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A MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

TWO SHANTYMEN FOUND
DEAD NEAR FORT FRANCES.

William Watson, from Lanark, Found With His Throat Cut and Other Wounds—John Scott's Body Frozen Stiff.

Fort Frances, Ont., Jan. 14.—A terrible tragedy took place at Frog Creek, three miles north, some time last evening. Two men, William Watson and John Scott, engaged last week to cut wood for A. Dowler on the farm of James Mackay and were allowed to use the shanty adjoining the claim. Dowler visited them on Sunday, when Scott complained of being sick. On Monday night a gentleman named Cole passing by heard the doors shut, and that was the last heard of the two men. This morning Cole and another man passing by thought something was wrong, and going to the shanty, found it empty. On the floor they picked up a can knife and whetstone covered with blood and found the bed in the same condition. Near the house they found the body of Watson leaning against a stump dead, with a gash in his throat and his head knocked in. A little further on they found Scott lying in the snow, frozen stiff. No marks were apparent on him, and Scott had been dead for some time. How Watson could have received such terrible wounds is a mystery.

Watson is said to be from Lanark county, Ontario, and was about 40 years of age. Supposed to have a wife and family. It is not known where Scott comes from. He was about 50 years of age and clean-shaven. Both men were addicted to drink and had been hanging around town since New Year's. Dr. Moore, coroner, opened an inquest yesterday.

EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED.

Result of Elevator Accident at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—A crowd of employees pressing against the elevator gate last night on the sixth floor of the Brown Shoe Company building at Eleventh street and Washington avenue caused the gate to give way, and ten persons were plunged down the shaft. Six were taken out dead and of the other four, who were hurried to the city hospital, two died there. The other two are seriously injured.

The employees were waiting for the elevator to take them down. The elevator was at the seventh floor when those on the sixth floor, eager to be first into the cage, began to push forward, breaking the gate, sending ten persons down the shaft.

All the dead are foreigners, with residence here. James Johnston, the elevator operator, was arrested. Johnston said the elevator gate did not break, but that it had been raised by employees, and that suddenly those in the rear pushed them in front down the well. Factory Superintendent Fray corroborated Johnston's story.

NOORDLAND DISABLED.

Red Star Liner Unmanageable in a Gale.

Portland, Me., Jan. 14.—The Cornishman, which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool, reports that on January 3 she sighted the Red Star Line steamer Noordland, Liverpool for Philadelphia, in a disabled condition. The Noordland was hove to during a gale, and displaying two red lights, signalling that she was unmanageable. The captain of the Cornishman said that the Noordland appeared to be weathering the gale safely, and he believed she must have had some temporary repairs. The Noordland sailed from Liverpool on Dec. 30, and the Cornishman left port the day following. The Noordland is two days behind her schedule.

ABEEL'S EXTRADITION.

Judge Wells Finds Against the Prisoner.

Welland, Jan. 14.—James N. Abeel, the young man from New York, who has been in jail here for some weeks, being charged with forging the name of the Second Vice-President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, New York, to a letter introducing himself to employees of the Western Union Telegraph Co. as J. Ogden Goelet, jun., which he presented to Miss Anderson, a telegraph operator, becoming acquainted with her and engaging to marry her, appeared in court to hear the decision of Judge Wells as to his extradition to New York. The young man did not get any money through his forgery and apparently did not try to get any, but the Goelet family are prosecuting to clear their name.

Judge Wells, in giving his decision, therefore, ruled that Abeel be remanded to Welland jail for fifteen days, when he will be extradited to New York city, unless appeal be entered. Mr. W. M. German, counsel for the prisoner since his arrest, states that the case will be at once appealed. Abeel will remain in Welland jail until it is decided.

Cold weather saves many people from freezing by not going out in it.

PREACHED 'CANADA FOR CANADIANS' IN THE MARTS OF YANKEELAND

Ex-Mayor Malcolmson did Patriotic Mission Work on his Recent American Tour—Success of Former Chathamites—An Interesting Interview

Ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson—a gentleman, who always travels with eyes and ears open, an entertaining conversationalist, who is thus able to take his friends with him on his many interesting tours—has returned from the west.

Mr. Malcolmson went to Minneapolis to spend Yuletide with his son and nephew and to meet Mrs. Malcolmson on her return from Winnipeg.

Mr. Malcolmson is a sturdy and enthusiastic believer in the great destiny of our magnificent country and ardently preaches the grand doctrine of "Canada for the Canadians" wherever he goes. And it must be confessed that he takes special satisfaction in enunciating his principles where they will have, perhaps, the most impressive effect—within the borders and the commercial strongholds of the neighboring republic.

Yesterday The Planet secured an interesting interview with Mr. Malcolmson, soliciting his impressions of the western American cities and their leading business men.

