

MURDERS PREVALENT

In the Neighbouring County of
Aroostook Maine.

A good Chance to Study Criminal Law.—
Life Sentence of old Oakes.—Murphy
not Dead as reported.—The New Sweden
Tragedy.

Aroostook county has its fill of murders and consequently murder trials. And while on this cheerful subject, THE DISPATCH must correct a statement made in its columns a few weeks ago. It was informed that young Daniel Murphy, the murderer of his father, both parties having been known in Woodstock, had died in Houlton gaol. It appears now that our informant was wrong in his facts. The youthful criminal the Times of Houlton says, is alive and well, patiently awaiting the decision of the law court, which shall determine as to whether he shall go to State Prison for life or for a term of years.

Now, Daniel having been temporarily disposed of, attention is called to the trial of Electus Oakes, an old party, who was charged with having shot and killed his son on August 31st away up in Ashland, Maine, direction. The Times says of the trial. "The prisoner is a man who is about eighty years of age. He is very feeble in action but has a robust looking face. He stands the ordeal well, but right here it may be said that he appears to take but little interest in the proceedings. Sitting behind him is the dock is his wife who is over seventy years of age. The two make an amusing, not to say pitiful picture." The State by its witness sought to prove that the father, without cause or provocation, opened up maliciously with a gun upon his son Oliver. Their witnesses testified that the old man fired two shots at Oliver, the second one taking effect, which last caused death. In the testimony as drawn out by the County Attorney, the State endeavored to prove to the jury that the old gentleman became angry at his son because of the latter's action in driving a dog away from a horse which it was chasing. Attorney Powers for the prisoner tried to show that the shooting was done in self defense by the prisoner in order to protect himself and wife from a murderous assault made by his son. He contended that the deceased was a terror to the community, that he had threatened the lives of his parents and attempted to carry out his threats on the day he received the fatal shot. He urged that the prisoner was a quiet, unoffensive, peaceable citizen, that he was never troublesome or quarrelsome in any way, that he had always tried to be considerate of his son and to assist him whenever opportunity was presented. The one important fact which he tried to prove was that Oliver had a gun with him on the day of the accident, had fired it at his mother and that the gun had afterwards been concealed, by members of the family, in an old stump until it was taken to the home of a neighbor for safe keeping. Mr. Powers endeavored to show by witnesses that a gun which was purported to have been used by the deceased in an attempt to kill his mother had two days afterwards been smuggled to a neighbor's house in order to destroy all suspicion of a gun having been used by Oliver. In questioning his witnesses for this fact there was a confliction of testimony which appeared to be damaging to the plea of self defense.

Later reports say that the jury found the prisoner guilty of murder in the first degree. This means, we suppose, imprisonment for life.

So much for the Oakes case.

Now there is another on the string, and it compares favourably, in enormity, with the two already mentioned. An Aroostook exchange says: The third murder to be committed in this county within a space of sixteen months occurred at Woodland Friday night the 29th ult. As near as can be learned one Bjorkson and one Johnson, both Swedes, returned Monday evening, from a private celebration, which they were having over Dewey's return, to their homes in New Sweden, somewhat intoxicated. Bjorkson was hilariously drunk. To get to his home he passed the residence of Johnson and there left the latter at the gate. After Johnson entered his home he bethought himself of the fact that Bjorkson, when intoxicated, always made it a practice to beat his wife. He thought he would go down to Bjorkson's home and protect the wife if there were any trouble. He reached the home and peered in the window. His comrade of a few hours before saw him, and rushed out and accused him of treachery and ordered him home. The next day Johnson went to Woodland where he was engaged to go into the woods. The same day Bjorkson sold a heifer and realized a sum of money with which he purchased a revolver and then proceeded to get drunk. He went home, unmercifully hammered his wife and then started for Woodland in quest of Johnson. He found him at work and opened up on him with his revolver, firing three shots all of which took effect in the body of Johnson. The criminal immediately struck for the woods and made good his escape. Johnson lived through the night but died early Wednesday morning.

Sheriff Gary left here, Wednesday, for Woodland and with a posse of deputies.

