

WOMAN EARLY KILLED BY THIEF

BURGLARY WAY TURN OUT

Mrs. Normansell Brutally Attacked in Brittain Street Home Early This Morning.

Masked Man Beats Her Over Head With Revolver--Escapes from House

A daring thief who entered the residence of Mrs. Normansell, corner of Brittain and Carmarthen street, just after midnight, nearly committed murder, to carry out his vile purpose. Attacking Mrs. Normansell savagely, he beat her over the head with a revolver, endeavored to choke her and tore her mouth and cheek in his effort to stifle her cries.

With her face badly cut, her white nightdress saturated with blood that flowed from her wounds Mrs. Normansell made a pitiful escape from her murderous assailant and rushing to the street sought refuge in George Lavers' house on the opposite corner.

It was one of the worst cases that have been perpetrated in this city in many years and the police have very little to work on.

A short time after her desperate experience the former Standard reporter as she lay in a bed in Mr. Lavers' home. Her face was swollen and bandaged and despite the terrible ordeal that she had passed through, she was quite able and willing to tell the reporter quite plainly what had happened.

The victim's Story. She stated that she retired quite early last night and was sound asleep when she was awakened by the murderous villain who assaulted her. It was about ten minutes after twelve o'clock when the robber entered her bedroom. She was not awakened by the stealthy manner in which he entered the room and the first she knew of his presence was when she received a terrible blow on the head.

The blow stunned her for a few seconds and when she revived she was horrified to see a large man with a towel tied round the lower part of his face leaning over her.

In his hand he held a revolver in the barrel, and when she moved as if to make an outcry he struck her on the forehead with the butt of the revolver. He then clutched her by the throat with his left hand, and as she choked her unmercifully he beat her on the head with the revolver.

The man then dragged the woman from the bed and threw her on the floor and piled some chairs on her body.

Mrs. Normansell said the man then pointed the revolver at her and "where is your money, tell me, and if you don't or make a cry, I'll shoot you."

Mrs. Normansell told her assailant that the money was out in the bedroom. The robber then pointed the revolver at her left the bedroom and entered the grocery store.

At this point Mrs. Normansell, who is about 65 years of age, showed great courage under the circumstances. She knew the money was not in the store, but she told the robber the story so that she might get a chance to escape.

Makes Her Escape. The moment he passed into the store she managed to get under the door and hid with no clothes but her night dress, she ran to her front door, pulled back the spring lock and left the house slamming the door behind her.

In her bare feet she ran across the hard street to the yard in the rear of George Lavers' house on the opposite corner and immediately pounded on his bedroom window. Mr. Lavers raised his window blind and Mrs. Normansell called on him to hurry and let her in.

AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS NOT PERFORMED

Remarkable State of Affairs Revealed at Albert County Council Meeting as Result of Political Tie -- Auditor Liable for Neglect

Special to The Standard. Hopewell Cape, Jan. 12.—The annual session of the Albert county council was completed tonight about 10 o'clock and adjourned.

The Scott act inspector's report showed a large amount of work done in a very satisfactory manner, the net deficit being less than \$50 on the whole year's work.

Several votes taken were strictly on party lines, and resulted in a tie showing that the council was evenly divided from a political standpoint. Each party nominated a candidate for the office of county auditor, the Conservatives naming Thos. E. Colpitts, principal of the school at Albert, while the Liberals pinned their faith on Daniel W. Stuart, who has lately become a citizen of the parish of Covertale.

The vote was taken by written ballot and was declared a tie. A most peculiar state of affairs was revealed. It was claimed by Stuart's supporters that Eugene C. Copp, of Riverside, the auditor elected for 1910 would, under the result of the vote be the auditor for 1911 as it was claimed that the by-laws of the council set out that where the council failed to elect an officer, that the old incumbent still remained in office.

It was shown, however, that Mr. Copp had never taken the oath of office as auditor for 1910, and that he would, under the result of the vote be the auditor for 1911 as it was claimed that the by-laws of the council set out that where the council failed to elect an officer, that the old incumbent still remained in office.

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Contractor Speaks of Progress on N.T.R. Says Trains Will be Running on Some Sections Early in Summer of 1912--Quebec Bridge Work

Montreal, Jan. 12.—M. P. Davis, who was in this city today and who, in conjunction with his brother, J. T. Davis, is building a large section of the Transcontinental Railway east of Levis, states that the railway through the province of Quebec will be completed by Dominion Day, 1912. He is also of the opinion that the remainder of the New Brunswick sections will be finished by the early summer of next year, and that consequently trains will be running over a completed railway from Moncton to Levis during the latter part of the summer of 1912.

