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ness of such a man as Cuisack.

step, remains a mystery. It is not believed however, that the City Council will enter-

tain the prospect of losing their favorite

policeman, tor a moment, and it is even

whispered that a round robin imploring

him in the most touching terms to recon-

sider his decision, is already in course of

preparation. Mr. Cuisack's friends assert

velry, which have been a continual annoy-

ance to him ever since in an ill advised

moment he consented to accept a position

Of course, this is mere speculation the

true reason being a mystery which has not

yet been divulged to the outside public,

though Mr. Cuisack has doubtless taken

the members of the City Council into his

He Had His Own Champagne.

on the Moncton police force.

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HOW JOHN MEEHAN DIED of the city. "The policemen never come

out here unless they're sent for-and then A CORONERS JURY FIED WALSE GUILIY OF MURDER.

A day That Began Quietly Enough but end-ed Disastrousy-Much L(quor Drunk by Three men-Walsh's Temper-A Visit to the Prisoner's Late Home.

A week ago Tuesday morning two men met on Douglas road. They had nothing to do, the day was fine and they made rp their minds to pass the hours in a peculiar way-carousing on the green by the roadit, and the result was that before many hours had passed, one of the carousers, John Meehan, hid a fractured skull, and his companion, Jack Walsh, was a fugitive in fear of the law. Mcehan's irjuries resulted in death Saturday night and a corcner's jury returned a verdict of murder sgainst Walsh Thursday evening.

ly, with a good reputation. He drank when he got a chance but was not a quar-relsome fellow. Walsh's record is rot so good. Instead of being a worker he was an idler whose sole aim appeared to be to earn enough to keep body and soul togetter. Sometimes he was unable to do even that, for drink was his besetting sin and he drank to excess whenever he got the opportunity. Then he was a dar gerous man, so his associates say, a man to steer clear of, for stones or any other missile were apt to be thrown by him. Meeban did not meet Walsh at first but

a fellow workmar, named Thomas Kooney. He tells a pretty straight story which indicates without doubt what caused the trouble and how naturally it all came about. They went and had a drink and were return ing from McDonald's saloon when Walsh hailed them. He had a "quarter" and gave it to Rooney to' get its worth of whiskey. He did so and the three cronics retired to the hillside to tdrink it.

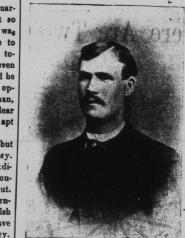
Half a pint of whiskey did not go far among the three of them. It simply whetted their sppetites and then Walsh said he could get some more money. He got half a dollar and went back and gave it to Mee. han who was his messenger to McDonald's this time. This time they bought gin-a "equare face." And they drank that too. It can easily be imagized that all three men were under the influence of liquor by this time. But they did not have enough, for Walsh started for another bottle and Meehan followed him. They got it at the same place, McDona'ds, and went back to the hillside. Then they began to quarrel, at least Rooney says that Walch wanted to fight. They tumbled around on the ground and when they got up Walsh began to throw stones. That settled Rooney. He got away as quickly as he could and left Meehan and Walsh in possession of the

billside. The next seen of Meehan was in the house of Mrs. Clary on Bentley street with a badly fractured skull. He went from there to the hospital and four days later he died. Dr. Christie said the wound was caused by a heavy blow by some blunt in- trouble. As a child it was impossible to the opirion that their authority should not cane.

sometimes they don't come," said the boy. "Well this must be their visiting day, for here are two now," was the re-ply as Captain Jenkins and a brother of-ficer of the force appeared in the distance, much to the disgust of the youthful de'rac-Inst unpleasant degree and only succeeded in getting himself greatly disliked for his Last Wednesday evening a party of quiet and thoroughly respectable citizens were returning from a drive into the

tor of St. John's ' finest." When PROGRESS sought admission to the home of the Walsh's, the door was opered by a prematurely aged woman, whore pale face bore many lines of care, side. Company was not wanting, liquor and whose dim, swollen eyes told plainly of was to be had as fast as they could drink recent tears for the boy who, from his and whose dim, swollen eyes told plainly of earliest years, has been a sora trial to his parents. The prisoner's father is a finelooking man, and while his grief over his son's unfortunate position is less demons-trative than his wife's, it is quite evident from his depressed bearing that he takes the matter deeply to heart.

whom they passed; just as they were enter-ing town. Thinking nothing of the cir-The Walsh's are poor, very poor, so far Meehan was a millman, a brawuy, strong fellow who has lived here for years, general-there is no want of affection between the



John Meehan, the Murdered Man

several members of the family, and the various wild escapades that an evening paper has ascribed to the prisoner has given much pain to his relatives.

