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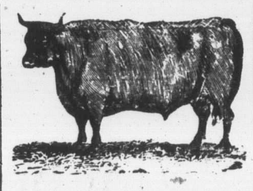

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EVIDENCE OF THE WITNESSES

Looks Very Black Against the Accused Trio—Maggie Reid's Evidence Corroborated by Another Witness — Trial at Next Assizes.

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—The trial of the accused trio in the case of alleged poisoning, in which an attempt was said to have been made on the life of Walter Evans, a hotel-keeper at Sharon, by his wife, his hostler, named Osman, and a young man named Pegg, came up in the County Court house here yesterday.

The first witness to give evidence in the case was Maggie Reid, a servant girl. Her evidence was of a decidedly sensational nature. She had heard Pegg tell Mrs. Evans that the only way now left was to try the stuff in oysters. She saw a letter that Mrs. Evans wrote to Pegg, who was going on a visit to Toronto, telling him to be sure and buy "the stuff that started with S" when he reached the city. She had also seen Pegg's reply, which stated that he could not get the stuff in the city without being found out, and advising her to send George to Bradford or Mount Albert. Osman had been sent to Bradford twice.

All of the girl Reid's evidence was of a most startling and damaging character as she told the story of the domestic infelicity existing between Evans and his wife and of the suspicious relations the young man Pegg had with Mrs. Evans.

The whole case before it is completed promises to develop some of the most sensational evidence heard in court for many years.

TORONTO, Feb. 10.—The evidence given yesterday in the alleged case of attempted poisoning brought against Mrs. Evans, Charles Pegg and George Osman, was most damaging to the accused trio.

After Maggie Reid had finished her story of the doings at the Evans' house, Dr. Lewis H. Campbell, of Bradford, gave his testimony. His evidence corroborated the statements already published. George Osman had purchased 30 grains of strychnine on December 26 and 20 grains on January 4, saying that he wanted to poison foxes with it.

After a number of other witnesses were examined, all going to damage the accused, Mrs. Evans was put on the stand, after which the Crown rested its case.

The three prisoners were then committed to stand their trial at the next assizes.

EMPEROR AND CZAR.

They Are on Friendly Terms and Both Wish for Peace.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The members of the Reichstag who attended the Parliamentary banquet given on Monday night by Chancellor von Caprivi are gradually divulging in the lobby of the Reichstag the details of the speeches made on that occasion. It is said Emperor William fulsomely praised the Czar, saying: "He is a prince of peace like myself." Continuing, his Majesty is reported to have said that his relations with the Czar were excellent and of the most intimate nature, yet should the Reichstag reject the commercial treaty enemies would immediately damage Germany. In conversation with one of the Conservative members of the Reichstag the Emperor said he had carefully studied the agricultural distress under anxiously contemplated remedies to relieve it. Nevertheless he was convinced that a duty on grain of 3½ marks would be sufficient for the protection of the German farmers. Ten years ago, he added, the farmers would have considered such a protective tariff beyond the range of possibilities.

THE GEORGETOWN AFFAIR.

Walter Campbell Charged With Perjury at the Inquest on His Brother's Death.

GEORGETOWN, Feb. 10.—One information was laid yesterday with George Kennedy, J.P., by Alexander Campbell charging Walter Campbell with perjury at the inquest of his deceased brother. A warrant was issued for Walter's arrest. So far he cannot be found, but the constables expect to overtake him before many hours go by.

Several others, who have been misconducting themselves lately, will be summoned for disorderly conduct. Next week will be unusually lively and the magistrates are preparing for heavy work. The authorities are bound to stamp out all lawlessness, and those who cannot show clearly how they make a living will have to leave the town or take the consequences.

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

Bill Introduced to Have a Plebiscite Taken at the Coming General Elections.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 8.—In the House of Assembly yesterday Premier Fielding introduced a bill for taking a plebiscite on prohibition simultaneously with the polling for the local general elections, now only a few weeks distant.

In the Legislature yesterday Premier Fielding gave notice of motion for the committee to draft a memorial to Her Majesty the Queen. It is understood it is proposed to ask permission to increase the number of members sufficiently to carry abolition or to otherwise grant power to abolish the Upper Chamber.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

He Will Spend Another Long, Weary Term in Jail.

