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JAMES HICKS MYSTERIOUS AND PAINFUL DEATH.

A Young Plasterer, Taken Suddenly Ill After Eating a Cold Dinner, Dies in Great Agony at His Home—Detectives and a Coroner Investigating the Case.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock Coroner Johnson will open an inquiry into the death of James Hicks, a plasterer, who died yesterday morning at the residence of his parents, No. 20 Norfolk-avenue, under peculiar circumstances. That the unfortunate man came to his untimely end by means of foul play there does not seem to be the slightest doubt, and the police are now at work unravelling the mystery which surrounds the crime.

On Tuesday morning Hicks, in company of his aged father, left his home in Norfolk-avenue, over the Don, to go to work on a new house in Duchess-street. The elder Hicks before reaching the work complained of illness and returned home. Young Hicks went on, worked at the job all morning, took sick about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, remained in the building suffering severely until 4 in the afternoon, when he was driven home, where after enduring excruciating agony he expired yesterday morning, notwithstanding that three doctors had been called in to his assistance. In connection with Hicks' death two persons have been arrested and are in Wilton-avenue Police Station awaiting the action of the coroner. One of them is Charles Cole, a fellow-worker, who resides with his wife at 494 King-street east. The other prisoner is the dead man's nephew, Arthur Hicks, 14 years of age, and an apprentice learning his trade as plasterer with his uncle.

Why the Arrests Were Made.

Detective Slemin made the two arrests and his action is based on these facts: When James Hicks and his father left No. 20 Norfolk-avenue early yesterday morning both carried dinner pails, the contents of which were made up in the house by the mother and sister of the deceased. As already stated Hicks senior returned home. The deceased while on the way to his work in Duchess-street called at Cole's house, 494 King-street east, where he left the dinner pail for a few minutes. Returning he took it with him to the building he was plastering and placed it in a finished room until the dinner hour.

At 12 o'clock he and his nephew Arthur sat down to their noonday meal. Arthur Hicks had simply a dry lunch, with no liquid, while his uncle had been supplied with tea. It was his custom to take it without milk, and he drank freely of it during the meal. He several times asked his nephew to take a drink, but each time the lad refused under the plea that he was not thirsty. Finally, after being hard pressed by his uncle, the lad raised the can to his lips, but laid it down again without touching the contents on the plea that the milk was sour and he would not drink on that account.

The uncle said: "There can be no milk in the can, for I never take milk." He then looked in the can and saw a white substance floating on top of the liquid, but thinking it might be some plaster which had accidentally fallen in he drank again. He resumed work at 1 o'clock, but a few minutes later was seized with violent and severe fit of vomiting. His fellow workmen took him to one of the finished rooms, where he lay vomiting and purging until 4, when he was taken home to die.

Absent a Love Affair.

These are the facts as gathered from his own lips before he died to those who waited on him. He would give no explanation of his illness, and could not believe that he had been poisoned, having so far as he knew not an enemy in the city. The World, however, investigated the matter last night and has come to the conclusion that Hicks was poisoned, and that his death was the result of family differences. Hicks was engaged to be married to a young lady in the East End to whom his mother and married sister were very much opposed. He was determined to marry the girl, while his relatives were equally determined to prevent it. The dinner pail, when it left Norfolk-avenue, was perfectly harmless, and the deadly drug was placed in it either at No. 494 King-street east or in the building where the dead man was working. The police incline to the belief that the powder was placed in the pail in the latter place and that the nephew Arthur knows a good deal about it.

Cole seems a harmless fellow, has been in the city for thirty years and expresses the utmost surprise at Hicks' death. He cannot account for it except that the water might have been bad, as he himself had an attack of cramps about the same time as Hicks. He laughed at the idea of there being any union troubles at the bottom of the case, as was rumored at first, and could give no explanation of the death of the man.

The Doctors Think He was Poisoned.

The deceased was attended by Drs. Allen, Martin and Britton, and all agree in the conclusion that he came to his death by arsenical poisoning. Mrs. Brown, a lady who attended the dying man in his last hours, secured the dinner pail and the remains of the tea drunk by the unfortunate man before his fatal attack. This she handed over to Coroner Johnson, who will have it analyzed by Prof. Ellis. A post mortem was made yesterday afternoon by Drs. Allen and Martin and the contents of the stomach were duly sealed up and delivered to the same official to report upon.

The fluid in the pail, according to the doctors, certainly contains arsenic, but it is just possible that it might be mixed with other ingredients, which though equally fatal might conceal its deadly properties. The nephew Arthur resides with the married sister of the dead man. He is held ostensibly as a witness, but it is shrewdly surmised that he could tell how the dose got into the tea. The police were fairly well satisfied themselves that the poison was put in while the pail was in the Duchess-street building, and the fact that young Hicks repeatedly refused to drink from it lends color to the suspicion that he has a story to tell.

