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The Bridgewater Enterprise says that Manager Wade of the N. S. Central Railway, is authority for the statement that the Dominion Atlantic Railway Co. are not the purchasers of the road as intimated by several papers, but that the road will pass into the hands of a company, composed, it is understood, largely of provincial capitalists. By the way we notice by the report of the Provincial Engineer that the entire revenue of the Nova Scotia Central from all sources during the year ending Sept. 30th, 1895, was \$45,423.08, while the expenditure amounted to \$88,816.06, leaving a small profit on the year's business of \$6,007.02. This, however, would not go very far towards paying interest on the large claims held against the road, to say nothing of the depreciation of rolling stock, road-bed, etc.

Some days ago it was stated that a deposition by the sheriff of the province had related upon the government the case of a man named Salazar. A bill is now before the house of the province to the effect that whenever it shall appear from evidence upon oath that the gross income derived by the sheriff of any county from fees in any fiscal year is less than \$500, the provincial secretary shall pay to such sheriff, out of the treasury of the province, such sum as may be necessary to supply the deficiency, so that such sheriff shall have a gross income of \$600 for each year.

The quantity of snow which has fallen during the last few weeks should prove a great boon to our farmers as it enables them to do their work in the woods. They should not be so good as their time while it lasts, as of late years snow has been rather an unceremonious quantity.

The Bear River Tragedy.

The meagre facts which were obtainable in time for our last issue in regard to the tragic and lamentable death of the young girl, Annie Kempton, of Bear River, in the light of later disclosures, have been in the main corroborated.

Peter Wheeler, as stated, was arrested upon the strength of his own evidence as given at the inquest, the disclosures made from the first meeting to point to his guilt, and subsequent revelations made during the progress of the investigation resulting in a stronger confirmation of the theory. The man, Wheeler, has the appearance of a Spaniard or Portuguese, and is described as short, thick set, and of a malato color, with unprepossessing countenance. He came to this neighborhood about ten years ago, and has since lived with a woman named Tillie Comen, a neighbor of the Kempton's. This woman bears an unsavory reputation, and has a number of children, although said to be unmarried. This is the woman who has been accused to sleep at the Kempton's, in the absence of the father, and with all due regard for the distress and grief of the afflicted parents, we must express a feeling of surprise and wonderment that intelligent and well intentioned people, as Mr. and Mrs. Kempton undoubtedly are, should have taken no further precautions for the safety of a girl of their daughter's tender years, and supplied no better protector during their absence than a woman of such a character and reputation as that borne by Tillie Comen. Of the girl herself, it is the unanimous opinion of the residents of the community, that she was a well-behaved and undeniably virtuous girl, and that in her mournful death she was the victim of a fate which she was powerless to avert.

Mrs. Kempton, who has been working to relieve the straightened circumstances of the family, and has not been under medical treatment as at first reported, but has been in Boston about four months residing with a married daughter, and arrived home on Wednesday, the day following the discovery of the murder. The despatch containing the sad news arrived at the house shortly after Mrs. Kempton had left for Lewis' Wharf, to send by the Yarmouth steamer a parcel containing some new clothing for Annie. The despatch was immediately forwarded to the Yarmouth company's office, and it was there the shocking intelligence was communicated to the poor mother. The affecting scene which took place next day, at the meeting of the heart broken parents over the murder of their child is not to be described in words.

THE PRISONER'S STATEMENT. Following is the statement of Wheeler as taken by the coroner: I went to the house at 8.30 a. m. or thereabouts. Found a sick girl at the door. Rapped, the sick girl opened the door. Went into the house. Found everything upside down. Annie Kempton lying on the floor. I thought she had fainted. Put hand on right side of head and she was cold. Took Mrs. Kempton's coat and threw it over her. Looked in the rooms and found no one. Started for the kitchen and saw a man. He was wearing a red coat and a hat. He told me the name of the murderer and where he went home. Was not in the habit of going to the house in the morning. There was no fire in the house and the lamps were out. Saw out in the neck. She lay on the left side of the bed. Went into the room at 9 o'clock Monday night. Went to bed when the red did, but do not know the exact time. Saw someone as my horse coming and returning from the bridge. This was about 10 o'clock. I did not see him. I did not speak. Annie Kempton told me in the forenoon of Monday that Grace Morine was going to sleep with her on Tuesday night. Annie Kempton called me as I was going up the road past her house. She offered a dinner to me and I said "No, I would go home. I stayed with her about half an hour. While I was sitting in the room in which the tragedy took place, she asked me where Tillie was to work (she is the woman I stay with), and I told her at the hotel. I said she would work every day this week. Deceased said: Tillie need not mind coming to stay, as Grace Morine was coming, and that she would just be in the room and come and stay all night. I don't know that Grace Morine promised to come. I told Tillie (the woman I stay with) that she need not go to Kempton's, as Annie Wheeler is staying there. Do not know that Grace stayed with her previously. Don't know of any man being up this way Monday night, but in twenty minutes to two on Tuesday morning three men went by the house, talking, going toward the flat. I saw the first because he was coming near to go into the woods, and afterwards fell asleep on the quilt until I was so cold I could not sleep. I was awakened by the talking of the men outside. I don't know what time it was. Could not tell, it was dark and I was on the front on the window. One of the men was the height of little Jim Crabbe; another like the Will Marshall, and the third like Obeldiah Chute's boy, short and stout. Tillie came home from the hotel early Monday evening and she, Mattie Comen, and I went to the bridge together, but we did not come back together. I came home first with Hedy Benson. I think I told Tillie before I went to the bridge that Annie Kempton said she would just leave her (Tillie) did not come, as deceased called her Morine girl to stop with her.

From this statement it will appear that Wheeler does not account for himself from the time he left Annie Kempton alive in her house at 10 o'clock on Monday until the time he arrived at his lodging house at Comen's. He does not say just what time it was he got home, but if he is true he must have arrived there before dark, because he says he saw the murdered girl passing by the house between 4.30 and 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST THE PRISONER. The facts as elicited by the testimony of other witnesses of damaging import to the prisoner are these: Wheeler prevented Tillie Comen from going to Kempton's by stating to her that she would just be in the room and come and stay all night. Wheeler also mentioned the matter to her. He then came near to speak with Wheeler about dark on his way down the road from the direction of the Kempton's to the bridge. Bernard Parker gave evidence that he yesterday morning, on his visit to the scene of the tragedy, found a small sized moccasin leading from the pig pen to the back door of the house. This morning he found a moccasin leading from the road, through Rice's orchard up to the pig pen near Kempton's house, corresponding exactly with those discovered yesterday. Rice states that he saw Wheeler going in the direction of the tracks discovered a while before dark on Monday evening. Annie was last seen between 4 and 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, and nobody was at the house again that night. Wheeler is unaccounted for during the afternoon up to dark.

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Memorial for Annie Kempton Proposed.

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While all deeply sympathize with the stricken parents, and admire the courage of the young girl who fought to the death with a human fiend, to preserve her character and virtue, yet these will not perpetuate her memory, nor place on record the high estimate of our people for the virtue of the one, or our detestation of the other, the perpetrator of such a heinous act.

As to the cowardly fiend who could commit such a deed, he deserves no sympathy, nor waste of time or expense over him. A little roasting might bring him to his senses. If he had any. Better to take the costs of the usually long trials and court fees and appropriate it to placing a monument over his victim.

Let him die the death of a vile cur, and be buried with the burial of an ass. Will the W. C. T. U., or friends at Bear River or Digby move in this matter? Respectfully,

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