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Increase over 1901,	177,249.00
Assets as at December 31, 1902,	4,406,329.00
Increase over 1901,	633,852.00
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Death of Mrs. John Walker.

Barbara Gordon Walker, wife of John Walker, died on Friday morning, after an illness of some weeks, ending in paralysis, which proved fatal.

Mrs. Walker who was of Scotch parentage, was born in London, England, in 1841, and was 63 years of age. She came to Canada with her parents in 1861 and after living a year in Woodstock moved with her family to Glassville.

Beside a husband she leaves one daughter, Barbara Gordon and five sons, J. Marvin, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Kentville, N. S., Hans, Charles, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, John, of Boston, and Wallace. Two brothers, Alexander Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and Charles G. Wilson, of Glassville, and one sister, Mrs. James Anderson, of Glassville, also survive.

The funeral was held from the residence on Sunday and was very largely attended. The Rev. G. D. Ireland conducted the services at the house and the cemetery. A male quartette composed of Albert Reid, George Mitchell, H. B. Loggie and H. H. Lockwood sang three selections, "Near my God to Thee," "Cast all Your Care Upon Him," and "Just Beyond."

Mrs. Walker was a lady of retiring disposition who made her home the centre of her interests. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the community.

Mrs. G. L. Kennedy.

At Bedell Settlement on Monday, March 7th, Alice, beloved wife of G. L. Kennedy died at the age of twenty five years, six months and seven days. She leaves a husband, and one son three years of age, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, three brothers, John, Charles and James Montgomery, and three sisters, Mrs. Albert Ray, Mrs. George Glenville and Mrs. Ormond Ray.

Mrs. Kennedy had been ill a long time. Last summer she had one of her feet amputated at the Carleton County Hospital and since that time was overcome by a most painful disease that finally resulted in death. She bore her great suffering with christian resignation.

Mrs. Kennedy was highly respected by the community in which she resided and the bereaved family have the sincerest sympathy in their affliction.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE STREET.

End Came Only the Day Following Her Arrival in Vancouver.

It will be remembered that George Street, his wife and two children started from Fort Fairfield the latter part of February for Vancouver, British Columbia, to join the family of his father, Charles B. Street. Our people will be sadly interested in the following letter, written by E. H. Newton of that city, a friend of the family:—

It is with deepest regret that we have to report the death of Mrs. George Street of Fort Fairfield, Maine, which occurred in this city on Wednesday, March 2.

This event is doubly sad because the deceased had only just arrived here on the day previous to her death. She having been in failing health for some time, the attending physician had advised her to try a change of climate, as that seemed to be the last and only hope of evading that dreaded enemy consumption. Deceased, buoyed up with the hope of regaining her lost health and strength by the wonderful climatic change of this city, started with her husband and two children on her long trip across the continent. The wonderful energy with which the deceased seemed peculiarly endowed could never have been more plainly exemplified than on this trip, for she bore up till the end of the journey was reached, and walked from the train to the hack without assistance. Not long, however, after she had reached the home of Mr. C. B. Street she showed signs of sinking, and immediately a physician was called in, and all that human skill and loving hands could do was done to alleviate her suffering, but it was only temporary, and was labor without hope, for the doctor pronounced her case hopeless as soon as he saw her, as she was already in the last stage of the disease from which she had endeavored to flee.—Fort Fairfield Review.

Mrs. George Street was a daughter of Mr. Stanley Street. Three sisters and two brothers reside in Woodstock, beside a large number of relatives and friends, who will regret to hear of Mrs. Street's death.

Two Vacancies in Local Government.

Hon. A. T. Dunn, Surveyer General in the New Brunswick Government, was on Saturday appointed Collector of Customs for the City of St. John. Mr. Dunn's resignation from the government will leave two vacancies to be filled.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

After an Examination Before the Police Magistrate George Gee is Sent up for Trial at the Next Circuit Court.

On Friday afternoon at Bath the coroner's jury found as follows:—

"We, the jury, summoned to inquire into the cause of the death of Millie Gee, find that her death was caused by a rifle shot wound, inflicted by George Gee.

Dr. Comins was the Coroner. The jurymen were Patrick Corbett, foreman, Theodore Currie, C. J. Green, John McCready, Matthew Bohan, Alfred Giberson and Robert Squires.