"We may be poor" said the sorrowing mother bitterly, as she buried her face in her hands, in an outburst of grief "and things are bad enough as they are now, but we are not thieves, murderers and outlaws, as some of the papers have tried to make us out. When my boy was not drinking he was always kind to us, and the stories that he used us badly are not true.' Asked as to his mantal condition Mr. and Mrs. Walsh said that the prisoner was easily influenced by his companions, or as they expressed it "a little soft," and when in liquor he seemed to lose his senses enirely, but they strongly denied the suggestion that he was of unsound mind. Young Walsh is not yet twenty one years

of age, as his mother like many another entorcing the laws, and promoting a wholenative of St. John who dates everything some dread of those to whom the maintenfrom the time of the fire, says he was born ance of a proper respect for the municipal the February preceding that event, but in authorities has been entrusted. In short that comparatively short space of time he Mr. Cuisack is a firm believer in the absohas caused the rest of the family much lute infallibility of the police, and holds strument such as a stone or a weighted get him to atterd school or listen to re- be questioned under any circumstances.

tion more prominent than enviable. As MUCH TO EAT AND DRINK with eclat. He said what he mean', and mean' what he said what he mean', and in his praiseworhty effort to do his duty Officer Cuisack has overdone it to a most

AND NONE OF THEM WENT HOME TILL MORNING.

Some Drank Water at the Banquet While Masy had Champagar.—What the Speeches Were Like—A Description From Another Point of View.

The assembly room of the mechanics country, where they had been attending a par'y at the house of a mutual friend. Several of the number being mutically inclined, the tedium of the homeward journey was beguiled with song. As they approachbaggard the rext morning when the ineed the city the party were finishing a vi able reaction followed the festivities. chorus and being quite unconscious of de-ing anything wrong they did not consider it necessary to modulate their voices even There were lots of good things to eat and good things to hear and there were of course the usual post prandial gratulations when they were accosted by two officers interspread with laughter-exciting; criticisims and amusing incidents.

The room was beautifully decorated, cumstances of the man speaking to them and probably not recognizing the dcughty the immense barquet board dazzled with Cuisack, the driving party went peacefully nowy linen and thining plate with smilax and flowers trailed down the centre. The on their way, quite unaware that the ofpillars were wrapped in cream, harmonizing fended majesty of the law in the form of Officer Cuisack was in close pursuit, until prettily with the prevailing color of theroom and entwined with sprays of Russian viole's, they were stopped by that worthy who at half past eight the guests began to proceeded to arrest three of the boys belonging to the party, the charge being that arrive and the reception room was crowded with banquetters arrayed in their evening uniform and the buzz of conservation filled of singing and shouting on the street. When the case came up before the police magistrate he dismissed it immediately after hearing the evidence. The families the air. It is no easy task to handle such a big gathering of diners and it was not an easy thing to find out where your test was. At one end of the room was a placard giving the names of all wih the numbers of the who comprised the party are not only amongst the most respectable, but the best known in town, an they are naturally indigchairs which they were to occupy. This was surrounded by a crowd endeavoring to n nt that law abiding and peaceful citizens should be annoyed by the petty officiousfind out their numbers and there would have been less confusion had each one Since writing the above the police circles been handed a card as he en'ered bearing of Morcton have been shaken to their very his numb r. However when the hour for foundations by the totally unexpected ansitting down to the ferst arrived, all found nouncement that Policeman Cuisack had their places and they proceeded to devote sent in his resignation to take effect on the first of November; but the excitement spread in ever widening circles which radidozen courses provided. This occupied two ated from the sacred precincts of the Council chamber even to the very out-

hours leaving ample space between the acts to digest the previous course before skirts of the city causing a feeling ot incommencing operations on the next. There was an army of waiters there but they tense apprehension lest the news should not prove to be true. Later reports howcould have served with more alacrity and thus saved a pertion of the all-night sesever confirm the rumor but the cause which sion that followed. led Officer Cuisack to take so desperate a

