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SAD CATASTROPHE.

Heartrending Occurrence on the
River Thames.

The Steamer Victoria Capsize, and about
200 Men, Women and Children meet their
Doom.

Perhaps the most fearful calamity that ever befall a community in Canada, happened at London, on Tuesday last, and a large number of the pleasure seekers remained on board to return on the same boat. As is usually the case at that hour, an immense crowd was waiting at the wharf for the arrival of the steamer. Every one was anxious to secure a place, and in a few moments every portion of standing or sitting room was fully occupied. The number on board probably nearer the latter—about 200—altogether out of proportion to the capacity of the boat. Three hundred would have been a good load, and at the outside, more than four hundred should not have been allowed on. The boat was too frail for any such ridiculously large burden.

But no special effort was made to prevent any one, or as many as liked, from getting aboard. The Victoria started for the city. All the light-heartedness and jollity incident to holiday excursions was apparent, and who dreamed of the fearful occurrence so soon to transpire? Among those on the boat was a reporter from the Advertiser Office, the only reporter, it may be mentioned, who was present from the commencement of the disaster. Slowly the doomed boat crept along the channel of the Thames towards the city, while the happy throng moved constantly about from one place to another, laughing and talking as they mingled together, young men and young women, parents and children, friends and acquaintances.

For a few moments our reporter remained with the throng on the upper deck, but because of the heat and crush he went below where circumstances were but little better. Every few moments little waves ebbed in on the floor of the deck near the centre, but nothing more than a laugh was excited when the water touched some person's feet.

The passing row boats and steamers attracted constant attention; the crowd swayed first north and then south; at each moment the terror came in deeper on either side of the lower deck, and finally, at times, reached the depth of six and eight inches. Several times the officers in charge urged the people to remain quiet. It proved of no avail, and when one side dipped to an alarming extent, orders were given to move across. The anchor and other heavy articles were heaved in the middle of the decks. Still the oscillating motion continued. No one seemed to foresee danger. Our reporter took his stand on a stool near the centre of the lower deck, south side, and though several times asked to move to another place, did not do so, feeling rather tired with the walk about Springbank. A dozen or more others were sitting on the railing near by when suddenly the water rushed to the depth of more than a foot. At this juncture a point had been reached in the river at the bend about a quarter of a mile west of the Cove Bridge where the stream is wide and deep. The route of the steamer lay a little more than quarter the distance over the river. Just as the heavy influx of water alluded to above took place, the excursionists with a few exceptions, one being our reporter, surged to the north and the boat slowly heaved over. For a couple of seconds there was a deadly stillness, only to be followed by a sudden rushing wall of terror as the dreadful truth flashed upon their minds. The deck floor became elevated to an angle not far from the perpendicular when all at once the supports of the upper deck gave way with a terrible crash on account of the unnatural position and the great weight imposed. Over the railings the people tumbled in hundreds heading into the deep water, and to make terror more terrible the whole of the upper deck and supports went crashing down upon the wretched victims, tearing and bruising the struggling mass of humanity, which thus became fastened in a dreadful wary tomb.

Our reporter, fearing an explosion of the boiler and being well able to swim, sprang into the river, setting out for the northern shore, but after going nearly one-third of the distance returned, all dangers of explosion seeming to be subsided. With the aid of a rope he clambered upon the hull of the now ruined Victoria. The scene baffles all description. Here and there the water was dotted with people battling with the element that slowly but surely became their grave. Some struggled terribly for a moment or so, then sank, while their hats or other light goods floated away with the bubbles that told of the last gasp. Between the bulk and the shore a most appalling scene met the gaze of every spectator, where, beneath the roof and broken timbers, the death agonies of between one and two hundred souls were undergone. First all were stunned, and then excited and terrified beyond measure. Next came the work of rescue, in which scores of eager hands worked for life and death with heroic efforts.

AT THE SCENE.

