THE TILSONBURG HORROR.

Further Particulars of the Death of Miss Collins.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

TILSONBURG, Ont., Dec. 14.—*The Mail* has already had a telegraphic report of the evidence taken at the inquest on the death of Miss Theresa Collins at this town, and of the arrest and committal of her mother and of her seducer's mother; but the following facts will throw additional light upon the tragedy:—

Deceased was the daughter of Jerome Collins, who formerly lived at Dereham, but who removed a year ago to the Western States. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Collins, has lived here and has acquired a highly respectable woman. She is the daughter of Mr. Andrew Smith, the pioneer in the cheese factory business in the County of Oxford. When her parents removed West, Theresa, then fifteen years old, was left with her younger brothers and sisters at her uncle's, Mr. A. L. Wilcox, at Springford. From time to time, however, she paid visits to Tilsonburg, staying at Elwin Lutz', where she was courted by young John Lutz. Under the promise of marriage, as he admits, he seduced her at his father's house last New Year's eve, and continued his intimacy for several months; in fact almost to the time of her death. Sometimes in earnest, but oftener in joke, he spoke before others of his approaching marriage to her; but though he denied knowing of her pregnancy, he admits that he had heard the neighbours hinting at it. On the 30th November Theresa left the Lutz's and went back to Wilcox's and thence to the house of her sister, Mrs. Inspay. Four days after the 4th inst. her mother came to her from Ohio. What brought Mrs. Collins back to Canada just then is a mystery. She denied that she was written to by the Lutz people, and they also declare that they did not send for her. Leaving Mrs. Inspay's on the 5th, mother and daughter went to Wilcox's, and thence the same evening by stage to this town, putting up at Lutz's. On the afternoon of the 7th the girl died. Dr. J. T. Moore and Dr. S. Joy make a post mortem on the 8th, and the inquest was opened by Coroner Ault the same day and continued on the 10th and 11th. It is unnecessary to repeat the evidence of the medical men; they found that deceased had come to her death from the effects of attempts made with instruments to procure abortion, and that she was three months advanced in pregnancy.

As, Mrs. Collin's and Mrs. Lutz, John's mother, were the only persons actually present when deceased died, their testimony was looked for with great interest. Mrs. Collins denied emphatically that she knew anything about the cause of her daughter's death; and declared she even did not know that she had been pregnant. Mrs. Lutz was equally explicit in her denial of all knowledge of the cause of death or of the girl's pregnancy. Mrs. Lutz also denied everything, save that he had seduced her under promise of marriage, etc.; but the testimony of a neighbour, Mrs. Catharine Harris, incriminated him to some extent, and was overwhelming against the two women. Mrs. Harris was first called on the 10th, when she mentioned that on going up to Theresa's room just after her death, she saw a large syringe on the floor. On the 11th Mrs. Harris was recalled, and made a clean breast of what she knew. She said she heard Mrs. Lutz say to Mrs. Collins, the girl having just expired, "Where is the syringe?" to which Mrs. Collins replied, "It is behind the bureau." Mrs. Harris continued:—

Mrs. Lutz asked me to take hold of the stand, which I did, and helped her to remove it, when she went in and got the syringe; she picked up the syringe and handed it to me, saying, "Mrs. Harris, you take care of this; I took it in my lap and she handed it to me, and I started to go out with it but I returned from the back kitchen, where I was down on the floor, saying, "Mrs. Lutz, I can't have anything to do with it;" she replied, "I will go and get it." Mrs. Lutz told me that about Theresa, and he Johnny had a connection, and that Theresa had told her that if anything happened to Theresa he would do what was right. The words Mrs. Lutz said to me about the syringe, after I got my sighting in court, about "Mrs. Harris, if you say anything in court about the syringe I'll send you to penitentiary for life" I said to her, "How can I get around it? Why you ask me?" She replied, "There are a great many ways of answering a question and not tell a lie; suppose you will likely ask you if you saw the syringe when you first entered the house, and you can easily answer that you did not." I said, "but if I swear to a lie I will send my soul to perdition." I said I never thought of anything; I think Lutz was not in the room when I first went in, I think he came in some time afterwards, and said he had been around after a doctor; Mrs. Lutz told me that Mrs. Collins had gone for to see the syringe, and she told her to use it herself; John Lutz also spoke to me after I was summoned, saying he wished me to work in their favour, Mrs. Lutz said to me, "Mrs. Harris, I have always been a friend to you, and now I want you to be a friend to me." Mr. Lutz also told me to do the best I could for them, or it might go hard with me; didn't think whether he meant to threaten me, but replied, "Mr. Lutz, you needn't try to scare me." Mrs. Lutz told me that when the girl was dead she and Mrs. Collins took hold of an arm each, and tried to put the body on the bed, but grew so excited that they could not, and that when John came in, he took her in his arms and put her on the bed.

