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IS SULLIVAN THE MAN.

CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECT HIM WITH THE MURDER.

His Suspicious Movements on the Night of the Meadow Brook Tragedy—Where Did He get His Money, Where Was He Thursday Night—Where is He Now.

By far the most surprising thing in connection with the terrible occurrence which has already become notorious almost throughout the Dominion, as the Meadow Brook Tragedy, is the extraordinary apathy and indifference which seems to exist in Moncton concerning it. The news first reached Moncton between ten and eleven o'clock on Friday morning, but it came in the form of an announcement that a fire had occurred at Meadow Brook during the night, and one or two of the occupants of the house were supposed to have been suffocated or burned. Accustomed to the exaggeration which seems almost inseparable from first rumors people were not much disturbed by the tidings, but towards noon graver rumors began to circulate, and their apparent authenticity sent newspaper reporters, and citizens flying to the scene of the supposed tragedy.

By the afternoon, the newsboys were crying their wares with the attractive bait "all about the murder" attached; but still the citizens showed little excitement, a long experience of the ways of newsboys leading them to suppose that the murder referred to would prove, on being stripped of all romance, to be an account of some man shooting another on a leading boulevard of Helena Montana, or a slight difficulty in a bar-room in the lone star state.

However, ere nightfall it became pretty generally known that for once the newsboys had not exaggerated, and, what looked like an unusually brutal murder had been committed during the previous night, almost at Moncton's doors. Then the papers were out with full particulars up to date and there was some excitement; but on the whole, the apathy shown by the majority of the people was really amazing. At the time Policeman Steadman was shot, the entire city was in an uproar, and little else was talked about on the streets, or in the family circle, while during the Mabel Hallett excitement, so great was the public interest that business was almost suspended.

On Saturday the sports at the athletic grounds engaged the popular attention, and the murder seemed to have passed into oblivion, not once during the day did the writer hear it was referred to, even by people living within a few miles of Meadow Brook. On Sunday a few of the more enterprising or curious, drove or wheeled out to the scene, gazed at the ruins of the Dutch home, or held desultory interviews with members of the Green family. But up to Monday no active steps seem to have been taken in the matter, and it began to look as if no further notice would be taken of the case. Then the newspapers took the matter up, and now the machinery of the law has been fairly set in motion. Before that no steps had been taken even to care for and preserve the life of the one survivor of the tragedy, who may yet prove an important witness for the crown, as it is very possible she was an eye witness of the entire affair. Instead of being tenderly nursed and cared for, she was left to the well meaning, but not very intelligent care of her relatives who allowed every curiosity seeker who came to the house, to see and disturb her by endeavouring to make her answer questions, and who actually removed the bandages and dressings from her wounded head, in order to allow the curious to examine the wounds. She occupied an airless chamber six feet by eight where every sound could penetrate, and still further confuse her troubled, and half unconscious brain, at a time when absolute quiet was essential for her recovery.

All this is very much improved since Tuesday, solicitor General White, having instructed Dr. J. D. Ross to go to Meadow Brook and take charge of the case with Dr. Gaudet, of Memramcook, while Miss Crossdale of Newton Cottage hospital, who is at home on a vacation, has kindly volunteered to act as nurse.

To give some idea of the extraordinary indifference shown in this terrible affair, instead of the crowded court room which is usually the rule in such cases, the spectators, at the opening of the inquest yesterday morning, before coroner Wertman, consisted of some half dozen people from Moncton, and a little knot of neighbours and friends of the Dutch and Green families, men and women and children, standing around the door of the unoccupied building to which the inquest was held. Thursday the proceedings were transferred to Moncton, and it is probable there will be a greater display of interest now. Solicitor General White, and Mr. F. A. McCully are watching the case, on behalf of the crown.

Concerning the man to whom at the present time suspicion seems to point—the John Sullivan of whom Mrs. Dutcher declared herself afraid; there are many cir-

cumstances which may of course be easily explained, but which at the present moment look very awkward. In the first place, all inquiries concerning him, and his mode of life tend to prove that he belonged to the genus usually classified as "tough." There is no doubt that he was in Mrs. Dutcher's house during the small hours of Thursday morning, and she told her sister-in-law afterwards that she had thrust her pocket book into the bed before coming down to let him in, lest he should knock her down and take it from her. He obtained admission by promising to pay the murdered woman a small debt he owed her, but failed to do so; and he was seen at Calhoun's mills on Thursday morning at eleven o'clock. The Sullivan family lived at Calhoun's mills up to a month ago, and either owned or rented a house there. There are rumors that in this house, now occupied, there was a light seen on the night of the murder, giving rise to the supposition in some minds that the house in question might have been used as a sort of waiting place for the assassin or assassins until the time fixed for their bloody work. But of course this is a mere speculation.

