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THEY WANT A VICTIM.

BUT MORE EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED TO CONVICT SULLIVAN.

Are Maggie Dutcher's Delirious Utterances to be Relied Upon—A Reasonable Explanation of Her Words—Sullivan's Arrival Causes Much Excitement.

The disinterested stranger who happened to be at Moncton railway station on the arrival of the C. P. R. train from the west Wednesday would have been fully justified in thinking that some very distinguished personage was expected, and the majority of the population had assembled to do him honor. Judging by the general excitement and the size of the crowd, one would have imagined that at least the great prime minister of China had changed his route, and decided to pay Moncton a visit before returning to the flowery land of his birth. But it was neither Li Hung Chang nor Lord Chief Justice Russell in whose honor the demonstration was made! The crowd had gathered for the purpose of catching the first glimpse of a poor young fellow known as Jack Sullivan, around whom circumstances, or his own folly have woven a curious web which unless he is able to unravel it himself, threatens to entangle him in a very serious manner; and over whose head hangs the dark suspicion of being concerned in a very terrible crime.

He was a man whom most of the people who crowded so eagerly to see him, had probably seen dozens of times before, but to whom they had never given a second glance, and whom they would not have turned their heads to see now, but for the unpleasant notoriety he has attained. There was little to repay them for their trouble too, only a rat's ear short, and thickset young man dressed a good deal as a brakeman dresses when he is at work, with a very ordinary looking smooth face, and a large dark mustache, the length and luxuriance of which fully disproved one of the many damaging rumors which have been circulated about him—namely that he had shaved off his mustache. Unmanned, and apparently under no restraint John Sullivan walked calmly beside Sheriff McQueen from the I. C. R. station to the police station, no conveyance having apparently been provided for them, though the crowd followed closely, and pressed the sheriff and his prisoner more closely than was pleasant. Not that the prisoner appeared in the least discomposed by the attention he attracted, he trudged along placidly, munching something probably an apple, and seemed almost unconscious of the prominent position he occupied.

Now that this unfortunate young man has voluntarily returned to the spot from which he so foolishly fled, a little over a week ago; it might be as well for those who are so ready to judge him, and apparently so eager to place the halter about his neck, to remember as yet no crime has been conclusively proved. Stranger things have happened than a woman upsetting a lamp at night, and burning herself and her children to death! Dogs, especially six months old puppies, have followed strangers and been stolen, before this, and the physicians in attendance on little Maggie Dutcher agree that the wound on her head could have been produced by a blow from something blunt. Nothing could be easier than for her uncle, in his frantic haste to get the child out of the burning house, to strike her head against some obstacle, a door or a door-post with sufficient force to fracture her skull, and yet be perfectly unconscious of it. It is true that the evidence of the Misses Crossdale, who are nursing the sick child, as given in court at the coroner's request is very damaging to the suspected man. Both these young ladies have stated that the child called out Sullivan's name on several occasions, during her delirium, and after awaking from sleep coupling it with such exclamations as 'John Sullivan go away; has he gone away?' 'Jack, don't kill me any more!' 'Take him away, oh, let me go, he's coming to kill me,' and 'put him out of the window, go away, go away.' But it must be remembered that men have been convicted and executed upon far stronger circumstantial evidence than this, and afterwards proved to have been entirely innocent of the crimes for which they suffered.

Another point which might explain the child's fright and use of his name, but one which does not seem to have occurred to anyone so far, is that Sullivan had been at the house the night before and probably alarmed the household by awaking them, and demanding admittance at such an unseemly hour, and it Mrs. Dutcher was afraid of him, it would be very natural for her to mention the fact before the children, when she was hiding her purse, before going down to see him, and the circumstance of her speaking to Sullivan out of the window, and perhaps thoughtlessly saying that he might kill her if he saw the purse might have impressed itself on the child's mind, and caused her to connect John Sullivan with her injuries.

