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The British Constitution. VIII.

During the last three hundred years the British Empire has been ruled by five female sovereigns, and under the government of at least three out of the five she attained a height of power and prosperity unknown before.

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When the present Sovereign ascended the throne, June 20, 1837, she was not only young, but new both to business and life, and during the fifty-one years she has reigned over the Empire, she has gained the respect and esteem of the British people.

At the time of her accession, the country was in a state of depression, and she has since passed away and other men have taken their places to fight the battles of principle as well as of party.

From 1837 to 1841 the Whig government of Lord Melbourne remained in power but early in the session of the latter year, in consequence of its falling to carry a bill through parliament to amend the law relating to the registration of votes in Ireland it had to resign.

A new administration was formed with Sir Robert Peel as premier. This government although pledged to protection, was shortly destined to be the author of free trade in England.

The year 1843 was famous for a great agitation in each of the three kingdoms. In Scotland it was the year in which Chalmers and his brethren, in going out from the establishment, kindled throughout the length and breadth of the land one of its most passionate movements of religious enthusiasm among the Scottish people.

In Ireland, O'Connell was rousing the people by the cry of repeal, and with this object in view, he had inaugurated a series of monster mass meetings. At some of these gatherings were assembled upwards of five hundred thousand persons, and during his addresses the language made use of by O'Connell was generally regarded by those outside of the repeal ranks as treason.

The government, who viewed these meetings with grave suspicion, took this as an excuse for interfering in the preparations for a monster meeting to be held at Clontarf, near Dublin, Sunday, October 8th. They issued a proclamation declaring the public peace endangered by these gatherings and named all persons to keep away from Clontarf.

On October 14th O'Connell and his son, with eight of his coadjutors were arrested by order of the Government, tried on charges of conspiracy and sedition, and found guilty. O'Connell was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, a fine of two thousand pounds, and to give bail to keep the peace for seven years.

On appeal the Government reversed this decision, but the trial broke O'Connell's heart and gave the death blow to the repeal movement. After this, discussions broke out between O'Connell and the young Ireland party. In addition to this he grew feeble and anxious and his health at last became so poor that he was forced to give up politics altogether.

Early in 1847 he set out on a pilgrimage to Rome, hoping to die there with the Pope's blessing, but the grip of phantoms whose shadow falls alike on Pope, monarch and patriot, overtook him at Genoa, where he expired August, 1847. His heart was embalmed and taken to Rome, while his body was

brought back to Ireland and buried at Glasnevin. While O'Connell was carrying on his repeal agitation in Ireland, the league against the Corn Laws in England was rapidly growing in flood and volume. The autumn of 1845, which was the wettest in the memory of man, produced great injury to the crops in England and completely destroyed the potato and other crops in Ireland. In consequence of this, Ireland was ravaged by a famine, during which vast multitudes of the people died from want of the bare necessities of life.

In January, 1846, in consequence of this, Sir Robert Peel declared in favor of a repeal of the Corn Laws. Owing to some of his colleagues in the ministry opposing this course, Peel handed in his resignation as head of the government, but, at the request of the Queen, he withdrew it, reconstructed his ministry and brought in and carried the repeal of the Corn Laws.

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The Tobacco Tragedy.

The Telegraph's Andover despatch of 25th ult. says:—

As was expected, the court room was crowded with spectators at the opening of the Andover circuit, the chief interest of the day being centered in the Tobacco shooting case. Many farmers from Edmuntston and the neighboring country came to the village to listen to the proceedings. Scarcely a strong feeling of sympathy has developed in favor of the prisoners—so strong, indeed, that his honor Judge Wetmore adverted to it in his address to the grand jury, whose list of names are as follows: Adam J. Beveridge, James A. Fletcher, Tweeddale, Alan Grantham, Robert Scott, Geo. Baxter, Justus Wright, Lewis Pickett, Bradford G. Hammond, Benj. A. Baird, Wm. J. Hiseock, Robt. Wallace, Elmer Miller, John A. Graham, John Nicholson, Alex. Henderson, John C. Mansor, Albert Bryner, John Curry, Jas. F. McCluskey, Enoch Lovely, John Workman, Charles Roberts, Wm. Sisson.