It is a fact, however, that Sullivan's whereabouts on the night of the murder has not been at all satisfactorily explained. A man of the name of Charles Colburn met him on lower Main street at five o'clock on Friday morning, and was moved by his appearance to remark to Sullivan on his "seedy" appearance which the latter explained by stating that he had been on the wharves with the girls, presumably all night. He appears to have had so much money, and been so very free about spending it, treating even people with whom he was unacquainted, that a friend of his had inquired where he was working now and Sullivan replying that he was not working anywhere now, the friend remarked that he was lucky to have so much money, for a man who was not at work. In paying for his various treats he gave the bar tender at Legere's a quantity of small silver, amongst which the man noticed two pieces of American silver, and curiously enough William Dutcher, son of the murdered woman states that his mother had in her possession two pieces of American silver which she received in change some time ago.

Another strange circumstance is the fact that while Sullivan's father stated on the witness stand that he heard his son come in before daylight on Friday morning, and that he saw him the same morning down town between seven and eight o'clock and stated that he was at home for two days when W. D. Martin sent home a parcel for John Sullivan, his father was unwilling to take it, telling the messenger that his son was not at home, having gone down to Memramcook and Dorchester on Thursday and not yet returned. The elder Sullivan also stated on the witness stand that his son had asked "the little girl" for money before leaving home on Saturday, and that his mother then gave him back a dollar he had given her the day before, and another one with it. This scarcely agrees with the accounts of other witnesses regarding the affluent circumstances which John Sullivan seemed to be in, the day before; though of course it is possible he may have succeeded in spending all his money. These may be mere coincidences and easily explained, but they are some of the circumstances which have directed suspicion towards Sullivan. At present it is not known where he is, as he did not make his home with his parents in Moncton, but lived wherever he happened to be working; and he is supposed to have started either for Dorchester or Shelburne, Nova Scotia on Saturday. John Sullivan seems to have been rather a rover, having worked in the United States at one time, and latterly spent very little time in New Brunswick.

Another strange feature of his movements on Thursday night, is the fact that while he stated positively that he came to Moncton on Thursday night's freight train, the conductor of that train states just as positively that no one got on his train at Memramcook, Calhoun, or Pansec, and that he had no one on board at all answering to Sullivan's description.

Such is the position of affairs at the present time, and as the inquest is still proceeding, there may be more light thrown upon the matter by the time it is concluded.

These Collectors are all Right.

The directors of the Frederick Deaf and Dumb Institution are desirous of warning the subscribers against handing the subscriptions to any but the authorized collectors of the institution; Mr. Geo. E. Powers and Mr. S. Sheldon Priddy who bear with them letters of authority signed by the principal and secretary. Both these gentlemen can hear and speak; information regarding the deal mute who lately used the annual report of the institution solicited subscriptions in St. John will be gladly received by the secretary, the Rev. Canon Roberts, Fredericton.

HOW HE GOT THE WATCH.

MR. HAMILTON EXPLAINS HOW HE OBTAINED IT.

An Affecting Scene in the Court Room—A Young Domestic Steals a Watch, Clothing and Money From Her Employers—Mr. Campbell Declines to Prosecute.

A twenty year old girl in tears before Magistrate Ritchie was one of the scenes at the police court—that place of varied scenes and incidents—one day this week, and the circumstances which led to her presence there are of a kind to act as a warning to many others whose positions it wrongfully used, as was hers, might easily be the means of placing them before the court. Cases of theft by employees are unfortunately only too common but the facts brought out in the few moments in which the case was disposed of are perhaps a little out of the ordinary.

The girl is one of the many brought to this country from England to seek new homes. Two years only has she been in America; much, perhaps all, of that time was spent in St. John where in different families she has been employed as a domestic. During the last few weeks she has been without a permanent place. Whether or not her indiscreet act while with a St. John family is the cause of this cannot be said.

It was in July last that the girl entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Campbell, as a domestic. Only two weeks she stayed there, for her mistress discharged her. Then some days later Mrs. Campbell's silver watch, \$7.50 in gold and some clothing were missed. The police were informed of the matter but, strangely enough, some seven or eight weeks elapsed before any arrest was made. As it was, in securing the girl, the police played but a secondary part. Suspicion had fallen on her and when some time had gone by and Mr. Campbell saw himself no nearer to the recovery of his property, he called on the chief and was informed that the girl must be out of the city.