It is understood that the road will be completed from Moncton to a place called McDevoy's, a distance of 160 miles by next spring.

M. P. Davis also stated when questioned as to the probable progress of the Quebec bridge, of which he has the substructure to build, that the piers would no doubt be ready a good while before the first work on the steel superstructure is ready.

MRS. C. M. BEECHER. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 12.—Mrs. C. M. Beecher, widow of a former vice president of the B. C. M. T. & T. Company, and one of the best known pioneer women of Vancouver, died today. She was very wealthy, and leaves two sons, one residing here, and the other formerly a reporter on the Montreal Star, now of the New York Herald. The late head of the family was a cousin of Henry Ward Beecher.

MANUFACTURERS HAVE THEIR INNINGS AT OTTAWA

Delegation of Sixty to Present Case Against Reciprocity Today--Brief and to the Point.

Head of New Department of External Affairs Ignored in Negotiations--Berlin Against Reciprocity.

By Canadian Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The commissioners of the United States and Canada today continued their wrestle with the problem of negotiating a reciprocal treaty between this country and its northern neighbor.

Although all concerned maintained their customary reticence in the matter, it is gathered that fair progress is being made toward a solution.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Why is not the Hon. Charles Murphy at Washington? Mr. Murphy is the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The department of External Affairs was created in 1909 for the purpose of affording a regular channel through which all dealings with countries outside of Canada should pass.

Deals with foreign countries, or with other parts of the Empire are marked out as Mr. Murphy's special work. The reciprocity negotiations constitute dealings with a foreign country, and dealings of a particularly important character. It is singular, so soon after the erection of a whole new department to see it utterly ignored. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Paterson are conducting the negotiations. Mr. Murphy is in Ottawa apparently unaware that such a government exists as that at Washington, or that it is in business relations with the government of Canada.

It may or may not have been judicious to create the new department, but it is surely singular to see it so speedily shut to one side.

By Canadian Press. Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Manufacturers from all parts of Canada arrived in the city today and the board of trade rooms last night presented an enlightening spectacle. The delegation which has come to make its representations on the tariff is not a large one. There are about 60 in all, but it is very representative.

The big steel and coal interests are represented by President Plummer and General Manager Butler, Montreal sent up a car load of delegates and the Toronto contingent another. At last night's meeting final arrangements were made for presenting the case. Differing from the farmers the manufacturers do not propose to take up four hours in presenting a long line of memorials. They will rather be but one, it is said. It will take about half an hour to read and will be presented by T. A. Russell.

Continued On Page Two. B. C. LEGISLATURE OPENED YESTERDAY

Finances of Pacific Province in Prosperous Condition Under Conservative Rule--Promise Progressive Legislation

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 12.—The legislature opened today. The speech from the throne commented on the continued prosperity as previous financial statements showed marked prosperity.

Amongst new legislation are bills for inspection of logging and railway construction camps and one dealing with insurance.

The University endowment question also came up for consideration.

12 DROWNED IN WRECK OF GERMAN SHIP. Bremerhaven, Jan. 12.—The German steamer Maria Russ, from Hamburg for Nantes, went aground near Normandy Lightship last night. Twelve of the crew were drowned. A schooner went to the rescue, but was unable to put out her boat owing to the high seas.

New Brunswick Votes Pass House

Sum of \$239,816 Provided for Public Buildings, Including Grant of \$100,000 for St. John Drill Hall--E. M. MacDonald Taken to Task for Open-Faced Bribe.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 12.—In the House today, several members, mostly Englishmen by birth, condemned the attack on Canada in a recent issue of the English weekly, John Bull. Mr. Borden describing it as a foul contemptible libel, said that it was being circulated widely in Europe, for the purpose of injuring the reputation of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed that it was malicious, and that it was well that parliament had stigmatized it. Major Currie asked if parliament would send a delegation drawn from both parties to the coronation.

The Imperial parliament which was recently dissolved, Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied, had had a committee which had issued to the Canadian parliament an invitation to send a delegation to the coronation. The government had viewed this with favor, but that parliament had been dissolved, a new House of Commons had been elected and no invitation had come from it.

He expected that one would come. As for accepting it, the government would be happy to place itself in the hands of the House.

Mr. McKinnon King tried to go on with his bill to suppress the manufacture of matches with aid of phosphorus, but found that he had neglected the rule that such a bill must be preceded by a resolution. The bill stood over.

Mr. Templeman put through a resolution to authorize a bill to provide for better storage and inspection of explosives.

New Brunswick Votes. The House went into supply and passed the following: Nova Scotia public buildings--\$90,300; P. E. Island public buildings, \$21,000; New Brunswick public buildings--\$239,816.

