

## CITY MUST SELL AT \$55 PER H. P.

Or There Will Be a Niagara Power Deficit, Says an Expert.

### MR. L. G. READ'S OPINION

Says London Will Never Be Able to Successfully Compete—Some Important Figures.

Mr. L. G. Read, managing director and chief engineer of the Colonial Engineering Company, Limited, of Montreal, is persistent in his statement, made to The Advertiser a year ago, that Niagara cannot compete with power generated by producer gas. He says now:

"A year ago I presented to the fire and light committee of your city some figures showing the position that your city council would be in (as a dealer in electric current), and pointed out to them that the city of London did not expect, under the most favorable conditions, to sell current to consumers for less than an equivalent of 35¢ per annum per horsepower, and this being the case they could not hope to sell current to the manufacturer at such a price, when he could not only make it for less than 55¢ with a steam plant, but could make it for less than half this amount—or about 20¢ per annum per horsepower—with a gas engine, and now that the matter is being actively dealt with by your council, they are beginning to find out that, aside from the complications necessarily arising in such an undertaking, the cost of Niagara power is bound to be high—indeed, far too high to permit of the city meeting competition successfully."

**A Question.**

"In your issue of the 23rd you say: 'As Niagara power is much cheaper than steam-generated power, the Helena Costume Company is relieved from all danger of competition.'"

"What is to prevent the Helena Costume Company from throwing out their steam plant and putting in a gas engine, thereby placing themselves in position to undersell Niagara power very greatly, and constitute them as a formidable competitor?"

"Further on you say: 'Both (referring to Helena Costume Company and London Electric) must operate by steam-generated power, and that is not, according to the figures of some engineers, as cheap as Niagara power.'"

"The same question applies to the London Electric Company. What is to prevent the London Electric Company from changing over to gas engines? If they make such a move they will not only be able to hold their own in London, but having already a well-trained organization, they would be in position to compete most successfully with Niagara power."

"You further say: 'People are wondering where it is all going to end. The more the scheme is looked into, the more costly it appears.'"

**Cheap Enough at the Falls.**

"In other words, it is gradually dawning upon the public mind in London, that although water-generated current at Niagara Falls at \$10.40 per annum per horsepower looks 'exceedingly cheap'—indeed, as it certainly does, to ideal political campaigning purposes—the additional costs required to render this current of commercial value in London, or at any distant point from Niagara Falls, are so great, and the undertaking is so fraught with difficulty, that it is bound to be unprofitable in a heavy obligation, and a dangerous undertaking on the part of the municipality."

"As for the cost of the current to the consumer in London, the total of a few items only will show at once that the municipality will never be able to compete successfully:

Annual operating costs alone will amount to at least \$15,000; fixed charges, \$12,000; salaries and office expenses, at least \$10,000; add now, say, 3,000-horsepower, at \$23.50, cost at the city limits, \$70,500, making a total of \$114,000, or \$38 per annum per horsepower."

**Sell 75 Per Cent.**

"It will be conceded by any expert that it would be utterly out of the question for the city to have more than a constant average of 75 per cent. This will, therefore, bring the price up from \$38 to \$50, and this, too, without a cent being charged for repairs, maintenance, loss due to weather conditions, etc., and without a penny added for profit or contingency needs."

"If the city sells the current for less than \$55 per annum per horsepower it will most certainly have a deficit, and if it cannot sell it for less than \$55 it certainly cannot compete with steam engines, to say nothing of gas engines."

### A DANCER ARRESTED

Kisses Officer Who Made the Arrest in a Montreal Theatre.

Montreal, April 29.—A sensation was caused at the Theatre Royal this evening when Miss Little De Leon, the Oriental dancer, was arrested immediately after giving a performance which has been crowned by a record. The sensation was redoubled when Miss Little kissed the cheek of the officer who arrested her. She was gathered in by a plain clothes man, who had watched her dance, and taken to the station, charged with indecent assault and improper exposure. At the station she was examined by a police matron, who pronounced her not only properly, but magnificently dressed. She was bailed out to appear at the recorder's court in the morning. This is the first time in twelve years such an arrest has been made here.

