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1901	5,502,069
1902.	6,542,569
1903.	7,764,542

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A Chicago girl wrote the beauty department of a local paper, and asked: "What is good for big feet?" Promptly the reply appeared, "big shoes."

GEORGE GEE'S EXECUTION.

The Condemned Man Meets Death Bravely--Death Is Painless and Instantaneous.

George Gee was executed at the Carleton County Jail on Friday morning July 22nd at one minute after one o'clock.

The execution was performed by Radcliffe who did his work rapidly and cleanly. In half a minute from the time Gee left his cell the drop had fallen and he was in eternity.

During the evening the Rev. Messrs. Kearney and Giberson were with the condemned man and after twelve o'clock held a short service in the corridor. George asked to have his cell door opened and when this was done he sat in the doorway, on the back of a chair with his feet on the seat. As it neared one o'clock he stood up on the chair and addressed his last words to the few friends around him. He said "Boys, I want to tell you all to keep away from rum. It was rum that brought me here and it will bring you to a bad end if you do not leave it alone."

There was a ghastly whiteness on his face but his voice was strong and without a tremor. The two elegymen remained with him and they repeated the Lord's Prayer in concert. At the stroke of one Radcliffe, wearing a frock coat, bear headed, walked to the door of the cell and said "come George"

Gee bounded up from the bed and went towards the executioner and stood erect while Radcliffe took the strap and fastened his arms securely. There was nothing said until Radcliffe said "Come on, George." Gee reached his hands out as far as the strap would allow to the clergyman and another witness, whom he gasped by the hands. His grasp was firm.

With an exceedingly rapid step the prisoner was marched along the corridor and out to the scaffold. The Rev. Mr. Giberson and Radcliffe ascended the steps with him and Mr. Giberson at once came down and stood at the bottom of the stairs.

On the scaffold Radcliffe's movements were quick as lightning and as accurate as machinery. He said "Come here, George; stand here; that's it," placed him on the centre of the trap and put the black cap over his head. There was not a quiver in the man about to be hanged.

When the cap was adjusted the noose of the rope was placed over Gee's head with the knot under the right ear.

Radcliffe then touched George Gee's hand and said "Good bye George" and as he uttered the words he pulled the lever and the condemned man to his death. When the rope tightened it did not quiver but hung as rigid as an iron bar. Death was painless and instantaneous. In the pit beneath two physicians, watches in hand, observed the pulse while three other physicians used stethoscopes to learn the moment when pulsation ceased.

The body was hanging there, when Radcliffe touched it near the heart, and remarked to the doctors that Gee was a well built man and it would probably take 13 minutes before it was all over, and just twelve and a half minutes after the dropping of the body the doctors pronounced that the heart and pulse had ceased to beat, and that life was extinct. The doctors say that the pulse had been decreasing. The neck was dislocated. When they pronounced that all was over Radcliffe requested those about to leave and preparations were made for the coroner's inquest.

Coroner W. W. Hay and a coroner's jury composed of J. E. McCollom, Col. A. D. Hartley, John Holmes, J. J. Hale, W. F. Thornton, Dr. Curtis, Fred L. Mooers, C. J. Tabor, H. Moores and R. Allan saw the body and after taking evidence returned the following verdict:—That the said George Gee was found dead on the 22nd day of July 1904 at Woodstock in the County of Carleton and that the cause of his death was that the aforesaid George Gee, being a prisoner in the Carleton County Gaol at Woodstock, at the date of inquisition, under sentence of death, then and there died by judgement of death being executed upon him the said George Gee and then and there in the manner aforesaid came to his death and not otherwise.

Gee had walked to the scaffold attired in dark serge trousers, a woollen shirt and walked without shoes. His breast was bare.

At 3.15 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Radcliffe admitted a clergyman and several ladies, including Mrs. Hayward, wife of the sheriff. No one else outside the officials was allowed in and service was conducted and a more touching meeting could not be conducted. The ladies sang hymns. George said "sing my favorite one," "Where He Leads I Will Follow."

