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RICHIBUCTO, N. B., FEB 4, 1897. 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 remarkable preservation of the little girl, Maggie Dutcher, and her graphic testimony in court are chapters of most drathat this direct testimony coupled with the many suspicious circumstances surrounding the conduct of the prisoner Sullivan would make a very strong case against him. The trial was ably conduct ed on both sides, and while the crown case as presented by the Solicitor General left nothing undone to weave the net of conviction about the prisoner the defence of Mr. R Barry Smith was not less ingenious and resourceful. It may be doubted whether the testimony of the prisoner in any way belped in his defence. although there is this to be observed, that an innocent man, if placed in the dock would probably desire to tell his own story. Thus the testimony of an accused person, or rather the fact of his voluntarily giving testimony helps to maintain the presumption of innocence.

We doubt not that the great majority of those who have followed the case will approve of the verdict of guilty, and it the prisoner is guilty of so horrible a crime | and by the power and patronage of the the death sentence under our law as it stands was the only possible outcome. The prisoner had a fair trial and every opportunity and assistance to make the fancy it would have been more judicious best possible defence. The court and fury were made up of fair-minded and impar- fight, but he chose otherwise, and shares tial men and it is scarcely possible that they have made any mistake in the solemn verdict they have found. The execution will take place at Dorchester on the 12th of March next.

### 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

Quantity of spirits produced annually in Canada, 2,866,760 gallons of proof. Cost, \$573,352; price obtained, \$2,150,-

070. Clear profit on this annual turn over, \$1,500,000 Cost of producing one gallon of proof

spirits and storing the same according to law for two years, 20 cents. Excise charge on the same, \$1.70.

Daty against imported whiskey, \$2.25 per gallon.

Add the cost of production, 20 cents, and the duty, \$2.25, and it will be seen that it costs the foreign distiller \$2.45 per gallon to place his spirits in Canada. The Canadian distiller pays \$1.70 excise duty, and to this add 20 cents for cost of production, making \$1.90 per gallon. De duct this from \$2.45 and we have a protection of 55 cents on the gallon which cost 20 cents, or 275 per cent. of protec-

Other manufacturers of honest goods who receive but 20 to 25 per cent. may naturally inquire why a few millionaire distillers are thus favored by the govern ment of the country. There is surely a chance right here for tariff reform. We shall see what the tariff commissioners will make of it. The Globe, the principal organ of the Liberal party, has shown them the path of duty. And as Tennyson has sung-

Not once nor twice in our rough island

The path of duty was the way to glory.

IN THE ELECTION COURTS By recent decisions of the Supreme Court the election petitions against Hon. G. E. Foster and Messrs. Ganong, Powell, Hale and McInerney were put out of court

because the petitioners counsel had not

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. It is extre nelv improbable that any of the represe tatives just named could have been personally convicted of any infraction of he election law, but it is by no means so sure that some other persons, whom the courts might have construed to be election agents of one or more of these members, would not have been found involved in corrupt practices without the knowledge of their principals, Mrs. Wm. Roach, North Stratford and the member elect is held to very Senate, Ottawa strict account for the doings of his agent. House Commons, Ottawa, Ordinarily there is nothing more uncertain | Fred Mazerolle, Tacoma than an election, an election trial or a Wm. Barnett, Richibacto

Generally speaking it is better that a John A Tweedie, member, especially when returned by a Jas. J. Goulett, Charlo Station, good majority as was the case with most of the gentlemen whose manes are given | Simon A. Poirier, Shediac. above should remain undisturbed in their | Capt. Weston, Sydney seats. Mr. McInerney, for instance, whose Michael Graham, Main River Aug. 24-9 majority was over 500, or Mr. Foster Mrs. G. McKinnon, Richibucto, whose majority was more than twice as great, could easily be re-elected if by any H. T. Colpitts, Richibucto, chance they had been unseated. But it John McInerney, Kingston, would be little advantage to their counties | R. C. Tait, Shediac, or the country at large to have the turm- R. Phinney, Richibucto, THE MEADOW BROOK MURDER oil and cost of a by-election to demonstrate Miss Annie Beck, Boston, that fact. The country will rest well P. H. Leger, M. P. P., Grand Digue content with the decision of supreme court, even though it comes from inadver- W. F. Brown, Richibucto, tance, or want of care or the part of the Frank Weston, Kingston, petitioner's counsel.