The World circulated around Norfolk-avenue last night and the air was fairly teeming with rumors. It was boldly stated that Hicks was the victim of a fatal mistake and that the dose of which he partook was intended for another man who worked on the job with him.

Where The Globe Will Go.

It was reported that in the event of Victoria-street being opened through to King The Globe intended to share The Mail's building at the Bay-street corner. But this is unfounded, as they have arranged to take the large structure at the southwest corner of Yonge and Melinda-streets, lately occupied by Hughes Brothers. The removal of course will be conditional on the expropriation of The Globe's present location.

Death of a Venerable Priest.

Father James Hoban, at one time parish priest at St. Mary's, St. Catharines, and then at Niagara, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning at the House of Providence, in this city, where he has for years led a life of retirement on account of failing health. He came to this country from Ireland along with Father Walsh (now archbishop) and completed his education at Montreal. He was a clever man, and beloved by all the priests who enjoyed his acquaintance.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning.

The All-conquering Flannel Shirt.

The summer flannel shirt has drifted upon us and camped like a bailiff levying an execution. It has gathered all our best people into its folds. All have succumbed to its seductive influences, and the man who spends his vacation by lake or river without one of quinn's peerless make will return to the busy haunts of trade despondent and unrecuperated.

FREE BEER IN HIGH PARK.

Ald. St. Leger Gets a Little Temperance Measure Through Committee.

There was a meeting of the Parks and Gardens Committee yesterday. Chairman Swain presided, there being present Ald. Booth, St. Leger, Hill, Tait, Davies, Woods, Gillespie and Park Commissioner Chambers. Ald. St. Leger complained of the presence in High Park on Saturday last of a wagon from which beer was being dispensed to all comers free of charge. He saw several people there who were under the influence of liquor. The commissioner explained that the brewers and maltsters were picnicking in the park on the day in question. There were intoxicated people there who disgraced the whole party. On motion of Ald. St. Leger it was decided that all intoxicating liquors be forbidden entrance to the Park.

The committee appointed Ald. Gillespie, St. Leger and the chairman to investigate alleged encroachments in Charlebois-avenue by Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson, Ald. Booth protested against being dragged down to the City Hall during recess to discuss a lot of unimportant business. A lengthy discussion took place on the necessity of painting the exhibition buildings. Tenders were opened, but the figures were so much above the estimated cost that it was decided not to do any painting this year. Ald. Woods asked if the attention of the committee had been called to the inferior quality of the water supplied Island Park. The chairman said that matter was being attended to.

MARY SPEERS' DEATH.

She Poisoned Herself to Escape the Anger of Her Father.

Mary Speers, aged 18, who was removed to the General Hospital on Tuesday from 35 Terauley-street suffering from a self administered dose of poison, died in that institution at 6 o'clock last evening. The unfortunate girl had got into trouble and afraid to face the anger of her father had preferred death to disgrace. On Sunday last a male friend had taken a package of "rough on rats" from her, which she was flourishing with the avowed intention of swallowing it to end her troubles.

On Monday night about 12.30 a policeman found her vomiting on a doorstep in Queen-street west. He was going to arrest her for being drunk, but she assured him that she was only sick and he passed her by. Later Kate Lavin happened along and took the girl to 35 Terauley-street, where she was seized with the attack which resulted in her death.

An inquest will be held at the Hospital to-night by Coroner Johnson.

Her father, Charles Speers, lives at 58 Esther-street and the funeral will be from that address at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

A $250,000 HOME.

The Foundations of George Gooderham's Palatial Residence All In.

On a two-acre lot at the northeast corner of Bloor and St. George-streets Mr. George Gooderham is building a home for himself and family that will, it is said, cost a quarter of a million dollars. It will be the largest private residence in the Dominion, although not the most expensive The foundations, which are of massive masonry, are all laid, and yesterday workmen began to place great blocks of noble, warm-tinted Credit Valley stone in position. The stone and brick work alone will cost some $90,000. There is a steam engine, half a dozen cranes and a large force of men at work, and operations will be pushed forward rapidly. Credit Valley stone and pressed brick will be the chief features of the exterior, while the interior will be of the richest materials and most exquisite design. Mr. David Roberts is the architect.

Just across from Mr. Gooderham's is Col. Sweny's $80,000 or $70,000 Credit Valley stone and brick house. The houses of St. George-street are now the pleasantest to the eye of the passer-by in the city. Nearly all the fences have disappeared, and you can feast your eyes till you are tired on beautiful green well-kept lawns and flowers.