### NO CHRISTMAS ISLE GOLD

Honolulu Seekers for Pirate Treasure Return Empty-Handed.

Honolulu, April 29.—The little gas-galleon schooner Cord has returned from an unsuccessful quest for treasure, said to have been secreted by Billy Hayes, pirate and freebooter of the South Seas. The expedition was financed by Eben Low, cattleman and Capt. Frederick Miller, a Honolulu shipowner.

An old sailor man stranded in Honolulu gave Miller the landmarks and bearings for the location of the treasure on Christmas Island, a coral reef on which the British steamer Aeon was wrecked a few months ago.

In a cave to which they were directed the searchers found rusty guns and cutlasses, but no treasure. Miller believes Hayes buried the treasure there, but afterward dug it up again and spent it.

Order your carriages for weddings in advance. Hueston's Liveries.

## THRILLING SCENE IN DETROIT COURT

Armenian Doctor Empties Gun Into Body of Nephew.

AND TRIES TO KILL WIFE

Boy Was on Trial Charged With Alienation of Affections of His Uncle's Wife.

Detroit, Mich., April 30.—Jumping up in Judge Jeffrey's crowded court today, G. K. Boyajian, a well-known Armenian physician, all but emptied a revolver into the body of his nephew, Harootian H. Gastanian, who was in the dock ready to stand trial for alienating his aunt's affections.

In a maniacal frenzy the doctor also tried to shoot down his wife, but she escaped.

Gastanian has a bullet in his back just above the ninth rib on the left side and one in his left wrist, Major J. C. Kremer, news artist, who was sketching Mrs. Boyajian at the time, saved the woman by throwing her into his juryroom and locking the door. As he struggled with her, Mrs. Boyajian fought back with the event intention of throwing herself between her husband and Gastanian. The physician shot twice at her, one bullet piercing the crown of her hat.

Boyajian then fought with bystanders who sought to overpower him, making an attempt to turn the then empty revolver upon them and himself, thinking, in his madness, it still carried lead. Park Donahue, Deputy Sheriff, Wm. Martz and Detective Rodin quieted his struggles.

The family troubles of the Boyajians became known yesterday afternoon when the doctor made complaint against his wife and nephew. Their arrest followed.

**Killed His Love.**

The first indication the doctor had of his wife's alleged infidelity, he says, was a few nights ago when she murmured his nephew's name in her sleep. This aroused suspicion and Boyajian investigated.

"I found it was true," he said, "She has killed my love."

Throughout the morning, young Gastanian, who is a freshman in the Detroit College of Medicine, sat in the raincoat of a number of fellow students spoke to him during a short recess in the session. He seemed ready to charge and smiled at his friends among the spectators.

Dr. Boyajian went to the building early in the morning with his attorney, Charles L. Bissett, but did not enter the room where the man accused of coming between him and his wife.

At 11 o'clock the woman was brought from police headquarters by Detective Palmer and taken into the room. She smiled at Gastanian as she passed the dock and took a seat near a door leading into a small juryroom.

"I don't want to talk about the case now," said the physician when told that the case was about to be called.

"Will you bring suit for divorce?" he was asked.

"Oh, I don't know, yet—I can tell you better in a few minutes."

You see, we Armenians hold our homes and wives sacred as life itself," he returned.

"The people vs. Harootian Gastanian and Ethel Boyajian," called Justice Jeffrey.

"That's me, sir," responded Gastanian, rising and leaning on the rail of the dock and smiling at the woman, who stood within a few feet of him.

**Pandemonium.**

The physician raised his head from his attorney's shoulder and looked steadily at his enemy for a moment.

Then, raising and walking rapidly across the room, he drew the revolver from his pocket and fired.