This was sung with much feeling and nearly everyone in the corridor, except the condemned man, was brushing the tears. Gee said he liked to hear the singing and about eight hymns were sung to him. All present knelt and, between the sobs of the women impressive prayers were said.

In response to a question from the clergyman, Gee said he would like to pray. Then in a firm voice he offered up a simple prayer, while his hearers wept. He asked God to save him, he had only a few hours to live in this wicked world, he asked forgiveness and for God to give him strength to walk out to meet death tomorrow.

He prayed for only a few minutes and after the prayer, Radcliffe, who had come into the corridor with the tears coursing down his cheeks, asked the minister to sing "that lovely hymn 'There is Yet Time'" but as those present did not know it Radcliffe requested that "Nearer My God to Thee" be sung. Radcliffe was greatly affected by the service and like the others cried while they joined in the singing. He told the minister and ladies to stay just as long as they wished. "I will allow no person to disturb this kind of work, it is good, and I know it, I have a mother, and continue the service."

After singing a couple more hymns the service was closed at 5 o'clock, with singing of God Be With You Till We Meet Again. The ladies shook hands with Gee, and with a good-bye and God bless you, he was again alone in his cell.

Radcliffe arrived in town on Tuesday, July 17th at noon and early in the afternoon the erection of the scaffold was begun under his direction. The inclosure in which the execution was conducted was at the side door on the east of the jail. The inclosure was about 10 X 16 ft. and the scaffold was 10 X 10 ft. The trap was 4 X 5 and was composed of two doors which fell away from the centre. The crossbeam to which the rope was attached was a hemlock beam 6 X 6 inches and was supported by two spruce supports 6 X 6 inches. The crossbeam was 6 ft. 2 inches above the floor of the scaffold. During the execution the enclosure was lighted with a small oil lamp and a lantern.

The following account of the funeral was telegraphed from Bath to the St. John Sun on Saturday, June 23rd:—

Had George Gee met death in the river rescuing Millie Gee from its watery depths or in any other way saving her and so losing his own life, instead of deliberately killing her, it is certain that his funeral would not have been the event that it was today. In one case he would only have been a hero, but his family and friends consider him a martyr, and as such they followed him to the grave to the number of many hundreds.

Last evening crowds called at the house to take their last look at the body. Beside the coffin sat the father. He was easy in his mind and satisfied that his boy had made his peace with his Maker, as well as that he had satisfied the demand of human justice. In doing so he had given occasion for the belief that he was more than a hero.

The guests were met at the door by Ben Gee and after seeing the body and having a word or two with the father and mother, were escorted to another house on the farm, but a couple of rods away, where refreshments were served. The affair was conducted in a perfectly orderly manner. There was no noise or loud talk, but more of a hushed silence. All night long teams kept coming and going till it looked as if the entire population of that section of Carleton county had called at the Gee house. Shortly before ten o'clock the procession started for the Baptist church, several miles nearer Bath than Gee's father's house. Here the church was crowded, and for over a quarter of a mile each way from the church the road was lined on both sides with teams.

The hearse was backed up to the main door, but the casket was not taken out. Those who could not gain admittance grouped about the windows.

The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Kearney, who delivered a lengthy oration, drawing many an impressive lesson from the life, deed and death of the unfortunate young man. All through the service teams continued to arrive, people coming from as far as Houlton and Presque Isle. Those that found they could not get in or even get near enough to the windows or door to hear, sat by the roadside and patiently waited till the procession started for the cemetery.

The interment was in the Gee family burial ground, which is prettily situated on the bank of the river, almost hidden from the road by a grove of trees, and while not very large, is well kept for a country burial ground. The ground is on the farm which was part of the grant to the original settlers.

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Greene-Sutton.