This includes--Campbellton, \$30,000; Chatham, \$12,000; Fairville, \$15,000; Grand Falls, \$15,000; Hampton, \$3,000; Hartland, \$15,000; Hillsboro, \$15,000; Moncton armory, \$7,000; Moncton public building, \$7,000; St. John Dominion buildings, \$4,000; St. John drill hall, \$10,000; St. John quarantine station water service, \$3,000; St. John quarantine repairs, \$7,000; Tracadie, \$5,000; Maritime Provinces generally, \$15,000.

MacDonald's Bribe. While discussing public works estimates a reference was made to the speech delivered at Lethbridge last summer by E. M. MacDonald, during the tour of the premier, in which the member for Pictou was reported to have said that the way to get a post office was to return a Liberal member. Mr. Pardee, who was present at the Lethbridge meeting was appealed to.

Mr. Pardee declared that the statement attributed to Mr. MacDonald had not been made.

Mr. MacDonald then read the version of the incident which he gave at Pictou on his return from the west. He denied having said that Lethbridge must send a supporter of the government to parliament in order to get a post office.

Mr. Lancaster said the prime minister had stated publicly that Mr. MacDonald had been divided in his remarks at the Lethbridge meeting.

Mr. MacDonald asked if Mr. Lancaster would undertake to argue the matter after his denial.

Mr. Lancaster refused to take the denial and reiterated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had seen fit to correct the member for Pictou, adding: "Let him fight it out with the premier and not with me. We have a right to take the premier's statement."

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS BUSY DAY

Accede to Request of Large Temperance Delegation from Kings County--Several Appointments Made--More Room Needed

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 12.—The Provincial Government was in session all day today, meeting part of the day as the Board of Education, and they will resume their sessions again tomorrow morning.

This evening a meeting of the treasury board is being held. At the meeting of the Board of Education there was little business except the usual routine.

The government this afternoon passed an order that a proclamation be issued on August 1st next cancelling all liquor licenses in the parish of Wellington, Kent county.

This action was taken on the strength of a petition signed by 83 per cent of the rate payers of the parish, the signatures being vouched for by Rev. Fr. Hebert, the parish priest, and Rev. Mr. Woods, the Methodist minister.

The governor in council has the power to issue such a proclamation under the act of 1902. A delegation of hotel proprietors, J. H. McCreavey and R. Gallant were here from Buctouche, which is included in the parish, asking that the question be decided by a plebiscite.

The application of Wellington, Va., of Queens county for admission to the deaf and dumb school at St. John was acted upon favorably.

Letters Patent Issued. Letters patent will be issued to the York and Carleton Telephone Company (supplementary), the McQuinn Lumber Company, the Fairville Drug Company, the A. R. Williams Manufacturing Company, and E. Patrel, Limited.

Licenses were ordered to be issued to the Canadian Rubber Company and the National Finance Company to do business in the province.

An order was passed to provide for the payment of the militia engaged in preserving order at Campbellton after the riotous fire there last summer. The amount required for this service is not large.

Returns from a number of coroners in the province and from the Registrars of Deeds of the various counties were presented at the meeting.

V. D. Turner was appointed Judge of probates pro hac vice in the matter of the estate of the late Thomas Crawford in the Kings county probate court.

V. H. Moran was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate for St. Martins, St. John County.

John B. Christopher, of Restigouche, was appointed a notary public. Dr. G. C. Vanwart, of Fredericton, was appointed a member of the medical council of New Brunswick in place of Dr. John H. Grey of Fairville, deceased.

Accommodation Needed. The expansion of the work of the provincial agricultural department and the need of better accommodation for the school book department have caused the government to seriously consider providing increased accommodations for this work. The old Madras school building on King street owned by the Church of England, has been offered for sale to the government. The price asked is \$2,000. Following this morning's meeting of the executive, the members of the government visited the building. Several suggestions have been made for providing the increased accommodations. It has been suggested that the third floor of the departmental buildings might be fitted up. Then there is the question of the advisability of erecting a new building.

CANADA YIELDS HER FISHERIES

Agreement Reached at Washington by Which United States Have Objectionable Features Removed.

Appointment of Board of Experts Will be Unnecessary--Permanent Commission.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The commissioners for the United States and Canada who have been considering the fishery regulations, have reached a decision. The Canadian and Newfoundland governments undertake to change the existing regulations to remove the objections of the United States, thus making it unnecessary to call upon the board of experts.

The conference has been going on since Monday morning and followed similar conferences by the state department officials with representatives of the Gloucester fishing interests.