With the first report pandemonium broke loose. The room was filled with spectators, most of them women. They shrieked and rushed panic-stricken for the doors.

"Shot after shot followed, the physician stepping closer to his victim each time he fired."

Gastanian covered on the floor of the box, shrieking like a maniac: "For God's sake, stop!"

His voice could be heard even above the crash of the overturned benches, screams, shouts and thunder of feet.

Appalled at the suddenness of the man's action, those who were standing about the dock and seat were motionless while the first three shots were fired.

When Sergt. Park Donahue, huge-shouldered, cool-headed, hurried himself upon the man.

The physician fought back with supernatural strength, aiming at his wife, who, like the others, was rooted to the floor.

Then Kraemer grappled with the woman.

"Let me go!" she shouted, making desperate attempts to throw herself upon the sergeant and her husband.

But Kraemer did not let her go. He lifted her from her feet and threw her into the juryroom, slamming the door.

Just as that portal slammed shut, Boyajian made a last attempt to send a ball of lead into the woman's body. It struck a gas pipe a few feet from the head of the victim.

With nothing but a smoking, empty revolver in his hands, the doctor fought on, pulling the trigger with blind aim at himself and the officer.

Then Donahue's heavy fingers found a hold on the man's throat. His breath was cut off, but still he struggled.

Only a few seconds had passed, but Gastanian shaking on the floor in the corner of the box, his face pallid and blood streaming from three wounds. In the other end, "Kid" Wellman and Charles Van Vliet cried aloud in their terror.

Then others closed in, and a half-dozen officers and court officials fell upon the choking physician, forcing his wrists into handcuffs.

"Let me go, let me go!" he wailed when being led into the corridor. "I want to die. I want to kill myself. Is that good? Die? Hit her?"

County Physicians Stapleton and Grimes were in the courtroom at the time of the tragic shooting and at once carrying him into the juryroom, where the woman was hysterically sobbing.

His clothing was stripped off and the doctor was literally dight with bandages. A stretcher was carried in and Gastanian rushed to St. Mary's Hospital.

The police on duty at the building were forced to literally fight with the mob that, after the shooting had ceased, surged about the big doors of courtroom No. 2.

Down the stairs from the recorder's courtrooms they rushed; in from the street; across from the jail, until the corridors were a seething, shrieking, swirling mass of men and women, hysterically trying to break through the

little squad of officers and gaze upon the scene of the shooting.

**Gastanian Succumbs.**

Detroit, May 1.—Tarolom Gastanian, who was shot in open court by his uncle, Dr. C. K. Boyajian, died at the St. Mary's Hospital early this morning.

**NAVY IS NOT A WRECK**

Secretary Meyer Refutes Sensational Story.

Washington, April 30.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer Thursday declared that the 16 battleships of the Atlantic fleet which had made the voyage around the world were in excellent condition and the fact that they were accompanied by a repair ship kept them in good order throughout the trip.

He referred to an article in an English publication saying the result of the trip was worth from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to the United States navy. The secretary said he had found the voyage had cost only \$1,500,000 more than if the battleships had been kept at home and assigned to ordinary duties. The battleships needed no extensive repairs and the fact that they were to remain at the navy yards a month longer than at first contemplated was not due to a need of more repairs but to the fact that materials needed for the repairs were not available.

The changes in the masts had been decided upon after extensive tests and experiments in which the old masts had been tried into by big guns. The adoption of the skeleton masts with which the battleships are being fitted was decided upon after these tests. Some of the ships will leave the yards with only one of these masts because the material for a second one will not be available in time to complete the change before the beginning of the summer manoeuvres.

**PRESERVE THE FOREST**

Strip 50 Miles Long Should Be Saved For Mine.

Ottawa, Ont., April 30.—Mr. R. H. Campbell, superintendent of forestry, suggested to the committee on forests and waterways this morning, that a belt of land from the Great West line to the international boundary, and from the British Columbia line fifty miles eastward should be reserved and the cut governed. There seems to be about twelve million acres available, he said.