The Republican gives this version of the affair:—In Geo. H. Howe's lumber camp in Westmanland plantation the cook Peter Castonia of Caribou, was about his many duties as usual, when a man of queer actions came into the camp and asked for the boss, Mr. Olson. When inquired of if he was going to work the man replied that he was. The cook told him to take an axe and follow, but the fellow said he was in a hurry and only wanted to be shown the road on which the men were working and asked if Gus Johnson was with him (the boss). Replying in the affirmative the cook went with the man, Albert Bjorkman, and started him on the proper way to reach the crew. Passing the boys at their work he inquired for the boss, Mr. Olson, and generally inquired too if Gus was with him. He seemed nervous or highly excited and angry and walked with great rapidity. Finally, about eleven o'clock he came to the end of the road, where Mr. Olson and his son-in-law Mr. Johnson, were at work and first halted near Mr. Olson and talked in a commonplace way and then passed behind him towards Gus, who was a little further along. When very close to him Johnson asked Bjorkman if he had been to Caribou the day before. In reply Bjorkman whipped out a new Smith & Wesson revolver of 38 calibre and began to empty the contents into the back of poor Johnson who had turned to his work. Johnson started to run away after three shots had been fired and his relentless foe followed and shot twice at him, when Gus sank to the ground. Then this monster in human shape calmly emptied the used shell from the cylinder of the revolver, slipped in new cartridges and started away into the woods without hindrance of any kind, the old man Olson standing not ten feet away with an axe in his hands completely paralyzed with fear. The murderer's only words after he started towards his victim were directed to the old man just as he was reloading, when he told him not to fear as he would not shoot him.

A coroner's jury who meet in New Sweden found this verdict:—that "Gustaf Johnson, of Westmanland, in the County Aroostook, came to his death by a bullet wound from a revolver in the hands of Albert Bjorkman, of the said Westmanland plantation."

Yesterday morning THE DISPATCH interviewed Deputy-Sheriff Foster and Town Marshall McFarlane, and was informed that a description of the murderer had been given by a Houlton officer to them. At that time his whereabouts could not be ascertained.

The murder is described as a Swede 46 years old, with light moustach, a stoop in the shoulders, and with a wild look in the eyes. On his hands are marks which seem like the result of salt rheum.

To Stop the Work.

Sheriff Tibbitts came to Woodstock on Monday and served F. H. Hale, M. P. and Allison B. Connell, with writs, asking them to show cause why an injunction order should not be granted, stopping the work on the Tobique river now being carried on by the Tobique Manufacturing Co., of which these gentlemen are officials. The sheriff also went to St. Stephen to serve a similar paper on Mr. Murchie.

MARRIED.

DYER-BANKS.—At Bristol, Parish of Kent, Sept. 27th, by Elder David E. Brooks, Howard H. Dyer, and Jennie Banks, at the home of the bride.

HALLETT-NEVERS.—At Upper Brighton, Carleton County, Sept. 27th, by Elder David E. Brooks, Scott E. Hallett and Lydia M. Nevers, at the home of the bride.

THORNTHWAITE-MAXTED.—At Marmaroneck, N. Y., on Wednesday Sept. 27th, by Rev. F. B. Upham, Mr. I. Thornthwaite of Maple Cottage, N. Y. to Mrs. Mary H. Maxted of Woodstock, N. B.

DIED.

HAYES.—Helen M., beloved wife of L. Beecher Hayes, and daughter of J. S. Marcy, formerly of Woodstock, N. B., aged 18 years, died September 20th, after a lingering illness, at the home of her husband in Richmond, C. C. This is the second time in the course of a few weeks that the family of our late brother Robert Hayes has been called to drink the bitter cup of affliction. The large gathering that was present at the funeral and burial showed that the family and connection have the strong friendship and deep sympathy of all those who know them. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. S. Blackmer and L. Slipp. Funeral at Bedell Settlement meeting house, Monday, 2nd inst. The sermon was based upon Isa 54:10; and intended for the comfort and help of all present. May God bless, comfort, and keep the dear husband and relatives of our departed young sister be the earnest prayer of their friend and brother, J. C. BLEAKNEY.