The jury found a verdict of "aiding and abetting" in the fatal attempt at abortion against the two women who were forthwith arrested by Constable Elliott and conveyed to Woodstock gaol, and John Lutz, who had been arrested, was discharged.

Deceased was sixteen years old, a good-looking girl with brown hair and blue eyes. Much that is unknown yet in the relations of Mrs. Collins with the Lutz family remains to be cleared up, for instance, why John did not marry the girl, what brought Mrs. Collins all the way from Ohio at the time, why she left Wilcox's and took her unhappy daughter to Lutz's, &c.

ANOTHER ELOPEMENT.

CAPTURE OF THE RUNAWAY WIFE AT PRESCOTT.

The Prescott *Telegraph* of the 12th has the following:—At an early hour on Sunday a man named Wilson arrived here from Oshawa in search of his wife who eloped some three weeks ago with a man named Hanna. By some means Wilson learned that his faithless wife and her paramour were living as man and wife at the Ottawa Hotel, Prescott Junction, and on his arrival in town at once applied to Chief Constable Tinkess for assistance in capturing the couple. Mr. Tinkess proceeded with Wilson to the Ottawa Hotel, where they made known the facts of the case to the proprietor, who at once stated that the couple had been stopping there for some time, he never doubting that they were not man and wife as they claimed to be. Mr. Tinkess and the outraged husband at once went to the room occupied by the couple. On beholding his wife's seducer, Wilson at once proceeded to administer to him a castigation, and succeeded in getting in a few blows before the police could interfere. At first the woman refused point blank to leave her paramour, but, as her husband threatened to have them arrested for stealing, she finally consented to return home with him, if he would agree not to prosecute Hanna. After some hesitation Wilson accepted this compromise, and the parties were conveyed a carriage and drove to Brockville, from which point they intended to proceed to Oshawa. Wilson, the husband of the woman, is a well-to-do farmer and brickmaker, and is said to be worth $30,000, but appears—if we may judge from his actions and expressions—not to be in possession of that amount of common sense usually found in man. The woman, who is the mother of three children, is said to be rather clever and good looking, in fact much smarter than her husband, but Hanna, her paramour, is quite the reverse, being a rough-looking person, with whom it is scarcely possible to believe that any woman would become infatuated. It further appears that Hanna had worked for Wilson during the past summer as a teamster in his brickyard and as labourer on the farm, and when the couple eloped the woman carried with her about $150 in money and clothing worth $500. When discovered by the husband the money was nearly all gone, a considerable portion of it having been spent by the infatuated woman in clothing for Hanna, who was anything but well dressed at the time of the elopement. The affair caused a decided sensation in Prescott, as occurrences of this nature are somewhat rare in these parts.

THE BEVERLY SWAMP.

AN OLD STAGE COACH RESURRECTED—STRANGE RELICS.

(From the Hamilton Spectator, Dec. 12.)

Those who remember the country when it was very young and thinly populated, long before the G. W. R. was built, and when Dundas was the "head of navigation," will recollect that the Dundas and Waterloo road was the great highway as the home of the drovers. Times, undoubtedly it is true, but still traces, of its importance remain in the dilapidated looking villages, the numerous deserted taverns, public houses and historical taverns, the old rickety toll-gates, the sheds and crossings and resting places for teams, all remain to tell of the time when that road filled the place that G. W. R. has now of carrying passengers and commerce to and from the far back country and the waters of the great lakes.