As soon as the news of the dread disaster reached the city a corps of Advertiser reporters made for the spot. The scene was one that will never fade from memory. Busy hands were at work, and already some forty or fifty bodies had been laid on the bank. There was the babe in arms and the gray-haired man; the miss in her teens and matron, the young man and the maiden. The faces bore all variety of expressions, but few were unpleasant to look at in themselves, however, horrible the whole spectacle. In a few cases a thin stream of blood was streaked across the face, and eyes bore the glazed stare of death. The clothing was bedraggled and the toilets disarranged, and in a few cases there were cuts on the back part of the head. As body after body was taken out there was a rush of the crowd who had gathered about. Where the body was identified a wail, a sigh, or a sympathetic commiseration spoke the feelings of the relative or friend. Where identification was not possible the body was laid aside, and the crowd respectfully fell back in the presence of sorrow. To describe the scene as it actually was is not possible in the time allotted to a hastily-written sketch, and indeed, with the sounds of woe still in one's ears, the agonizing cries of bereaved relatives fresh in the air, and the sight of dead friends whom one left an hour before in the enjoyment of health and bent only on frolicking, constantly before one, it is no easy task to depict the misery of the evening by the riverside. Nor was it there alone that the cry of anguish was heard. At every street corner and at every doorway innumerable little groups gathered about, and the sobbing and wailing touched the hearts of the on-lookers. No one could walk the streets unmoved, and the sympathetic tear trembled on the lid of many a one whose own household was untouched by the dire disaster.

AS SEEN FROM THE WATER.

A representative of the Advertiser was standing at the Woodland Cemetery dock when the accident occurred. He had hailed the boat for passage, but he could not get within a few feet of the spot where he stood, and he did not care to run any risk of jumping. He says that at the cemetery landing the Louisa met the Victoria, and people on the latter steamer rushed to the side next to the Louisa to see her passengers. This caused the water to overflow the lower deck of the Victoria, and some of the passengers on the boat were submerged to such an extent that they rushed to the opposite side of the boat. This maneuver had the effect of partly overturning the boat to the left side, so far that the upper deck gave way and precipitated the passengers into the water. This allowed those on the lower deck an opportunity to take the water and make the best of their chances to escape.

DEATH OF FRIENDS OF "ADVERTISER"

The fell hand of death did not pass the Advertiser office by. Among the passengers were Mr. Chas. A. Matthews, night editor, wife and two children; Miss Bailey, a sister of one of our pressmen; Mr. Wm. Wannacott, brother of Chas. Wannacott, rounds collector, a sister of Mr. Frank Lawson, reporter, and a young brother of Eddie Harrison, apprentice. Mrs. Matthews and one child, Miss Bailey, Miss Lawson, Charley Gorman, one of our carriers, Mr. Wannacott and the lad Harrison were among the victims. Mr. Matthews succeeded in saving one child. It is needless for us to say that the surviving relatives have our special sympathy in their sad affliction.

THE BOLL OF THE DEAD.

Enna Prescott and Nellie Prescott, Oxford street, city.
Sam. Caldwell, city.
Richard Fitzgibbon, city.
Annie F. Goss, city.
Jas. Darcy, son-in-law of M. O'Mara, city.
H. Anderson, son of E. Anderson, Thames street.
Joseph Walsh, city.
Maria Kendrick, city.
Geo. Thoroughgood, two children.
Mr. McPherson's four children.
John Moore's wife and child.
Mrs. Jones two children.
Mrs. Coughlan's two children.
Hannah Dennis, Palermo, county of Galton.
Two sisters named Cornish, tailoresses at Glen's, city.
A man named Jones, said to belong to Hamilton.
Henry Oronhyatekka, young son of Dr. Oronhyatekka, city.
Little son of A. Smith, city.
Charlie and Freddy Hobbs, London East.
Lizzie Stewart, engaged at Robert Carruthers, on Horton street.
Willie Stevely, son of W. Stevely, stove merchant, Richmond st.
Harry Magee, aged 15.
Richard Vick, aged 10, Adelaide st.
Young Graydon, 12 or 14, son of Mr. S. H. Graydon.
Miss Minnie Smith, aged 17, South street.
Miss Fanny Cooper, daughter of John Cooper, of Clarence st., aged about 20.
Miss Kittie McPherson.
Miss McDonald, Goderich.
Miss Jennie Coughlin.
Col. Cole's little boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Heeman and child, London East.
J. Clarke, shoemaker, 47, Breeze, wood-sawyer.
Ida Burns, daughter of Mr. James Burns, of Messrs. Stevens, Turner & Burns, and a younger sister, aged 12.
Mrs. Smith, South street.
Henry Conroy, son of Sgt. Conroy, of the Militia Department.
Miss Quinn, corner of Wellington and Great Market streets, aged 17.
George Walsh, aged 18, employed at Messrs. D. S. Perrin & Co's.
John Boone, Peterborough, aged 22.
Kelly, just out from England, aged 22.
Miss Maloney, Maple street.
Addie McIntosh, daughter of Frank McIntosh, plasterer.