In opening Judge Wetmore said:— It is my exceedingly unpleasant duty, gentlemen of the jury, to charge you on a very serious and aggravated character, the circumstances and surroundings of which, as I glean from the depositions, are of most cruel and monstrous character and starting to humanity itself. Our evidence, continued his honor, will show that Mrs. Howes was shot without a moment's warning. It is horrible to think of and dreadful to suppose that every feeling of humanity as to deliberately, and without provocation, kill an innocent, unoffending woman, coming lawfully down the Tobique river. Sympathy should not enter into the case, but, said the learned judge, it seems to me it must be felt for the unfortunate man deprived of the society of his wife, and for the daughter the bereaved of a mother. Notwithstanding that she is not to be tried on sympathy, his honor went on to point out, with much force and to the instruction of the jury that if they found a true impression of the facts, they should be against the prisoners, Phillipine and Trafton, which he could not doubt they would, they did not convict them but only placed them on their trial. There should be a complete investigation of the charge without sympathy for the accused, or for the family of the murdered woman.

His honor read extracts from the depositions of Annie Phillipine and other witnesses, commenting thereon to show the jury that there was a prima facie case against Trafton and his associate, and that the murder was done advisedly and with calm deliberation. As for the statement of one of them that the prisoners only intended to sink the canoe, Judge Wetmore instructed the jury that it would have been almost impossible to sink the boat without wounding some one of its occupants, and the prisoners had used dangerous weapons, deadly repeating rifles, and there was a deliberate attempt to take the lives of persons passing quietly down the stream. One could hardly realize such a tragedy being enacted in a peaceful law-abiding community. His honor referred to considerable length to the question of fishing rights, exposing the fallacy of the views held in some quarters, and pointing out to the jury that in the case before them Major Howes was acting within his legally acquired rights, and that the accused had no right to be there on his licensed quarters, but went there to fish in an illegal way with treachery. With reference to Trafton and Phillipine being together at the time of shooting Mrs. Howes, his honor pointedly called the jury's attention to the law, which puts it that when persons go on a common purpose to commit an offence, the man who fires the gun and takes a life has no more blame than the other acting with him in the commission of the crime. Judge Wetmore dealt clearly and pointedly with the evidence as to Phillipine's admissions, the finding of the rifles and six rests for their rifles in the barrow, and Trafton's own concern about the blood shed, and assured the jury that if a true bill was found the prisoners would be defended by one of the ablest counsel in the province, a gentleman of whose ability he could speak with the most dignified and highest respect.

Attorney General Blair appears for the crown and Mr. Geo. F. Gregory for the prisoners. The man who is detailed to guard the prisoners informed the Telegraph representative that neither of them seems to realize his position. All except Day, he says, can read or write, and when not engaged in their pastimes, amuse themselves in telling their past experience and, at times, discussing what they will employ themselves at during the winter. They retire between 8 and 9 sleep soundly during the night and are calling for their breakfasts oftentimes long before it is ready.

Phillipine denies his sister's story and says she probably told it under the impression that it would shield him. A younger sister, who he said was not an important witness, could not be found this morning.

The jury retired at 3.30, and when they came out at 4.30 they again retired until 9 o'clock morning.

Andover, Sept. 27.—The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill for murder against Trafton and Phillipine, who pleaded not guilty, and their trial was begun this morning. Owing to the absence of material witnesses no indictment was entered against Day, who was discharged from custody. His honor in discharging the grand jury thanked them for the attention they had given to the case before them, and for having done their duty in the premises. The court resumed at nine this morning, and sat till 6 o'clock this evening, with an hour's recess for dinner. Only an hour was occupied in securing a jury as follows:—

Chas. Gallagher, Daniel Margeson, Wm. McCluskey, Thos. D. Ryan, John Long, Samuel S. Vanhise, Benj. J. Crawford, Jas. E. Porter, H. K. Hiseock.

