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RICHIBUCTO, N. B., FEB 4, 1897. THE MEADOW BROOK MURDER TRIAL.

The Meadow Brook murder was one of the most horrible tragedies that has stained the criminal annals of our fair province. The murderer, apparently with the object of obtaining possession of Mrs. Dutcher's money, devoted the entire family to death and their home to the flames.

THE DISTILLERS BIG PROFITS.

One of Bengoughs cartoons, recently published in Toronto Globe is intended to show the contrast between the measure of protection afforded distillers and other manufacturers. The facts stated in connection with the cartoon are mainly as follows:

brought them to trial within the time prescribed by law. These five Conservative members will therefore hold their seats during the term of the present parliament. They are to be congratulated on having thus escaped the ordeal of a trial and the testimony of witnesses.

Generally speaking it is better that a member, especially when returned by a good majority as was the case with most of the gentlemen whose names are given above should remain undisturbed in their seats.

The frightful railway accident at Palmers Pond appears to have been of the kind which human foresight could not have prevented. It was very sad that two young lives were sacrificed, but the feeling of sadness must be mingled with grateful astonishment that so many escaped.

The premier of Canada and the several provincial premiers throughout the Queen's wide dominions are said to have received invitations to attend the imposing ceremonies at London in June next in connection with Her Majesty's completed sixty years of sovereignty.

Mr. Peck was heavily handicapped in his race with Mr. Osman for the vacant seat in Albert. The latter was most earnestly backed by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, and by the power and patronage of the government.

Very properly subscriptions are now being taken everywhere in Canada for the Indian famine sufferers. They number an appalling host of 84,000,000 souls—almost if not quite as many as the total population of the United States, Mexico and Canada taken together.

Benin, where the late massacre of a British expedition took place is on the west coast of Africa. The Bight of Biafra and the Bight of Benin as schoolboys know are near together—two indentations in the coast line.

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MURDER HIS TRADE.

A Man Who Has Made Homicide His Sole Profession

The most bloodthirsty murderer known to the annals of crime is Frank Butler, an Englishman, forty years of age, who is now on the ship Swanhilda, bound to San Francisco, where she is expected to arrive before the end of this week.

Australia has been the field of this man's horrible work. It is known that at least fourteen persons have been murdered by him, for the purpose of robbery and for good reason it is believed that many more have been his victims during the last year for many persons who have mysteriously disappeared have been traced into his company and then all track of them has disappeared.

This man whose right name is supposed to be Frank Butler has during his terrible career while burying his victims from New South Wales to Western Australia gone under numerous aliases and at times even taken the names of persons he has murdered. He was last known as Capt. Lee Weller, and the veritable Captain Weller was one of his victims.

Mo murderer, outside of the imagination of a De Quincey, not even Buchanan, has been more deliberate and methodical in the commission of his crimes. Murder has been his profession, and he has made it an art. His numerous crimes were committed simply as acts of business—for the profit there was in them.

Victims were readily found, for hundreds of venturesome spirits are drifting to Australia particularly from England, and there are few among them who have not ten pounds. Being strangers, they are anxious for advice and help from an experienced prospector, as Butler represents himself to be, and soon fall into his plans, which promise large profits on a small investment of money, time and labor.

The next step is an easy one. The unsuspecting victim follows his guide into a remote district and is never heard of again unless his dead body is found. Butler then returns for another victim who has the \$50, goes off with him to repeat the tragedy, as grave after grave of murdered men is left behind.

The victims are simply missing. Friends and family at home are told that they went prospecting and had not returned. Not an altogether infrequent occurrence, but one that became so very frequent whenever Frank Butler operated that suspicion was aroused and he fled the country, shipping from Newcastle on November 27 as a common sailor on the Swanhilda, under the name of Captain Lee Weller.

The last of Butler's victims was named Lesagh, and he went from Sydney with Butler and never returned. Finally on last Thursday his body was found in the Black Ranges, near Parkes and every evidence pointed to murder. Nothing of value was found on the body. His remains were found in a very shallow grave, which he apparently had dug with his own hands.

How long this murderous business has been conducted and to what extent it has been carried can at this time only be conjectured but since the authorities are satisfied that Butler is the murderer and investigation is being extended the crimes apparently grow in appalling numbers.

At first the cause of so many young vigorous and well armed men being missing and the discovery of the bodies of apparently murdered men were matters of great mystery, but when in every case the missing man and the dead body were in some way associated with the same person, and that person was Frank Butler a suspicion was aroused that grew into almost conclusive evidence that he had been the murderer in every case.

Then began a search on the part of the authorities for Frank Butler and it was found that he had travelled over a broad extent of country, under different names always had money without having a visible means of earning it, and that wherever he went persons were missing. He was traced from place to place, and from his movements was supposed to be aware that officers of the law were after him.