Miss Lawson, city.

Mrs. James Heron (cigar-maker), London.
John, Willie and Nelly Morrison, children of James Morrison, of London East.
Lilly and Johnny Beaton, children of Henry Beaton, London.
Lilly Skinner, daughter of Mr. Wm. Skinner, London.
John Baskerville, (workman at Carling's Brewery), city.
James Weatherland, city.
Alice Denman, daughter of Widow Deadman, London South.
Ed. Coughlin, youngest son of Joseph Coughlin, Maitland street.
Dolly Tatham, daughter of Robt. Tatham, Colborne street.
Mrs. Thos. Stevens and three children, London West.
Mrs. Geo. Tremear and two children, London West.
Wm. Hay, schoolmaster, Westminster.
Mary Craddock, daughter of George Craddock, architect, city.
Maria Connell, young woman; Richmond street, city.
Mrs. William Ashbury, city.
James Robertson, Manager of Bank of British North America, city.
Mrs. McNorgan, city.
Mrs. Scott, Mill street, city.
W. H. Dyer, piano salesman, wife and little boy Bertie.
James Burns (Carling's brewery), city.
Willis Westman, young son of A. Westman, London South.
Mrs. William Dagon and child, city.
J. Shires, city.
Two young boys, sons of Mr. Owens, of London West.
Mr. Fryer, son, city.
Priscilla Mustill, daughter of John Mustill, blacksmith, city.
Wm. Manford, blacksmith, London South.
A daughter of Mr. Middleton, London South.
Miss Griffith, daughter of T. Griffith, London South.
A young son of J. S. Deacon, merchant, city.
W. H. Millman and two children, city.
Wm. Laakie's wife and child.
Minnie Hogan, of Waterloo-st.
Mrs. M. Galvin and child, George-st.
Hudson Abbott, a little son of Mr. H. G. Abbott, cigar maker.
Mrs. W. Cline.
The eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Gibson.
Rosa Baily, a nurse in the household of Mrs. Dr. Wilson. She was a sister of Mr. Baily, pressman in the Advertiser.
Minnie Amesbury, of London East.
The body of Mrs. Wall is found. Her husband and three other members of the family are missing.
Joseph Gahan, a brother of Mr. Gahan, of the Herald.
Charles Bonner, 16 years of age.
Mrs. Pike.
The two Misses Foxton and young brother of Clinton. Both of the deceased ladies were school teachers, one of them having a school near London, and the other taught in Blyth.
Mrs. McLennan.
A daughter of Mrs. McKay, of Richmond-st.
Miss Annie McAllister, of Horton-st.
Mrs. Scott Murray and child, of London East.
James Pendergast.
William Pike.
Thomas Davidson.
Mr. Edmund's two children.
Mrs. Kilburn.
Miss Minnie Tierney.
Samuel Pike (baker at H. H. Gore's), Alfred Street.
Charles Martin, South Dorchester.
E. Stewart.
Chas. Gorman.
Thomas Wallace.
Miss Ida Bachelor.
James Short.
Mr. and Mrs. Diver, of Wellington-st., and two children.
Mr. Beaton's two children.
Orville Smith.
Mrs. Thos. Breeze, John street.
Elias Chapman, aged 20, one of Miss Rye's boys.
John Vickers, aged 24, Komoko.
John Debraun and child, of Gregg House.
J. Curran.

Nothing has been heard of the steamship Bristol City, which left New York in December last for Bristol, with a crew of 27. All hopes of her safety have been abandoned.

NAPANEE, May 25.—In the Methodist church of Canada Montreal conference.

Rev. Henry Flesher Bland was elected president of conference, and Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher secretary.

The eighth general council of the reformed Episcopal church opened in New York yesterday. Delegates from Canada, the United States and West Indies are attending.

Mr. T. McGilliguddy, of the Goderich Signal, and bride are spending a portion of their honeymoon in this city. They are the guests of Mr. Wm. Revell, of the Crown Lands Department. [Toronto World.]

The Galt Reformer has changed hands, and is now owned by Mr. James Young. Mr. Collic, of the Paisley Advocate, has been engaged as manager. We wish the staunch old Reformer every success.

The butter and cheese merchants of Montreal have offered the exhibition committee five thousand dollars to supplement the prizes to be given away next September.

A movement is on foot among churchmen to present Archbishop Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, with a testimonial before his departure for England to take up his residence there permanently.