In those days the Dundas and Waterloo road did not pierce through, but the Beverly swamp, as it does now. It was built chiefly by the early settlers, the highway following the dry land in a tortuous line, wending here and there, avoiding as much as possible the low lying ground. It was impossible, however, to wholly escape it, and here and there the road crossed necks of marsh which were especially dangerous, as there were more creeks than now, and at the time of the Rebellion the Government went on an extensive scheme of stage to run on this road between Dundas and the back country for the purpose of carrying disbanded soldiers, ammunition, and in some cases, in forwarding officers to the different crops which were forming. As a natural consequence there were a great number of "green" men and horses put on the line, the former not knowing the road, and the latter unaccustomed to raires and the cry of wolves in the night. The accidents and mishaps which there were occasioned, and in some cases there was loss of life and the destruction of valuable property was inadmissible. Stage drivers lay silent and patient in the underbrush and thickets was invariably found on the road, waiting and expecting the treasure which every approaching coach was thought and believed to contain. Such was life in the Beverly swamp in 1837. What between wolves, highwaymen, and the travellers on their hands, the country was kept from thinking perhaps of their own troubles. One morning in the summer of that year Daniel Kelly, an old soldier, whose descendants still live in Beverly, was given in charge to go into operation the Dutch village of Waterloo. Inside the coach were three English officers bearing important despatches—not only from the Government, but from an intelligence office in Crooks' Hollow—besides two warrants from Col. Kerby in Dundas. They were armed to the teeth, and had with them some thousands of pounds in Bank of Upper Canada notes. Several men made application to get passage in this coach, but were refused, and the enumeration of those who came out about ten o'clock in the morning, amid the cheers of those who saw it. The coach moved slowly, as the road was after dark when it approached Plum Bottom creek, which runs through a low marshy piece of ground dividing Beverly from the Township of Dumfries. Kelly, who had driven this road before on horseback, dismounted and informed the officers that he dare not cross that night, as he did not know the road through the swamp, and, moreover, he had heard that they had better camp for the night. One of the officers, with an oath, knocked Kelly down with the butt of his pistol, and mounting the box, drove briskly into the swamp. He had no light but the fire flies and no guide save his own instinct of pressing forward. He laid on the whip and dashed forward. The horses struggled, floundered, gasped, and fell; leaped up again—struggled, floundered, and struggled with fright, and the coach sank in the cruel, hungry quicksands. The officers dismounted, and hastened off to the chief and a hammer, and took out several papers. They were nearly all illegible, the writing having nearly faded away, but some of them were deciphered, and we would say here that they were worthy of the attention of the Government. The following is as much as could be deciphered from the principal and largest paper:—

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

CANADIAN.

Several changes have recently been made in the Legal Text Books by the Law Society. "Harris' Criminal Law," "Smith on Contracts," and "Best on Evidence," being substituted for the former text books, "Russell on Crimes," "Leake on Contracts," and "Taylor on Evidence." These changes will not, however, come into force for some time.

For various reasons the Law School in connection with Osgoode Hall will, on a date early next May, be discontinued as a distinct School of Law. This will be a step in the wrong direction; and the reason given for the abolition of the School is also an argument for its retention, viz: that it draws country students to Toronto to avail themselves of its advantages—whereby the profession would certainly be the gainer.

The Board of School Trustees at Madoc propose enlarging their school site and making an entire change of teachers in the schools of that village for next year. If a Model School is established there, this course is imperative, as, under the regulations in such cases, the Board must provide at least one first-class teacher. The Board have already secured the services of Mr. Smith, Curtin, of Lindsay, a first-class Normal School teacher, as principal of the Model and Public Schools.

The Orillia Public School census for 1877 gives the following figures:—Children of school age (5 to 16 years), 810; attending the Public School, 541; attending High School, 19; attending private schools, 47; attending separate schools, 45; educated at home, 17; children (under 5 and over 12) not attending school, 127; (between 7 and 12) not attending school, 15.

At a late meeting of the City of Hamilton Public School trustees, it was resolved to present to each pupil who succeeded in passing the Intermediate examination, books to the value of $10, such prizes to be selected with a view to utility in the shape of future course, and to be entirely independent of the ordinary prizes annually offered for competition. Several of the visiting trustees gave in verbal reports to the effect that they had found everything working well and harmoniously. The trustees have every reason to feel satisfied with the manner in which educational affairs are managed in the "Ambitious City," and the example set by them, in offering prizes to the successful candidates at the "Intermediate," is worthy of imitation elsewhere.

From Inspector Macallum's report on the Hamilton city schools for the month of November, we learn that the number of pupils on the roll attending school was 4,222, and the daily average attendance 3,811, or 90.3 per cent. In November, 1876, the number on the roll was 3,920, and the average attendance 3,556.