Through his nephew, who has been an active member on the corn exchange for ten or twelve years, Mr. Malcolmson was introduced to many of the leading men and largest operators and was thus able, to a large extent, to lay his hand upon the pulse of commercial opinion. Between the twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, there is a keen rivalry and by-the-way—it is astonishing, comments Mr. Malcolmson, to see the number of Canadians who are forging their way to the front in the marts of commercial supremacy, several old Chathamites among the number.

"In St. Paul," continued Mr. Malcolmson, "I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. S. Deeks, formerly of our Collegiate staff here. Mr. Deeks has been most successful and is one of the city's wealthy and prosperous men. He is a contractor for railway construction mostly in rock work and concrete, and is now handling several large contracts for the Great Northern Railway. He has also large interests in the mining operations in Alaska and the day I was there received an offer for the purchase of the same for \$80,000. Mr. Deeks entertained me most elaborately. In his carriage he drove me over the beautiful city of St. Paul, and in the evening took me to one of the best clubs in the city to dine and introduced me to a number of the leading men.

"I found in the west almost invariably the first question the American would ask, when he found I was a Canadian was, 'What are the prospects for closer business relations with you people?' One enthusiast said, 'We must have it! Some west even farther and asked if there were any possibility or likelihood of political relations. 'Invariably my answer to the proposition for closer business relations was that they had in the past abruptly surrounded themselves with an impassable wall of protection, making, perhaps, for the time being, Canadians to feel out in the cold, but that my opinion was, judging from developments, it was the best thing that ever happened the Canadian people. It only aroused their northern blood to further self-development and the finding of other markets for the products of forest, field and mine, and I was proud to say they had been eminently successful. To-day, Canada was the keenest competitor the States had in the British market. I emphatically told them that closer political relations were simply an impossibility. The politician or individual who would speak of closer political relations would do so by taking his life in his hand. I told them the only way they could successfully operate against Canada was in the pirating away of many of our fine young men. I pointed out that even in their own city were many Canadians, all reaping the advantage of their good Canadian, moral training, as well as their scholastic accomplishment. They all admitted that Canadian employees were second to none.

"One enthusiast still pressed the point, 'We must have closer business relations.' I replied with some pleasure that our experience was that we had offered fair and equitable propositions whereby commercial arrangements might exist freely between the two peoples. Both were turned down so effectively that there is no tittle of sentiment in Canada to renew negotiations. We did the begging twice, and now, as you say

in the west, 'It's up to you.'

"I asked with some interest," continued Mr. Malcolmson, "why the American people in the west were so extremely anxious for reciprocal trade with Canada. Their answer was that the Canadian wheat fields of the west had developed so marvelously in the last few years that the time seemed not far distant when Canada would control the grain market of the world. The immense mills planted around St. Anthony's Falls require a wonderful quantity of grain to keep them going. Why, one mill alone grinds 16,000 bushels of flour per day. The requirements of the many mills are millions of bushels and it can thus be seen why they are anxious for closer relationships.

"Another gentleman told me he had acquired a tract of land somewhere near the foothills of the Rockies for raising. He spent his summers there and his winters in St. Paul. He spoke in the highest terms of the Canadian people, their laws of order, their morals and how impartially their laws were administered. One gentleman asked if I did not think, in consequence of the immense migration from the Western States to Canadian territory the Americans would exercise some political influence for closer relations. I replied that I didn't suppose our American friends would really know they were out of the States unless they were forcibly reminded of it by the better law and order and morality of the people. As far as annexation was concerned, it was simply impossible, unless it was the gradual annexing—thousands every year of Americans to Canada. There never was a time in history when Canada was more closely drawn to the mother country purely on sentiment."

Speaking further of his trip Mr. Malcolmson said, "I went west to Lexington, Neb., about 600 miles south-west of Minneapolis, entirely through Iowa in daylight. I had thus an opportunity of seeing part of the State of Minnesota and the entire State of Iowa. I did not see a semblance of snow, the ground was dry and the temperature about 30 above. The farmers complain of the lack of snow as injurious to the winter wheat. From Omaha to Lexington, about 240 miles, the same conditions existed."

"I met a man on the train in Iowa, Yankee-like, he came to the smoker and before five minutes had elapsed had told me who he was, where he was going and his occupation. He said he had been a banker for nine years, had made money and sold out for a bonus of \$8,000. He was now moving to Washington Territory for the benefit of his health. He said that scores of farmers were moving to the Northwest Territories, so much so that they are making the banks in their old district hard up. The moving farmers took with them all the cash they could control, and many who left their farms borrowed as much as they could on their own and took the money with them."

"I called to see Mr. Willoughby, here. He is well, prosperous and much respected by his employers. I had twenty minutes' conversation with the vice-president and he told me Mr. Willoughby was doing admirably. 'We'll take all the young men you send from Canada like Willoughby,' he declared. 'Our best young men are from Canada.'"