Returning through King Square, Mr. Campbell saw his erstwhile servant, sitting on a bench there; officer Killen was called and the girl was placed under arrest and spent the night in the station.

In court next morning she was called forward and tearfully told that she had taken the watch. She denied theft of the money and clothing, but when the magistrate asked if the watch had been found, another name was brought into the case. The court was informed that Mr. Hamilton, a Prince William street liquor dealer, who came here from the states had the timepiece; Hamilton was present and being questioned, said "he knew the lady by sight for some months, having seen her at times on the street." He had received the watch from her. But, what is hard to reconcile to the proper condition of affairs, his acquaintance with the girl was not apparently, very close for he called her by a name other than her own—as Mr. Campbell knew it. It struck the magistrate as strange that he should receive the watch from one of whom he knew so little. Hamilton answered this by saying that the girl used to come into his shop occasionally to scan the morning papers for advertisements, as she wanted a situation. On one occasion she left the watch, which she said was given her by a lady, who asked him to have it repaired. It had fallen on the sidewalk, she said, and been broken. It was broken, sure enough, for when produced in court part of the case was gone. The girl, Hamilton said, told him she would pay him when she got a place. Hamilton retained the watch till officer Killen called on him in connection with the case, then he handed it to the policeman. He had never made any effort to have it repaired. Mr. Campbell after hearing the stories of the girl and Hamilton said he didn't want to press the charge but, rightly, at the same time wanted the watch put in repair. In open court no further mention of the money and clothing was made. The parties most interested had a little private talk and then a settlement was reached. The girl was let go with a reprimand. She is still about the city, and it is to be hoped the experience she has undergone will prove a warning to her, and to others. She was, perhaps fortunate, in having a kind-hearted man to deal with, but all wrongdoers will not find a Mr. Campbell to be lenient with them.

They Want to be Paid.

HALIFAX, Sept. 17.—An interesting suit will be tried in the city civil court next Wednesday on a suit instituted by Collwell Brothers against a physician whose office is nearly opposite their establishment. The plaintiffs are a firm of enterprising gentlemen's furnishes, who do not believe in supplying more goods than is necessary unless they are paid for.

He Paid for the Clothes.

HALIFAX, September 17.—Robert Stanford promptly dealt with the supercilious American visitor who ordered \$118 worth

silk lined clothing and did not pay for it. He capitulated two minutes before the Bluenose train was leaving North street station, and by night he had recovered if not the cash at least the clothes. Maison, for that was his name, was able to fool a half dozen other business men out of the price of several good orders, but this tailor he found too smart for him.

THAT HORTON LADDER MATTER.

An Explanatory Letter From the Fire Ladder Company.

TO THE EDITOR OF "PROGRESS."—Sir, A short time ago the Directors of the Horton Fire Ladder Company Ltd., Patentees and Manufacturers of the Horton Aerial Extension Fire Ladder, were surprised to see in your columns anonymous letters from this city attacking the ladder. At first, we were inclined to take no notice of such an attack, but since then, it has been decided, that in the interests of our shareholders we should show that malicious intent inspired the letter referred to. We feel that in admitting such an article to your columns, you were, doubtless unwittingly, aiding an attack on a legitimate business enterprise in this city, in which a number of your readers have invested their money in good faith, and you will willingly grant us a space in which to refute the attack.

Briefly, in August 1894, we sent a large working model of the ladder to a meeting of the National Association of Fire Engineers held at Montreal. At this meeting, a Committee, composed of Chiefs Sweeney of Chicago, Bonner of New York, and one or two others equally eminent in their profession, was appointed to inspect the articles represented, and their report which may be found on page 209 of their proceedings, is as follows:—"Horton Aerial Extension Ladder; consider same to be the simplest and most effective, today in use; costing less, and having more advantages than any other." We are also indebted to First Assistant Fire Chief Regan of the Boston Fire Department for some particulars regarding their ladders; and if you, or any of your readers who are interested in the matter will compare the weights, dimensions, and number of men required to operate their ladders, as compared with ours, we have no doubt as to the verdict at which every fair minded reader will arrive at.

The advices given under date of August 6th, 1896 are as follows:—"The Boston Department has five Aerial Extension Ladders,—two Hayes, two Babcock, and one Preston. The Hayes ladders weigh 9,500 lbs, the Babcock 10,000, and the Preston 11,975. The number of men required to operate any of the ladders, is eight. The length of the ladders, when hoisted, from nose to tip is 45 feet, and from end of pole to tip of ladder 60 feet. The distance between the hubs of the front and rear wheels is 25 feet. We use three horse teams for all of our ladders." As against this, the Horton Ladder now offered to the City weighs about 7,600 lbs. It requires 4 men to operate it; and with this number it has been raised, after being limbered up ready to go to a fire, in less time than any of the American records on their ladders, with ten men operating in order to make a record.

