

RELIABLE STORAGE. ROBERT CARRIE. FOURTEENTH YEAR.

AGED COUPLE IN DEATH

James Williams and His Wife of Port Credit Foully Murdered at Their Home.

BRAINED WITH A BOOT AND A PUMPER

The Hired Man and One of Williams' Horses and His Cutter Missing.

Just as He Had Finished Supper Williams Was Struck Down in His Arm Chair, Six Blows With a Long Boot Smashing His Skull—Mrs. Williams' Body Found in the Pantry Terribly Disfigured—They Had Not Been Seen Since Thursday Night—The Murder Thought to Have Been Committed That Night, But the Bodies Were Not Discovered Until Yesterday—The Hired Man Under Suspicion.

PORT CREDIT, Ont., Dec. 17.—One of the most blood-curdling tragedies ever enacted in the County of Peel took place in the "Middle-road," Township of Toronto, one and a half miles north of this village between Thursday night and Sunday-morning, William James Williams, aged 50 years, and his wife, Eliza Williams, aged 55, being literally beaten to death. The Williams' resided in the Township of Chinguacousy about 27 years ago, when they left for Bay City, Mich., where they remained until 1878, they returned to the County of Peel and took up their residence on the Middle-road.

They were an unassuming couple and did not mix much with their neighbors, although they were generally well known in the neighborhood. On Wednesday last Miss Goldthorpe, a neighbor, called at the house and saw the old couple, when they informed her that they intended leaving for Toronto on the following day to do some marketing. They had killed a number of geese during the forenoon, and a number of geese had been plucked ready for market when she called there.

Came to Toronto Thursday. Early Thursday morning Williams and his wife drove to Toronto market and disposed of their fowl. En route to the city they called at Nurse's Hotel at the corner of the street with Mrs. Nurse. It is supposed that they reached home after disposing of their fowl in time for supper, and that the murder was committed about 5:30 o'clock Thursday night, as the condition of the bodies when found went to show that Williams had apparently just finished partaking of his evening meal when a murderer stole upon him and struck him down.

His head had been battered to a shapeless mass, the murderer having apparently used a heavy boot, which was found underneath the chair, for the purpose. The body of Mrs. Williams was found in a closet. She had evidently been struck down by a potato masher, as the masher was found in the kitchen and dragged across the floor to the pantry.

A trail of blood marked the floor where she had been dragged. The potato masher, smeared with the arterial blood of the victim was found in the corner of the kitchen. Suspicion rests on the hired man named John, who was engaged by the couple about a month ago and whose time was up on Wednesday, when he left. It is believed that he returned on Thursday night and committed the crime.

The House Ransacked. All the upstairs rooms in the house were thoroughly ransacked, as if for plunder. The murder was discovered at 4:30 to-day by Clayton Osborne, son of a farmer living opposite, who noticing a strange light about the premises went over to investigate. He looked in the window and saw an old man seated at the table with a coat over his head and at once gave the alarm.

The Goldthorpes were notified and investigation disclosed the double murder. It was also found that a bay horse and cutter belonging to Williams were missing, and it is supposed the murderer took them with him. Their Last Meal on the Table. The house is double fronted with a central hall, standing back about 100 yards from the road on the north side. The door opens into a living room about 20 feet square. On the right hand are two bedrooms, and so to the left a stairway leading to the attic. Behind the living room is a small kitchen, off which is a small pantry. Against the south wall of the kitchen to the left of the door leading from the front room is a little table covered with a piece of marble cloth, and on it are the usual things, a chair, the area hanging straight at either side, the hands cleaned and the legs stretched straight out under the table.

Over the head was thrown an old coat, which was found, too, by the dogged blood. The remainder of the coat disclosed a sickening sight, at which the stoutest heart might well quail and the most aloof tremble.

Mr. J. B. Thompson was seen last night. He lived in his youth in the vicinity of the murder. His wife was a Miss Goldthorpe, sister of the Goldthorpes. Mr. Thompson told of the Williams family and what he knew of the mystery as told him by his brother-in-law. James and Eliza Williams came to the township of Toronto, County of Halton, from the township of Halton, County of York, in 1850. They were evidently of Irish extraction, but their previous history is not well known to their neighbors. The house is a small, two-story, frame house about half way between Cookville and Port Credit, and has since resided on that lot.

Description of the Murdered Man. Williams was a short, slight, dark, sharp-featured man about 60 years old, 5 feet 7 inches in height, badly crippled up with rheumatism. He had a small, short woman and aged 15 years her husband's junior. They had no children and but one daughter, Mrs. W. Williams, who is married to a farmer named Moody and lives about three miles from here.

WRECKED BY WIND AND FROST

ATTEMPT AT FRIDAY'S VISIT OF THE STORM KING. Immense Damage Occasioned to the Street Railway Service and the Telephone and Telegraph Lines.