The frightful railway accident at Geo. Cook, Black River, Palmers Pond appears to have been of the Coun. Sylvain Barrieau, Acadieville kind which human foresight could not have prevented. It was very sad that two Richard Ellward, Kingston young lives were sacrificed, but the feeling | Wm. Beattie, matic interest. From the first it was clear of sadnes; must be mingled with grateful Frank McInerney, " astonishment that so many escaped. Had 10 or 15 been instantly killed in so alarm- Hazen Russ. ing a wreck could hardly have caused Posithe Richard, Richibucto, Sept. 22-96

> The premier of Canada and the several P. D. Landry, Coatesville provincial premiers throughout the James Murray, Richibucto, Queen's wide dominions are said to have Mrs. Geo. M. Wilson, Lexington, Mass, received invitations to attend the imposing ceremonies at London in June next in connection with Her Majesty's completed sixty years of sovereignty. It is more George Cameron, Washington Jan. 22-98 than probable that there will then be a Jas. Callendar, Kouchibouguac, distribution of titular distinctions. This fact accentuates the importance of the J. D. Murphy, local premiership which report says is Miss Minnie Gifford, Boston. about to be vacated. Will it be Sir Henry Mrs. S. P. Morrell. Tacoma, Emmerson or Sir L. J. Tweedie?

Mr. Peck was heavily handicapped in Jas. McNairn, St. Mary's, his race with Mr. Osman for the vacant Miss Margaret Connaughton, Boston, seat in Albert. The latter was most earnestly backed by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, J. T. Swift, Coal Branch, government. Mr. Osman had also behind him a wealthy manufacturing concern, giving large employment to labor. We for Prof. Weldon to have kept out of the with Dr. Lewis the defeat of their protegee. We doubt not Mr. Osman will make a creditable representative.

Very properly subscriptions are now being taken everywhere in Canada for the Indian famine sufferers. They number an appalling host of 84,000,000 soulsalmost if not quite as many as the total population of the United States, Mexico and Canada taken together. How to feed these millions for the next four months till the new harvest of rice is available is the problem which confronts the charitable world. Even if, as is said, a dollar's worth of rice will feed one of the natives for a month, still any adequate relief must run into hundreds of millions of dollars. It is terrible to think that these people are our fellow subjects, while suffering the horrors of famine and plague. Their case is one which must appeal very strongly to any citizens of the empire who are benevolently disposed and have the ability even taken the names of persons he has to give. It seems to be settled that parlamentwill meeton 11th March, That will postpone the date of the new tariff till about the first of April, if not later. Many importers would be glad to know what changes are to be made before making their spring importations, but of course they will have to take their chances. The late date of parliament must have a depressing influence on the import trade which will be felt when the year's revenue is totalled up on 30th June next. But perhaps this is unavoidable.

Benin, where the late massacre of a itish expedition took place is on the Vest coast of Africa. The Bight of Biafra and the Bight of Benin as schoolboys know are near together-two indentations in the coast line. Britain will make the massacre the pretext for taking another bite of territory. The town of Benin near which the massacre occurred, contains about 15,000 people-negroes.

DOCTORS DISAGREE on many importanpoints, but one and all, from the Atlantit to the Pacific, agree that no better tonic exists than "Wyeth's Liquid Malt Exc

The Canadian famine fund for the sufferers of India is reaching large proportions. The Montreal Star has received \$16,000, and some \$9,000 has been reported by the Toronto Mail.

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MURDER HIS TRADE.

Man Who Has Made Homicide Hi 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 When Butler reaches shore, or even before, he will receive a warm reception, for detectives are now waiting for him.