JUNCTIONITES AGAIN IN SESSION.

Talking About the Needs of the Suburb—The Hose Contract Under Fire.

The adjourned meeting to consider the hose contract, the providing of fire halls and other matters of local interest was held at West Toronto Junction Town Hall last night. The meeting though fairly well attended was a very tame one, and the hose contract was not taken up until a late hour.

Reeve Armstrong presided. The discussion as to the advisability or otherwise of offering such inducements as the factory syndicate believe they are entitled to occupied nearly the whole evening, and Mayor Clendennan stated that the town of Trenton had issued a circular setting forth its various advantages, and he believed that the Junction should do the same.

Mr. E. Heaton thought that they should try to keep the good factories from joining the syndicate, which was now more a real estate scheme than anything else. He moved that a permanent association be formed to look after the business interests of the Junction, to draw up a constitution, etc. The resolution carried.

Then this resolution, moved by J. P. Wagner, went through:

That the council of West Toronto Junction be requested to pass a bylaw to the effect that any one or more parties locating one or more factories within the limits of West Toronto Junction, including those parties who have already established factories here, employing at all times not less than 20 hands, shall be exempt from taxes except for local improvements and school taxes for the term of ten years, water to be supplied to them at cost, subject to the condition that within two years one half of the total number of hands employed shall become and continue residents of the town.

The next question taken up was that of providing fire facilities for the Junction. It was discussed from every standpoint and at length a resolution to the effect that the council pass a bylaw to raise $10,000 and everything necessary to put the town in grade C was carried.

Then the hose question was started. The Mayor explained that the clerk had signed the contract for the paragon hose, but that he (the Mayor) would not sign it at present. All the other details of the affair were talked about at great length, but at the hour of 11 p.m. nothing definite had been arrived at.

Dr. McGlynn at the Pavilion.

If God made the earth to be the private property of the few and not the heritage of all, then He is the Father of the few and the Step-father of the rest.

The above is Dr. McGlynn's own text, and he talked to a large concourse of people thereon in the Pavilion last night. Mr. A. C. Campbell, an enthusiastic follower of Henry George, was the chairman and J. W. Bengough and Stewart Lyon of the Anti-Poverty Society sat on the platform. The title of the Doctor's lecture was "Individual Rights in a Model Commonwealth," and he eloquently discoursed on the theme to which he is so closely wedded. A large portion of the audience was with him all through and his utterances were frequently and loudly applauded.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. McGlynn drove around the city in company with Dr. John McConnell, and before the dinner hour he met a number of friends and admirers at the Rossin House. The Doctor lectures at Hamilton to-night.

The Split Among the Brethren.

There was a great deal of talk in town yesterday about The World's article on the split in the Orange order over the action of certain of its prominent members in connection with the Jesuits Bill. "There is a great deal of truth in it," said one high official. Mr. Robert Birmingham, however, writes that the paragraph relating to himself is "absolutely false." Mr. John Graham says he can get the county mastership by asking for it, if he wanted it. These things may be all very true, but there is lots of fun ahead for certain of the brethren to whom The World referred yesterday.

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FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

MRS. MAYBRICK SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

Germany and England Getting Too Friendly to Suit the Czar—Boulanger to Return to Paris—Lord Tennyson's Eightieth Birthday—General Cable News.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 7.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Maybrick, who has been on trial for the murder of her husband, brought in a verdict of guilty to-day. Mrs. Maybrick was thereupon sentenced to death.

Judge Stephens, in his charge to the jury, said there was strong and distressful evidence to show that the prisoner had a motive in ridding herself of her husband. This could be found in her infidelity, which had rendered it necessary for her to enter into inextricable masses of lying. He also called particular attention to the phrase "he is sick unto death," contained in her letter to Brierly. This was terribly important, in view of the fact that on the day the letter was written the doctors fully expected that Mr. Maybrick would recover. It shows there was reason for believing that the prisoner was desirous of being rid of her husband, in order that she might live with her paramour. The judge put the question to the jury whether it was reasonable to believe that a loving wife would yield to her husband's suggestion to put an unknown powder in his food.

Thousands awaited the judge's departure from the court, and howled with rage when he appeared. The hooting was incessant and there were frequent cries of shame. The crowd threatened to attack the judge's carriage, but the police interfered. The feeling over the result is intense. Steps are being taken to stay the execution, further medical evidence having been secured.