These may not be the most probable explanations of the child's condition, and her exclamations, but they are at least quite possible, and where so serious a thing as a man's life is at stake, it is well to weigh all possibilities very carefully. John Sullivan never said truer words in his life than 'They are much prejudiced people up there.' They are indeed, and strange to say they seem willing, almost eager, to believe a man guilty of a crime before it has been proved. One of the strongest arguments against Sullivan has been his reckless manner of spending money on the Friday after the tragedy, but the significance of this circumstance has been largely done away with by the statement of the suspected man's employer, Mr. Edward Anderson, who said on the witness stand yesterday, that although there was only one dollar and twenty-two cents coming to Sullivan when he paid him off just before the tragedy, he had paid him eight dollars only a week or so before, and did not know of Sullivan's having paid any of it out. Mr. Anderson also volunteered the assertion that he had always found Sullivan a good man, that he never knew him to be dishonest, to be drunk, or even to drink.

Now there does not seem to be any conclusive evidence that Sullivan spent more than nine dollars in Moncton on the day referred to. A pair of trousers such as a man of his class would buy, could be got for two dollars and a half, drinks for four or five men, do not cost a very large sum; two or three rounds would scarcely come to more than a dollar so, and although he "set up the shave" it was proved that he thought better of it, and got his money back, for the month's shaving in advance, which he paid for.

If a murder has been committed, and John Sullivan is the man who is responsible for the crime, it is to be hoped that it will be brought home to him and he will be punished with the utmost vigor of the law, but until he has been proved guilty it is common justice to give him the full benefit of every circumstance which would seem to point to his innocence.

AN IMPUDENT CABMAN.
He Forcefully Captures Two Men who Were Unused to City Ways.

A few days ago those who happened to be in the depot when the Quebec express arrived witnessed a little scene, that, while it may have been amusing to the cabman and many of the bystanders, was by no means funny. From the train there stepped two travellers a man and a boy who were evidently unaccustomed to travelling. Their first move was to find some place where they could get a light lunch. No sooner had they entered the main building than the cabman in question pounced upon the youngest of the men, who were father and son, and almost dragged him to the cab. He slammed the door, and then went in quest of the father who had been looking around for a lunch counter.

This man did not prove such easy game and soundly berated the coachman, telling him he did not want to ride anywhere, and only wanted to go to the nearest lunch room. The driver replied that it was all right, he was only taking him to a lunch room and after hustling his fare in he drove to a well known Charlotte street restaurant when he deposited the men after they had paid the fare but not without expressing their opinion of the cab man in the most indignant manner.

THE MARRIAGE IS OFF.
The Groom's Brother Wanted his Cash, Hence the Trouble.

One set of St. John's society is all ruffled and distorted over the strange actions of a young gentleman, who was to have left the bachelor ranks and take to himself a wife. The wedding was all arranged and should have occurred a day or two ago, but now it is postponed indefinitely.

The dresses were all prepared for the fair one and all was ready. The groom bought the ring, selected his best man and engaged the minister. But strange to say the groom's brother objected to the match, and as he held the groom's notes for sums of money lent, he broke the match off.

He avowed that if the groom could afford to marry, he could "anti up." The groom had prepared to take his future wife to a new home but this had to be abandoned and now the bride is broken hearted, the groom is angry, the invited guests disappointed and the minister out a fee.

St. John Ahead.
Queen Victoria's reign has been longer and brighter than that of any other monarch in British history. In view of the fact that the world was impatiently awaiting the arrival of September 22nd, in order to shower, sincere and heartfelt congratulations upon Her Majesty, it is important to know that a morning paper claims the credit of having "on Saturday last directed general attention to the interesting fact and named the 22nd of September as the day" etc. This is, no doubt, the biggest scoop on record.

WHAT THE FAIR IS LIKE.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF PROVINCIAL MANUFACTURES.

Things Seen and Heard at the Exhibition—The Gramophone Furnishes Much Amusement—The Art Room Rich in Paintings—St. John Talent to the Front.

