

# THE DISPATCH.

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## SUCCESS

Is the word for the **Great Clearance Sale** of which so many wise people too advantage Christmas week. To those who were unable to get in during the cold snap, we would say **the sale still continues**, but the choicest goods are going rapidly, and you had better not delay, for the Bargains you heard of will soon be all gone. The good news is spreading—make your choice now.

To those who have trouble with their Eyes, we would advise to attend to the matter at once, as we expect to be leaving the town about the first of February, if possible.

## W. B. JEWETT,

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## SECOND CHAPTER ENDED.

### Mrs. Canovan and Her Mother Mary Tucker Committed For Trial

On The Charge of Murdering, by Poison, Minnie Tucker.—A Summary Of All The Evidence Given.—Old James Tucker's Telling Testimony.

There is scarcely anything talked of around town and the surrounding country but the Canovan-Tucker poisoning case.

The coroner's jury, it will be remembered brought in a verdict charging Mrs. Canovan with murdering her sister, by administering poison to her.

The preliminary examination called for by law was opened in the town hall before Police Magistrate Dibblee on Friday last at ten o'clock in the morning. The prisoner is not at all a bad looking young woman, and pictures of her, which have appeared in the papers do not at all do her justice.

In the course of Dr. Somerville's evidence he stated that the condition of the Tucker home had been somewhat exaggerated, as reported in the papers. There were many more homes just like it.

Stephen B. Appleby represented the crown Wendell P. Jones, the prisoner. Mr. Fry, court stenographer took the evidence having been specially deputed to do so by the attorney general.

The hall was crowded throughout the hearing.

Mr. Jones raised the objection that the depositions taken before the coroner should be on hand, before the witnesses were examined, and quoted from section 568 of the Code in favor of his contention.

The coroner then stated that he had the depositions with him.

Mary Tucker was the first witness called by Mr. Stephen B. Appleby, representing the crown. Her evidence was as follows:—I live in the Glassville gore, parish of Aberdeen. I was 39 last April. Have lived there 23 years. The prisoner is my daughter. She is married to Patrick Canovan. They do not live with me. They live out back, my daughter came to my house a few days ago, my husband and my daughter Mary (prisoner) lived with me. Canovan and his wife came to my place two or three nights before Wednesday when the death occurred. He just stayed during nights. Prisoner was 24 on the 16th of January. She has one child living and three dead. My daughter who died had been working home. She was stopping with Mrs. Brewer. She was 22 years old. She had one child. I don't know where the child is. Wm. Martin of Glassville is father of the child. I did not suspect that my daughter was again in the family way. Prisoner and husband were in the house when deceased came home Tuesday. She appeared to be well next morning. She complained of cramps and was taking stuff for it. When I asked her what she was doing she told me to mind my own business, she could take care of herself. Witness then detailed the circumstances connected with deceased's death. I was out getting water, and when I came in, deceased fell down, and after passing through several fits, died. She said before she died "Is there no one to whom I may tell the story. I did it with my own hands." After the death I washed the body, and several neighbors came in. I know prisoner went to Bath on Saturday. She said she wanted to pay some bills, and she brought back some molasses and other things, including a pair of shoes for the baby. Prisoner and her husband lived out back. Prisoner visited house two other times within the last six months. Prisoner and deceased were good friends, particularly so that morning. I only know by hear say that they had ever been otherwise. I cannot say whether prisoner was jealous of deceased or not. I could not believe anything deceased said. She was always threatening to do away with herself. When I gave her good advice about getting into trouble, she said, never mind I can take care of myself and get out of the way. When asked if she knew how deceased died, witness said "I did not. I was not God, and I was not a witch. All I know is that she is dead."

Dr. Ross, of Florenceville, said:—I heard part of evidence at coroner's inquest. I held post mortem assisted by Drs. Welch, Somerville and coroner. Body was well nourished. The membranes of the brain were congested. There was no evidence of disease of brain. Only abnormal condition about brain was the congestion. Intestines were distended. Deceased had been pregnant two months and going on the third. There were symptoms of abortion. He would not expect so much

congestion in the lungs, from a person dying from asphyxia. He would not like to give a person the 12th of a grain of strychnine, and expect him to pull through.