THREE RIVERS, Que., Feb. 10.—The court room was again thronged yesterday to hear whether the magistrate would commit Hooper to the Criminal Court or find the evidence insufficient and release him. The case was taken up by Judge Barthe, who read a long document giving his decision consigning Hooper back to jail to await the term of the Criminal Court, to be held here in June. Bail was refused.

King Lobengula in Hard Luck.

JOHANNESBURG, Africa, Feb. 9.—Advices have been received here that Lobengula, King of the Matabeles, who was driven northward from Buluwayo by the forces of the British South African Company, is now wandering almost solitary in the bush, having been deserted by nearly all his followers. Lobengula is suffering from gout.

An Historic Building Burned.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The north wing of Duncombe House, Duncombe park, Helmsley, Yorkshire, the historic seat of the Earls of Feversham, was burned yesterday. A quantity of valuable antique tapestry was destroyed.

Death of a Newspaper Man.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—John Livingstone, a prominent newspaper man, who was formerly one of the leading spirits in New Brunswick journalism, died in this city on Saturday evening. Mr. Livingstone was born in 1837 in New Brunswick, where he commenced his newspaper career at an early age. He was the founder of the St. John Daily Telegraph, and was at one time connected with the Toronto Empire.

NEW TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

Regina has adopted the single tax system of taxation.

Many deaths from cholera are reported in Warsaw.

Serious floods are reported in the neighborhood of Nashville, Tenn.

A plot to assassinate President Peixoto has been discovered in Rio Janeiro.

Serious religious riots are reported near Nassick, 95 miles from Bombay.

Numerous Whitecap depredations are reported at Middleton, N.Y.

Hon. Edward Blake was tendered a public reception in New York last Friday night.

R. M. Ballantyne, the celebrated writer of stories of adventure, died in Rome on Friday.

The steamer Primrose of West Hartlepool has been lost off the coast of Cornwall, Eng.

Mr. Isaac Mills of Hamilton, electrician and fire escape inventor, died rather suddenly on Friday.

The eighth annual meeting of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association was held last week.

The act repealing the Federal elections law was signed by President Cleveland last Thursday.

The British House of Lords last week passed the Parish Councils bill through the committee stage.

The Standard Oil Company has made large purchases of land in the Sisterfield, Pa., oil district.

Two Anarchist workmen and a Czech editor have been arrested at Vienna on a charge of treason.

Bar silver was quoted in London last week at 29 13-16d per ounce—the lowest price ever known.

Martial law will cease in Brazil on Feb. 26, and the Presidental election will take place on March 1.

The Emperor of Germany on Friday celebrated the 25th anniversary of his entrance into the army.

A retired French naval officer has invented a rifle that is capable of firing two kinds of explosive bullets.

There are now 57,280 persons out of work in New York city who usually have employment of some kind.

Paul Anderson, aged 24, committed suicide in Halifax on Friday night by shooting himself with a revolver.

There are now 91 cases of smallpox in Chicago, and fifteen deaths have occurred since the first of the month.

The eighth annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held on Friday in Toronto.

The Stratford City Council has decided to reduce the number of hotel licenses to sixteen, and of shop licenses to two.

Queen Victoria is expected to arrive at Florence on March 24, and extensive preparations for her visit are being made.

Lobengula, King of the Matabeles, has been deserted by nearly all his followers and is suffering from an attack of gout.

At San Jose, Cala., one morning last week, the entire city was awakened by a sharp earthquake. No damage was done.

A public meeting at Milton on Thursday night was addressed by Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, Col. O'Brien, Mr. J. M. Godfrey and others.

Col. Gregorieff has been convicted at Kisheneff, Russia, on a charge of being an Austrian spy, and has been sentenced to death.

Bob Marler, a desperado, who shot at a train and killed Mrs. Mary Rowling of Middlesborough, was hanged at Pineville, Ky., last week.

At Owen Sound on Thursday Maud Vernon, aged eight years, died from injuries received by the runaway accident of the previous day.

A branch of St. George's Society was formed in Petrolea last week with W. H. Hammond as President and John Read Secretary-Treasurer.

At Winston, N.C., last Thursday, in the presence of six thousand people, Peter DeGraff was hanged for murdering his sweetheart, Ellen Smith.

The wool growers of the United States have memorialized the United States Senate Finance Committee against putting wool on the free list.

At Quebec on Friday N. Joanette, the mail carrier convicted of the robbery of several money letters, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Great Britain's imports increased £5,330,000 during January, as compared with the corresponding month a year ago, and the exports increased £130,000.