In Portmouth, on Wednesday, about 5 p.m., a convict named Bridge, alias Mann, acting as messenger, escaped from the penitentiary farm at Kingston. Some of his clothing was found in the quarry, but no trace of the man yet. He was committed for five years for horse-stealing, and had little more than a year to serve.

At the recent meeting of the Montreal-Caledonian Society, a letter was read from Mr. David Kennedy, the Scottish vocalist, stating that he would arrive in Montreal in September, and would give concerts under the auspices of the Caledonian Society.

Herman Stanfant, aged 27, was sent to the West Indies from New York by his widowed mother in February to recover his lost health. He had worked long. He became homesick and returned unexpectedly. He came suddenly face to face with his mother near her residence, and the joy and excitement of re-union overcame him he expired in her arms. The mother is now very ill from the shock.

McKee Rankin went to Toronto and found a little manager of a theatre who had been playing a version of the "Dante's," and he thought the easiest way to break it up would be to whip the little manager, so he planted a big fist right into the manager's eye. The little manager was astonished at our American customs, but rallied and proceeded to "put up his hands, you know," and he knocked Mr. Rankin down many a time and oft, and then proceeded to organize a go-a-you-please walking match on Mr. Rankin's prostrate form, after which Rankin apologized. Our advice would be never to attack an Englishman or a Canadian. The most insignificant of them, in appearance, are apt to be terrible handy with their hands. They seem to delight in surprising a big man.—Peck's sun.

Metereological Report.

Weather report for the week ending May 24th.

May 18th—Wind at 10 p.m. North-east, light, cloudy. Number of miles wind travelled during 24 hours 117.

May 19th—Wind at 10 p.m. North-east, light air, partly cloudy. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 248.

May 20th—Wind at 10 p.m. North-west, light air, cloudy. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 105.

May 21st—Wind at 10 p.m. North-east, light, clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 228.

May 22nd—Wind at 10 p.m. North-west, light, clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 167. Foggy all the morning.

May 23rd—Wind at 10 p.m. North-east, light, clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 231.

May 24th—Wind at 10 p.m. North-east, light air, hazy. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 136.

G. N. MACDONALD, Observer.
Goderich, May 25th, 1881.

Goderich Markets.

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Wheat (Fall) 2 bush. \$1.05 @ \$1.05

Wheat (Spring) 2 bush. 1.05 @ 1.10

Flour, 2 bush. 2.30 @ 2.75

Oats, 2 bush. 0.42 @ 0.45

Peas, 2 bush. 0.65 @ 0.55

Barley, 2 bush. 0.60 @ 0.70

Potatoes, 2 bush. 0.30 @ 0.40

Hay, 1 ton. 11.00 @ 11.00

Chickens, 1 doz. 0.45 @ 0.45

Butter, 1 lb. 0.11 @ 0.12

Eggs, 1 doz. (unpacked) 0.11 @ 0.12

Beef, 1 lb. 0.05 @ 0.07

Hides, 1 doz. 6.00 @ 7.50

Pork, 1 lb. 0.30 @ 0.30

Wood, 1 cord. 2.50 @ 3.00

Salt per barrel (Wholesale) 0.55 @ 0.55

Medical.

H. G. MACKIE, M. D., PHYSICIAN.

Office at Dr. Duncan's Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College. Office, stable and residence, on Newgate street, four doors east of Colborne Hotel. N. B.—Horses examined as to soundness. 1751.

D. R. McLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, CORNER, &c. Office and residence on Bruce street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1751.

D. S. SHANNON & HAMILTON, Physicians, Surgeons, Accoucheurs, &c. Office at Dr. Shannon's residence, near the Jail, Goderich. G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON. 1751.

J. AIKENHEAD, V.S., (SUCCESSOR TO DR. DUNCAN) Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College. Office, stable and residence, on Newgate street, four doors east of Colborne Hotel. N. B.—Horses examined as to soundness. 1751.

Legal.

GARROW & PROUDFOOT, BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS.

Goderich, J. T. Garrow, W. Proudfoot. 1751.

B. L. DOYLE, BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Goderich, Ont. 1751.

SEAGER & MORTON, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c. Goderich and Wingham. C. Seager, J. A. Morton, Wingham. 1751.

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Miscellaneous Cards.

JAMES SMALL, ARCHITECT, &c. Office, Chancery, Kingston st., Goderich. Plans and specifications drawn correctly. Carpenter's plasterer's and mason's work measured and valued.

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ROBERT GIBBONS,
Sheriff of Huron.

Goderich, May 24th 1881. 1750.

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