The County of Lincoln Teachers' Association met in the Model Grammar School on the 7th inst., Mr. Inspector Somerset presiding. In his opening address he referred to the important changes in the school law in regard to the training of teachers, and also of the tendency toward a "centralized" system, which involves the frequent and stringent examinations, and particularly in connection with High Schools. Among those who took part in the proceedings were Mr. Rittenhouse, who showed the method of teaching Ratio and Proportion, and Mr. Grey, who spoke on object teaching. Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P., Model School Inspector, addressed the meeting on the subject of "School Government." Mr. Smith, of the Collegiate Institute, took charge of the "Question Drawer" in grammar, and performed his duties ably.

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Medical Act, requiring lectures for ten months in the year, to be given by all medical schools in the Province. This will, if adopted, bring all medical schools to the same standard as to time as Laval University, and is a move in the right direction.

FOREIGN.

Professor Shairp, Principal of St. Andrew's University, is not favourable to competitive examinations for the Civil Service. He says that the students throughout England are at present, owing to it, in an overstrained mental condition. If so, the danger does not altogether lie in the material so admitted into the Civil Service but acts on the masses of students outside of it in an unexpected way. Some own incessant "intermediates" are having the same effect on the High School pupils, besides inducing an overstrained system of "cram."

It was announced that the English Government would grant a charter to the Roman Catholic University in Ireland, but this has been contradicted by a Dublin daily.

School Savings Banks, introduced into France ten years ago by Professor Laurent, are proving a great success. At Belfort in a year and a half the savings of 4,621 children reached a sum equal to $10,000.

The report of Sir Charles Reed shows the percentage of average attendance in London, England, is 80·9; cost of educating each pupil £1 6s. 3d.; the rate levied to support the Board schools is 3¼d. in the pound. The report highly commends compulsory education, and mentions the significant fact that juvenile crime has greatly decreased in consequence of its adoption.

The colleges in the United States are reported as being in a very flourishing condition this year. The University of Vermont has 184 students, including twelve young ladies; the University of Mississippi has 300; Williams College, Mass., has 401, and Gerard College expects to have 1,000 when its new buildings are finished.

A special meeting of the Department of Superintendence, National Education Association, commenced in Washington, D.C., on the 11th inst., at which the strengthening of the National Bureau of Education, the establishment of a National Education Museum, the proper representation of the United States at the Paris Exhibition, and various other subjects are under discussion.

The University of Pennsylvania proposes to adopt in its technical department the Russian method of shop instruction—that was, it will be remembered, exemplified at the Centennial Exhibition.

The School of Industrial Art has completed in the Memorial Hall at Philadelphia the collection of works of art, and now proposes to go into active operation. For that purpose it is intended to establish in the city classes of instruction in the scientific elements and general principles of art to be applied to manufactures, which classes will turn to their profit and benefit the collection at Memorial Hall. The School will follow the plan adopted by the South Kensington Museum in London for the same purpose.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

By the last mail we have British Columbia papers up to Nov. 30th.

Although it is commonly supposed that gold-seeking is the chief industry of the Pacific Province, yet agriculture is also receiving attention there. Settlers are frequent and stringent examinations, and particularly in connection with High Schools. Among those who took part in the proceedings were Mr. Rittenhouse, who showed the method of teaching Ratio and Proportion, and Mr. Grey, who spoke on object teaching. Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P., Model School Inspector, addressed the meeting on the subject of "School Government." Mr. Smith, of the Collegiate Institute, took charge of the "Question Drawer" in grammar, and performed his duties ably.

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CANADIAN.

At Winnipeg, on the 1st inst., scrip was bulletined at $80.

Sill & Co., Jarvis, purchased 150,000 bushels of Canada wheat.

Near Goodwood, on the Nipissing railway, from 1,500 to 2,000 bushels of turnips are offered at auction every night.

At Mill Point the cedar mill has closed, and Messrs. Rathbun & Son propose building wages.

An eastern contemporary says:—"The man who would steal a red hot stove has committed a crime which is unknown in P.E.I. In that famous city one night recently the police raided some tobacco which had been stolen and placed in the station. The tobacco thieves visited the station shortly after, and after removing the tobacco, carried away the station stove, which they placed in the middle of the street, where it was found by the men when they went to the station. The men on duty at the station must have been very fast asleep."