At eleven o'clock the more important second act was called and the toasts bagan. Those who liked could drink the majority by the way, who quaffed their bumper in fluid from reservoirs of other sorts.

that all overtures in this direction will be useless, as he has been urged to take his had been honored the President of the present decisive step by a feeling that his United States whose representative Conefforts for the preservation of law and order have not met with anything like the appreciation they deserved, neither has he received the hearty co-operation he had counted on, from the citizens at large, in solo. However, they all agreed that Mr. Myers was a jolly good fellow and were The cook had already reported the

ligious instruction or advice, and he has, Is a word drank and stoned his way through to be builded afforts to convert the that his exertions in behalf of the city had if in explaining that he had a

neant what he said.

Railway Company for instance, was a rail-way galop, and the tooting of the engine and the rig-a-jig-a jig-jig-whirr-r-r-r of dant in expansive shirt /rrnts of Friday night when some 170 citizens asrembled at the Blair banquet; and there were beaming countenarces there that looked thefloorbelow broke in cn one the number Finally a request was sent down to the orchestra not to play until the concert was out. The rival musica'e muffled their instruments for a while but they started up again near the close of the concert.

There were some songs between the speeches, Mr. Wm. Lemont, of Fredericton, and Mr. J. N. Sutherland of the C. P. R. rolled out in deep basso once, a couple of patriotic songs that roused the fire of patriotism in the breats of their auditors. Mr. J. O'Keefe sang the pras-(s of the shamrock and Ald. Daniel ren-dered The midshipmate.

It was free and easy but not too free and easy. Under the stimulus of the dinner. the oratory, "the rosy" and the curling wreathes of cigar smoke peace and contentment reigned and in laugh and banter the night passed swittly and very tew had deserted at four in the morning when the function broke up.

AT THE MAJOR'S EXPENSE How Some of the Boys Made him pay for

During a recent camp held, in the vicinity of Fredericton there was a certain Major on the staff. This gentlemen lived in close proximity to the camping grounds themselves assiduously to sampling the chilly under canvas, he concluded that a and as the nights were uppleasantly good comfortable bed was preferable to sleeping out. Accordingly, every night atter all was quiet and "lights out," the Major would his himself to his home, unknown of course, to the officer in command. But after a while, some of the men got on to the officer, and one night, they concluded to put up a trick on the major. After taking his departure for the night the boys becoming a little hungry, forced open the cooks' pantry and extoasts from the limpid fluid from the Little tracted therefrom a fine supply of River reservoir, but there were others, the tood, and with knives, forks and spoons took shelter under the deserted canvas of the officer, and there erjoyed themselves until they had done full justice to the After the Queen and Governor General good things They then retired, leaving all that remained Major's care. When he arrived in the sul Myers sat at the right of the guest, was early morning he found everything toasted and there upon Mr. J. J. McGaff. topsy turvy, with dishes, knives, forks. ian who was in excellent spirits started up spoons, etc. scattered promiscuousto sing Yankee Doodle. His sur port was ly-but what could he do but keep quiet, weak however and he had to render it as a for he did not dare give away that he had been absent "without leave." theft during the night to the tones.

The least provocation called forth ap-plause, when Col. Tucker's regrets were read everybody enquired what's the matter with Col. Tucker and the stolen goods within the Major's tent. The Mayor was called upon to ex-These facts were brought out by careful in a word, drank and stoned bis way through inquiry at the first sitting of the inquest by life with an occasional day's work thrown is called in his laudable efforts to convert the citizens to his way of thunking he should one John McCormick, expressing his ap-

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fended then but Mr. Morrill appeared for him on Thursday (evening. Then the important evidence came out that Meehan had spoken to his sister and told her how it happened and who struck the blow. Many people were of the opinion that Meehan had not spoken or told anything to roaming around the fields and hills in of the blow that ended his life but according to the evidence of Patrick Quinlan and Mrs. Markie, who are relatives, Meehan said that John Walsh struck him with a stone. This evidence was quite plain man who now stands accused of murder and positive and there was no reasonable doubt of what the verdict of the jury would be. They retired for nearly an hour and

then brought in a verdict of guilty.

