

SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS DROWNED IN THAMES HENRY BAKER FALLS IN AT BLACKFRIAR'S DAM

Swept Away in the Rush
of Icy Waters.

THE BODY NOT
YET RECOVERED

Little Fellow Was Sitting On
Abutment When He Lost
His Balance.

While watching the flood of water
pouring over the dam near Black-
friars Bridge yesterday afternoon be-
tween 4 and 5 o'clock, Harry Baker, the
6-year-old son of Mr. Harry Baker, 56
Wilson avenue, West London, fell into
the river and was drowned.

No trace of him has yet been found.
Shortly after the scholars had been
dismissed from the Empress avenue
school, a number of them went to the
bridge to watch the water and ice
pouring down the river at flood.

Rode Ice Floes.
Some of the larger and more ven-
turesome boys went down the river,
where they amused themselves by rid-
ing ice floes.

Harry Baker, with his companion,
Charlie Robinson, of 16 Empress ave-
nue, went to the bridge, but turned
south, and stood at the breakwater just
below the dam.

They amused themselves by throw-
ing stones into the river at the blocks
of ice for a time, and then Harry
Baker went out on the timbers of the
abutment at the dam and sat there for
a while.

Young Robinson continued to throw
stones into the river while Baker
watched him.

Boy Had Disappeared.
Shortly after, Robinson went for
some more stones a little distance from
the abutment, and when he turned to
come back his companion was not to
be seen.

He commenced to cry, and some
of the neighbors who heard him ran to
his assistance.
He told them that Baker had fallen
into the river, but no trace of him
could be found.

Fell into Whirlpool.
The spot where he fell in is a whirl-
pool just below the dam.
Tons and tons of ice and snow have
been pouring over the dam, and the
body of the boy was carried away in
the flood.

Owing to the volume of water and
ice pouring over the dam it is impos-
sible to drag the river.
A watch was maintained along the
river until a late hour, but no trace
of the body has been found.

No Trace of the Body.
This morning the breakwater is be-
ing patrolled, but at a late hour no
trace has been discovered of the
drowned boy.

Charles Robinson, the 6-year-old
companion of Harry Baker, was seen,
but could not give a definite idea as to
how the accident happened.

Lost His Balance.
It is thought that the lad attempted
to turn around on the plank abutment,
which is only about a foot wide, and,
losing his balance, fell into the river.
So far as can be learned, there was
no other witness of the tragedy.

The dead boy was the eldest son of
Mr. Harry Baker, who is an employee
of E. Leonard & Sons. Mr. Baker is
an Englishman, and has lived in the
city about a year and a half.
There are two other children, a little
girl 3 years of age, and a newly-born
baby of 9 days.

Fear the Shock.
Mrs. Baker has been very ill, and
the shock is a very serious one for
her.

The boy was highly spoken of by
the neighbors, and was a very pretty,
flaxen-haired chap, with a bright,
winning manner. He was a pupil of
the West London school.

This is the first fatality of the river
this season.
Four years ago two young students
of the Medical College were thrown
from a canoe at this dam, and one,
Duncan McMartin, was drowned. His
body was never found.

Little hope is entertained of finding
the body of young Baker.

Still Searching.
The body of little Harry Baker who
was drowned in the Thames yester-
day afternoon near Blackfriars
bridge, has not yet been found, at 3
o'clock this afternoon.

No trace of it can be found, and it
is the opinion of experienced river-
men that it will not be located for
some time yet, if at all.

The water is very high, and floating
ice makes it impossible to drag the
river.

The water is so deep that it would
prove unavailing anyway, it is
thought.

NEW MANAGER OF GRAND GEO. S. McLEISH IS NAMED

Selected by Mr. A. J. Small to Fill the Vacancy—Announces
That Some Excellent Attractions Will Be Seen in
London Before the Close of the Season.

Mr. George S. McLeish, of Montreal,
has been appointed manager of the
Grand Opera House by the proprietor,
Mr. A. J. Small, of Toronto, and has
already entered upon his duties, ar-
riving in London last night.
Mr. McLeish, who is 39 years of
age, and was born in Sherbrooke,
Quebec, is a man of wide theatrical
experience, having been connected
with some of the best companies on
the road in America.

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