Mr. Campbell pointed out that three million of feet of lumber per year, or the product of nine million acres in sixty years, would be required for the development of the Alberta coal mines.

**HENRY YATES DEAD**

Well-Known Former Londoner Passed Away in Toronto.

Mr. Henry Yates, until recently a resident of this city, died at his daughter's residence, in Toronto, yesterday, after an illness extending over some time. For many years Mr. Yates conducted a confectionery store on the market and later moved over on Richmond street just south of King. About two years ago he fell on the icy sidewalk in front of his store and for several weeks was in the hospital unable to speak.

The case of the fall attracted a great deal of attention. Mr. Yates finally recovered and resumed his business. Last year, however, he retired and went to live with his daughter in Toronto. It is said that Mr. Yates was one of the first men to open a store in the Market Bazar many years ago. The remains will be brought to this city for interment, but the funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

**HEARST SUIT IS ON**

Rockefeller, Jun., Only Witness Examined on Peonage Libel.

New York, April 29.—The trial of an indictment against the Star Company, publisher of the New York American, charging the publication of an article alleged to have libelled John D. Rockefeller, Jun., was begun today. A jury was secured and the case of the prosecution was partially presented before adjournment.

The article complained of, used Mr. Rockefeller's name in connection with the crash of the stock market, inaugurated in Illinois. Mr. Rockefeller was the only witness examined today. He declared that he had never been connected with the Corn Products Company, of Summit, Ill., the corporation alleged to have kept men in peonage, that he had been in Chicago for two years prior to the publication of the article, and had never had any knowledge of any peonage system.

After Mr. Rockefeller was excused the defence submitted the retraction published the day following the publication of the original article. A motion to dismiss the indictment was denied by the court just before adjournment.

**ROOF BLOWN OFF.**

Clinton, April 30.—The roof of the vanishing shop of the Doherty Organ and Piano Company, which blew off about midnight last night by the strong gale.

A large plate glass front in the store occupied by R. A. Doherty, merchant tailor, was also blown in.

Other damages are also reported, such as telegraph and telephone poles having been blown down.

**IRA HAMILTON DEAD.**

St. Thomas, April 30.—Ira J. Hamilton died suddenly this afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George Haines, at Frome. He was in his 75th year. Mr. Hamilton was up and around as usual this morning, but was unexpectedly seized with an attack from some unknown cause, and expired.

Coroner Dr. Guest was notified and after investigating did not think it necessary to hold an official inquest and pronounced death due to heart trouble.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Haines, Frome, and sons, John A., Toronto, Sherman and Herman, of Sparta. Mr. Hamilton was formerly a resident of the township of Malahide, and village of Sparta, and at the time of his death was visiting his daughter.

**BAD QUEBEC FIRE.**

Quebec, April 30.—Fire broke out about 11:30 tonight in the large building on the corner of St. Joseph streets, occupied by the machine manufacturing of Paquet & Co., the Traders' Ready-Made Clothing Company, and on one or two floors.

The fire spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings. The general alarm was sent in, which brought out the entire brigade.

At about 1 o'clock the firemen had things pretty well under control.

The loss will be between \$60,000 and \$70,000, with insurance about one-third that amount.

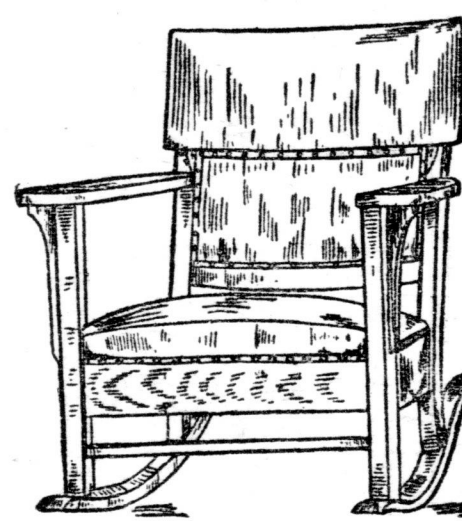
# Clean Sweep Furniture Sale

The Balance of Our Stock To Be Cleared Out in the Next Two Weeks Regardless of Cost