The formal statement of the outcome issued at the state department tonight is as follows: "As a result of these conferences, an understanding was reached. Instead of calling upon the commission of experts appointed under the Hague award, to determine the reasonable limits to which the United States had objected, the Canadian and Newfoundland governments will proceed voluntarily to make such changes in the existing regulations as are necessary to remove the objections of the United States."

"The effect of this arrangement is to make it unnecessary to reassemble the Hague tribunal to act upon the report of the experts and eliminates any further proceedings at the Hague. All differences which may arise in the future as to these or any further regulations which cannot be disposed of by diplomatic negotiations will be referred to the permanent mixed commission to be established in accordance with the recommendations of the award."

The regulations thus to be modified are understood to refer to the use of purse seines, Sunday fishing, right of search and like subjects.

The United States was represented in the conference by Secretary Knox, Counselor Chandler P. Anderson, Robert Lansing, one of the counsel of the United States in The Hague arbitration and Hugh M. Smith, acting commissioner of fisheries.

The British were represented by Ambassador Bryce, Sir Edward Morris, Prime Minister of Newfoundland; Sir Alan Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, of Canada, and the agent of Great Britain in The Hague arbitration; L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine, and Fisheries, of Canada; George Young, Secretary of the British Empire; Dr. Wakeham, of the Canadian Fisheries Department, and Captain O'Reilly, of the Newfoundland Fisheries Department.

Earl of Cadogan MARRIES COUSIN

London, Jan. 12.—Surprise has been caused in London by the marriage of the Earl of Cadogan to his cousin, the Countess Palati at Florence.

The Earl of Cadogan is one of the wealthiest of London's ground landlords, and a great enthraller of royalty. Three heirs to the title have died during his life time.

TO SELL BY AUCTION

Toronto, Jan. 12.—E. C. Clarkson appointed liquidator of the Sturgeon Falls Pulp and Sulphite Mills in 1907, announces that the requests for options on the property had all been declined, and that the shareholders, who met in London, Eng., yesterday, decided to sell the property by auction early in April. The mills have an estimated value of \$1,250,000 and hold valuable pulp concessions. One of the applicants for options was William Randolph Hearst, of New York.

INSTANTLY KILLED. Ampror, Ont., Jan. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Watt, of McNab township, were driving into Ampror this morning, when they were struck by a westbound Grand Trunk freight train at Daniel street crossing. Mr. Watt was instantly killed, and Mrs. Watt was seriously hurt. The team escaped.

BOY INJURED IN COASTING

St. Stephen Lad Dashes Into Street Car With Probably Fatal Result--Severe Wounds on the Head

St. Stephen, Jan. 12.—While sliding on Rushton Hill, on his way to school this afternoon, Howard Hanson, son of Thomas Hanson, driver of the hose cart, and about seven years of age, met with a serious accident.

The spot is a dangerous one, the street shooting out from between two houses right on to the electric car tracks. Unfortunately young Hanson made his slide just as a street car was approaching and his speed was so great that his sled could not be stopped.

His head came in contact with a step of the car and though he missed death beneath the wheels, he sustained three wounds on the head, and was bruised about the body. He was unconscious for 20 minutes. He was picked up and carried into E. Thornton's store and later taken to his home, where Dr. J. D. Lawson is attending him.

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FARMERS BANK MEETING. Mingal, Ont., Jan. 12.—A general meeting of creditors of the Farmers Bank will take place next week.

EVIDENCE IN FINTON CASE

One of Witnesses Admits Prejudice Against Prisoner--Coroner Left Bloody Finger Marks on Door

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 12.—At the Finton murder trial this morning, George Milten, trial of Salt Fleet township, testified that Elijah Finton, the prisoner, was poor for several months before his death, and that Tom, the son, charged with the murder told him that the old man was liable to drop dead any day. The witness told Tom on one occasion that his father was dissatisfied with the way he was acting, and would sell the farm if he did not improve his ways.

"You have been talking about the case and trying to throw suspicion on the prisoner. You have given your opinion to nearly everybody," said George S. Lynch-Staunton. Mr. Milten admitted that he had volunteered the opinion that Elijah Finton was not murdered by tramps.

Evidence regarding the Traders' Bank bills found under the couch on which Tom had been lying on the afternoon of the fatal day, was given by Wilbert Finton, brother of the prisoner. There was \$60 in the roll. The witness seemed very hostile to wards his brother's counsel, and answered his questions with apparent unwillingness.

Mrs. Wilbert Finton gave evidence of a coolness between Tom and his father which culminated in Tom threatening to leave the farm.

Coroner Thompson of Stoney Creek, the first witness called this afternoon after examining the body, he unthinkingly touched the barndoor with his bloody hands, producing the finger marks found on the door. He testified that the blow received by Elijah Finton would immediately induce unconsciousness.

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