Do you know whether strychnine might cause an abortion?

It is not known as one of those drugs.

I gave the stomach in charge of Dr. Comins, the coroner. When removed from the body it was placed in a pail of water. No one could come into the house without some of the doctors seeing them. The door was bolted. I punctured the stomach. I saw nothing inserted into the stomach. I found no evidence of natural death. It was due to some unnatural cause. Stomach is now under analysis. He did not open it except to let the air out. Symptoms on the body outside of stomach, might have been found from alcoholic or prussic acid poisoning.

From all you have heard do you think death was the cause of poisoning.

I should think so.

To Mr. Jones, witness said that from what he saw he could not swear that deceased came to her death by taking strychnine, although such cause of death would not be inconsistent with the post mortem as far as he made it. Appearance in a death from asphyxia would be much the same as in this case, the symptoms would be different.

After lunch the first witness was Dr. Comins, the coroner in the case. He said:—I practise at Bath. I visited the house first on Friday morning 28th, inst. The day before a young man was in my office and asked me if I knew Minnie Tucker was dead, and died in a fit. Another young man told me she was poisoned, and after consulting the Deputy Sheriff we went out next morning. We found Mr. Tucker, cutting wood, inside Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Canovan, the baby and the corpse. Husband of prisoner was not there. The body was laid out for burial. They were waiting for a coffin. I directed Dr. Rose to make a post mortem. When I went first stomach was lying in abdomen, it had been on table. I kept my eye on it. It was perforated, tied up and put in a bottle and sealed. It is now in my office at Bath. I knew deceased and attended her when she was confined last spring. She was in rugged health. The house consisted of one room about 12 x 16. Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Canovan said that deceased died suddenly. She had been mixing some doses, and after drinking that died. Prisoner said that if there was an inquest she would tell something that deceased said before she died. Mrs. Tucker went to a trunk and brought out a tin box, saying it contained the same stuff that Minnie had been drinking. Witness here produced the box. He meant to take that and the stomach to St. John for analysis. Mrs. Tucker did say she was very glad the girl was dead, and that she either thought or wished that her soul was in hell. He found some unfilled prescriptions signed with the names of Dr. Rankin and Dr. Moffat. The only name he saw on them was that of Mrs. Tucker. Dr. Somerville was with me when I made the search. I was satisfied that the bottle I took up contained the poison. I put the canister here produced in my cupboard on Sunday after the jury had seen it. I would not swear that it would be impossible for anyone to take out what was in the canister and put something else in, but am pretty sure it was not trifled with. To Mr. Appleby. These prescriptions that I saw were as harmless as prescribed. I will swear that it is not at all probable that the canister was trifled with. I will swear that I believe the contents are the same now as when I saw them at the Tucker house. There was no strychnine in any of the prescriptions I saw. Dr. Somerville's name was on none of them.

Caroline Brewer.—I live in West Glassville. The Tuckers live between two and three miles from my home. Deceased was the same as one of our family. Have known her nine years. She made it her home at my place for past 4 years. On the 19th she came to my place and stayed till the 25th. She had been to Martin's where the father of her child was. She went to her father about one o'clock, on snow shoes, saying that she wanted to see if her father had any wood. Deceased came to my place about a week before Christmas, crying. I asked her what was the matter. She said "Annie has threatened to poison me and her husband. Will I swear my life against her or not." I said "Minnie, keep away from her." The last time she was at the house she said she had had a quarrel with her sister. Her mother joined in, and her father came in and made them leave her alone. Next time I saw her she was dead. Mrs. Canovan asked me if there was anything the matter with Minnie when she left the house. I said, no.

I knew of no jealousy between prisoner and deceased. Minnie was to have been married in two months to a neighbour, John Rowley.

To Mr. Jones.—Deceased said that Mrs. Canovan told her to her face that she would poison her. She never told me that she would poison herself rather than have another child. Deceased did not resemble the prisoner much, she was nicely built, like her mother.

To Mr. Appleby.—Minnie Tucker never took any medicine when she was at my house.

Dr. Somerville.—I practise in Bristol, and have a few extra drugs, more than I would keep if I lived in a larger place. I recognize the prisoner, whom I first saw on the 22nd of

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## BURIED WITH HONOURS.