No such trial as this has been known in England for thirty years, when Madeline Smith was tried for poisoning her lover. Miss Smith, like Mrs. Maybrick, was a young lady of some social consequence and resided at Glasgow. While still a mere girl her affections were won by a meretricious fellow, who proved unworthy. Her perception of this and his personal treatment of her caused a revulsion of feeling. The allegation against her was that she had inveigled him to her house and had poisoned him. The evidence against her, although circumstantial, was very compromising. Twice was a brilliant defence of her counsel she was acquitted, and is now happily married and living in London.

Late London Gossip.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The Radicals continued their hopeless fight against the Royal Grants bill up to the very last moment in the House of Commons, opposing it on the third reading merely as a matter of principle, but without the faintest idea of even making a strong protest. They did not even issue a whip, but simply voted when the time came without making any fuss. One feature of the final decision was that many Liberals did not vote, while some others who had all along supported the bill voted with the Radicals. This change of front was due to the protests of Liberal associations throughout the country, a number of which took pains to censure Mr. Gladstone's action. When it came to the final vote, indeed, only eight Liberals and six Irish members voted with the Government.

At a conference of Gen. Boulanger, M. Laguerre, Paul de Roulede, Henri Rochefort, Comte Dillon and others, in London, it was decided that the best thing Boulanger can do just now, in view of his defeat at the polls, is to offer to return to Paris and stand his trial before a military court, if the government concludes to abandon the prosecution of the charges against him before the senate. He and his friends feel that something must be done to keep him theatrically before the people, or the result of the elections will do a permanent injury.

It is reported that the Czar has instructed Count Schouvaloff to inform Prince Bismarck of the probable postponement of his visit to Berlin. The cause of this is not far to seek, since it is virtually right here in London. The success of Bismarck's policy in effecting an entente cordiale with Lord Salisbury is tantamount to an alliance of the two nations, although there is not, and probably will not be, anything in the way of a formal treaty. This arrangement has done more excited the repugnance of the Czar to meeting the Kaiser, and there is no knowing how far their sentiment of hostility may reach.

The Russian Government has sent a note to the Porte concerning the warlike troubles in Crete. In the note Russia trusts that the rights of the Christians in Crete will be granted, and that every effort will be made to restore order without bloodshed.

Lord Tennyson yesterday celebrated his eightieth birthday. He is staying at Aldeworth in Surrey, whither he was removed from Farringford after his recent illness. The aged poet is now in reasonable health. The physicians report that the distressing symptoms which made his death seem near a short time ago have abated, and he is now able to take short walks and drives.

Britain's Egyptian Policy.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—W. H. Smith, the Government leader, declared in the House of Commons last night that the Government did not intend to follow up the success of Gen. Grenfell by occupying Dongola and Berber. The policy of defending Egypt's present frontiers would be continued.

Parnell's Health Broken.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Mr. Parnell's health is broken and his doctors advise him to spend a year in the south of France.

A German Spy.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Capt. Bajac, formerly a member of Gen. Boulanger's staff, and afterwards attached to a foreign office, has been arrested on the charge of being a German spy.

At Crete.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—An Italian torpedo boat and a Russian corvette have arrived at Crete.

The High Court of Foresters.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The High Court of the Order of Foresters assembled at Bournemouth has granted the demand of the loyal courts of America to establish a subsidiary High Court in that country.

A Royal Wedding.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 7.—The marriage of the Princess Militza, daughter of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, to the Grand Duke Peter, nephew of the Czar, was solemnized here to-day. The Imperial family and foreign representatives attended the ceremony.

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Another Train Robbery.

DENVER, Aug. 7.—A Rio Grande western train was held up near Cravasse last night by robbers. Two of them boarded the baggage car at Thompson Springs. They climbed over the engine, pointed revolvers at the engineer and fireman and compelled them to stop the train. They forced the fireman to attempt to chop through the door of the express car and made the engineer bring a bag to hold the plunder. Messenger Willis was ready with a magazine shot gun and two self-cocking revolvers. The fire man was unable to chop through the car. Willis lay on the floor and was not hit. The robbers dared not show their heads at the broken windows lest they should get shot. They gave it up and joined the two other robbers in the other car. The four went through the train with revolvers drawn and gathered $600 and twenty gold watches. One passenger put his head out of the window and the robbers sent a bullet through his hat. Most of the passengers hid their valuables successfully.

A RECEPTION TO MAYOR CLARKE

And a Very Funny Gathering at the Richardson House.

