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# ST. JOHN SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1906

## EIGHTEEN MET DEATH IN COLORED CHURCH PANIC.

Wild Rush Made For Door After Alarm of Fire Which Proved to be Only Trifling--Women and Children Grushed to Death.

sons and injuries to nearly two score children and fought only for their own of others tonight in St. Paul's Baptist safety. The terrific crush in the bend church in Eighth street between Poplar of the stairs became so great that the street and Girard avenue. The terrible balustrade, a frail wooden affair, gave rush to gain the street was of brief dur- way. There was a terrible crash as ation and that more were not killed in half a hundred persons were precipifer, all the members suffer with it." the stampede was probably due to the tated to the floor, a distance of about fact that the church was not crowded. ten or twelve feet. At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building which with the gallery was capable of accommothe gallery was capable of accommothe gallery was capable of accommothe would heed. Over the prostrate forms would heed. dating 600 to 700. The life was a true ling one, and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of those who were unable to extricate of the Lord's Day" and, to this end, of the Lord's Day" and, to this end, of the Lord's Day" and, to this end, of the Lord's Day and to this end, of the Lord's Day are challenged in St. smoke added to the panic and despite the heroic work of Rev. E. W. Johnson, the pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the lives of a number of those who the lives narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over eighteen lay dead on the first floor and

stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or the dead and dying. The disaster occurred while a collection was being taken up. The pastor ing for help and looking for their missing loved ones. With the help of scores not been at all times in sympathy with the promoters of this legislation, but had just concluded his sermon, the of colored men and white people who the promoters of this legislation, but text of which was, "Why sit we here until we die?" Following the collection there was to have been a baptism of a man and wife. Some of the color-ed people, owing to the lateness of the evening, had left the church and others were about to go. As the pastor was arranging the pulpit preparatory to beginning the baptismal service, a woman in one of the front rows of the left side order was soon brought about, however, and everyone who could not stand was placed in an ambulance and rushed to hospitals. No time was taken up to see if any victim was dead, and within an hour after the disaster occurred the street has been leared of the mass of people and the church door cries of "Fire," and the whole congregation became panic-stricken. The pastor by this time realized the seriousness of the situation, and in a loud

When the rush started those in the chimney, which caused smoke to issue rear of the church did not fully realize through the crevices in the second what was wrong and were slow to move. The frantic stricking of the women and children became louder and

more general and many were knocked down in the two aisles of the church. Then came the terrible rush down the stairways. For some unknown reason everybody tried to get down the left side of the building, comparatively stairway. One eye witness says that perhaps a dozen persons got safely down the stairs, when several people tripped and fell and caused the narrow way to become jammed. Several on the first floor attempted to hold the people back, but were knocked down and then the human stream made me sick. In nursing others I had came tumbling down. The weaker seen the good results of Dr. Chase's have met with opposition from the

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 21.—A became terror-stricken. Strong men, wild panic following a loud shriek of in fear that the building was falling, leaped over the heads of women and

The pastor of the church, a man of continued to appeal to the crowd in length and breadth of Canada to inthemselves. In the confusion some of the worshippers thought of the narrow door on the right side of the pulpit and made a quick exit that way which

sight presented itself to the rescuers. movement. I propose to put before you The first floor and the stairway to the a simple statement of the reasons bend were covered three deep with which ought to induce every man to with equanimity, for "whether or the dead and dying.

On the street hundreds were shriekthe direction of the desired reform.

were attracted to the scene the dead that will not prevent you now from and injured were extricated from the terrible mass of humanity and laid on the sidewalks of Eighth street.

The injured were extricated from the giving the question a fair and dispassionate hearing. Putting aside all local considerations, there can be no doubt clang of the ambulance gongs, the that the subject is one of the very

#### MEMBER HONORFD

FREDERICTON, Jan. 22.-At the eeting tonight of the Victoria Lodge presented to Henry T. Clark. The presentation was made by Grand Master Sampson.

GAINED 10 POUNDS.

"I was all run down and could not | their contention, and as a general prodo my own work. Everything I ate position, I am perfectly willing to acones fell, only to be tramped upon and Nerve Food and resolved to try it. As church, but those days have passed; crushed by those coming from behind. a result of this treatment I have gain and in the sphere of his own soul The horrible shrieks sent up by the ed ten pounds, do my own work alone every person stands supreme. We no prostrate persons added to the confus- and feel like an entirely different per- more dream of disputing that than we this time even the cooler son."-Mrs. H. A. Loynes, nurse, Philones in the rear of the fighting mass ipsburg, Que.