Mr. Malcolmson was much impressed by the beauty of many of the American cities he visited, but returned with the conviction stronger than ever that Canadians are wise to stick to Canada and develop the grand possibilities of our magnificent Dominion.

CARTIER KILLED

Word was received in the city yesterday morning of the death of Melvin Cartier, a brother of John Cartier, of C. Austin & Co.'s store, of this city.

Melvin, who has been working in Charlevoix, Mch., was struck by a train and was almost instantly killed.

He was, before leaving Chatham, employed with Morley & Co., tailors of this city. He was deaf and dumb. The remains will be brought to Chatham for interment.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Ross Outlines His Program at the Ontario Legislature Opening To-day.

Alludes to Proposed Measure 'For Improvement of the Census Laws' and Other Matters.

Special to The Planet, via C.P.R. Toronto, Ont., January 14, 1904.—The Ontario Legislature opened this morning at Toronto. The visitors' gallery was well filled and much interest was taken in the opening. The following was the speech from the throne.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the province in parliament assembled. The important subject of municipal assessment will engage your further attention. Having the advantages derived from the report of the Royal Commission already in your hands and the careful and painstaking deliberations devoted to the difficult questions involved by the select committee appointed during the last session of the Legislature. Closely connected with this subject and prominently brought before public attention by farmers' associations, will be the question of railways and the determination of a reasonable basis of division of revenue received from this source as between the municipalities and the Province. It affords me much pleasure to notice the continued efficiency of the asylums, hospitals, and other public institutions of the Province, for which the Legislature has made such liberal provision for many years. You will be pleased to know that buildings to be used as a hospital for epileptics are in process of erection, and are expected to be ready for the reception of patients during the current year. It is, too, gratifying to notice that several counties that have not yet established houses of refuge for the indigent are preparing to do so. The generosity of the municipalities in this respect is worthy of the highest commendation. The means adopted for the protection of the public health against contagious diseases have been effective in their results, and the general measures taken to improve the sanitary conditions of all parts of the Province have received the cordial co-operation of the local authorities. Through Divine goodness, the blessings of a bountiful harvest have been vouchsafed to the husbandmen in every portion of the Province, and it is an additional cause for gratitude that prices for all the products of the farm, and especially for those of the dairy and orchard, have been very satisfactory during the past year. The signs of continued prosperity, not in agriculture alone, but in every important branch of business and industrial enterprise gives cause for hearty congratulation.

The attendance at the agricultural college continues to increase steadily. The building erected through the generosity of Sir Macdonald are appreciated and complete and for the first time in the history of the Province, instruction is provided for the daughters of Ontario farmers. The rapid increase of the membership of Women's Institutes shows that this instruction will be appreciated. It is satisfactory to be able to state that the labor industry has continued in a prosperous condition during the past year. The strongest evidence is afforded by the recent timber sale at which, notwithstanding that the dues and ground rent were almost doubled, the prices were in excess of those received at any previous sale. In order to further protect the forest wealth of the Province, large additional tracts of timbered lands—non-agricultural—have been interchanged, and have been set aside as forest reserve, from



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which settlement will be excluded, and in which it is proposed to apply firm conditions as to the cutting and conservation of the timber. Progress continues to be made in the developing of the mineral resources of the Province, and recent discoveries of new and valuable ores emphasize at once the latent wealth of our northern regions and the wisdom of providing railway facilities to render them accessible.

Owing to the deficiency of farm labor in the Province, and consequent embarrassment to agriculture, special efforts were made by my government to induce immigration of agricultural laborers from Great Britain, with the result that many farmers were supplied with much needed assistance during the harvest and autumn season.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and the advantages which have already resulted to the Province demonstrate the great value of the undertaking. The surveys made during the past year, show that the railway may be profitably prolonged at moderate cost, through the centre of the rich agricultural district northwest of Lake Temiskaming, as far as the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A measure enabling the government to proceed with the extension, will be submitted to you.

There will be laid before you the report of the select committee, appointed at the local session of the House for the purpose of collecting reports of committees or commissions or other authorities on the subject of municipal trading, or municipal ownership, or the operation of public utilities as well as other authoritative deliverance on these subjects. Measures will be submitted for the improvement of the license laws; the amendment of the assessment act; the conservation of the timber resources of the Province; a bill to enable municipal councils in cities, towns and villages by-law to substitute own board of trust and for the existing high school board, public school board, and library board; a bill to amend the election act and the act respecting the supplementary revenue of the Province. The estimates for the current year, prepared with as great regard to economy as is consistent with the efficient service and the growing wants of the Province, will be submitted for your early consideration.

BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Chas. Runkle met with a nasty accident last evening about 9 o'clock. She was taking a vapor bath, when the curtain around the bath caught fire. Mrs. Runkle was very severely burned and her husband had his hands badly burned while extinguishing the flames. Some of the furniture of the room was also destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Runkle were both confined to the house to-day. Mrs. Runkle's injuries are quite serious.