At 10 o'clock on Friday morning the storm king visited the city and occasioned immense damage to the street railway service and the telephone and telegraph lines. The wind was a gale from the west and the rain fell in torrents. The damage to the street railway service was particularly heavy. The telegraph and telephone lines were also severely damaged.

Business in the city generally was completely paralyzed on Friday morning. The street railways were closed and the telegraph and telephone services were also interrupted. The damage to property was estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

Repairs in Progress. The city council has authorized the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars for the repair of the street railways and the telegraph and telephone lines. The work is expected to be completed in a few weeks.

Deaths. The storm also caused several deaths. A man named John Smith was killed by a falling chimney. A woman named Mary Jones was killed by a falling tree. A child named William Brown was killed by a falling branch.

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FLIED WITH A BEARLESS BOY

A FOSTER-MOTHER'S SON ELOPED WITH A YOUNG GIRL. The Appointments Expected To Be Made To-Day—No Decision in Railway Crossing Case.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—It is understood that the vacancy in the Lieut.-Governorship of New Brunswick will be filled at to-morrow's meeting of the council. There is no indication as to who will be the happy man to take the place of Judge Palmer, K. F. Harris and Joseph Wood are mentioned. The world correspondent has also heard it rumored that there is a probability of Sir Leonard Tilley being re-appointed.

The meeting of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council yesterday, at which a number of cases were disposed of, the only Toronto case on the list were the crossing case of the Don and Andover rivers crossing, of which one was referred to the committee.

A DEATH-DEALING COLONN. Sweeps Over a Family of Arkansas—Three Children Killed. MAONOLA, Ark., Dec. 17.—This vicinity was visited Friday night by a cyclone on the station of Little Johnson, and every building except two were completely demolished. The cyclone was a terrible one and the children sought shelter in the house, which was blown to the earth. Nothing but the walls and a few beams were left.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY. The epidemic of influenza shows no sign of abatement in London. During the past week 137 deaths were reported from this cause, against an average of only about 25 in the previous two weeks. The influenza is particularly violent in Parliament, and smoking and snuff-taking are the prevailing habits.

FROM THE NEW YORK SUN. Goldwin Smith's New Book—Essays on Questions of the Day. The writer of this book has for the last 40 years commanded the earnest attention of thoughtful and cultivated persons in England and the United States. Those who can appreciate his Political History of the United States will be glad to see from the hand of the same author other discussions of important questions presented in a portable and compact form.

THE HOLMES CO. SUPPLY. But They Get Right Down to Business. The wires of the Holmes Electric Protection apparatus severed through the storm, but the company had their men out on the lines by daylight, and by this afternoon most of the important lines were in working order. The following circular was issued to subscribers on the subject of the apparatus:

BRIN FARNS' DIARY. Leaves Therefrom Transmitted to the German Government by Belgium. BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The Belgian Government has transmitted to the German Government by Belgium the diary of Brin Farns, a member of the Belgian Parliament, who was captured at Kluze in the Congo State.

FAILLANT TO BE AVENGED. Ten Cartridges Found in Paris Wrepper. In an anarchist document seized in Paris, ten cartridges were found in a package containing 10 dynamite cartridges. The dynamite was wrapped in a copy of an anarchist journal, and the cartridges were in a package wrapped in a copy of an anarchist journal.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN RUBBER. TORONTO RUBBER COMPANY, LTD. MANNING'S ARCADE, 28 KING-ST. WEST. ONE CENT.

SAVED BY THE WATCHMAN

MANY PASSENGERS HAVE THEIR LIVES SAVED BY A MIRACLE. The Storm Washes Out a Trestle and Has a Fatal Result.

The storm which visited the city on Friday night washed out a trestle on the Grand Trunk Railway, and had a fatal result. The trestle was washed out by a cyclone, and the train was derailed. Many passengers were injured, and several were killed.

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FOUGHT AT HIS GRAVE

Three Widows Materialize at the Funeral of Col. Stevens. New York, Dec. 17.—John Stevens, a colored soldier of this city, applied for a pension a short time before his death, which occurred last week. It is reported that three women, each of whom claimed to be the widow of Stevens, appeared at his funeral. They had never seen each other before, and each was loud in declaring her rights as chief mourner.

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XMAS SALE AND PORTER

NEW YORK STOCKS DEPRESSED. WHEAT AT CHICAGO CLOSED SOMEWHAT STRONGER. The New York Bank Statement Less Favorable—Canadian Securities Irregular—Dulles on the Local Markets—Provisions Are Irregular—The Storm Interfering With Business.

NEW YORK STOCKS DEPRESSED. The fluctuations in the New York Stock Exchange today were very irregular. The market closed very heavy today and lower prices are predicted for Monday.

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