

THE TUCKER MURDER. AGRICULTURAL MEETING

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then went on a farm of my own. After that I went to my father's and lived. I have been on good terms with Mr. and Mrs. Tucker. Never knew of them quarrelling with my wife. Saw a good deal of Minnie Tucker. She and my wife did not get along any too well. Whenever she would come to us they would be bad friends afterwards. I don't know the cause of the trouble. Heard my wife was jealous of her sister Minnie used to come to my house and visit. She charged me and Minnie with being too intimate one time the fall. I never thought that my wife would do her sister any harm.

On the day Minnie died my wife came and called to me from the field where she was on snow shoes. The dead girl was lying on the floor. Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Canovan both said she was going to die. All I heard her say was "cursed be the day." I got a horse and took the old woman to Nat Cummings. I did not suspect poisoning until after the death, then suspected and thought I was in some danger myself.

Saturday morning old man Tucker was placed on the stand and his story seemed straightforward and honest. He evidently is the best of the lot. He said Annie could not have bought poison for foxes as she had no hens. He believed Minnie died of poison, and believed Annie and her mother knew all about it. The old man is too old to work and it would be a true Christian act if a proper home were provided for him.

Mrs. Tucker was arraigned yesterday and James Tucker and Mrs. Carroll testified. The case looks very hard for both Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Canovan. Today they will be committed for trial in April. The testimony was very bad against the women.

We find in the Methodist Young People's Paper Onward the following eminently true expression about the Canadian Press. We agree with Onward in saying that the Press of Canada, taken for all in all, is as high-toned as that of any Country in the world. Our readers will have no difficulty in recognizing the Montreal Witness as the paper especially referred to.

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T. C. B. Milberry then took the stand and said in Hartland they had received the best reception they ever got. He advised the Hartland people to get the three members in a corner and make them promise a bridge. He gave excellent pointers on butter-making, which will be published complete later. Said Hartland could support a cheese factory and buttery in fine style. He knew a man who was going to start a first class flour mill in this county.

After Mr. Milberry, Col. McCrae spoke very interestingly and at length on "Farm Life" and as a story teller he is a genius. Also of this address will an account be given next week.

J. T. A. Dibblee, M. P. P. said he stood as strong for the Bridge as ever; that he had a genuine personal interest in it, and renewed his pledges with regard to getting an appropriation.

C. L. Smith, M. P. P., in his frank open manner said there was no question that interested him so much as the Hartland Bridge.

H. H. McCain, M. P. P. said no man could be more interested in a Bridge than he.

Mr. Labillois thanked the Band and the Choir for their services and was proud of the demonstration and knew it was not altogether on account of the Bridge. He then spoke eloquently on the unity of all Canadians, no matter of what origin.

J. K. Fleming called to the stand said the meeting had been of good interest to him, and should certainly be profitable. He said the M. P. P.'s didn't half know how bad a Bridge was wanted, but he appreciated their heart felt devotion, and hoped they would not die until the Bridge was built.

E. M. Shaw, lately returned from a tour to the Pacific Coast, spoke interestingly of his trip.

After the meeting the speakers and a large number of citizens adjourned to the Riverside where an oyster stew was enjoyed. Here a very enjoyable hour was spent, but owing to the visitors having to drive to Woodstock it was cut short. Chas. Rideout of the Band gave one of his highly interesting negro stump speeches which was well applauded. A toast was drunk to the Queen when the company left the tables. In the hall of the hotel T. C. B. Milberry gave a song, the band played, and rousings cheers were given Mr. Labillois, the band and the visiting members, then the affair was ended.

The other day, Myer's auctioneer, whom we have called "a joker," among his other tricks offer a genuine \$5 bill for sale. The bid \$1.25 and he could get no higher. He hardly knew what to think of the crowd, and shot a streak of fun at them, for the bill was freely examined, and found to be genuine but there was still "a scare" of some sort. Try that trick again, sonny, bet you'll lose.—Amherst Press.

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