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Yet Another Drowning.

Mr. James J. Collins Loses His Life Over Baird's Wharf.

When the report spread last evening that another drowning accident had occurred and that Mr. Jas. J. Collins, the well known and old licensed publican, was the victim, citizens were incredulous, but when the sad fact was definitely ascertained great regret was expressed, as Mr. Collins was a man who had many friends. The accident occurred over Jas. Baird's western wharf shortly after 7 p.m., and a Telegram reporter who was on the premises while efforts at resuscitation were being made, received the following particulars of the accident from Watchman W. Spence, Capt. T. Griffin, of the coaster Ida C. Spofforth, Mr. T. Whalen and others, who were on the wharf when the accident occurred. Watchman Spence, who served Mr. Collins for two years and consequently knew him well, said that he saw him come in on the premises, as far as he could judge, about 7:20, and walk down the western pier, near the head of which a couple of men were standing chatting. He was speaking to Capt. Griffin of the Spofforth and Whalen, and as Mr. Collins came in on the wharf these two men left the watchman to go up town. These two as well as the watchman saw Mr. Collins walk down the pier and go to its eastern side, when suddenly, as the watchman was about to get his lamp ready for the night, and as Messrs. Griffin and Whalen were crossing the boardwalk to go out the gate, they heard the splash in the water and cries of excitement from the men on the pier and from men on the shore. Four Brothers, Woodrow, master, which with another craft was hauling out at the time. When Mr. Collins fell he went overboard sideways and shot out into the dock about 6 feet. He went under water but was on the surface instantly and could not have been more than one minute immersed when one of the crew of the Four Brothers jumped into a boat swinging at the stern and soon had the man into her. The watchman, with Messrs. Griffin, Whalen and others, soon had the unfortunate man on the wharf, and these say that he then showed signs of life, that he rolled his head occasionally from side to side and that he ground his teeth and frothed at the mouth, though these conditions lasted only for a few moments. Immediately the men began to work on him trying to bring artificial respiration, and quickly a messenger was dispatched to the lockup near the police. Supt. Grimes with Inspector Collins and Sergeant Byrne, Mackey and Savage were quickly on the scene and rendered first aid, using

every possible means to revive the man. Meantime while they worked an officer ran for Dr. Rendell, who was promptly at the side of the unfortunate man and directed the efforts being made to restore animation. Considerable water was ejected from the stomach, and after a half-hour's exertion, when every known means of reviving him had been exhausted, the doctor pronounced life to be extinct. It was the doctor's opinion that the shock of the sudden immersion had stopped the beating of the heart. A stretcher was then procured and the body taken to the morgue. When it was deposited there Rev. Fr. Sheehan had arrived from the R. C. Cathedral, but poor Collins was beyond his ministrations. The blow to his relatives was a terrible one and they will have the sympathy of the entire community in the sad fate which has befallen one who was greatly liked. Mr. Collins has not been in good health for several years past, and within the past two months has been under the care of a physician. He often suffered from heart trouble, which induced fainting spells, and it is possible that he was thus attacked when the accident which caused his death occurred. His wife died last February 12 months, and his daughter, Mrs. O'Reilly, about the same time. His son Fredrick, who has been residing in Lynn, Mass., for 12 months past, and his sister, Mrs. John Dwyer, only arrived here by yesterday's express to pay Mr. Collins a visit, and they are prostrated with grief over this unfortunate affair. His youngest daughter, Miss Monica, is at school at Keyesville, a suburb of New York, and Mrs. Gus Osmund, another daughter, resides in the city. Another sister is Mrs. Jas. Trelogan, of Water Street. His aged mother, who is at least 80 years old, also survives him and is disconsolate over her son's death. Mr. Collins was a man of quiet and kindly disposition and had many friends and few, if any, enemies. The remains were confined last night and borne from the morgue at 10 p.m. by Undertaker Martin to the residence of Mr. Trelogan, from whence they will be interred. The family and relatives are sincerely sympathized with and the Telegram extends to them its sincere condolence.

ROAD INSPECTION.—Road Inspector Bonia left by train yesterday for Alexander Bay where he will inspect the road leading from Terra Nova Crossing out to the water side.