**GANON RICHARDSON** ON LORD'S DAY ACT

**Sermon Preached in Trinity** Yesterday Morning

The Question Fairly Discussed From All Points of View-New Legis-

lation Favored.

In Trinity church Sunday morning Lord's Day Act, taking as his text I. What I have to say to you this morning will hardly be of the nature of a sermon. Most of you are aware that petitions are being circulated in St. When those who came down the front stairs had left the building a terrible the weight of their influence to the

The ringing of the fire bells, the in the mind of any thoughtful person considerations, there can be no doubt almost total darkness and the thick deepest importance, involving, as it fog added to the confusion for a time. Order was soon brought about, how- which the Christian church is founded.

The fire was a most trifling affair. A defective flue started a small fire in the eration must not be confused by any sophistical arguments in favor of this or that special branch of trade. We must look at it in all its breadth, and come to our conclusion, not by force of any details which it may suggest,

but by the pressure of the great prin-I should like to further emphasize that oint, for it is just here that most of the antagonism to the movement has arisen. Again and again it has been been insisted—and by men whose opinions are entitled to respect—that the state has no right to legislate along religious lines, and that it is absolutely a man's own business whether he goes to church or stays at home. That is

Once upon a time, it might more dream of disputing that than we dream of establishing a modern in-quisition. Undoubtedly, the state has no more right to compel a man to be religious, than it has to make him ir-

But all this is beside the mark. Its principle is not touched by the question of Sunday legislation, the aim and object of which is not to compel a man to be religious, but to give every man the unhindered opportunity to be religious, if he will. Rest and not religion, liberty and not restraint, privilege and not prohibition-these are the ends we have in view. To conserve for man his right to rest, not because of any enactment, human or divine but because its law is written upon the sacredness of man's nature—that is the sole object of the proposed Sunday law. I hope that I have made this point quite clear, for it is one of paramount importance, and failure to mark its meaning will obscure the whole question in the minds of many people. That point disposed of, the question comes up—Is there any real need of such legislation at the present time? Well, there is, first of all, this factthat there are now in Canada no exist. ing laws of this character upon which the public can depend. In the face of the decision of the privy council in 1903, regarding the Ontario Lord's Day act, it is hardly possible to enforce any provincial law at present upor the statute book. There remain it is true, the various anti-

confederation laws upon the subject but in some respects their language i obscure, and, more than that, they are admittedly inadequate to meet present day conditions. The supreme cour of Canada, moreover, has declared that the dominion government has the pow er to legislate in this direction, permis sion to appeal from this decision being refused by the judicial committee the privy council. It follows, therefor that our only hope of effective legisla tion for the preservation of Sunday as

it necessary to legislate at all? Are we not well off as we are? Is there not, generally speaking, a disposition to observe Sunday in a proper manner? No one doubts that public morals in Canada, are, in many respects, higher and healthier than those in certain other countries, but have we any reason to suppose that they will long continue so? With a flood of foreign emigrants pouring into Canada, many of them without creed, and some without character, is there any likelihood that there will be no change in public sen-timent? Is it not almost certain that here, and a deterioration in moral prin ciples result? It is within the memory of many in our midst, when the American union was face to face with the problem with which we today are grappling. Then with them, as now with us, the efforts to esure the safety of the Lord's Day were met with ridi cule—the cheap clap cry of "liberty was raised-then, as now, the specie Canon Richardson preached on the was urged. The conditions with us ar as the conditions were with them, and what was the outcome of it all? In the Cor., 12:26, "Whether one member suf- United States the day of rest has been largely lost, so that millions of me are deprived of that which is a neces sity of nature. Do we want to see the same state of things in Canada? It will

come by the necessity of natural law unless we anticipate its operation whilst I have seemed to assume that the present condition of public opinion and public practice is satisfactory, but it is not really so. During the past few of schoolboys, not yet troubled with years there have been alarming inparts of Canada, Sunday traffic and Sunday trade are increasingly and needlessly features of modern life, and the unity of national life makes it imthe unity of national life makes it im-possible for us to think of these things gether and died together. Whether one exercise the power of his franchise in the direction of the desired reform.