The distance from hub to hub of our ladder is 16 feet. This renders it much easier to keep up speed while turning corners; and also permits us to do away with the steering wheel, such as is required by all ladders heretofore, invented. We might also say that Mr. Blackall of the Gamewell Fire company while here recently inspecting the city fire alarm service, saw the ladder, and in the light of many years experience associated with fire apparatus, has since stated, that in his opinion the ladder is greatly superior to any other built. While to come to our own doors, we have the statement of Mr. Lounds of the Halifax ladder company, who took part in the test of the ladder made at the Post office by the department, and has stated that operating a hose from the extreme top of the ladder while supported by nothing but its own truck was as easy and as safe as if one were standing on the ground. Thanking you for your space we remain,

Yours truly,

THE HORTON FIRE LADDER CO., LTD.

Per. John Peters for the directors.

HALIFAX, Sept. 1896.

Who Was the Alderman?

HALIFAX, Sept. 17.—The little paragraph about the temperance alderman who had ordered intoxicating liquors from an adjoining brewery for his ward election in 1891 and did not pay for it till the other day, and then under pressure, aroused considerable speculation. The question was asked was the alderman Mr. Hubble, or Mr. Creighton, or Mr. Mosher, or was it Mr. Edward O'Donnell. Let the alderman who has "done this thing" speak out that other city fathers be not blamed for his inconsistent conduct. Is it you alderman O'Donnell, or is it not you?

Late Communications.

Society letters from several places in Nova Scotia too late for publication.

READY FOR THE FAIR.

THE COMMITTEE HAVE EVERYTHING NOW IN SHAPE.

Formal Inauguration of the Exhibition Under the Auspices of Premier Mitchell Will Take Place on Tuesday Next—Some of the Exhibits.

Heretofore exhibitions have been held in St. John at intervals of several years but after the success of the one held last year several enterprising merchants thought that an annual fair would be advantageous to all concerned. Accordingly a meeting of the executive committee of the exhibition association was held, at which it was decided, with the cooperation and aid of the citizens, to hold another exhibition this year.

At first the discussion was not favorably received, as some members of the society thought the expense in connection with the fair was so large that to hold another so soon after the first would be risky from a financial standpoint.

A committee visited the buildings and found they were in good condition the addition of two coats of paint outside being all that was necessary in the way of preparation, for another fair, thus making the expense a great deal lighter than was at first anticipated.

With this additional help the association felt that another exhibition was within the range of possibility and would probably be successful so committees were at once formed and the work of preparation proceeded with. The exhibition buildings and agricultural hall received two new coats of paint which, by the way, greatly improved their appearance and soon everything was in full swing. For several months past the members of the association in particular, and the citizens in general, have worked unceasingly to make the approaching fair even a greater success than last year's and when the doors of the big building are formally opened on Tuesday morning next the public will be able to see and appreciate what has been accomplished. For the past week the scene about the buildings has been a very busy one. At almost any hour in the day heavy teams could be seen unloading immense quantities of goods on the grounds while inside the building there was every evidence of bustle and rush. Nothing could be heard save the noise of hammer saw or plane and a bystander would indeed have good cause to wonder how anything at all resembling order or system could be brought out of such chaos and confusion. When the exhibition is opened next Tuesday morning the visitor will on entering the main building notice many changes in the arrangement of the exhibits and which in the majority of cases will be found to have materially improved their general appearance. All the exhibits in the large buildings on the main floor have been placed nearer to the sides of the building leaving aisles through the centre, space which was last year occupied. All the passages between the exhibits lead to one or other of the entrances which is a great improvement on the maze and circuitous paths which were so noticeable last year and which proved a source of great inconvenience to many visitors.

In addition to the improved arrangement of the general exhibits the individual displays have been more tastefully arranged than on previous occasions. Firms that did not exhibit last year for the reason that they were doubtful of the success of the exhibition have this year sent in application for large space and will place attractive exhibits of their various lines on view.

The special attractions outside of the main display in the building are of a variety and quality not before seen here and are sure to prove a good drawing card. Almost the first object that will meet the eye on entering is the large star shaped temple which contains the exhibit of the St. Croix Soap company arranged in a thoroughly effective manner. Very near this is the display of Geo. S. DeForest and, as last year, Union Blend tea will be dispensed to visitors by pretty maidens. Manchester, Robertson & Allison will as usual make a magnificent display as will most of the other large houses in the city.

