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FARMER BECOMES **RAVING MANIAC**

Killed One of His Sons and Injured Another-Claimed He Had Been Poisoned-is Now in Jail

With the eternal triangle declared to be the cause, one of the worst trag-

edies in the criminal annals for Vic toria County is reported from Crombie Settlement, about five miles from Plaster Rock, where Almond Crombie, a well-known farmer, suddenly became a raving maniac, on Saturday evening, threatening to shoot his wife and a man named Dbnovan, said to be from Star theatre, for one day, Nov. 1. Miss Chicago, claiming they had tried to poison him, and when they escaped. beat out the brains of his nine-yearold son, Almond, and attacked his other son, Roy, two years younger, whom he left as dead when he was scared away from the house by the arrival of neighbors. He ran into the woods and was found on Sunday morning at daybreak, at a clearing, hanging to the branch of a tree by both arms, dancing with his feet just touching the ground, and shouting like a mad man.

Where Donovan has gone to nobody knows, but Crombe has been taken to the Victoria County jail at Andover by Provincial Constable Johnston, Woodstock, and Turner, Plaster Rock, and an investigation into the circum stances commenced. The facts, so far as can be learned, are that Crombe and his wife, who married him soon after she came out to this country from Ireland, had quarrelled some what over the disposition of their childrem as to whether they should be brought up as Protestants or Catholics, but there had been no serious break in their relations until Donovan who is sair to have come from Chicago, but about whom little information is available, came to stay at their home. On Saturday evening Crombie took a dose of cascara, and within a short time he blamed Donovan and Mrs. Cromble with having given him poison instead of the medicine. Forthwith he procured his rifle, but in the meantime Donovan got out of the house and has not since been seen. Then Cromble pointed the rifle Dr. Lainsburyat his wife, but she succeeded in per-spading him not to shoot her. She also escaped from the house, and the crazed man then attacked his two sons. He knocked the boys down, and while Almond, Jr., the older of the two sons, was lying on the floor, the father attacked him with his rifle, literally beating his brains out with the butt of the rifle. The other boy escaped with one finger being smashed off by a blow from the butt end of the rifle when he attempted to protect himself. In the melee the light went out, and when a neighbor named It's a McKay arrived at the house he was not allowed to enter until he had answered a question as to whether he was a friend or a for. Crombie let him come in when he said he was a Dresfriend, but afterwards he (Crombie) hurried away from the house. Later on to Dr. Comn, who was called to attend the injured son, and also to pass upon Crombie's mental dition, he told a story to the effect that his wife and Donovan has tried to poison him and that he was later stacked by other persons, who shot him in the back and tried to injure his sons, but he had tried to hely the boys and hoped they were all right. The doctor said he had no doubt that Cromble had suddenly become a raying maniac.



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assigned to a motion picture production supports Pauline Frederick, Goldpeople. wyn star, in her new Goldwyn play "Madame X," which comes to Frederick has the role of Jacqueline Floriot, who is tried for murder as

"Madame X," under which name she week. is registered at the prison because she refused to reveal her indenity. Casson Ferguson, who has played

of Raymond Floriot, her son, who de-William Courtleigh, who has been Peters, Mary Miller, and Norman Milknowing that she is his mother. playing big roles in pictures, for ler and Harry Peters spent part of



Jones of Bath. Lionel Beimore and Willard Lon two of the best known charac n screen work, play the Paris bla diers whose schemes lead Jacqui ine to commit murder. Others in the caste includ Mau ouis, Hardee Kirkland, Albert oe, Correan Kirkham, Sidney / worth, Maude George, Cesare vina, Dioyd T. Whitlock and John Hohenvest, Mr. Hohenvest also as sisted Frank Lloyd, Miss Prederick's director, as an advisor on French sets le was a motion picture director h

ace for hine years before comin he United States recently to study picture production here, Prices 35 and 50 cents.

MINNIE BELL ADNEY TO BE A CANDIDATE

Says She Will Contest Carleton-Vio toris in the Liberal lintercets

Woodstock, Oct. 7 .- Mrs. Minni Bell Adney will be a Liberal candidate at the next Federal election. She says she is assured of the support of the greater number of the old school Lib erals, farmers, professional and indus trial electors in the constituency of Carleton-Victoria, especially along the Tobique river, the most beautiful por tion of the Province of New Bruns wick. Her policies are: More pay for the soldiers; let Lord Shaughnes sy have the railways if he wants m; to cut down sessional inden nity to the old figures; to provide a mother's bonus, such as they have in Ontario: to cut down the number of private cars for politicians; to limit the lunch of the members at the par liament restaurant to an apple, a same wich, a glass of Geddes Stout or a cu of coffee; to bring back old high in cense or have a liquor such as they have in Quebec or British Columb whereby the national debt could be liquidated in two years from this pre-One of the strongest companies ever per revenue. She says her standard

FLORENCEVILLE FACTS

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Mrs. Nicholson and family spent Sunday in Mars Hill. Mrs. Cooke Boyer and son Hellis

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leading parts opposite many of the have returned from a visit to Smithnoted feminine film stars, has the role town, Kings, Co. H. M. Estey and son Ralph spent fended her at her trial for murder, not few days at Grand Falls last week. The Misses Doris, Annie and Helen

years, is Louis Floriot, her husband. Sunday with Ma and Mrs. Wendel



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COLT AND COW FOR SALE

One Baron Squire mare rears old, Broken to harness. Dan Standard bred Clyde. Also one Jen st a bargain. Red COW,

Orombie is about forty years of age, and his wife is about the same age, condition, he told a story to the effect

It is reported that Crombie has re-covered from his "brain-storm" and expresses horror and sorrow at his awful deed.

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