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ST. JOHN LETTER.

Since October, 1898 about 40,000 acres of land in the United States have been planted with forest trees, and the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture has received applications for assistance in the management of about 1,500,000 acres.

One year old stock to plant an acre, four feet apart each way, it is estimated would cost at the nurseries from four to five dollars, but even at this price, authorities say, in the case of the hardier trees, such as ash, maple, oak, elm, locust, etc., it is much more convenient and usually cheaper for the farmer to grow his own seedlings.

Andrew Williams, a C. P. R. telegraph operator, ran over a bank in Rockwood Park on his wheel last Wednesday and was badly injured.

Patrick Duffy, struck by an engine while working on a trestle at Portland bridge, died last Wednesday.

Loud prayers by a young man living on Exmouth street have called for the intervention of the police.

A valise belonging to a passenger was run over by an engine in the Union Station a few days since. Lookers on were almost overpowered by the odor of the "nerve tonic" which it contained.

The flour market is a little firmer than last week and some millers have advanced prices from five to ten cents per barrel. As there is a good demand for export a further advance may be expected shortly.

The evenings and mornings have been decidedly cool of late though up to the present time vegetation is untouched by frost. In the old burial ground and the squares the leaves are falling and the flower plots are looking tired.

The body of an infant that died of exposure or was murdered, was found in Rockwood Park the other day. No prosecution or public exposure is expected to follow.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, Sept. 9.

Awful Halifax Fatality.

HALIFAX, Sept. 5.—A terrible accident resulting in the loss of seven lives, occurred off the harbor last evening. The victims were members of a picnic party which left here in the morning in a yacht hired for the occasion.

The party included Robert Davison, aged 25; his wife, 28; his sisters, Mabel, 12, Florence, 23, Alice, 24, Bertha, 24, and Louise, 29; Wm. H. Hamilton, of the city clerk's office; John Hancock, 40; J. Poole and Edward Juddy, officers of H. M. S. Talbot. The Davisons were children of Robert Davison, who came here from New York seven years ago, and is one of the best known residents of this city.

About five o'clock the party started to return home, with a strong wind blowing from the north. The breeze freshened until it assumed the proportions of a gale, and heavy squalls followed one another in quick succession. It was in one of the most dangerous parts of the eastern channel a tremendous gust of wind struck her, with all sail set, and tore the mast from its box. A second gust forced

the heavy timber back, and striking the bottom, it knocked a gaping hole through the bottom. In a moment the party were face to face with death, and the twelve were battling for their lives. Poole and Juddy, who were both excellent swimmers, caught Bertha and Louise Davison in their arms and started for shore. The others were left to their fate. Mrs. Davison was the first to disappear beneath the waves, and one after the other her companions followed her.

For nearly a quarter of an hour the brave officers fought against terrible odds and were at length picked up by a passing steamer. The women were almost gone, and it was only after careful medical attention that they were resuscitated. At 10.30 p. m. the body of Alice Davison was brought to the surface and removed to a farm house at the eastern passage.

HALIFAX, Sept. 5.—The bodies of John Hancock and Robert Davison, two of the seven victims of last evening's drowning accident, were recovered this morning. This makes three bodies so far taken out of the water, the third recovered last evening being that of Florence Davison.

HALIFAX, Sept. 7.—The remains of the five Davisons, victims of Monday's harbor accident, were taken to St. Paul's church this morning. Impressive services were held at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. Armitage, and shortly after 4 o'clock the bodies were placed in five hearses. It was one of the saddest and strangest funerals ever seen in Halifax. First came a small white hearse conveying the body of little Mabel, and following this four black hearses, with the bodies of Florence, Alice, Robert and Minnie. John Hancock, another of the victims, was buried with military honors, he having been a member of the 63rd Rifles. The father of the Davison family is sexton of St. Paul's church.

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Found Dead in Bed.

MONCTON, Sept. 8.—Mr. D. B. Crandall, a brother of Mr. Benjamin Crandall was found dead in his bed about 3 o'clock this morning. Crandall worked all yesterday at the house of Mr. Wm. Steeves in the upper end of the town. During the day he met with a slight accident, falling off a staging, but did not regard his injuries as serious. He complained of his side when he came home and retired quite early, saying he felt tired. Just before eleven o'clock his wife, who occupied the same room, says she heard what she thought was a gasp, and thinking that her husband was ill she had a lamp lighted, but was horrified to find that he had breathed his last. The deceased was 66 years of age and leaves a grown-up family. Mr. Crandall came to Moncton from Salisbury about five years ago. His sudden demise is pronounced to be due to apoplexy of the heart. The remains will be taken to Elgin for interment.