DIPHTHERIA.—The case of diphtheria reported from Battery Road yesterday is being nursed at home.

Municipal Matters.

Some Facts About a Fad.

Editor Evening Telegram:
Dear Sir,—We have lately been told that the current revenue of the town is going to fall short of the current expenditure. This means that we are living beyond our means and that we can only provide for present needs by mortgaging our future prospects. It is that the true state of our finances it must be plain to every mind that the time has come when there must be retrenchment in every department of our expenditure, and when every luxury of our civic life must be dispensed with for a season. Increased taxation we cannot face. There are certain services which cannot be abandoned without danger to the health of the town, but even in the administration of these departments economy must be the rule. Certainly this is of all times the most improper to undertake large expenditures which will serve no purpose vital to the interest of our people. Nothing but extreme necessity will warrant extraordinary disbursements of money at such a time as this if our finances were flourishing and we had a balance at our bankers I should not, perhaps, have a word to say against the creation of a reservation around Twenty Mile Pond. I might not see that it served any useful purpose but I would not be willing to deter the Council from any measures which promised even

A Possible Benefit to the Town.
But as the case stands now it lies upon the Council to make it perfectly clear to the public that there is a pressing necessity for the expenditure of the large sum of \$20,000 upon this reservation before it sanctions it. The Council must prove that the Water of Twenty Mile Pond is likely to be infected, and it must also prove that the proposed reservation will save us from the danger of infection. And neither of these things can the Council do. On the contrary, it is easy to show that neither of them is capable of proof, for they are both demonstrably false. For sixty years, as I have previously stated, not a single case of infectious disease has been traced to any pollution of Twenty Mile Pond. Even when we had an almost unexampled drought, the analysis of the water proved nothing more than that the water had deteriorated somewhat in quality. No infection was found in it, and not a case of disease developed from drinking it. And it will not be contended that all our people took the precaution of boiling the water. We therefore have the unimpeachable testimony of two generations of our citizens that no danger of infection need be feared from our water supply even in the worst of seasons. If such a season should ever in the future occur we should take every precaution against the remote possibility of infection, but we

Need Suffer no Alarm.
When that time comes, unless our conditions shall be radically changed, we shall justly be the recipients of danger from diphtheria, scarlet fever, rubella, measles, typhoid, cholera, and general dirt and filth in the town, and from wells and streams in the suburbs. These are our enemies and it is against them that we should array ourselves in fight, and not against the beneficent waters of Twenty Mile Pond. The analysis of the water showed no infection, I repeat, but only such degeneration as naturally follows from a severe and prolonged drought, such degeneration as affects every pond in the country at that time. There was not a shadow of proof that any pollution was caused by the occupation of the land around the Pond. The best testimony to the truth of this assertion is that no sources of infection were discovered, and that certainly no source was made by the Council to sterilize any that were discovered. No one will be silly enough to contend that the traffic by the road around the Pond has caused any pollution; and if any had been caused by the farms on the margin of the Pond surely it would have been an easy task for the Council's health department to discover the sources and to remove them. If any such source of disease and death by a whole city were actually discovered and still allowed to remain unpurified great should be the condemnation of the officials responsible. The fact is, of course, that there were

None to be Discovered.
I do not believe that these farms threaten us with the least danger. If they do, the readiest and cheapest way of avoiding the danger in the future is to see that proper sanitary arrangements are enforced; and that it will not need an expenditure of \$20,000 or any such sum to effect that end. And if, as I have previously demonstrated, cost much more than \$20,000 to purchase the land around the Pond, and even then it will be an annual expense to keep the reservation from being invaded. And worse than all, the reservation will not serve the purpose for which it is ostensibly to be created. No reservation of lands around the Pond can arrest or check the steadily increasing deterioration of the water during a season of prolonged drought. The only remedy in such a case is the strictest measures to be taken to purify the supply. The marvel is that through all those long weeks of drought, while no effective measures were possible to purify the water, Twenty Mile Pond did not become infected from the mere operation of the drought itself. That it did not become infected, that it is the strongest testimony to the efficiency of our supply, and the convincing proof that no pollution from farms

or from traffic occurred. No, the merest measures of precaution can always keep the town abundantly supplied with pure water and there is no need for this extravagant and foolish expenditure. If we spend even \$20,000 on such a purpose as this reservation we must go without a number of things which are vital to our security. With that \$20,000 we could cleanse the town and keep it pure and thus escape the dangers to which our filthy and disgusting conditions of life expose us. With much less than \$20,000 we could purify our plague spots and make the lives of our children more pleasant and healthy. I protest, and shall continue to protest, against