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 murdered. He was last known as Capt. Lee Weller, and the veritable Captain Weller was one of his victims. He has also during his career of crime when change of name has frequently been necessary, been known as Fank Harwood, S. Bur gess Simpson and Care.

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. There was no element of hatred, revenge or insanity in his acts but they were simply that he might possess himself of the few dollars

that belonged to his victims: His plans were carefully laid, and he obtained his prey by appealing to the desire of men to earn honest wealth in the Australian gold fields. This was done by advertising in English and American papers for persons to engage in mining in rich districts, with the only requirement that \$50 capital be furnished. It was for this small sum that the murder was committed. Not a great compensation for a murder, but when multiplied by murder succeeding murder it amounted to a large | Molus River, 3 p. m., Kingston, 7 p. m.

Victims were readily found, for hun- sharp by reason of an after call. dreds 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

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 Office and Warerooms, 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 and when the hole was sufficiently deep he was murdered and placed in it after his money was taken.

Captain Lee Weller and Edward Sorensen were murdered by Butler with the same details near Sydney about the first day of last September. Their friends became alarmed, instituted a search and with the help of a dog found the bodies two days after Butler had sailed from Newcastle. These men had apparently been induced to dig their own graves.

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 whereever 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 The detective with the marshals, is now on the revenue tug Hartley cruising near the Farallone Island, waiting for the coming of the Swnahilda and Frank Butle will likely find himself under arrest, charged with a series of cold blooded

murders before he sets his feet on dry

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, (Anglican) .- Feb. 7th. (5th Sunday after Epiphany)-Divine Service Buctouche 10.30 a. m. (Holy Communion); Kingston, 3 p. m.; Richibucto, 7 p. m. Kingston, Tnursday 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 Legolity." H. A. Meek, Rector.

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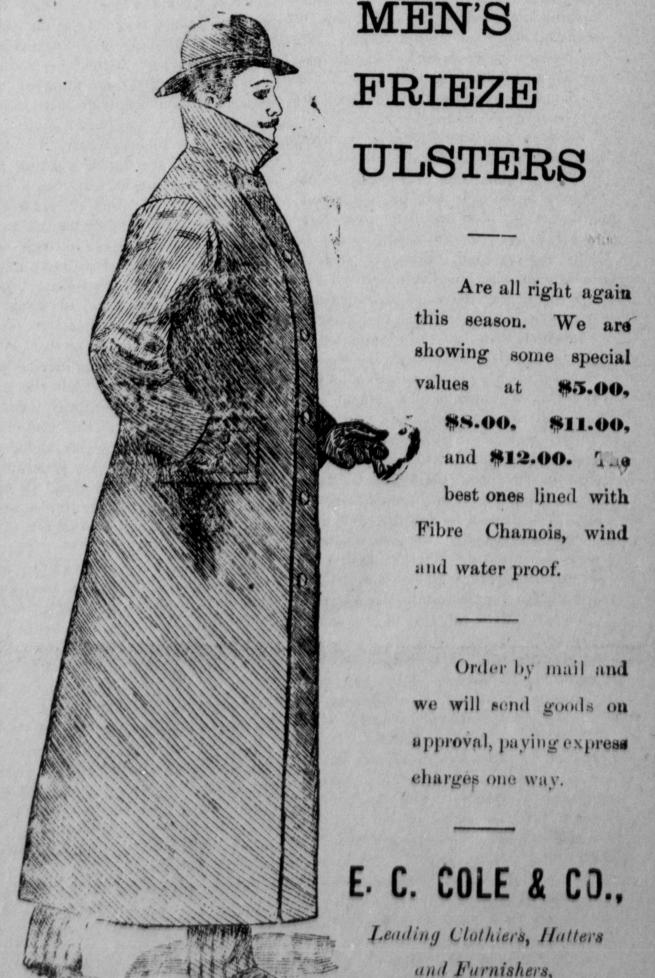
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