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FIFTEENTH YEAR

CRUSHED BY FLOATING ICE.

Tragic Death of a Centre Island Teacher.

A THRILLING STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

Four Survivors Battle With Ice Floes For 30 Minutes.

A Boat Escorted to the Island By the Western Channel Smashed by Cakes of Ice and the Five Occupants Thrown Into the Water—One of the Victims Drowned and the Others Rescued—An Unprecedented Condition—The Hardship of Life On the Island in Winter.

Miss Sarah Forrest, a teacher at the Centre Island school for the past four years, was drowned in the channel which forms the western entrance to Toronto Bay at 10 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Four others who were in her company had very narrow escapes from meeting a similar fate or being crushed to death by the ice floes which are floating about between the breakwater and the Queen's Wharf.

Miss Forrest had been visiting friends in the city and went down to the Queen's Wharf at 3.30 to see if an opportunity presented for her to cross to the island.

To the west of the channel were immense cakes of ice, while to the east was frozen solid.

A slight amount of ice had formed on the channel near the wharf, but the party had difficulty in breaking this, and everything went smoothly until they had crossed about half the distance between the dock and the sandbar on the island.

Then the floating cakes of ice to the west commenced moving. The swift current caught them and carried them with a rush toward the boat.

Gray and Miss Forrest were struggling in the water. Meantime the broken floes on the legs with terrific violence and threatened to crush them.

Gray lost his hold upon the ice, and he was again carried under the ice, but he succeeded in grabbing hold of her. I was still clinging to the ice.

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and thence over the lagoon and Mugg's Landing to the sandbar, where we met Mr. Ham with the boat. We crossed the channel without incident, and landed at No. 2 dock, Queen's wharf, shortly after 11 o'clock.

After transacting our business in the city we again met by appointment at the school at Centre Island, who had come down to get a 'chance' over, joined us, and the five of us entered the boat and started on the return journey.

There was a thin scum of ice on the channel, which we had to break a little as we went along. The west of the channel was a big body of ice, while the bay to the east was frozen solid.

Reaching the middle of the channel half way across to the sandbar, the west began to move and came rushing down the channel. I saw it coming, and called 'Look out, Mr. Gray.' But we had not time to react before we were under the ice.

The ice was not strong enough to bear our weight. Hardly had the words passed my lips and the boat was under the ice.

The boat was almost smashed to pieces, and except to remain in the boat, we were all in the water.

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The boat seemed to be in distress, and the wind was blowing the ice close around it.

The men were bailing out. Then it looked as if one of the men got frightened and attempted to step from the boat to the ice.

This sent the little craft down and we were all in the water. We then ran toward the end of the dock, where there were a number of people shouting and pieces of lumber.

They pulled four of the people up, but one of the women never came up. She was still clinging to the ice.

Richardson and myself went back to the Chippewa and got warmed up. Then we took out a small boat to look for any trace of the body.

We found and I picked up a small vase which was in the water. It was a small vase which was in the water.

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in the rescue, at once carried Mrs. Gray to a house on the Esplanade, where restoratives were applied and her clothing changed.

Richardson and his companions then began the search for Miss Forrest's body, and soon came across it under the ice, held up by her cape which had floated and frozen to the ice.

Life had left the body, though the limbs were still warm. She must have been in the water half an hour.

Necessary Precautions.

Mate Richardson said that there ought to be life lines and poles at the ends of all the steps down into the water, or at least ladders, should be attached at the head of the docks so that people who are in the city very little, perhaps \$100 or \$200 a year, to secure men like Richardson, who are on duty as winter watchmen, to look after these lines and keep a rescue boat ready for just such accidents.

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SIR THOMAS MILWRAITH SPEAKS.

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