The gentlemen who are interesting themselves in giving Mayor Clarke a reception on his return to the city next week are starting in a very funny way. Notices have appeared in the newspapers during the past few days inviting all those interested in tendering His Worship a reception or a banquet to meet at the Richardson House on Wednesday (last) evening at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock last night there were gathered in the reading room of that hostelry Street Commissioner John Jones; Chief Richard Ardagh of the Fire Brigade; E. P. Roden, secretary of the City Works Department, wearing a white plug of the vintage of 1887; John Graham; Johnnie Lumsden, foreman of The Empire composing room, a gentleman who "clouds type" with His Worship on The Mail a dozen years ago; George Darby, manager of The News, Accountant Menzies of the City Treasurer's Department, Mr. "Bob" Riddell of the postoffice and three reporters. It will thus be seen that nearly the whole party are employes of the city.

Mr. S. Richardson, the proprietor of the house, about this hour made his appearance at the door of the reading-room and called Commissioner Jones out. Then the other gentlemen in the room were also called out one by one until the reading room was deserted, save by the reporters. Mr. Riddell informed The World that the meeting was a private one, and that he did not know how the reporters happened to be present. This is certainly a strange statement in view of the notices that have been sent to daily papers to advertise the meeting.

Some kind of a meeting was held in another part of the hotel, but what was done The World cannot say.

Later on a telephone message was received at The World office stating that another meeting would be held to-morrow night. Circulars will be given out inviting all those interested in a reception to His Worship to attend.

MRS. MACMURCHY'S FUNERAL.

The Remains of the Deceased Lady Laid at Rest in Mount Pleasant.

The C. P. R. express yesterday morning from Montreal brought the remains of the late Mrs. Archibald MacMurchy from Bathurst, N.B.; Mr. MacMurchy and the rest of the family also returned home, and were met at North Toronto station by Mr. Dugald MacMurchy and several friends. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon from the family residence in Sherbourne-street. A large number of prominent citizens paid their last tribute of respect and showed their sympathy with the family of the deceased. The chief mourners were Mr. MacMurchy and his three sons, Angus, Dugald and Campbell. Mr. Donald MacMurchy and Mr. Angus MacMurchy of Erin were also present. The pallbearers were Mr. Justice Ferguson, W. S. Lee, George Wilson, Hugh Miller, Q.F., Alexander Jardine, J. H. Brown, R. Strang of Georgetown and John Carlyle. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael of King, assisted by Rev. A. H. Baldwin of All Saints' Church.

Among those present were Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Dr. Gregg, Rev. Dr. McLaren, Rev. H. M. Parsons, Rev. Dr. Cameron, Mr. Justice Falconbridge, Hon. R. M. Wells, J. H. Morris, Q.C., William Gooderham, J. L. Brodie, A. B. Lee, John Leys, M.L.A., Robert Gooderham, S. F. McKinnon, Ald. Carlyle, Davies, J. George Hodgins, James Lobb, C. Blackett Robinson, Dr. Palmer, G. H. Robinson, James Bain, George Michie, William West, H. J. Clark, William Houston, Sam Hughes of Lindsay and many others. The High School masters of Ontario, now in session in this city, attended in a body as well as the masters of the Toronto Collegiate Institute, and the inmates of the Boys' Home, of which the deceased lady was a manager.

The proceedings were of the simplest and most impressive character, one feature being an entire absence of floral offerings with the exception of a handful of white roses laid on the coffin, the inscription on which was:

M. J. MACMURCHY.

Died at Youghal, N.B.,

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The service at the grave in Mount Pleasant was conducted by Rev. Dr. McLaren. During the day the family residence was visited by large numbers of Mrs. MacMurchy's co-workers in various city charities and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, of which she was the secretary since its organization, who wished to express their sympathy.

From what could be learned it now appears that the unfortunate occurrence was not the result of drowning, but that while bathing early in the morning of Monday the deceased lady was seized suddenly apparently by an apoplectic stroke and fell in shallow water, and being immediately rescued life was found to be extinct.

Old St. Andrew's Church and Sunday school, in which Mrs. MacMurchy taught the Bible Class, suffer a great loss by her removal.

Mrs. MacMurchy leaves behind a family of six children: Angus and Dugald MacMurchy of Wells & MacMurchy, C.P.R. solicitors, and Campbell, the youngest son, at present attending Toronto University. The daughters are Helen, Bessie and Marjory.

ROASTED AND DROWNED.

Terrible Explosion on a Naphtha Yacht at Buffalo—Four Persons Killed.

BUFFALO, Aug. 7.—This afternoon the family of Mr. L. B. Crocker, superintendent of the New York Central stock yards at East Buffalo, had boarded Mr. Crocker's new yacht the Cedar Ridge for a trip down the river. The boat lay at her dock at the foot of Ferry-street. The yacht used naphtha for fuel and almost as soon as the engineer had received orders to get ready two loud explosions were heard and fragments of the yacht were seen shooting skyward. The boat was completely demolished. These were killed:

ESTHER and LANCEY CROCKER, young girls, burned.

