge they were little more than a quarter of a mile from our boat. McCaskey was at the tiller apparently, sitting on the gunwale.

A heavy gust of wind seemed to strike their boat and I saw McClaskey fall backward into the water. The boat made a up from where he was sitting, extended his hands above his head and dove into the lake head foremost. It was very very rough and there was a high sea which prevented me seeing them after they were in the water. They seem to have tacked into a sort of cove and wher they came out had a heavy wind which caught their boat on the bow and sent ber over. As soon as I saw them go out of the boat I pulled for the spot with all my might but I never saw them again un-til I saw their bodies. When the boys went out, the steam launch and the other boat were on the other shore. They put about and came toward the spot. The men on the steam launch said they saw both boys swimming. One of the men on the launch extended a pike-pole to Pyne out he couldn't reach it and sank almost beside the launch." The portrait of Mr. McClaskey show him in his khaki suit as South African soldier; that of Mr. Pyne was taken from a group, the only picture available.

## BRIDGES AND WHARVES

WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Being Replaced as Rapidly as Possible---Many Contracts Awarded for Permanent

Hon. C. H. LaBillois, chief commission er of public works, arrived in the city Monday aftercon from Fredericson. He made the trip by the steamer David Weston in order to ascertain the condition of wharf accommodation along the river, Kings and Queens counties. On Friday last, in company with Hon. L. P. Farris, chief commissioner of agriculture, and Hon. Geo. F. Hill, president of the council, Hon. Mr. LaBillois went to Perth, where the party was met by J. E. Porter, M. P. P., and Thomas Lawson, M. P. P. They made an examination of the new piers of the Andover bridge. Then they went to Plasterock, where F. H. Hale, M. P., met them. As a result of the trip a new bridge will be built there.

They also inspected the new bridge across the Tobique. This bridge, which has just been completed by Albert E. Smye, of Albert, Albert county, is a covered structure of a total length of 500 feet. It has three spans, each 102 feet in length, and its total cost is about \$5,000. accommodation made by the members for Kings and Queens counties. On Friday

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amined and the chief commissioner, accompanied by Thomas Lawson, M. P. P.,
drove over the highway to the upper section of Victoria county. As a result of
the visit the provincial engineer will lay

During the trip, Hon, L. P. Farris expressed his complete satisfaction with the crop outlook in Victorias county. Hen. George F. Hill had not been in that section of the county for many years until the present tripic He stated he was creat.

county.

For building the northwest section of the Coles Island bridge, Queens county—to J. D. McLaughlin, of Mill Cove.

For an important diversion of the section of the great road at Boie-town, Northumberland county, known as the new road, Canter Brook-to Lewis E. Brewer, Rebuilding the Hedley Parlee bridge, Victoria county—to Wm. De Merchant, of Tobique Narrows. For Inman bridge—to David Craig, To-

For Price bridge at Drummond, Vic

ty; Lepreaux Station bridge, Charlotte county.

On account of the demands made by the members for Kings and Albert counties, the provincial engineer; Ar R. Wetmore, spent several days, in Kings and Albert counties recently and examined the following public works upon each of which he deliveted a report:

In Kings county—Fowlertown, Maloney, Shenwood, Perry's Point, Carson's Brook, Ward's Creek and Bell bridge.

In Albert county—Graveyard bridge, Hillsboto; Chapman Hill bridge, Hopewell, and Shepody River and Barber's Mill bridges in Harvey.

In Kings county wharves were examined at Palmer's, Ketchum's Perry's Point and the Devil's Back.

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The department is making good pro gress with its work and tenders for Devil's Back wharf, and Mill Brook and Fowlertown bridges will be called at

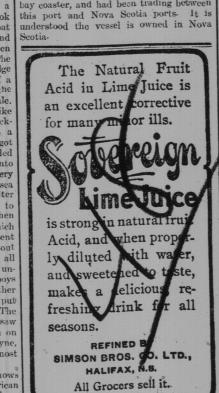
The contract to build the Red bridge at Renous River, Northumberland county has been awarded to Albert Brewer. The bridge will be of a total length of 419 fect with two spans of 120 feet each. It will qost about \$4,500.

## SCHOONER ASHORE.

The Lena Lost at Mispec - Crew Were Saved.

Nows reached the city Friday after-neon that the schooner Lena, 52 tons, Captain Rolf, went ashore at Mispec late Thursday night, and now lies full of water. The Lena sailed from St. John for Noel (N. S.) with general cargo. All went well until off Mispec, when she went ashore in a thick fog, and shortly after filled. The captain and crew were saved, but it is feared the vessel will be a total

The Lena was of the class known as a



# HUNTING HARVEST HELP.

MUCH WORK BY PROVINCIAL PUBLIC R. LA TOUCHE TUPPER FROM MANI-TOBA IN THE CITY.