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On Wednesday atternoon PROGRESS paid a visit to the prisoners'home, which is on the Strait shore road, near the Sus- He Says Nothing Will Induce Him to Repension Bridge. The locality is not a pleasant one by any means and the Walsh's

Lately Walsh has not spent much of his de law" and it is reported in some circles time at home as his father would not allow him to remain around when dricking, and for the past two months Judy Walsh's cabin on the Bridge road has sheltered him at night, while his days have been devoted that neighborhood. From various unprejudiced sources it was learned that the other members of the Walsh family are sober hardworking men and that while the was generally regarded as a worthless dis sipated fellow, he was not looked upon as dangerous in any way, except for his unfortunate habit of throwing stones at any one against whom he had a grudge.

MR. CUISACK RESIGNS.

tain his Present Position. MONCTON, Oct. 11.-Emboldened no

humble place of abode is perhaps the best doubt by the obstinate refusal of the city mediate vicinity. PROGRESS escouncil to take any action in the case cort and body guard was a bright boy of brought against him by Mr. Hanington. twelve years who enlivened what would and doubtless feeling sure of the cordial twelve years who enlivened what would otherwise have been a dreary walk along the Shore by a cheerful recital of the dark design of the choose to pursue, policeman Cuisack design of the design of the course is a most uncertain sport and bin of the dark design of the course is a most uncertain sport and bin of the design of the design of the course is a most uncertain sport and bin of the design of the des

A good story is told at the expense of a prominent politican of the north end who went to the dinner on Wednesday evening with a fair sized parcel under his arm. This he handed to one of the head waiters with the remark. "When I call for wine please to bring me my own bottle." To say the

confidence.

have taken an usalterable resolve to "quit proval and then there was an oration ; perhaps it was that it was to unusual for anythat he has decided to leave the shores of his native land and bidding a long farewell one outside of the railway chief's own particular henchmen to flatter that they conto the noise and rowdiness of Canada enter sidered a demonstration in order. the Trappist Monastery in Kentucky, where his sensitive ears will no longer be vexed The guest was the Chauncey Depew of the occasion and told all he knew about with the sounds of laughter, mirth and re-

railways, and valiantly threw down the gauntlet to the C. P. R. There were those who wished that Sir William Van Horre night have been present to measure swords with Andrew G. and with the weapon of technical knowledge ward off the sweeping strokes of his "glittering generalities.

The speeches of course covered a wide range and roamed over present, past, and prising. Calcandra won with esse. The future. The Hon Peter Mitchell contributed some ancient history concerning one Peter Mitchell who was well and favorably known to himself. Mr. C. N. Skinner told | meet the Fredericton horse and settle the them all that they did not know what their politics were which created quite a laugh. Count de Bury gave an exposition of international relationships. Dr. Ellis did not boil would have won for her in the free for all over with enthusiasm. Mr. W. S. Fisher at Halifax, it is said, had the track been

before and had taken the liberty of thus entertaining them. The commanding officer, not wishing to be too severe, under the circumstances, allowed the matter to drop, on the major promising to pay all expenses- a matter of several dollars tor the devoured grub and all damages to property. The boys enjoyed the joke immensely and have not yet stopped talking about it; the major slept under canvas the remaining nights of camp.

Speculation Finds Another Match.

The race between Speculation and Calcandra is over and now perhaps the talk will cease. The result was not surtime was slow but so was the track, it is said, and the wird was high. Now if the season is not to far advanced let Arclight question of supremacy. Katrina, too, may have a word to say. The mare is going nicely and with a strength and aim that great monopoly. Mr. Ward Pitfield spoke the winner is hard to choose.