HOWARD CROCKER, boy, drowned.

JOHN RUBENSTEIN, carpenter working in the dock, covered with burning naphtha and burned.

The injured are: Miss Charlotte Crocker, very seriously burned; Miss McLean, a guest of the Crocker family, badly burned; Engineer Coolmeyer, severely burned.

Mrs. Crocker, mother of the three dead children and the young lady who is perhaps fatally burned, is seriously ill and has not yet been informed of the death of her children.

Burke Weeps.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—A letter from his mother in Ireland was handed to Martin Burke today. He read it and wept like a child. It is said Chief McRae of Winnipeg will be a witness at Burke's trial and that Burke made important admissions to McRae. The state's attorney claims there is sufficient evidence to convict Burke of murder. It is reported that Burke has made a confession.

Two Miles a Minute.

LAUREL, Md., Aug. 7.—On a two-mile circular track here to-day the speed of two miles a minute was maintained for 10 miles by the three ton motor of the Electro-Automatic Transit Company. This equals three miles per minute on a straight track.

Killed by Lightning.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—Lightning killed two Indians in their tents at Brokenhead last night.

A Telegraph Office For Foxboro.

The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company have opened an office at Foxboro, in the county of Hastings.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Richard Brown of Brown Bros. returned from Europe yesterday.

Editor Burke of The Port Arthur Herald is in town telling of the greatness of the mines up there.

CAPTAIN SHEPARD'S REPORT.

The Newspaper Accounts of the Black Diamond's Seizure Were Correct.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The report of Captain Shepard, commanding the revenue steamer Rush, regarding the seizure of the British sealer Black Diamond has been received at the Treasury Department. Acting Secretary Batchelder refuses to give it to the press, but admits that it confirms substantially the newspaper reports. It contains no reference to the escape of the vessel, for the reason that it had not occurred when written. Neither does it give any explanation regarding the smallness of the crew placed in charge of the prize, but the report is said to indicate that the vessel was not paroled but was subject only to the control of the prize crew. Mr. Batchelder said that as the question seems to have assumed political importance he preferred to do nothing whatever in the matter without consultation with Secretary Windom upon his return.

SEALSKIN SACKS.

How the Behring Sea Dispute Bears upon Their Price.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—On the settlement of the Behring sea troubles depends the fashionableness and unfashionableness of the sealskin sack. Thus far the United States has taken no positive step of any kind, and the whole question is still an open one.

Assistant Secretary Wharton has said that the State Department was acting under the law as passed by Congress. The status of the question is just this: The Cleveland administration seized a number of British sealers and then released them. Meantime it secretly entered into negotiations with England, Russia and Japan to protect the seals from extermination. Congress, however, early this year passed a law prohibiting all persons save those authorized by the United States from taking seals in that portion of Behring Sea over which the United States has jurisdiction. The whole question of the extent of jurisdiction was left unsettled. The United States has just seized, and then allowed to escape, another English sealer.

Suppose the United States should fail to establish jurisdiction over the waters of Behring Sea. Of the two seal islands whither the Pacific seal resort for breeding purposes, one belongs to the United States and the other to Russia. Both are rented to the Alaska Commercial Company of San Francisco. The English have no rights on these islands, but they can take pelts on the open sea, and by indiscriminate slaughter can exterminate the small remnant of fur seals now left.

As it happens the lease of the Alaska Commercial Company expires next year, and unless the seals are protected a new lease will be of little value. However the Alaska Company, by the judicious expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars in the principal fashion centres of the world, is able to keep seal fur in demand. Should the seal fisheries be thrown open indiscriminately seal fur would quickly flood the market and its value would vanish.

Ambitious City Notes.

HAMILTON, Aug. 7.—Michael Sheehan and Daniel Sheehan of Toronto went to the celebration at Merritton yesterday and lost their tickets. They managed to get back to Hamilton and were trying to steal a ride to Toronto this morning when Constable Humphrey of the Grand Trunk Railway took them in. They were fined the lowest amount prescribed by law, $10 each or ten days.

Thomas Clarkson, accused of having stolen Charles Vosper's trotter Ned Hanlan, was remanded for a week at the Police Court this morning.

John Cunningham was arrested to-day for neglecting to support his wife.

A short story written by Miss McIlwraith of this city has been accepted by Harper's Magazine. The scene of the story is laid at a Quebec watering place.