Miss Annie E. Sutton, of Woodstock, N. B., and George A. Greene, of this town, were married Wednesday, at 8 p. m. at the residence of the groom's sister, Mrs. Ida S. Steeves, 71 Childs street, by the Rev. L. J. Birney, pastor of the Methodist church. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Miss Pearl Webber. Miss Nellie Steeves was bridesmaid, and the best man was Harry Greene. Masters Harold Webber and Fred Steeves served as ribbon holders. The parlors were tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. A collation was served after the ceremony. Only immediate relatives and friends were present. The happy couple received many beautiful gifts from relatives and friends.—Hyde Park, Mass., Gazette, Saturday, July 23.

Married in the West.

Arthur Akins, of Deer Lodge, and Miss L. E. Fitzgerald, of Centreville, New Brunswick, were married in Deer Lodge Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Mrs. Akins is a sister of Mrs. W. N. Everett, of Lewistown, and is well known here as she visited her sister for a number of weeks last winter. She is a young woman of charming personality and made many friends during her visit in this city.

Mr. Akins is a brother of J. H. Akins, of Lewistown, and of the Hon. T. J. Akins, Assistant United States Treasurer at St. Louis, and has a large circle of acquaintances here. He was employed in the Golden Rule store here for two years, leaving at Christmas time to take charge of the Golden Rule store in Deer Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Akins left for the east Tuesday night and will visit in Chicago and St. Louis returning to Deer Lodge in about six weeks.—The Argus, Lewistown, Mont.

Mrs. Akins is a well known and popular Centreville young lady and her many friends in Carleton wish her and her husband a long and happy married life.

Woods-Rice Wedding.

(St. John's, Nfld., Telegram, 19th.)

"Beemister Place," the residence of the Hon. H. J. B. Woods, Postmaster General, was the scene of a very quiet wedding this afternoon, the contracting parties being Rev. J. M. Rice, B. A., son of Rev. S. H. Rice, of the New Brunswick conference, and Miss Winifred Woods, daughter of Hon. H. J. B. Woods. Rev. Dr. Curtis was the officiating clergyman. The best man was Mr. A. Marshall, teller of the Royal Bank of Canada; the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Amy L. Woods, with Miss Gwendolyn Mews and Gladys Peters as flower girls. Mr. Arthur Mews played the wedding march. The bride was gowned in white silk with veil and orange blossoms. During the ceremony the bride and bridegroom stood under a bower of flowers and foliage beautifully arranged. Then a reception was held and refreshments served, the guests being for the most part the immediate relatives of the bride. The happy couple will leave by this afternoon express for St. John, N. B.

Rifle Shooting.

Following are the scores made at the match on Monday, July 25th:

CLASS A.				
	200	500	600	Total
C. D. Johnson,	29	27	25	81
G. A. Keith,	30	31	20	81
CLASS B.				
Davidson,	23	24	18	65
J. Fewer,	15	13	7	35
Balmain,	31	24	20	75
T. Fewer,	27	23	19	69
Combs,	24	20	22	66
Lindsay,	27	20	20	67
Colpitts,	22	19	12	53
Rigby,	22	21	18	61
CLASS C.				
Creighton,	26	26	22	74
Clark,	14	16		
Merritt,	12	6	7	25
McManus,	26	12	12	50
White,	21	27	19	69
Teed,	28	24	14	66
A. N. Vince,	23	10	6	39
Bailey,	18	13	6	37
McKendrick,	2	13	4	19

How Germany Treats Her Consumptives.

Dr. G. A. Heron, of England, recently stated that the present system of dealing with consumptive out-patients was nothing but a cruel mockery. It did no good, but a great deal of harm. The Germans, he said, had boldly faced the question, and every patient who had broken down with consumption was sent to a sanatorium, where he was kept till he recovered or till he died. In the meantime his family received a weekly pension from a fund to which the patient had himself contributed when he was in good health. By this means the risk of spreading the disease to those he came in contact with was avoided, and it was best both for himself and the community at large. Dr. Heron was emphatic in stating that by building sanatoria only could the "white plague" be eradicated.

FRUIT JARS AT H. G. NOLE'S.