Word has reached Vancouver of the total destruction of the tug boat Estelle by explosion, and the loss of the entire crew, numbering eight persons.

The Kearsage, the historic United States corvette which sunk the Alabama in 1864, has been wrecked on Roncador reef, 200 miles off the coast of Nicaragua.

The Godey Publishing Company of New York, publishers of Godey's Magazine and various books and periodicals, have assigned. The liabilities are $50,000.

Dun & Co., report 60 failures in Canada the past week, against 44 for the corresponding week last year. Bradstreet's gives the number for the past week as 56.

A cyclone devastated a large section of Louisiana last week and killed several people. The storm also caused much havoc in the northwestern portion of Mississippi.

Fifty-six Chinese actors and acrobats, who arrived at San Francisco by the steamer Peru for the Chinese village at the Mid-Winter Fair, have been permitted to land.

Advices from Japan state that the Japanese steamship Koryo Maree is missing, and is believed to have been wrecked with the loss of her crew of 43 and twenty passengers.

A despatch from Conway, Ark., states that Henry Bruce, Charley Plunkett and Bob Plunkett were lynched in the gulch country a few days ago for the murder of an aged couple.

Word comes from Hartford, Conn., that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is in such a feeble condition, mentally and physically, that she is constantly in charge of an attendant. She will be 83 years old in June.

A young man named William Hodgins narrowly escaped death at the basket factory, St. Catharines, last week. As it was, a portion of an ear was taken off by a machine and his right arm was badly mangled.

All the convicts on the Retrieve plantation near Velasco, Texas, 30 in number, escaped last week. Bloodhounds were sent on their tracks. The convicts are mostly colored, and were at work on the lease system.

A deputation of labor representatives waited on the Ontario Government last week and urged the adoption of the cumulative system of voting in Toronto elections and the establishment of a Provincial printing bureau.

West Northumberland Reformer

COBOURG, Feb. 12.—At a metting of Liberals here on Saturday for the selection of a standard bearer in the provincial election for the west riding of Northumberland, Mr. Field, the present member, was again chosen. Mr. Field's platform is the adoption of the policy of the Patrons of Industry and the denunciation of the P.P.A.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Called for the Despatch of Business on March 15.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BALLOTS.

United Canada in Favor of a Measure to be Submitted to the Ontario Legislature—Rumor of the Latest Cabinet Sensation.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Parliament has been called for despatch of business for Thursday, March 15, by which time it is expected that the sub-committee on the tariff will have finished its labors and prepared such changes as it is intended to submit to Parliament. The Government has decided that there will be no change this year in canal tolls.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—It is being freely asserted that a bill will be introduced at the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature providing for the ballot in Separate schools elections. United Canada, the Catholic paper here, in its issue of Saturday had an article supporting such a measure. In past years it opposed secret voting because the schools were not properly organized. It now says that, "To deny the merits of the ballot system in school matters, would be equivalent almost to denying the franchise to men who would be free, in matters of state. The subject should be the sentinel of the state, but the crown should be the guardian of the subject." It concludes by saying "We are for the ballot."

Mr. Justice Burbidge, of the Exchequer Court, has made an order for the examination of the plaintiffs in a suit entered by F. E. Gilbert & Sons, of Montreal, against the Government of Canada, for the recovery of $300,000. Gilbert & Sons were contractors for the making of a channel in the Galops Rapids. It is with respect to this work that they have been granted a fiat for the bringing of a suit against the Crown. The sum they now claim is equal to the sum of the original contract for the whole work for a fourteen foot channel, although it would, of course, be somewhat increased, because a seventeen-foot depth was afterwards called for.

La Patrie, of Montreal, says it has it from Ottawa, on pretty good authority, that Sir Charles H. Tupper will be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

DR. DOUGLAS DEAD.

The Well-Known Methodist Divine Succumbs to His Illness.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Rev. Dr. Douglas died on Saturday afternoon. Two weeks ago his feet were amputated and this super-induced death.

Probably the best known figure in Methodist circles in Canada was Rev. Dr. Douglas. The veteran lost his sight early in life when working as a missionary in Jamaica. Undeterred by this adverse fortune, young Douglas maintained his studies and was soon called to the ministry. As a professor in the Wesleyan College he was well known. His eloquence was of much value to the church, for as a raiser of funds the "Blind Man Eloquent" was most successful.