R. T. Wilson of Dundas and Mr. Black of Fergus are about to erect new cattle stables in the east end of the city to accommodate 300 cattle.

The third annual meeting of the Bill Posters' Association was held in this city yesterday. Representatives from mostly all the towns and cities were present. After an amendment to the bylaws was carried providing for losses from irresponsible parties, fixing the scale of prices and other minor matters these officers were elected: Henry Jackman, President; E. Ilton, Vice-President; P. J. Culhane, Secretary-Treasurer.

Murder Will Out.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Jacob Studer, who has been working as a farm hand near this city for two years under the name of P Grossman, disappeared yesterday, and the fact came out that he is an escaped convict from Switzerland, where he received a life sentence for causing the death of two children. The little ones perished in a house that had been robbed and fired by Studer. A brother of the convict, who has been living here in terror of him, gave the information to the police. Studer had just plundered the residence of Samuel Gomesh and nearly murdered the owner. Investigation of this crime led to the discovery of the fugitive's true name and character.

Killed by a Cannon Ball.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Aug. 7.—Some unknown person last week put a shot in one of the old 32-pound cannon in the drill shed and various attempts to extricate it failed. Last night about 9 o'clock some powder was placed in the touch hole and exploded. The ball went through a heavy rolled up gymnasium mat, through the doors of the rifle rack, the end of the building, entered Wilson's stable and killed Stableman James Cosman, breaking his neck.

Halifax Summer Fete.

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—The third day of the summer carnival was an unqualified success. The horse races were attended by a big crowd and the illumination of the harbor to-night and procession of illuminated craft was one of the finest spectacles ever witnessed here. The five warships in port contributed generously to the pyrotechnic display. Four bands competed to-night in a band tournament at the Exhibition Building. The prizes were carried off by the 63rd Battalion first, Lunenburg Band second and 66th Battalion third.

Sudden Death of a Hamiltonian.

BUFFALO, Aug. 7.—This afternoon at 5.20 Walter S. Davis of Hamilton, Ont., a visitor at the track, was looking at the free-for-all pacing race when he fell backward without a word. His brother, who was with him, tried to raise him, but Davis was motionless and upon investigation it was found that he was dead. The body was embalmed and sent to Hamilton to-night. Deceased was 38 years of age.

Fried Soft Shell Crabs on Toast to-day at George S. McConkey's, King-street west. 246

Bitten By An Iron Dog.

QUEBEC, Aug. 7.—A laborer named Burns met with a painful accident yesterday on shipboard. An iron dog, which suddenly became detached from a piece of wood, struck him violently in the jaw, smashing in his face and causing such injuries that his recovery is considered doubtful.

A Fatal Fall.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—George Smith, machinist, slipped from a boiler he was repairing at Linseed Oil Works to-day, receiving fatal injuries.

Storage for merchandise, furniture, etc Special attention to forwarding. Frederic Nicholls, 63 to 69 Front-street west.

A Mexican Prison Revolt.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 7.—The prisoners confined at St. Juan Ulloa revolted to-day. The troops shot twenty, quelling the uprising.

Holiday Trip.

Before starting for a railway or ocean trip for the summer she traveler will, if prudent, obtain an accident policy from the Manufacturers Insurance Company, 33 King west.

Sox for the summer, 7 pairs for $1.00, seamless, and imported summer underwear 25c. each excellent value. Shirts to order or ready-made at White's, 65 King-street west.

MR. BOORD OF GREENWICH

THE ENGLISH M.P. WHO BOUGHT THE BIG BREWERY.

He Arrives in Toronto and Takes a Look Through the Newly Acquired Concern—Well Pleased with the Purchase—He Will Not Touch the Distilleries.

Mr. T. W. Boord of London, England, M.P. for the metropolitan constituency of Greenwick, is in town. He is here chiefly in his capacity as a director of the English company which recently acquired Mr. Robert Davies' Dominion Brewery. Mr. Boord is a gentleman of ample proportions and middle age. The light carnation lines in his face tell of an easy life and his deliberate fluency in talking reaffirms it.

Mr. Boord explained the reason of his presence in Toronto to one of The World's Young Men at the Queen's last night. "There is a 'brewery boom' on in England just now. Capital there runs first so one thing and then to another. Now it is railways and soon after something else is in favor with capital. I was asked to invest in the Dominion brewery, but was skeptical at first. Enquiries, however, assured me that it was a promising enterprise and I invested, and having invested I thought I would come and see the property. I saw the brewery to-day and tasted some of the beer. I am satisfied that it is all that was promised." In other words, Mr. Boord came, saw and the white label ale—no, it didn't conquer, but it assured him that Canadians can make fairly good beer.