On Monday afternoon at two o'clock, at the town hall, before the police magistrate, William Dibble, the examination in the case of the King vs George Gee, for the murder of Millie Gee was begun.

Frank B. Carvell appeared for the prosecution and T. Carleton L. Ketchum for the prisoner.

The council chamber was filled long before the examination began. As the police magistrate took his seat the prisoner was brought in by Sheriff Hayward and Deputy Sheriff Foster. He did not seem at all disturbed by his position.

The relations between the Gee's do not seem to have suffered by the tragedy. During the afternoon some of the female witnesses left the court room and on their return, a sister of the murdered girl, in passing the prisoner offered him some candy from a bag. He took a piece and the girl said "go ahead, George, take some more."

The first witness called was Bennie Gee of Holmesville. He was at home on the night of the murder with Dan Crane and wife, Millie Gee and a fellow named DeMerchant. George Gee arrived about 11 o'clock with a rifle. He had two bottles of whiskey and we all had a drink. The house had one room about 18ft square which contained three beds. The prisoner said something about committing suicide; he was very fond of Millie. The prisoner and Millie went out doors after a while and stayed about twenty minutes and then they returned and stayed about ten minutes. It was then about half past three on Sunday morning. He then called Millie to the door and after they had been there about five minutes we heard a shot fired. The girl called to me not to come to the door or George would shoot me. I did not dare go out doors but George Gee called to me. When I opened the door the prisoner was about fifteen feet away from the door. Millie was lying on the floor, she asked to be put to bed. When she was undressed I saw the wounds and they were not bleeding much. She said "George Gee has killed me." She thought she would die.

Afterwards the prisoner was brought to the house by Sheriff Foster and Mr. Dyer. The prisoner wanted Millie to say that he was drunk and that the shooting was an accident, so that he could get clear of the crime. I thought the prisoner was perfectly sober. About two weeks before the tragedy the prisoner said that for the next dirty trick Millie played on him he would shoot her.

Peter Gee was the next witness. He lives about a quarter of a mile from the house of Bennie Gee where the tragedy took place. The prisoner called at my house about five o'clock on Sunday morning and said he had shot Millie Gee and that he meant to kill her. He wanted me to go to the scene of the tragedy, which I did. I saw Millie Gee, she was in bed, she told me George Gee had shot her. The prisoner told me he was sorry he had not shot Bennie Gee and Dan Crane too. He told me he had telephoned for Sheriff Foster. He had the rifle with him when he came to my house. He seemed perfectly sober.

Willie Gee, the next witness, said I live with Peter Gee. I was at home on the morning of the tragedy. I went to the door when the prisoner called. He said he had a secret to tell me. He said he had shot Millie. He said he had planned to do it for two or three weeks. He said he was sorry he hadn't shot her through the heart. I did not think he was drunk. He said he had 27 bullets and would pump them all out before sundown.

Hanford Gee, a brother of the murdered girl, said he saw the prisoner with a rifle after the shooting, at the house of Sandy DeMerchant. The prisoner said he had shot Millie Gee and that he would shoot Bennie, too.

Weldon W. Melville, of Bath, said that on Saturday afternoon he lent a Lee Enfield rifle with some hard nosed cartridges to prisoner, who said he wanted to fire at a tree. Mr. Melville said he had frequently lent a rifle to the prisoner before.

George Tinker, who keeps a store at Holmesville, said that the prisoner called at his place early Sunday morning carrying a rifle with him. He said he had shot Millie Gee and he wanted to telephone for Sheriff Foster and Dr. Commins.

Mrs. Martha DeMerchant, sister of the murdered girl, being sworn said, that she lived about two miles from the house where the shooting took place. About 6 or 7 o'clock on Sunday morning the prisoner called at her place and said he had shot Millie because she would not go for a walk with him, and he would have shot everyone in the house if it had not been for Bennie's children. The prisoner went to bed in witness' house. She thought him sober.

Mrs. Saine Kinney, a cousin of the prisoner, said that on the night of the murder she was at the house of Charlie DeMerchant who lives about a mile from Bennie Gee's. The prisoner called about 8 o'clock with a rifle. His father was with him. He left the rifle

and went away. Later he returned and got the rifle. There were no bullets in chamber of rifle. She had seen the prisoner and the murdered girl together about two weeks before the tragedy. Millie wanted the prisoner to leave her as she did not want him. He said he would not go with any girl but her.