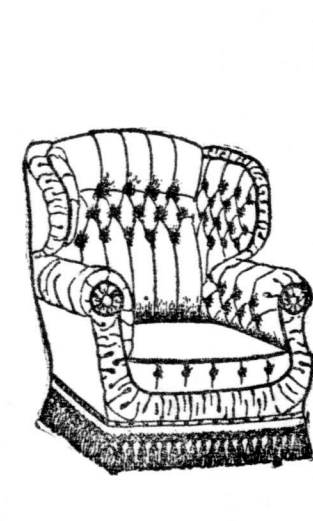
READ THIS—The alterations to our building are nearly finished. Our Alteration Sale was a big success. It greatly reduced our stock and made it possible for us to make room for the builders, but now that most of the flying dust and dirt is over we have about \$10,000 worth of stock left. This furniture is only dusty and dirty. It can easily be polished up again. But while it would look first-class in a home we cannot place it side by side with new furniture. There is only one thing for us to do if we wish to start off in the new building with a fresh stock, and that is to CLEAR IT OUT AT ONCE AT ANY PRICE THAT IT WILL BRING. We have marked it down to less than factory price. This is the chance of a lifetime to those who need furniture, rugs, linoleums, etc., this spring.

\$10,000 Worth of Slightly Soiled Furniture, Rugs, Linoleums and Lace Curtains at Less Than Factory Prices.

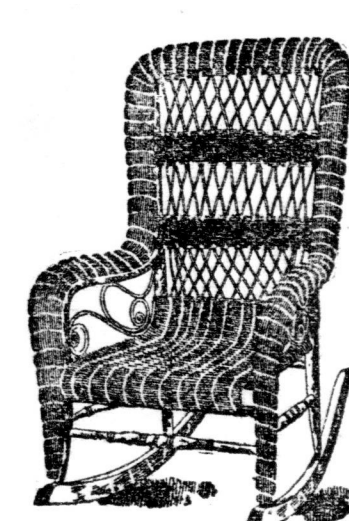
BELOW WE GIVE BUT A PARTIAL LIST OF THE GREAT BARGAINS AWAITING YOU.



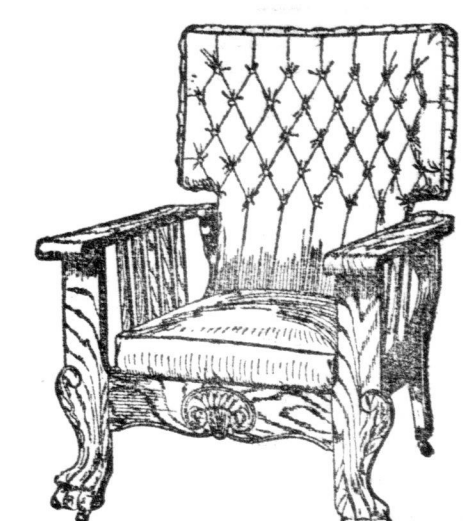
8 Mission Rockers, like cut, in early English finish; solid oak; real Spanish leather upholstery. Worth \$12.00. To clear at ..... \$5.75  
Our \$15 Mission Chairs, \$7.50  
Our \$20 Mission Chairs, \$10.00



6 big Easy Chairs, upholstered in best Bradley leather; deep tufted; like cut. Worth \$30.00. Sale price ..... \$14.95