Finally on the 30th of November he was traced to Newcastle, and then it was learned that, under the name of Weller, he had shipped for San Francisco but two days before.

The Australian detective Roche having procured the necessary warrant at once started after Butler but in the opposite direction. Butler had sailed East on a slow boat and Roche started West on a fast steamer intending to meet the criminal on the opposite side of the earth and he will likely succeed before many hours for he passed through New York last week and reached San Francisco Friday.

United States marshals are at San Francisco ready to assist the Australian authorities in executing the extradition papers that have been granted by the authorities in Washington, and which were procured by the detective while en route.

The detective with the marshals, is now on the revenue tug Hartley cruising near the Farallone Island, waiting for the coming of the Swanhilda and Frank Butler will likely find himself under arrest, charged with a series of cold blooded murders before he sets his feet on dry land.

CHURCH SERVICES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services will be held on Sabbath first as follows viz:—Kingston at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Richibucto at 7 o'clock p. m.
St. Mary's, (ANGELICAN).—Feb. 7th. (5th Sunday after Epiphany)—Divine Service Buctouche 10.30 a. m. (Holy Communion); Kingston, 3 p. m.; Richibucto, 7 p. m. Kingston, Thursday 7 p. m.; Richibucto Friday 7 p. m.; also Tuesday Feb. 9th service will (D. V.) be held at South Branch Hall, at 7 p. m. Sermon topic for next Sunday "The peril of Legality." H. A. Meek, Rector.

METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. W. Lawson, pastor, Sabbath next, Richibucto, 11 a. m., to young men—Life's crises; Mola River, 3 p. m., Kingston, 7 p. m.; Mill Creek, Friday, Feb. 5th inst., at 6.15 sharp by reason of an after call.

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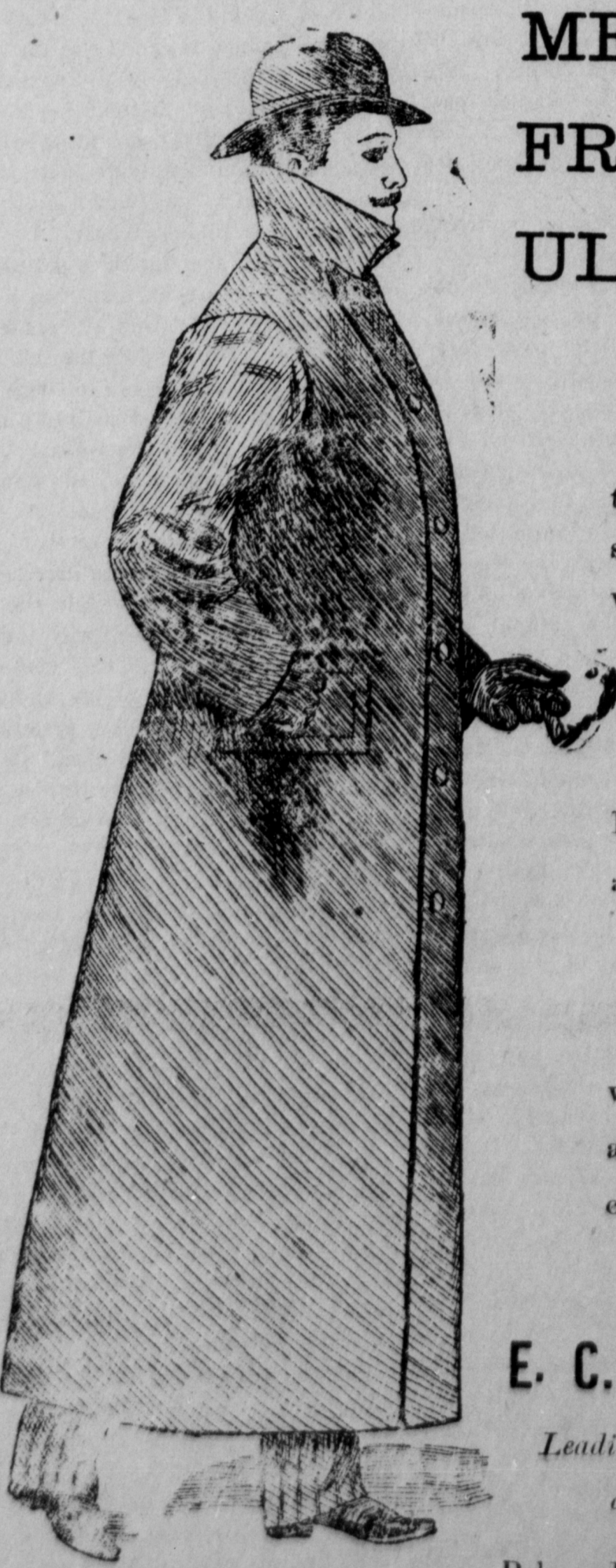
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