Some two years ago Dr. Douglas created a great sensation by his adverse criticism of the selection of Sir John Thompson as Premier. The Toronto Methodist Conference, before whom the address was delivered, was divided as to opinion regarding this matter, but the rev. doctor's deliverances were made the subject of comment all over the land.

Dr. Douglas was a Scotchman by birth, and was born in 1825. He entered the Methodist ministry in Canada in 1849 and was ordained in 1851. During his ministry he was stationed at Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, occupying the pulpits of nearly all the leading Methodist churches. He was elected president of the general conferences of the Methodist Church in 1879, and was also for many years chairman of the Montreal conference.

Fur Thieves Captured.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Messrs. Grose & Libervitch's fur store, 34 St. Henri street, was broken into on Friday night, and two men have been arrested for the crime. Mr. Moise Bastien, who lives over the store, was awakened by the noise and came down the stairs in time to see three men disappear with bundles under their arms. He called the police, and Constable McGrath arrested Thomas Dinnery, a molder, living in Hermine street, and telephoned for Detective O'Keefe. The latter traced footprints in the snow from the store to 35 St. Maurice street, where Samuel Dwyer lives. There was a light burning in the house and officers knocked for admission, but there was no response. Through the keyhole they could see the bundles of furs, so they broke open the door and arrested Dwyer. They found the furs hidden in various corners and took them to the police station. Before Judge Dugas on Saturday Dinnery and Dwyer both pleaded not guilty and were remanded.

Peel Liberals Nominated.

BRAMPTON, Feb.—The Liberals of Peel on Saturday nominated Mr. Featherstone, M.P., and John Smith, M.P.P., to again contest the county at the next election for each House.

West Kent Reformers.

CHATHAM, Feb. 12.—At a meeting of the Liberals of West Kent on Saturday, Mr. J. L. Pardo, of Raleigh, was nominated to contest the riding at the next provincial election.

Founder of St. Eugene Dead.

ST. EUGENE, Ont., Feb. 12.—Pierre Labrasse, father of S. Labrasse, ex-M.P., and founder of the village of St. Eugene, died Saturday at the age of 89 years.

SENSATION IN A CHURCH.

The Pastor of a Baltimore Church Assaulted by His Assistant.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 12.—A sensation was caused yesterday morning in St. Paul's Roman Catholic church by an attack upon the pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Hill, by his assistant, Rev. Patrick V. McDonald.

Dr. McDonald had been appointed by Pastor Hill to celebrate the mass at 10 o'clock and also the high mass at 11 o'clock. During the celebration of the former the worshippers were amazed to see Dr. McDonald approach Father Hill, who entered to assist at the celebration, and strike him a violent blow, felling him to the floor. Before Father Hill could arise Dr. McDonald came to the chancel rail and gesticulating wildly, exclaimed that there had been a conspiracy between Father Hill and Bishop McDonnell to drive him from the diocese. He then turned and again assaulted Father Hill. Parishioners finally rushed forward and held him until the arrival of officers. He was subsequently taken to St. Peter's Hospital for treatment in charge of an officer.

It is understood that McDonald had been notified through the Bishop's secretary that he would not be made a regular priest of the diocese, and this fact weighed upon his mind. He has many friends who believe him to be insane

LORD ABERDEEN'S LETTER.

He Expresses His Opinion of the Importance of the Quebec Carnival.

QUEBEC, Feb. 6.—The following letter was received yesterday by the Hon. Mr. Joly de Lotbiniere from the Governor-General, and speaks for itself:

Government House, Ottawa, February 6, 1894. Dear M. Joly de Lotbinierre,

"Although I have orally mentioned to you the impression made upon Lady Aberdeen and myself by our experience of the carnival, I cannot help wishing to address a few more words to you in your official and representative capacity as president of the executive council, in order to express the heartiness with which we join in the congratulations which I am sure must have poured in upon you and your colleagues on the executive committee, regarding the remarkable success which has attended your careful preparations and arduous exertions. Nor can I refrain from taking this opportunity of recording our thanks for the unique and notable reception accorded to us on our arrival. A reception indeed striking in point of loyalty, of magnitude, and of enthusiasm.

"It is not necessary for me to dilate upon the various indirect benefits that may be expected to accrue from the auspicious accomplishment of the carnival, but I trust that among the results will be the unconscious influence likely to arise from the friendly and cheerful co-operation of all sections of the community in one common purpose and enterprise, so that, as suggested by your address of welcome on the occasion of the brilliant concert on Thursday, we may all strive to live in the spirit and after the example typified by that most interesting and impressive of all the many interesting features of Quebec—I mean the monument erected by the joint action of French and English citizens to the joint memory of Wolfe and Montcalm.