This Contemplated Extravagance
as long as our streets and drains remain in their present condition, so long as we cherish the enemies which daily are arrayed against us, so long as disease lurks in every gutter, so long as the poor are compelled to live in filthy surroundings and suffer from preventable diseases, and so long as the innocent poor carry infection into the houses of those who are well-to-do. I have now given roughly the main reasons which lead me to oppose the creation of this reservation around the Pond, but I will add one more. During the course of years a large area of land has been painfully and laboriously carved out of the wilderness in the neighbourhood of Twenty Mile Pond and made to serve as a market garden for St. John's. Homesteads have arisen and a race of well-to-do farmers has been created. Will it not be a pitiable thing to see this land which has been wrested from the wilderness thrown back into desert again at the will of a public body and at a time when extraordinary efforts are being made everywhere else to extend agriculture as a permanent occupation of the people? It seems to me to be little short of a crime thus to extinguish the labours of two or three generations and force men who have inherited a farmstead to go forth and conquer the wilderness as their fathers did before them. Experience, reason, sentiment, all war against this project. Nothing can be urged in its favour. It is a thing not worth doing at any time, a thing never to be dreamed of at a time when we are poor and crying out vainly for necessities. If we persist in this scheme our children will justly reproach us with having wantonly indulged in a vain extravagance and left them to foot the bill.

Yours truly,
REFORM.

St. John's, AUG. 25, 1919.

CAPE REPORT.

Special Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-Day.
Wind west, fresh, dense fog. The s.s. Bonora passed in at noon yesterday, nothing heard to-day. The Canadian Government steamer Aberdeen arrived here via Cape Freels yesterday with supplies for light and fog whistle, she also brought material for a dwelling house which is to be erected here for marconi staff. Inspector Legere is on board and is proceeding to St. John's by s.s. Portia. The Aberdeen will probably finish discharging this evening and will sail for Halifax to-night. Bar. 29.60, ther. 58.

BLACK LIST.—There are now over 100 on the black list. Yesterday the names of a labourer and cooper were added.

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Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram.
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 25.
The Minister of Commerce, M. Limashoff, to-day called a meeting of representatives of the Metallurgical industry to discuss a proposal for the temporary free importation of pig iron to relieve the iron famine and counteract the excessively high prices of iron in Russia.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.
The funeral of the late President Pedro Monte of Chile, who died suddenly at Bremen, Aug. 16, was held here to-day at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Hedwig, in the centre of the city near the palace of the Emperor. The entire diplomatic corps at Berlin and all the Chilean diplomatic representatives at the various European capitals were present. Emperor William was represented by the Governor of Berlin, General Kessel. After the services the body was placed in the crypt of the church where it will be kept until arrangements are made to take it to Chile for burial.

ROME, Aug. 25.
The Vatican to-day authorized a denial of the report that it was on the verge of a rupture with Portugal because of the Portuguese Government's recent censure of the Catholic Bishop of Braga for suppressing a Franciscan newspaper without first having secured the consent of the Government to do so. It was also asserted at the Vatican that there is no clerical plot for the overthrow of the Portuguese monarchy, and that the presence in Portugal of the chief of the Republicans in Barcelona, Spain, has led the Vatican authorities to believe such a plot was instigated by the leader of the Republicans in order to give their enemies a pretext for an attack on the Catholics.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.
Letters sent to President Taft from all parts of the country, urging for a pardon of Chas. W. Morse, the New York banker, now in Atlanta Penitentiary, have been received at the Department of Justice. Many of the writers are women, and no less than eight of them have asked for the privilege of carrying it to Morse if it is granted.