Some of you, I am well aware, have not been at all times in sympathy with gious paper, but of the Toronto Globe

tion at Ottawa for the dominion is made the occasion for mocking for those who affect broad views and a su-perior air The fact that upwards of of the lake. 500 instances of Sunday labor were reof the influence of representatives of

Alliance's cause his own, suggests reason and moderation poles away from narrow Sabbatarianism. The Alliance bodies, were found.

"It is urged by your committee that steps should be taken by this Synod to bring before the government our earnest hope that no time will be lost in putting on the statute book of the ninion a Sunday observance law that will commend itself to the conscience and sober judgment of all thinking peo ple as in keeping with the character of a Christian nation." That report was inanimously adopted, and was follow ed by a special section in the bishop's pastoral dealing with the question, in the course of which it was said: "In onnection with this subject we would ommend to the church the work of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada. Its object is largely identical with our own, and its field is the dominion. We would welcome and aid any Godly efort of this description, and knowing the devoted earnestness displayed by the Alliance in this respect, we pray

God's blessing to rest upon its labors."
There is now, in addition to that, a ommittee, of which the Bishop Nova Scotia is chairman, whose special aim is to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in its work. Beyond all nent in the direction of dominion legis-

oort and sympathy of every other church. One by one, the leading bodies of Christians have through their reprecentatives endorsed this movement: and last, but not least, the great Roman Catholic church, embracing two-fifths of the entire population of Canada, has set the stamp of her approval upon the measure. The eight archbishops met last October and adopted report, which was forwarded to the minister of justice, strongly recom-mending that Sunday, as a day of rest, ould be protected by law, forbidding all labor and business on that day, 'alike manual and forensic," excepting works of necessity and mercy; further, that such legislation should apply to employers of labor as well as to employes; that all pleasure excursions and sports where any fee is charged should be prohibited, and that restrictions uld be put upon the hauling of freight upon the railroads. These proisions are practically identical those of the draft act which has been ubmitted to the government.

There is no more that need be said. ply made a statement for your information, and I ask you now, in the name of the church, and for the sake of your country, to throw the weight of your influence in the direction of the proposed legislation. You will find the wo petitions in the corridor of the church, and I hope that you will affix your signatures to them as you pass.

Read the want ads. It will pay you. Mrs. Foster.

### dominion government. The question of need may, of course, be put in another form, and in this form it is heard most frequently—Is DEATH TOGETHER IN THE WATERS OF LILY LAKE.

Both boys were pupils at the Vic-

toria street school, in Miss Howard's

Coroner Roberts said late yesterday

afternoon that he thought an inquest

was unnecessary, as it was quite ap-

parent that the boys came to their death through an accident. The bodies

are still at Chamberlain's undertaking

The place where the boys met their

death is not more than one hundred

yards from the shore, and is on the

munity for the sorrowing families

To Be In His Favor — Trial

Likely to be Long.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 22.-For the

claim they will be able to disprove the

Sanford Crossman, who had known

tragically bereaved.

what has taken place in the great republic to the south will be repeated Frank Wheaton and Walter Kaye' Aged Ten, Yesterday RED BEACH MEN ARE Afternoon Were Drowned in the Runway Used by the St. John Ice Company---No One Saw the Accident, and When Help Arrived Both Lads Were Ashton Identified as Minot Dead---Pathetic Scene When the Boys' Bodies

(From Tuesday's Daily Sun.) "Poor little chaps. But a moment ago full of life and gay with the gayety the morning, but had not been home

Were Identified.

life's problems, and now stark and ably to go to school. They were not years there have been alarming in-roads into the sanctity of our Sunday cold." This was the thought of those rest. Because here in St. John there who stood by the bodies of Frank Coroner Roberts said late yesterds Wheaton and Walter Kaye, who yesterday afternoon were claimed as victims by the remorseless waters of Lily Lake.