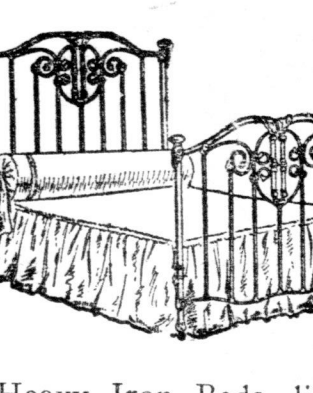
24 Reed Rockers, like cut. Worth \$6.00. Sale price ..... \$2.95  
Our \$8 Rockers.. \$4.25  
Our \$10 Rockers \$5.65



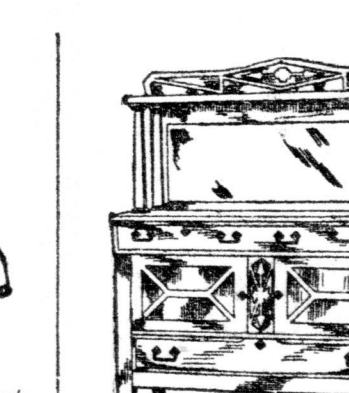
24 Oak Morris Chairs; best Bradley leather upholstery. Worth \$15.00. To clear at ..... \$7.50  
We have the same chair in the Rocker.



6 Extension Tables, like cut, round or square tops. Worth \$13.50. To clear at ..... \$8.50  
Our \$8 TABLES for \$5.50  
Our \$12 TABLES for \$6.75  
Our \$10 TABLES for \$7.50  
Our \$22 TABLES for \$14.50



Heavy Iron Beds, like cut. Worth \$9.50. To clear at \$5.25  
Our \$6.00 BEDS for ... \$4.25  
Our \$8.00 BEDS for ... \$5.00  
Our \$12.00 BEDS for ... \$7.75  
Our \$15.00 BEDS for ... \$9.50  
Our \$35 BRASS BEDS, \$23.00  
Our \$45 BRASS BEDS, \$32.00



Solid Oak Buffets, like cut. Worth \$25.00, for ..... \$16.00  
Our \$50 Buffets for \$21  
Our \$35 Buffets for \$23  
Our \$45 Buffets for \$29



Collapsible Carts, worth \$7.50. To clear at \$4.95  
\$10 CARTS for ... \$7.50  
\$12 CARTS for ... \$8.50  
\$20 Large Cabs for \$13.50  
\$25 Large Cabs for \$16.50  
\$30 Large Cabs for \$21.00

**Lace Curtains**  
300 pairs of Lace Curtains to clear out at 1-3 to 1-2 off.  
Our 75c CURTAINS for .48c  
Our \$1.00 CURTAINS for 65c  
Our \$1.50 CURTAINS for 95c  
Our \$2 CURTAINS for \$1.35  
Our \$3 CURTAINS for \$1.95  
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All widths and qualities; to clear out at mill prices. We do not lay Linoleum during the sale. Be sure and see our stock.

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\$12.00 MATTRESSES for ..... \$9.00  
\$6.00 MATTRESSES for ..... \$4.50  
\$4.00 MATTRESSES for ..... \$2.75

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All patterns and qualities and sizes; slightly soiled. To be cleared out at less than mill prices. A very large stock to choose from.

**SPRINGS**  
\$4.00 SPRINGS for ..... \$2.75  
\$3.50 SPRINGS for ..... \$2.50

# The Ontario Furniture Co.

**WIRELESS EXPLODES  
THREE MILES AWAY**

A Remarkable Invention by an Eighteen-Year-Old Indiana Boy.

Evansville, Ind., April 29.—By pressing the key of a wireless apparatus at 9 o'clock tonight, Charles Williams, aged 18, caused an explosion to take place three miles away. The blast was of such strength that it shook buildings in the city.

Young Williams is the inventor of both the wireless apparatus by which the explosion was caused, and the explosive, which is a new kind of powder, the making of which is a secret. He says the new explosive is 40 times as strong as dynamite, and that with his apparatus he can cause an explosion as far away as Chicago. The blast that shook the city last night took only three ounces of the explosive. Williams says he has entered into negotiations with Government officials at Washington, with a view of selling his invention.