### Sad Fatality to Houlton Mason and Family.

### Burned to Death in an Hotel.—Funeral Last Sunday in Which Woodstock Lodge Takes a Prominent Part.—Some Facts of Mr. Kimball's Life.

About forty Masons went on the special train to Houlton, Sunday morning, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Ephraim Kimball, his wife and daughter, who were burned to death in a hotel at Gloversville, N. Y. state on the first of February. Accompanying the Masons were a delegation of the A. O. H. on a special mission of their own, and a number of citizens.

Ephraim Kimball was born in Linneus, Me., in 1848. He married a Miss Grey, sister of the well known commercial traveller of Houlton, Henry Grey. About 20 years ago Mr. Kimball moved to Boston where he remained for a few years in the employ of a large wholesale house. Afterwards he removed to Indianapolis, and until the time of his death was employed as a commercial traveller at the salary of \$8000 per annum. He was visiting one of his employers at Gloversville, when the fatality occurred. He, his wife, and daughter, Nellie Young Kimball, aged 24, were occupying rooms at the hotel. The fire broke out at night and all three were burned to death. Although the young lady's room was some distance from her parents, the three bodies were discovered in one room, leaving the impression that the parents lost their lives in trying to save their daughter.

The remains were brought to Houlton on Thursday last in care of Mr. Henry Grey. Deceased had been a member of Monument Lodge F. A. A. M. Houlton, since 1871.

On receiving notice of Mr. Kimball's death Monument Lodge communicated with J. R. Murphy, W. M., of Woodstock Lodge, wishing the attendance of the members.

On arriving in Houlton the Woodstock Masons were met by a delegation from Monument Lodge, and were taken to the Exchange Hotel where they were entertained to a sumptuous repast by the Houlton brethren.

After dinner the funeral took place, the procession embracing amid a large body of citizens, some 180 in number, Woodstock lodge preceding, and the entire force marshalled by Lt. Col. Vince, of Woodstock, proceeding to the Episcopal church. It was met at the door by Rev. Mr. Sloggett, rector of the church. The edifice being too small to accommodate the large number in attendance, the procession went on to the cemetery where the service for the dead according to the Episcopal ritual was said by Mr. Sloggett.

Then the Masonic order took the funeral in charge, and the beautiful ritual of the order was performed by Past Master Tenney. The scene was most pathetic, and as one attending says, will never be forgotten by those present the three bodies comprising the entire family, in three beautiful quartered oak caskets, lying ready for committal to the earth, whence they came. "In death they were not divided."

After the impressive services, the two Masonic lodges met in the Monument Lodge quarters. A vote of thanks was passed to Woodstock Lodge for their attendance, to which J. R. Murphy, W. M., suitably responded, acknowledging the sad pleasure it gave them to take part in the funeral.

About half past four the special train returned to Woodstock.

Mr. Kimball's life was insured for \$25,000.

### Children's Party.

Master Clyde Camber entertained his young friends with a birthday party on Saturday evening from 5 to 9. The evening was spent with games etc. Those present were: Hattie Gable, Vita Brewer, Jennie Colter, Helen Woolverton, May Marley, Rita Hanson, Ethel Hanson, May Gillen, Helen Hand, Ruth Appleby, Kathleen Sanderson, Mary Porter, Helen Foster, Edith Dalling, Helen Watson, Viva McAfee, Marion Hayden, Jean Garden, Marie Matthews, Mildred Cavell, Katie Baird, Annie Colter, Maude Collins, Hattie Saunders, Helen Dibblee, Arthur Fisher, Hallie Hayden, Ira McAfee, Ralph Murphy, Frank Murphy, Arthur Glidden, Robbie Watson, Clarence Sprague, Walter Sprague, Wendell Jones, Burpee Hay, Donald Payson, Allie Jones, Roy McLaughlan, Guy McLaughlan, Allan Poole, Guy Payson, Kenneth Munro, Avar White, Malcolm Munro, Roy Watt, Frank Woolverton, Ted Saunders, Reginald McLean, Guy Gables, Stanley Atherton, Charlie Coy, Frank Murphy, Sprague Matthews.

Money can do much, but it cannot do all. We must know the province of it and confine it there, and even spend it back when it wishes to get farther.