Machinery hall will be a scene of great activity as usual and from all over Canada there will come exhibits for this department. The Art department promises to be unusually interesting this year and far ahead of any previous exhibit. In fact this might be applied to the fair in general for if elaborate and painstaking care is in any way a guarantee of what the exhibition will be like, those who patronize it may certainly expect an event far above the average provincial exhibition.

Agricultural hall always attracts thousands of visitors especially when the exhibits it contains are attractively arranged. This year special attention has been paid to the agricultural exhibits which have been placed in charge of S. L. Peters of Gagetown N. B. The amusement hall is also found in this department and as a first class Vaudeville company has been engaged it will doubtless be largely patronized.

One of the best shows incidental to the big fair is that of Mr. John MacKay who will have a first class variety company performance in a tent on the corner above the building. Mr. MacKay's record as a popular amusement caterer is such that his entertainment will be a success. From every point of view the exhibition promises to be the most successful ever held in St. John.

SURPRISE AT THE FAIR.

Mr. Rymal of Dundas Wins the Piano in the Toronto Exhibition.

Mr. W. K. Rymal, Dundas, Ont., is the happy possessor of the beautiful Heintzman Piano presented to him by the Surprise Soap Co., as the successful guesser in the Surprise Soap guessing contest at the Toronto Fair. Mr. Rymal came within 1/4 of an oz of the weight of the big cake, his guess being 476 lbs 2 3/4 oz, the actual weight being 476 lbs 2 3/8 oz as certified to by Mayor Fleming of Toronto.

There was great interest taken in the contest, many people expecting to receive the piano, but only one could get it. Every one is satisfied that the guessing contest was conducted in the fairest possible way, and are satisfied Mr. Rymal should have the piano so long as they could not guess correctly themselves. Surprise Soap received a good deal of attention, and many families have now knowledge of the merits of Surprise Soap which they did not formerly possess. The Surprise Soap Co., deserve a great deal of credit for their handsome gift, and deserve the great volume of business they received as a result of their striking advertisement.

Every one who attends the St. John exhibition will have a chance to guess at the big cake of Surprise Soap on exhibition there. The same kind of piano, an \$800 Heintzman will be given to the correct or nearest guesser at the exhibition. It is not the same cake as the Toronto cake but it is a different size entirely. Look for the Surprise Soap exhibit, the Heintzman Piano and the big cake. Guess once free of charge each day. Mayor Robertson of St. John, with two prominent merchants will act as judges, so that everything will be conducted in the fairest way, visit the St. John exhibition, and guess on the big cake of Surprise Soap.

ST. JOHN IS HONORED.

By The Presence of so Many Bright and Clever Women.

Never before in its history has this city contained so many women of a national reputation, women who have made themselves known in art, literature, science, and other fields of advancement, as at present. It is a mark of general progress that women do command and the British empire shows that not only is the highest advancement possible in all the arts of peace under the sway of the gentler sex, but that the art of war keeps pace with its opposite. Queen Victoria has shown the world that woman is the equal of man as a ruler; Lady Aberdeen, dear to the hearts of all Canadians, has shown that woman can not only adorn the highest sphere in the gift of the Canadian people but that she can find time an opportunity from the cares of her position to show that noble, sweeter virtue, charity to the poor and oppressed. St. John extended a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors; and their coming here will do us good, will extend our charities, stimulate our minds and ambitions, unite the nations of America,—the United States and Canada—in a bond of fraternal union, that will reach to higher bounds and loftier heights than would be possible under the sterner rule of man.

A Mark Down Sale.

Fall bargain sale of wall paper, great reductions to make room for fancy goods now arriving. D. McArthur Bookseller 90 King St. has marked down his stock of wall paper consisting of over forty thousand rolls. The reductions average from 30 to 100 per cent on regular selling price. Five cent paper for, 3 1/2 cents per roll twenty cent gilt papers selling at ten cents for one month only. All other lines in proportion thus assuring to his customers great bargains. This is a rare opportunity of getting wall paper at less than auction prices. Call and inspect the stock it will pay you. Show rooms second flat.

John MacKay to the Front.

Mr. John MacKay is making great preparations for his Oriental Tea show near the exhibition grounds, to be opened with the exhibition. The tent will have a large seating capacity and will be well fitted up with floor and stage. Mr. MacKay has been arranging his list of performers for the past two months, and is confident of placing before the public the best variety show that has ever been seen in St. John.

They all Resented it.

The intimation of a move on the part of the government to subsidize a foreign port, created indignation among both liberals and conservatives in the lower provinces. Political interests may vary according to locality but when the good of the country is threatened one touch of patriotic sentiment makes the whole dominion kin.