The attorney general opened the case for the crown in an eloquent and forcible address, in the course of which he took occasion to refer to the prevailing feeling that the fishery regulations were at the bottom of this terrible tragedy and to point out that no changes had been made in the regulations for years; that there had been no interference with the rights of riparian owners and that the only legislation regulating the manner of inland fishing was that enacted by the Dominion government in 1876, which prohibited fishing lands on the Tobique and no man could fish with his rights save by his own free will. The Dominion only regulated the manner of fishing by prohibiting netting, spearing and other destructive modes. The attorney general stated the case the crown expected to prove, clearly and forcibly, and expressed full belief that the jury, unbiassed by prejudice or sympathy, would truly weigh the case between the crown and the prisoners at the bar.

The petit jury is composed largely of farmers and they paid pretty close attention to the case as it was slowly presented. Major Howes occupied the stand for more than three hours, and was much affected while giving evidence. His direct evidence brought out no important points not already made public at the previous investigation, nor, to the ordinary observer, did it appear that the cross-examination resulted in any important disclosures. In the afternoon, Mr. Gregory questioned Major Howes closely as to the proceedings at the salmon pool on Saturday night, and also as to the shooting on the next day. The third shot, witness said, killed his wife. When the first shot was fired he thought it might have accidentally come from the canoe in his rear, but, when the second shot was fired, he saw smoke rising from the bushes. One of the bullets came near him. He described the firing produced by the bullet whizzing past as being a tingling, burning, smarting sensation—like drawing a hot iron past the face. Asked as to whether he had ever felt such a sensation before, he said he had, in several battles during the civil war. Re-examined by Mr. Blair, as to the firing on Saturday night he testified his son said to him, "I'll fire off a gun," and he replied "all right." There was some debate between counsel on a question asked by Mr. Blair—whether it was in his (Howes') mind when he said at the inquest that he intended to go fishing on the "next day" that such next day was Sunday; the judge allowed the question and witness said "No." He had no intention to go on that day.

The witness was a bright old lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, who is Trafton's grandmother, and who gave her evidence easily and calmly, and occasionally smiled when the lawyers disputed. She lives on the Tobique—her house being high on the river bank. On the Sunday morning when the murder was committed she saw two men poling a canoe up-river—it was her "impression" Trafton was one of the men; one of the Phillipines—she didn't know whether or not she was the prisoner—was the other. She saw no other canoe on the river on that day. Cross-examined by Mr. Gregory she declared she was not positive as to the identity of the men. Trafton was an extraordinarily good young man, Phillipine, she said, had always been well spoken of, Trafton's father and mother are dead.

An Indian, Ambrose Lookwood, was next put on the stand. He was one of the men who with Major Howes, and he described the events as best he could, which was not very well. No new facts were brought out, but the evidence was entertaining, because of the Indian's peculiar answers, and the audience was occasionally provoked to laughter, leading Judge Wetmore to ensure them for so doing while so important a case was on trial. John Berneau and John Thomas, Indians, who were also with the party, were examined, and the court then adjourned.

Andover, Sept. 28.—When the prisoners Trafton, Phillipine and Day were before the magistrate for preliminary examination on the charge of murdering Mrs. Howes, a most important link in the chain of evidence was furnished by Annie Phillipine, a sister of one of the prisoners, who testified:— My brother was fishing on Saturday night, Aug. 18th, with Frank Trafton. He returned after 1 o'clock Sunday morning, but he had caught a small fish, but had been fired at. At breakfast he said that they had been fired at and two could play that game; that those people had the drop on them last night, but they would have the drop on them that day. He explained that he meant to wet them. Frank Trafton came in while we were at breakfast. I heard them say that they were going to scare the parties. I heard my brother say before Trafton came that if Trafton did not come he would go alone. They were in the house about ten minutes after Trafton came in. When they went out for the river took his gun. 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