It is a sad story. Both were sons of widowed mothers, and were school tumbled in and the other met his death

There were no eye-witnesses as far nenting upon the annual meetings as can be learned, of this double tragof the Dominion and Ontario Lord's edy, which has left a blank in the two Day Alliances, it said: "The decision of homes and bowed in grief two sorrowthe Lord's Day Alliance to seek legisla- ing mothers. The drowning occurred in the charmel or runway used by the St. John Ice Company in the landing of

About half-past three Samuel Wood and John Henderson, who were on their the Alliance, suggests the need for such an organization, and suggests also the moral power it wields. The fact, too, that in all cases admiring legal proceedings, the attorney general of Ontario found it his duty to make the Alliance's cause his own suggests real.

bathetic in the extreme. A great commerce are to be left at liberty to carry on their diverse operations on Sunday, as on every other day, or whether the Seventh Day, in obedience to the laws of nature, no less than to the law of God, is to be preserved inviolate as a day of sacred rest. The question foor there is a wide doorway has a sharp bend, which proved to be the first floor of the first floor. The fire was a most trifling affair. A special was an of the first floor. The fire was a most trifling affair. A special was not extinct an one of the dead shows the condury in the commerce are to be left at liberty to carry on their diverse operations on Sunday, as on every other day, or whether the Seventh Day, in obedience to the laws of nature, no less than to the law of God, is to be preserved inviolate as a day of sacred rest. The question that is before us—the proposed dominous sharp bend, which proved to be the principal contributory cause for the jam. The front door on the first floor.

The fire was a most trifling affair. A special was not extinct, the sention of the dead shows this companions, the commerce are to be left at liberty to commerce are to be left at liberty to carry on their diverse operations on Sunday, as on every other day, or whether the Seventh Day, in obedience to the working classes, by its activity and persistence in security to the working classes, by its activity and persistence in security to the working classes, by its activity and persistence in security and maintaining the weekly day of care to the whole doorway in the care to the door on the staff was a day of sacred rest. The question that is church. In the report of the commit- Believing that life was not extinct, the tee on the observance of the Lord's boy was rolled and rubbed for half an Evidence of Medical Men Considered Day there was the following paragraph: hour in the hope that he might be resuscitated, but all the efforts made proved unavailing.

The body of young Wheaton was found about half an hour after that of his companion. It was secured by the aid of grappling irons, and was water and lying on the bottom. This fact was thought by some to indicate that he had been the first to go down. In the meantime D. D. Webster had second time Edward F. Cole, formerly aged, but when she was asked to look telephoned for Dr. MacLaren, who arrived at the lake just as the body of the superior court this afternoon for as the man who had assaulted her, young Wheaton had been recovered. the murder of his townsman, John F. then fainted.

fied, and when he arrived ordered the bodies taken to Chamberlain's under-

Up to this time the boys had not been identified, and it was not for several hours afterwards that it was definitely known who the unfortunate victims of the sad affaiar were.

ment in the direction of dominion legis lation has the whole-hearted approval of the church to which we owe allegiance.

the excitement was increasing, and with Hiram Crossman on March 20, and of his going to Cole's to board. He whose boys were not at that time whose boys were not at the boys who

One of these was Mrs. Annie Kaye, a widow, living on Leinster street, since noon. Immediately upon hearing of the tragedy she went to the undertaking rooms where the bodies were lying, and here her worst fears were he was not pawning his own or his wife's belongings. Col. Eaton dwelt stall and white, she gave vent to her bitter grief.

Since he first lived in Portiand when he was not pawning his own or his wife's belongings. Col. Eaton dwelt at length on the identification by the state's witnesses of Cole as the taller of the two men seen in Falmouth on the time of the escape, follows:

the other boy was identified. Some billheads of the Clover Dairy were found in his pockets, on which the name Frank Wheaton, 98% Duke street. had been written. This clue was followed up, and Mrs. Wheaton communicated with. On being given a description of the clothing and a little ring which the boy had on his finger, she said it was no doubt her son, Frank. She was prostrated by the terrible news, and unable to go and see the body. Her 'daughter, Mrs. Clarence Foster, same in her stead, and identified the body positively as that of her brother Frank Wheaton. She was accompanied by her husband, and bore er sorrow bravely.

The age of both boys was ten years. Walter Kaye was one of a family of eight, five girls and three boys. mother has only been living in St. John for a few months, having moved here from Petitcodiac.

Frank Wheaton was the youngest of family of three children, which consisted of two sons and one daughter, NOTED CRIMINALS

St. Clair Francis

Who Escaped While Serving 18 Years

For Criminal Assault—Phelps May

Be Frank Wiley.

(From Tuesday's Daily Sun.)