Edward E. Kearney of Beechwood swore that on Sunday morning when he heard of the tragedy he went to the home of the prisoner and told the father what he had heard. The prisoner soon came in carrying a rifle and said he had shot Millie Gee, but did not say for what reason. His mother began to scold and he threatened her. He was hungry and wanted something to eat. He would not give up the rifle. He said he wished he had shot the girl through the head or through the heart. Sheriff Foster arrived and the prisoner went with him. Later the Sheriff returned and got the rifle.

Sandy DeMerchant of Holmesville said he saw the prisoner on the morning following the tragedy, and the prisoner told him he had shot Millie Gee and that he thought it served her about right. He appeared sober.

Daniel Crane said he and his wife lived with Bennie Gee, and they were present the night of the murder. The prisoner came to the house with a rifle and two bottles of whiskey. They played cards and all drank. The prisoner said he got the rifle from Weldon Melville to shoot at a target. He said he thought he would commit suicide. Witness did not know if rifle was loaded. Bennie told prisoner he must be a fool. Prisoner said he was a fool or else he wouldn't be fooled. The prisoner and Millie Gee went out doors and returned, then in a few minutes the prisoner started to go and called Millie to the door. Witness said, I was in bed and asleep by this time, when a rifle shot awakened me, and I saw Millie fall in the door. I thought the prisoner had committed suicide, but Millie said he had shot her. I heard the prisoner out doors call Bennie Gee. The prisoner did not seem drunk but very jovial.

To Mr. Ketchum the witness said they drank all the whiskey. He thought they were all sober. The whiskey they consumed would not make them all drunk. He found the bullet hole in the floor about twelve feet from the door. It seemed to have come from the door. On being pressed by Mr. Ketchum he could not say he had heard the report.

Deputy Sheriff Foster being sworn said that in answer to a telephone message he went to Holmesville on Sunday morning and arrested George Gee. The prisoner, whom he found at home, said he would go with him, and asked to be taken to see Minnie Gee. He asked for the rifle but the prisoner said he had thrown it away. Afterwards the prisoner told him where to find gun and he returned and got it from under a bed at prisoner's home. He also found three cartridges that prisoner had taken from rifle. He took the prisoner to see Millie and he acknowledged that he had shot her. He appeared to have been drinking but had control of himself. Sheriff Foster went on to say that he heard Millie Gee say she thought she was going to die. She said that George Gee shot her. She said that George, the prisoner, had asked her to declare that he was drunk and the shooting an accident, because then, if she died he wouldn't be hanged. She also said that two weeks before the prisoner gave her pills to take, but she did not take them. He afterwards told her they were poison.

The examination was continued on Tuesday morning.

John Farley, Police Magistrate of the parish of Kent, told of seeing George Gee on Sunday morning, and of taking Millie Gee's deposition.

Frank Doherty told of giving prisoner a drive from Bath to Holmesville on Saturday. The prisoner had a rifle. He had been drinking but was not drunk.

Dr. Brown told of performing operation of Millie Gee for her relief. He said the bullet passed through her abdominal cavity, did not perforate the bowel. It grazed her spinal column. The operation increased her chance of living. The cause of death was peritonitis caused by bullet wound.

Dr. Commins said he had nothing to add to Dr. Brown's testimony regarding the operation.

The Police Magistrate sent George Gee up for trial at the next circuit of the Supreme Court.

Fire Department News.

The head quarters of Hose Co. No. 1 is now completed. A second stall has been built and both of the new horses are installed at head quarters. The 4 year old mare is to be used in the hose cart exclusively, but the firemen will save her as much as possible by using the horse whenever they can. The horse will be used on street work, and both the horse and mare will be hitched up double for the watering cart in the summer.

On Friday there arrived 500 feet of Paragon 2 1/2 inch hose, made by the Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto. The shipping pole has been ordered is expected during the week.

Has Port Arthur Fallen?

A cablegram from Tokio via London says that after a combined land and sea attack on Saturday and Sunday the Japanese have captured and are in possession of Port Arthur. This is probably a lie.

"My wife is a Daughter of the Revolution."
"I think my wife must be a daughter of some South American revolution, judging from her inclination to start something."

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