RIO JANEIRO, Aug. 25.
The Journal de Commercio, the official organ of the Foreign Office, to-day prints an apparently inspired editorial of criticism of the Pan-American attitude of President Taft and Secretary of State Knox, in which they are charged with ignorance of conditions.

Wedded Wednesday.

PITTMAN-WORRALL.
The wedding of Miss Lillian Isabel Pittman and Mr. Alfred E. Worrall took place at George Street Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Bartlett officiated. Mr. Christian played the "Voice that breathed o'er Eden" as the bridal party entered the church. The bride looked quite charming in a costume of mervic silk with silk embroidered trimming, veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white carnations, sweet peas and maiden hair fern. Miss M. Pittman and Miss Geraldine Worrall were the bridesmaids. Mr. Sparkes supported the groom and Mr. Kenneth Burden, uncle of the bride, performed the duties of father giver. Misses Gertrude Snow and Mildred Samson were flower girls. The bridesmaids were dressed in shell pink silk with blue picture hats trimmed with pink velvet, and the flower girls in white muslin trimmed with Maltese lace. They bore baskets trimmed with pink, trailing roses. After the reception held at the residence of the bride's uncle, Atlantic Avenue, the happy couple and the guests drove to Forest House, Petty Harbor, where the honeymoon will be spent. The Telegram extends congratulations.

Arrested for Larceny.

A couple of days ago Sergt. Byrne arrested a well known West End character on a charge of being an accomplice in the larceny of 50 lbs. of sheet lead and other articles, the property of Mr. Wm. Harris, contractor, who is building two new residences for two Water Street business men near Robinson's Hill. Within the past week three separate raids were made on the place, the last time being Wednesday night. Sergt. Byrne worked hard on the case and yesterday evening arrested a well known character who has done time for larceny before. There are five different charges against him in connection with stealing from these residences. Besides the lead, he is charged with having lifted a pair of overalls, several braces bits, axes and other carpenter's implements. The man arrested first gave the sergeant information which led to the arrest of the principal in the matter yesterday evening. Only the overalls were recovered, and it is believed he sold the rest of the articles stolen.

FOOTBALL MEETING.—The Football League will meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow evening to wind up the season's work, and arrange for the presentation of the trophies next week.

Harbor Grace Notes.

Mr. Selby Parsons, of Grand Bank, who with his son and daughter spent the past couple of weeks here, left yesterday's train for his home via Placentia.

A daughter was born on the 12th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moriarty. Congratulations.

Mrs. W. H. Thompson took passage on the S. S. Invermore yesterday for St. Anthony, and Miss May Chafe for Bonavista.

The death of Miss Lavinia R. Heater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heater, which took place last evening calls for the sympathy of the whole community to the bereaved family. This is the third daughter Mr. Heater has lost during the past 13 months. Mr. Heater's father also passed away during the same period. Miss Heater was 19 years of age, and was sick for a long time with the dreaded consumption. Funeral to-morrow.

A letter lately received from a former citizen of this town who is now settled down in Plymouth, contains many expressions of regret at the sudden death of Dr. Allan. "The doctor," it says, "was the only medical man I knew from my infancy until I left home a few years ago. I am sure he will be greatly missed by a large number of people, and his place will be hard to fill. I deeply sympathise with his sisters."

CORRESPONDENT.
Harbor Grace, Aug. 25, 1919.

The Cricket Match.

The Bishop begs to thank those who kindly helped to make the Cricket Match a success, and especially the following:—The St. George's Field Committee, for the use of their ground, the Press, for free advertisement, the C. L. B. Band, for their tent, and last but not least, the members of the Shamrock and City Teams for their excellent display of cricket. The net proceeds, amounting to nearly \$90, are given to the new Church Ship Fund.

Horse Goes Overboard

In hauling coal at Harvey & Co's. lower premises this morning one of Mr. C. Lester's horses was accidentally backed over the wharf. Men had to climb down and cut the beast clear of the traces, after which it was towed up to Shea & Co's. wharf where it was hoist up with a crane. The horse—a fine one—narrowly escaped drowning.