The explosive was put in the top of an old tree, above the city, and the inventor then went back to his home and worked his wireless apparatus to cause the explosion.

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**OLD AGE PENSIONS  
FOR CANADIANS**

Dr. James Samson, of Windsor Will Lecture on Government Annuities.

A splendid opportunity will be given the citizens of London tomorrow afternoon and evening to hear in graphic and impressive terms the story of the enactment recently made by the Dominion Government to provide for the comfort and happiness of Canadian citizens in their old age.

The Government annuities act of 1908 stands out as a happy illustration of the government's policy of humanitarianism on behalf of the never-ending procession year after year of men and women feeble from age and bent by service, for whom some substantial provision must be made against utter destitution and want.

The proclamation and explanation of public speakers in the Dominion, has been already won for itself the title of "the gospel of prudence and thrift," and has already come to thousands of our people as a message of good tidings.

Apart from the direct beneficent purpose of the Government to provide against the days of weakness and infirmity that are bound to come to all well-constituted men and women, there is an educational and character-forming feature in the provision that will undoubtedly do more for the community in its moral uplift and inspiration than even the welcome annuity does to them.

brighten and gladden declining days. The habit of thrift that garners for the future becomes the strong right hand that deals death blows everywhere to imprudence and prodigality and vice.

To meet the convenience of the hundreds of wage-earners in London who would find it difficult to attend a week-night meeting, Dr. Samson will speak tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, to men only, in the Auditorium and in the evening at 7 o'clock in the First Congregational Church to the general public. A special invitation has been extended to all city ministers to be present at the afternoon meeting and to the city teachers to take advantage of the evening address.

**THE HAINS TRIAL**

Brother Thornton on Stand as Witness For the Captain.

Freshing, N. Y., April 30.—Incidents of the day, Aug. 15, 1908, leading up to the shooting of Wm. E. Annis at the Bayshore Yacht Club by Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jun., U. S. A., were graphically reviewed today on the witness-stand by Thornton Hains the defendant's brother, at the trial before Justice Garretson in the supreme court here.

Thornton Hains was called as a witness by the defence shortly after court opened today, at the conclusion of District Attorney Dewitt's cross-examination of John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for the defence, carefully piloted the witness through a minute description of his movements and those of the captain on the fateful day up to the time they reached the yacht club float, where Annis was shot down as he was stepping from his catboat. But at this point, the lawyer suddenly broke

off without asking the witness a single question in regard to the shooting.

This turn in affairs was executed so unexpectedly by the army officer's counsel that it created considerable confusion among the state's forces.

District Attorney Dewitt had not reached the day of the tragedy in his cross-examination of Thornton Hains at the close of the day's proceedings.

There was a dramatic scene in court when the district attorney, at the very beginning of his cross-examination, advanced toward the witness and said: "On June 1, 1901, did you shoot and kill one Edward Hannigan?"

The lawyers for the defence were on their feet instantly.

Mr. McIntyre contended that the district attorney asked the question without any right or precedent, knowing full well at the time that Thornton Hains had been exonerated on the charge of killing Hannigan at Fort Monroe, Va.

Justice Garretson ordered the question stricken out of the record. The defence particularly emphasized that it was purely by accident that the captain met Annis at the yacht club.

The defendant's listless demeanor was continued throughout the proceedings. The trial will be continued tomorrow for half a day.

**SECOND STORM DOWN EAST**

Montreal and Vicinity in the Grip of a Blizzard Today.

Montreal, April 30.—This city and surrounding country is in the grip of the second big snowstorm of the week. The storm was raging west and south of here yesterday. Montreal was enjoying clear, cool weather and was indulging in congratulations on her escape. Today, however, the tables are turned. At the outset the storm assumed the conditions of a blizzard, but as it progressed the temperature rose and now there is a prospect of rain before long.