"I will only add that when I have the honor of submitting to the Queen some accounts of the success and eclat which have distinguished this the first carnival in Quebec, I doubt not that Her Majesty will be graciously interested and gratified by the influence, all the more because the success has been so largely due to the activity of Her Majesty's French-Canadian subjects, whose loyalty is undoubtedly a source of pride and satisfaction to Her Majesty as it assuredly is also to the British people as a whole.

"I remain, dear Mr. Joly de Lotbiniere,
"Yours very faithfully,
"ABERDEEN.

"The Hon. M. Joly de Lotbiniere."

MARRIED TWICE

And Killed His Second Wife and Himself in Fear of Exposure.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9.—A few years ago, while the west riding regiment was here, Serg. Grant of the regiment was married, and when the regiment went to Jamaica he left his wife behind. A few weeks ago she heard he had married there and she wrote, telling him she was going on the steamer Alpha on her next trip to expose him. When the Alpha was sighted on her last trip, Grant, who was then connected with the army pay department, being first class staff-sergeant, decided on killing himself and his second wife.

He first poisoned the woman, and after taking a walk about the camp he returned and laid down beside the dead woman, placed the muzzle of a loaded Martini rifle to his head and touched off the trigger with a cane, death being immediate. Mrs. Grant did not go down on the Alpha at all, but is still here.

The tragedy occurred at Up Park Camp, January 26, and when Grant's door was broken open a ghastly spectacle was found. Mrs. Grant was thought to have been poisoned eighteen hours previous to the shooting. The bullet pierced through his chin and passed out between his mouth and nose. He was 30 years old.

ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY.

Two Youths, Arrested in Sarnia, Break Away From the Officer.

SARNIA, Feb. 9.—Two young men named Whitmarsh and Thompson were arrested here on a charge of bringing stolen goods into the country.

It appears that of late several robberies have been committed in Port Huron, principally in residences, watches, diamonds and other jewelry being taken. A clue was secured as to the whereabouts of some articles with a pawnbroker here, which led to the detection of the thieves. Whitmarsh and Thompson. They appeared before the magistrate yesterday and were remanded.

In the afternoon, while Chief Windred was taking the boys from the lockup to the jail handcuffed together, they escaped from the officer and, after jumping several fences and running through several yards, they were lost track of.

The attempt was very bold in the face of the chief having emptied his revolver in pursuit of the prisoners. They evidently made their way into the country.

FARMERS IN SESSION.

They Will Petition the Government Not to Ratify the French Treaty.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—The Farmers' Institute continued their session in this city yesterday. A number of topics relating to farmers were taken up and treated upon.

The officers appointed for the current year are: James McEwing, Drayton, president; T. J. Raynor, Roseball, vice president; A. H. Pettit, Grimsby, secretary-treasurer; Thomas A. Good, Brantford, and George A. Aylesworth, Newburgh, are the auditors.

An important resolution was presented to the institute, in the shape of a motion approving of the action of the Dominion Government in deferring the ratification of the French treaty, and that the Ontario Farmers' Institute petition the Government not to ratify the said treaty.

This motion was referred to the Legislative Committee.

A STRANGE TRANSACTION.

In Which a Father Sells a Daughter and a Lover Buys a Wife.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 8.—George Super, of Luzerne county, yesterday at the court house here sold his daughter Annie, aged 20 years, to Frank Nasta for $600. All the parties are Austrians and the transaction is the outcome of a love affair between Nasta and the girl which began four years ago in Austria. After the deal the father, lover, girl and three fellow-countrymen who witnessed the sale entered the clerk of the court's office and secured a marriage license. The wedding took place last night.

The French Are Jealous.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Siecle contains a violent article against England. The writer says Great Britain has acted in Newfoundland, Egypt, Madagascar, the Soudan and Siam as though the world belonged toher. He adds that the time for an explanation from Great Britain is approaching.

Brakesman Run Over.

NAPANEE, Feb. 12.—On Saturday night, while some cars were being shunted in the siding at the Grand Trunk yard here, Samuel Cook, a brakesman from Brockville, slipped and fell between the cars and was run over, the wheels passing over both legs. Doctors amputated both legs but the shock was too much for Cook and he died yesterday morning.