Bridges Carried Away by the Late Freshet | This Year's Monster Wheat Outlook--25,000 Men Wanted-Increasing Cultivation 'of Flax---Not Enough Railways Says Mr

> R. La Touche Tupper, of Selkirl (Man.), representing the Manitoba gov ernment, is at the Royal hotel, and will Mr. Tupper was here last year on the same errand. The much disputed value

"When I left last Wednesday, the crop was looking splendid. The wheat yield last year was a fraction more than 25 bushels to the acre. The wheat yield in sight now is much larger this year than it was at the same date last year, and it is predicted that the total yield of the four grains will reach 100,000,000 bushels, oats and barley being also much heavier this year."

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Last year 20,000 men were asked for and we got only 18,000.

This year a new system will be used and the reception of the men who go out will be assured. The tickets will be issued to Winnipeg. The Manitoba government, the C. P. R. and the farmers are taking care that those who go to assist them care that those who go to assist then this year will not meet with the conges-tion of last year. The representatives of all the farmers in Manitoba and the Territories who require help will meet all harvest hands at Winnipeg and from there they will go to the locality where they are to work.

"With regard to wages I can say that pay will range from \$30 to \$50 p. month."

wanted. The handy, all-round man who can handle improved farm machinery is sure of the highest wages and three months' steady work with good wholesome board. The calls for men from each district were totalled up and 25,000 are known to be wanted up and 25,000 are known to be wanted up and 25,000 are known to be wanted up and 25,000 are cross tipen heavier, as they did last, year, the wall will include many more.

"Flex is now being cultivated to a great extent in the west. In Mamtoba the crop will be much larger than in the Dakotas. Flax now sells at \$1.50 per bushel. More than 40,000 acres at Mamtoba alone are in flax this, year, This will average

than 40,000 acres at Mantiona alone are in flax this year. This will average 18 to 20 bushels to the acre. "The Canadian west is going ahead in leaps and bounds. The Ohicago papers are alarmed at the enormous exodus of

ate alarmed at the enormous exodus of Illinois farmers selling out their old farms of 100 and 200 acres for \$60 and \$70 an acre and are going into the Canadian west, taking their implements with them and buying 500 and 1,000 acres of better land at \$10 an acre.

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"I was talking to Mr. Pottinger of the I. C. R. one day about the railroads and he said the I. C. R. did not take much interest in the western development as they were not benefitted thereby. I told him we needed all the railroads they could him we needed all the railroads they could build. Why during the war a large con-signment of oats was shipped to South Africa, to hasten its departure, by way of Vancouver and it was afterwards found to be loaded at a profit to the farmers. If you people down here don't hurry up with better shipping facilities we will have to turn to the west. It is quite as

handy, you know.
"Here a farmer settles down a few Mere a tarmer settles down a few miles from a railroad and plants his crops. When he comes to harvest it he needs help. As a consequence of there being a few more than one of these farmers, all the navvies working on the railroad go west and start harvesting. Then the farmers to swear hereage he has no rail. er begins to swear because he has no rai road, and the railroad is at a standsti because the navvies are pitching sheaves at \$50 per month. The fact is that the west is so enormous and developing so fast that modern improvements can't keep in sight of the dust its making in its mad onward rush."

Public Meeting at Kingston. Professor Robertson has sent forward notice that he will hold a public meeting at Kingston, Kings county, in the interest of the Sir William McDonald centraliz schools, on Monday evening, Aug. 18th. It is expected that Dootor Inch and others will also be present at this meeting.

The people of Kingston and the surcounding sections have been anticipating his meeting with much interest, as the ation of such a central school mean location of such a central school means much to any community and will have a vast influence upon the present and future generations. There are already many enthusiastic supporters of the scheme, which must convey so many advantages to any place, but there are others who desire more information upon the matter, fearing there is some scheme of increased axation behind it. It is to dispel such doubts and explain the plan of the schools that the meeting is to be held.

Kingston is not by any means the only place in the province seeking the school, but there are few localities with more advantages for the same. An energetic effort should be made to secure the school.

—Com.

Fonty per cent. of the entire crop of otton, or 4,156,000 bales, is retained for American consumption this year, and of this total northern mills will take 2.290,-000 bales, while 1,865,000 bales will be taken by southern mills.

Fourteen advertisements offering re wards amounting in the aggregate to £33 for the recovery of lost jewelry, in cluding 10 diamond brooches, appeared luding 10 diamond ecently in one Lon

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The Best Thirst Cure during the hot weather is Sovernign Lime Juice, delicious, cooling and refreshing.

### Home Insurance NINETY-EIGHTH SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT, JULY, 1902.

KNOWLTON & GILOHRIST, General Insurance Agents, S. John, N. B.

## A CHURCH NURSERY.

Tabernacle Baptist Church Inaugu- Conditions of Temperature and rating a Scheme New to St. John.