The Victoria *Warder*, 6th inst., says:—"A savage bear owned by Mr. William Lowe, lives on Mt. Tolmie, Smith's Farmerville, broke out of its pen one day last week, and entering an adjoining field attacked a young heifer belonging to a neighbour named Flynn. The infuriated brute drove his victim into the middle of the house, and completely disembowelling it, from the effects of which it died shortly after. The bear then escaped and was not heard of. The owner of the bear had to pay Mr. Flynn somewhere in the neighbourhood of $20 for the loss of the heifer."

On Monday, 3rd inst., a fellow was peddling stuff about Wingham which he called honey, and sold it to the parties he could turned out, however, to be a mixture of glycerine and other ingredients. Mr. T. Gibbons purchased a quart at twenty cents per pound, and having discovered that it was not the article he had been led to believe brought back, who refunded the money, took his "honey" again, and was allowed to leave for other fields and pastures new. The *Advance* thinks that had the stuff been emptied out on the street, and the man allowed to go peddling, he would have been rightly dealt with.

We have been permitted to publish the following extract from a private letter recently received from Fort Walsh:—"Sitting Bull is a fine-look fellow, and you would never say he is the wicked demon he is painted to be. For an Indian he is a humble man. He told Colonel Macleod Terry he was a fool and a liar, and that all Americans were liars. His words were, 'Long Knife, Long Tongue, Very pockets so full of lies.' They treated the Commission with the greatest contempt, and told them to go home and not come a second time to see them, and so the Commissioners did go home."—*Montreal Gazette.*

The St. Thomas *Times* says that the week before last the wife of Frederick Collins, a well known hack driver, left her home with John Smith. Barber, who is a painter, was away at Tilsonburg at the time, working for Mr. Smith. The latter is a married man, of very indifferent reputation, and it is a great wonder to every one that a woman of the better class of life could have left her husband and three children to go off with such a character. The fellow sold his property about two years ago and took about $5,000 with him, leaving about $60 with his wife; she also had a family by Smith and is not considered much of a public calamity by the community, since, for the last couple of years, she has led the life of a mere gossip and scandal-monger.

An amusing incident occurred on St. James' church evening service, Sunday, Dec. 9th) at the close of the service in the Methodist church. Two young ladies came out of the church together, but shortly afterwards they got separated in the crowd; one not being aware of this, and without looking, she thought, as she thought, her lady friend's arm under her own saying, "come along." Her supposed companion was a young man and an entire stranger, and he naturally felt much astonished at being carried away in this fashion, but he made no resistance, and walked some distance with his new acquaintance before she discovered her mistake. An apology was then of course offered and the parties separated. *Montreal Gazette.*

The Kingston *British Whig*, 12th inst., says:—"Wilson C. Martin, a stranger, arrested last week for stealing $16 from Mr. George McGowan. He presented himself to the Young Men's Christian Association some days ago, and, thinking from what he was helped in a pecuniary sense. On Sunday evening he stayed at McGowan's. On Monday he went home for supper, but never returned, and obtained lodging that night. Next morning (yesterday) he entered the room of McGowan (next to the one in which he slept) and abstracted the above amount from the pocket of a pair of pants. When he had gone he was suspected, and search being afterwards made, he was found and arrested at the lower Rideau St. depot. He pleaded guilty, and was committed for six months."

Says an Ayr correspondent:—Old Johnni Burns, the "wild man of the woods," is an oddity in his way. He came to this quarter about a year ago, and soon attracted general attention no less by his personal appearance—his long grey locks curling over his shoulders—than from the peculiar eccentricities which mark his manner and conversation. One of the most prominent of these is Johnnie's persistence in cooking, eating, and sleeping in the woods to the south of the village, with no other cover, nor indeed covering, over him than his body clothes, some brush, and the broad canopy of heaven. The fact is almost incredible, but fact it is nevertheless, that he made his bed thus all last winter, and the readers will recollect what a cold one it was. In answer to a query the other day as to the cause of Johnnie's mad penchant, he replied that he had heard much of "roughing it" in Canada, and was determined to give it a thorough trial.

The Halifax *Morning Chronicle* thus ruthlessly demolishes a certain romantic "Grace Darling" story, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic rescue from drowning of a young lady, which might otherwise have survived to delight future generations:—"The heroic 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