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Dreyfus Found Guilty.

RENNES, Sept. 9.—Dreyfus guilty is the verdict of the Court.

Dreyfus was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

The Court stood five to two for the condemnation of the prisoner. The Court found extenuating circumstances.

The crowd outside greeted the verdict with cheers for the army.

RENNES, Sept. 9.—This morning the whole town bristled with soldiers. Everyone entering the court was subjected to the closest scrutiny. Even the women who attended the session were deprived of their sunshades before being permitted to pass. The last session of the court martial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus of the artillery opened at seven thirty this a. m. The prisoner looked flushed and in ill health, apparently suffering from the great strain.

M. Demange resumed his speech for the defence which was interrupted yesterday by the adjournment. In his appeal to the judges he strongly accentuated the words, "Why you must not say a thing is an impossibility; a judge must have proof, as no doubt must rest on the conscience of the judge."

Baron Russel of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice of England, was again present. In the second row of the privileged public, facing the judges, sat Mathieu Dreyfus brother of the prisoner, whose sunken eyes and careworn face reflected his anxiety and anguish. It was evident that he had not slept during the night. The prisoner continually turned his face toward his brother Mathieu to watch the effect the speech had upon him. Dreyfus, however, did not display the intense emotion with which his heart on this critical morning must have been bursting.

Gen. d'armes were plentifully sown among the audience, and were posted in the gangways around the court room. There was a pleasant contrast in their pretty blue uniforms, with white cord trimmings, to the sober attitude of the majority of the spectators. The silence was only broken by the occasional rustling of the reporters note books or the neigh of an artillery horse picketed in a street beside the Lycee. Now and then there was a sound of the rattling of a rifle, or the clanking of a sword of some officer hastily crossing the court yard, where the troops were stationed.

M. Demange continued his plea until the court suspended its session at ten o'clock, at which time it was announced that counsel would need another hour to conclude his speech, after which the judges, it was added, would retire to consider their verdict. The court was then cleared.

A bell will be rung just before the judges re-enter, and a second bell will be rung a minute or so later, when the doors of the court will be closed and no more persons will be allowed to return to the hall. The troops quartered in the chapel and refractory of the Lycee are ready for any emergency.

M. Demange concluded at 11.35 a. m., and the court adjourned until 3 p. m., when Major Carriere will make a brief reply. The court will then deliberate on its verdict. A loud clapping of hands greeted the conclusion of M. Demange's finely delivered peroration. Dreyfus, however appeared impassible. But, as he left the stage, he exclaimed to those around him, "I am not guilty." The prisoner's hearers replied with cries of "courage," "courage."

A Night of Horror.

CAPE TRAVERSE, Sept. 6.—A plucky sailor narrowly escaped a watery grave. A Norwegian barque, lying at the ballast grounds half a mile from Cape Tormentine pier, despatched a twelve foot craft and a sailor to go ashore for the captain at 8 o'clock at night. It happened that there were no oars in the boat, the wind

and sea were raging high, and before oars could be supplied, the sailor had drifted out of sight and hearing. Wonderful to relate, with only the assistance of a board two feet long, he arrived at Carleton Point, on this side, at 3 o'clock next morning. His experience are described as horrible. Many times the sea would break and almost swamp the boat, but he persisted and for seven hours kept afloat. The captain, who had no hopes of his safety, had telegraphed to Cape Traverse to make search for the boat.

Few Men Original.

Did you ever notice how few people are original in things they say and do? For instance, one man makes a fortune out of a simple thing; immediately hundreds of others try it. This is human nature. While it is gratifying to be the "first man" to bring out an idea, the great mass must be content to follow their leaders. There is one line that is always original, however, and that is the business of Bradley-Garratson Co., Limited, of Brantford, Ont., because they continually bring out publications, to suit the times and seasons, thus their agents as kept steadily at it to make big money. In fact, no other occupation is more honorable, healthful, lucrative, or offers half as many opportunities for promotion. It is a life school. Many men and women in Canada to-day, testify to the truthfulness of his claim, in fact, it is conceded on all hands, that one year's experience with this Firm is worth more to any young man or woman, than two or three years at College, from an educational point of view, and financially, it is all that can be desired.

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