Mr. Boord further states that Mr. H. S. Foster and Messrs. Stokes and North will be along shortly to arrange for the manner of management of their new property. The capital of the company is over $1,000,000, which, after the purchase money is paid, leaves a good balance for any scheme they may think best to adopt in connection with the business.

Mr. Boord did not say a great deal about the question of the acquirement of Canadian distilleries when it was broached, but what he said seemed to be to the point. "Our intentions are altogether confined to breweries," he said. "Under our companies act we are not permitted to engage in any other business than that specified in the charter. We have not been negotiating for the purchase of any Canadian distillery."

"Another company might be organized to take over the distilleries," suggested the Young Man.

Mr. Boord took a long, meditative pull at his cigar, and when the cloud of smoke cleared away said: "Yes."

"It would take a large sum to take over Gooderham's and Walker's distilleries, probably $10,000,000, would it not?"

"I suppose," he replied, "that they are extensive enterprises. That is about £2,000,000." He added that he intended to see Mr. Gooderham's premises to-day before sailing down the St. Lawrence for Quebec. Before leaving for home he will go to Niagara Falls, Lake Champlain and the scenery down the Hudson.

Whether Mr. Boord will investigate the distilleries or not, still there has been considerable talk in the city about some of the large concerns in Ontario passing into the hands of Canadians. Mr. Harry Corby, M.P., Belleville, of 1XL fame, about sizes up the situation. He was in the city yesterday and said to The World that he would sell out if they gave him enough of money.

To let—small offices suitable for commission agents, etc. Storage if required. Frederic Nicholls, Permanent Exhibition.

Fined For Overloading His Boat.

In the Police Court yesterday afternoon Captain John Irving was fined $50 by Ald. Baxter for overloading his boat, the Modjeska, on July 12 last. Captain Irving had on board 13 more Hamilton passengers than the city bylaw allowed her to carry, 720.

Captain A. Pollock of the Steinhoff will answer a similar charge on Aug. 13.

Advances made on merchandise warehoused with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

Scheme No. 2 Endorsed.

The sub-committee of the Board of Works re Dundas-street and College-street bridges met yesterday. There were present Ald. Bell (chairman), Lennox and Woods. Scheme No. 2 was thoroughly discussed, and it was resolved to interview the property owners interested to get them to consent to it.

Families leaving town for the summer can have their furniture carefully stored with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

The Empress of India.

On Monday next, the Civic Holiday, the Grand Trunk Railway and the steamer Empress of India will issue single fare tickets, good to return on following day, to all points of the Welland division, Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Robinson & Heath, 65 Yonge-street, is the spot to get your tickets.

Chicken Salad in Lunch Parlor to-day at George S. McConkey's, King-street west. 246

The Spoons Were Stolen in Whitby.

Mr. James Rutledge of Whitby called at Police Headquarters yesterday and identified the silver spoons found in the possession of Clark, Macdonald and Swanton, now under arrest. Mr. Rutledge's residence at Whitby was burglarized during his absence in Winnipeg on the night of July 31 last and a large quantity of stuff carried off.

Davies' Milwaukee Lager is now considered the best Lager in Toronto. 246

Re-Arranging the Bylaws.

A sub-committee of the Local Board of Health composed of Chairman Carlyle and Ald. McMullen sat yesterday afternoon to revise the bylaws governing the department with a view to re-arranging the duties of the Medical Health Officer and other matters.

Davies' Family Cream Ale is very pleasant and Crystal Ale for quality is "way up." 246

An Old Man Drowned.

Patrick Marvan, aged 70, of 109 Portland-street, and employed at the Northern elevator, while at work yesterday afternoon slipped into the bay and was drowned. The remains were recovered shortly afterwards.

Clam Chowder to-day at George S. McConkey's Restaurant at King-street west. 246

At Hanlan's Point.

Mr. Albert, the man fish, will give performances each afternoon and evening this week. He will perform the great feat of swimming fifty yards with his hands and feet tied and will take part in a duck hunt, giving five dollars cash to any one catching him in the water; also, concerts by the Queen's Own Rifles band each afternoon and evening.

The Assyrian for London.

This fine steamer of the Allan Line has been reported as passing Heath Point and will be despatched from Montreal on Thursday, 15th inst. A good chance for a cheap trip—only $50 first cabin and $30 intermediate Montreal to London. The staterooms and dining saloon are amidships. Full particulars can be obtained from Mr. H. Bourlier, corner King and Yonge-streets.

Trowers, Jewelry Manufacturer, has removed from Yonge-street to 125 King-street west, south side, four doors east of Rossin House. 246

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