Burditt, Crouchville, will be the superin-tendent of this department, and will have ssistants. Miss Burditt has begun callng upon the mothers, informing them of

the arrangements made. The nursery will Gibson Methodist Picnic Tuesday Last. Gibson, Aug. 6-The Gibson Methodist sunday school excursion and pionic, which was held yesterday, was in every way a success. The day was just one of those perfect days which we get in this country, warm enough and not too hot, breezy enough to fan one and not too windy: The Aberdeen left Gibson at 8.45 a. m. and arrived at Gagetown at 12. She left "With regard to wages I can say that pay will range from \$30 to \$50 a month with board. A man who can pitch a sheaf and is willing to do it will get at least \$35 a month. A man who cannot earn \$30 a month is useless and not wanted. The handy, all-round man who can handle improved farm machinery is the afternoon at 3 an open air religious service was held. Rev. James Orisp (the pastor) gave out the hymn: "All people that on earth do dwell," which was heartthat on earth do dwell," which was heartily sung, the band playing, after which he led in prayer. The andience standing, repeated the 23rd psalim, Rev. J. J. Colter, leading. Coronation was then sung, and Rev. Jabez Rogers, of Fredericton, preached from "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadiast, and which entereth into that within the real." The discourse was listened to

the vail." The discourse was listened to with marked attention throughout; it was easy to follow and was very helpful in its oharacter. It made a deep and, it is hoped, lasting impression upon the people. Mr. Rogers' voice is well suited for out-Mr. Rogers' voice is well suited for outdoor service, and he can easily be heard at any reasonable distance. Mr. Crisp said he was thankful to Rev. Mr. Rogers for his kindness in preaching such a timely and earnest sermon. He would not detain them, but wished to say that he trusted they would always do all things to the glory of God. "Nearer My God to Thee" was then sung, and Rev. Mr. Colter pronounced the benediction.

Many Gagetown people were present and the religious.

and the religious service was a very in teresting part of the day's proceedings.
The Alberdeen was thought by many to be a very suitable boat for such an excurvery attentive and obliging.

## RESULTED FATALLY.

Public Hospital Friday evening of John Smith, the victim of Thursday's accident in A. Cushing & Company's mill, where he had his leg caught in machiner From the first Mr. Smith's injuries wer considered very serious, as the leg, be-sides being badly broken, was terribly

lacerated. Deceased was 65 years of age, and leave a wife and two daughters—all of whom reside at Milford. He has one brother, Edward, resident of St. John, and two rothers who belong at Grand Bay.

To obtain employment at the English o allow themselves to be revaccinated or be able to show that they have recently

# REVIEW OF THE WEATHER.

Figures of Rainfall in July-Notice to Mariners.

the Monthly Map for July, published by 44; Chatham, 88, 42; Sydney, 84, 38; Halifax. 87, 45; Yarmouth, 82, 44; St. John, 47; Hamilton, 79, 42; Murray River, 88, 43; Fredericton, 84, 42; Moncton, 83, 41; Sussex, 84, 39; Parrsboro, 84, 41; Dalhousie, 85, 51; Port Hastings, 78, 45; Bath.

urst, 86, 45.

In all parts of Ontario east of Lake Superior the rain fall was largely above the average amount, especially from the in nearly all localities the average was exceeded by from three to five inches and over. East of Lake Ontario some excessive plus departures were also recorded, notice-ably Peterboro, 5.9 inches and Port Hope 5.7 inches. Alberta rain fall was also generally above the average, ranging fro portion to over two inches in the south-ern portion. The rain fall lat Calgary of five inches, making in all for the three months of May, June and July no than 23.7 inches, is a phenomenal amount when it is considered that the average Canada the rain fall was below the average, but in British Columbia, Quebec and in the greater part of Assiniboia and Sas-Gagetown at 5.05 p. m. and arrived at Gibson at 8-15. There were about 300 passengers. The Prederictor by the control of the manufacture of the control of t

appears on the map:—

"The prevailing winds in August are westerly, and in the lower St. Lawrence and gulf they frequently reach the force of a strong breeze. The latter part of the month is the height of the hurricane season in the West Indies, and not infrequently these storms affect our Atlantic coast; some pass directly over, or so near to the maritime provinces that the full force of the storm is felt. Others, again, do not approach the coast so closely; and then these great gales, although terrific

Jude T. Veno, for many years with H. G. C. Ketchum, and later with the Bank of Nova Scotia, died at Memramcook on Monday, the 4th inst., at 8 o'clock. The deceased was 59 years and four months deceased was 59 years and four months old. He was unmarried. Death was due to tumor.—Amherst News.

Mr. Simpson, teller of the Union Bank, New Glasgow, is on a vacation to his home in Merigomish. Thomas Clark, who has been in the Liverpool Agency for the

Manager Manning, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, is to be married at Tor-onto on August 20, to Miss McLeod, daughter of H. C. McLeod, general man-

ager of the bank.
W. H. Archibald, of Montreal, former ly in the Bank of Nova Scotia here, was in Sussex on Monday night, when he was initiated into the innermost mysteries of the Masonic Order.—Sussex Record.

In the estate of Charles E. Hilyard letters of administration were granted to Charles S. Hanington under a power of attorney from the widow of the deceased, who resides in Boston (Mass.) The value of the estate is \$500 personal property. A. H. Hanington, K. C., appeared for the petitioner and Barnhill & Sanford for the

next of kin.

In the estate of Mrs. Sarah A. Abbott letters of administration were granted to John Abbott, the husband of the deceased. The estate is valued at \$1,400 personal property; Thomas P. Regan, proctor,