John Ashton, one of the Red Beach burglars, arrested here a few days ago by Sergt. Baxter, has been identified in Portland as Minot St. Clair Francis, the colored desperado who escaped from the Bridgewater Insane Asylum in Septem | last.

south side of the lake, near the western end. The boys had evidently walked off the runway into Ashton's white the panion, also arrested in St. John is supposed to be Frank R. Wiley, a lodging house thief the open space, where the ice had been removed, and which was covered by who escaped from Bridgewater at the only a very thin coating of ice. Their

trip was a sight-seeing one, probably, Phelps told the Portland officers of his movements, but denied positively that he is Wiley. He was shown a phote of Francis ,and at once identified it as Ashton. as neither of them wore skates.

The sad affair has excited to an unusual degree the sympathy of the com-

The latter declared he was not Francis, but said he had heard of a colored man in Bangor who looked like him. The police found a ring tattoed on his middle finger, which was one of the identification marks of Francis.

It is not known whether It is not known whether an effort will be made to have Francis returned to Bridgewater to complete his sentence. The offense committed at Red Beach is a serious one and if Ashton and Phelps should be convicted of that

they will probably get a long term in prison. Brown, was seriously wounded and is not yet out of danger. If he should succumb, the charge will be changed

escaped from the Bridgewater state farm on Sept. 17 last he was serving a term of 18 years for assault upon Mrs. Kate A. Johnson. committed in Lynn two years ago. He was sentenced to the state prison, but displayed symptoms of insanity, so the physicians thought, and he was trans-

ferred to the insane quarters at Bridge At this trial it was brought out that Francis met Mrs. Johnson in a seclud-ed part of the Swampscott road, drag-ged her into the woods, and after beating her with his fists asaulted her and left her. He was later arrested. Johnson was brought to the Lynn police headquarters, where Francis was held. Her head and face were band-

young Wheaton had been recovered. Dr. MacLaren worked over the bodies of the two boys, using artifical respiration, but it was all too late.

Coroner Roberts had also been notification. jury, but Col. W. C. Eaton, county at- to them in the calmest manner. He torney is expected to open the case didn't seem to take much interest in this afternoon. The states' attorneys the case.

Francis claimed an alibi, but when alibi set up by the defence at the last the case came before the jury in the trial. Cole looks cheerful and is confiwas sentenced to 18 years. The police PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 22.—County now think that he feigned insa At first it was rumored that the boys were sons of Edwin S. Russell, but this proved untrue. Then, several other names were mentioned. All the time in the feight in the first state prison for the purpose of being sent to Bridgewater, from which it was much easier to escape than from the feight in the feight i

dian money, and part of this the state, story window, using their bed clothing would show was in Cole's possession as a rope. They were reported as havafter the murder, as well as Steeves' ing been seen in various parts of southwatch and clothing. Cole had always been hard up, the county attorney declared, and there had been no time been located in New Hampshire and in since he first lived in Portland when other parts of New England, and with-

April 12. One of these would swear He is about 26 years of age, 5 feet 81-8 that she was near enough to him to inches in height, 130 pounds in weight, recognize tattoo marks on his wrists. stout build, black hair, brown eyes and This witness was not called at the complexion that of light mulatto. He first trial. The state was able before has the letter "F" and an indistinct adjournment to get in the testimony anchor marked or his left forearm and of identification of Steeves' body.

an indistinct ink rink on left middle The witnesses included two doctors, the blow on the head producing upper. He is regarded as a dangerous the blow on the head producing upper.

the blow on the head producing uncon- Wiley, who went under the alias of sciousness and death resulting from Frank Russell, was arrested in Cambridge Feb. 25, 1904. He was convicted The cross-examination brought out a as a lodging house tatef, and sentenced statement from one of the doctors that to three years in the house of corr blood would have spurted from the tion at East Cambridge. As he showed latter wound a distance of two or three signs of insanity he was transferred to feet and that the murderer's clothes the Bridgewater institution. He is dewould almost certainly be saturated. scribed as 23 years of age, 150 pounds in There was no evidence at the first weight, 5 feet 9 inches in height, with trial of blood being found on Cole's light brown hair, blue eyes and clothing, and the point is considered to smooth fee. be in Cole's favor. Rewards of

Rewards of \$100 for Francis and \$25 for Wiley were offered at the time of Steeves as a boy and who identified his their escape.

body, was the last witness of the day. To cure Headache in ten minutes use not a contribution.-Mississippi Lum-Kumfort Headache Powders, 10 cents. berman.



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