COOK'S SURE COUGH CURE

NOTICE

100 more good rock men and other laborers wanted by the Subscriber at Tobique Narrows Victoria County N. B. JOHN W. McMANUS
Perth Centre N. B. Sep. 2nd 1899.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under signed and endorsed "Tender for Quarantine Building Partridge Island, N. B." will be received until Saturday, October 21st, for three buildings—hospital, a detention building for ship's officers and crew, and a detention building for immigrants. Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this department and at the office of R. C. John Dunn, Esq., Architect, St. John N. B. Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the term supplied and signed with their actual signatures. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank check made payable to the order of the Honorable, the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tenderer does not accept the cheque will be returned. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, E. F. E. ROY, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, October, 4th, 1899.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

Peace Reigns in Old Ireland.

LONDON, Oct 5.—It is a noteworthy fact that not in a hundred years has Ireland been so tranquil as at present. This is due to the more friendly spirit which has sprung up in the last year, and which is growing more marked daily. Several things are responsible for this changed state of affairs. In the first place, General Balfour, the Secretary for Ireland, has become exceedingly popular among the Irish. Secondly, the Irish Local Government bill, which went into effect last spring, and by which the Irish can elect their own County Councils and run their own local affairs, has proven unexpectedly successful.

A third reason is that the Irish are forming companies and associations for the growing of farm produce, such as butter, eggs and poultry, to supply the English markets. Similar movements have been started before, but have always failed for lack of capital, which now the hitherto much hated landlords are furnishing. Once well organized, and with the Irish agricultural spirit thoroughly aroused, Ireland can alone almost entirely supply the English market with produce, which in the past has been imported from Brittany, Denmark and Russia.

A fourth reason is that Englishmen in the last year have been taking more interest in Ireland than ever before. Until recently English seldom visited Ireland, because the railway and hotel service was poor, and it was taken for granted that there was nothing in Ireland worth going so far. In the last summer, however, Ireland has been visited by thousands of Englishmen, who seem to have just discovered it is an ideal place for a vacation. The railway service is greatly improved, and the hotels are much better. The reception of Englishmen was kindly in every direction, and the junket made by a committee of Parliament during the Easter vacation through Ireland has had an excellent effect.



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All persons indebted to the estate of the late Alexander Kearney of Northampton in the County of Carleton, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, or Louis E. Young, solicitor. All persons having lawful claims against the said estate are requested to present them duly attested, within three months.
Dated at Woodstock, 25th Sept., 1899.
FRANCES M. KEARNEY,
Administratrix.

ELECTION

—OF—

COUNTY COUNCILLORS!
County of Carleton.

The election of County Councillors will be held on
Tuesday, the Thirty-First day
of October next.

Fifteen days public notice of the time and place of holding election to be given by Parish Clerks by posting in three of the most public places of the parish. Nomination of candidates to be filed with Parish Clerk or left at his residence at or before six o'clock p. m. on Monday the 23rd day of October. Parish Clerks to post names of candidates in three of the most public places in each polling district on or before Thursday, 26th October. Candidates' names also to be posted up at the polling place before the opening of the pole on day of election. The Parish Clerk or District Clerk (as case may be) to act as chairman unless he refuses to serve, or is absent, or not competent by reason of relationship to candidate, when chairman to be chosen by electors present. Assessors are required to furnish parish clerks with list of electors.

Note that time for holding election has been changed by Chapter 34 of Acts of 1898. Formerly under Acts of 1877 Chap. 44, it was Second Tuesday in October, but now it is the last Tuesday in October.

Dated September 8, 1899.
WENDELL P. JONES,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE

The undermentioned non resident ratepayers of School District No. 1 Parishes of Kent and Peel, Carleton County, New Brunswick, is hereby notified to pay his school rates for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, respectively, the amount for each year being set opposite his name together with the cost of advertising (\$2.00) to the Secretary of School District No. 1 within Two Calendar months from the date hereof otherwise the Real Estate of said ratepayer will be sold to pay the amount of taxes, advertising, etc.

George Maddox, Sen., for the year 1897, \$ 7.50
" " " for the year 1898, 11.25
" " " for the year 1899, 8.55

Total \$27.30
JOHN HAYWARD,
Sec. to Trustees.
Dated at Bristol, Carleton Co., N. B., September 8th, 1899.

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