Despite the direful predictions of St. John's few pessimists the annual fair is indeed a reality, and a very live one at that. Although opening with less pomp and formality than on former occasions, the inauguration proceedings were gone through with expedition and the ball set rolling. Many unavoidable circumstances prevented a large attendance on opening day, but after the storm of Tuesday night and Wednesday's wind carnival the people ventured out and flocked fairwards.

The exhibition this year is a spectacular success. More taste in arranging exhibits has been displayed by those in charge of the many shows, while there seems to be a deep rivalry among certain large local and provincial firms in the way of rich decoration. In the live stock and poultry departments this year's show is far superior to any other held, while the special attractions and outside displays such as amusement hall performances and pyrotechnic exhibitions are far more entertaining and up-to-date than any ever held in connection with St. John fairs.

As is the case at almost every large exhibition a multitude of very amusing scenes and incidents are seen by the humorously inclined spectator, and already at this show the average is on a fair way to completion. Around the accurate weighing machine at Messrs. W. H. Thorne and Co.'s, exhibit a motley crowd is always collected. When a fat man puts in an appearance, instinctively the way is cleared for him, he gets weighed and the crowd is satisfied. In this particular St. John yet holds the palm her corpulent journalistic son, Manager Boves of the Gazette tipping the beam at 297 lbs. The tiniest bit of humanity yet placed on the scales weighed only about twenty pounds. Young ladies of the wasp-waist variety who want to get weighed and yet they don't, are very angry when the balances say other than what they think is right.

"Why," said one blushing miss, when 150 lbs. was written on her ticket, "these scales must be wrong; it was only a year ago when I was weighed and I only went 125 lbs." But the fashionable young lady forgot that, while in the matter of age she may remain stationary yet, avoidupois like the wind and tide "waits for no man," or woman.

Guessing at the big cake of Surprise soap is one of the most popular "free features" of the big show. A great many people are afraid at first to take one of the slips for fear of some "catch" whereby they will have to pay something; it is pleasant to note that this class of incredulous mortal man is fast being eliminated from our city. But such guessing. One woman said the cake was hollow, they couldn't fool her, and with a "I know-it-all" toss of her head, wrote 10 lbs. on her coupon. The other extreme was represented in a man from an up river reign who was willing to bet a barrel of windfalls that soap would go over a thousand pounds. Whenever the crowd lags in its attention on this exhibit the painter starts up a lively march and soon Messrs. Ganong's show is surrounded by hundreds.

The gramophone, or talking machine is one of the most entertaining things in the show. Talking, laughing, rendering selections by well-known American bands, prayers by eminent divines, songs by leading songsters, instrumental numbers etc. the little machine has become very popular. Ruralists are particularly interested in the working of the 'little machine with the funnel.' Some will not believe it is the machine talking, but ever on the alert to unearth a fooling scheme, say as they walk away, "It's that man; he's a ventriloquist."

Part of Kerr's Business College exhibit consists of a case full of paper money which is used in the mock business transactions at that institution. A well known city young man got hold of some of this stuff and forthwith proceeded to have some fun. Going out into the crowd he met a special policeman who was very much disgusted with his job. 'Say I want to put you on duty inside' said the fun lover flaunting a bogus badge; and I'll pay you off now for this outside work; here'. One of the paper \$10 notes was handed the special who said 'But sir, I've only been here a day'.

'Never mind came the reply,' you can keep the change.'

'Just as you say sir,' said the jubilant countryman as he pointed his course for an Indian town hotel.

The general exhibits at this year's fair are good throughout although in one or two instances perhaps there is not the excellence of last year. This is noticeably so in the fancy work department; although of course the work is of a superior kind there is not so much variety

as last year. Gould, Petersen and Campbell have beautiful floral displays, the first mentioned making a specialty of palms and begonias. Mr. Campbell has a spiral, or tower arrangement of sweet peas, about sixty-five varieties being used in the decoration; on Wednesday evening over half an acre of sweet peas belonging to Mr. Gould was destroyed by frost.

The Art Gallery is rich in magnificent works, one side having a collection of paintings loaned by the Royal Art Union; the central piece is the meeting of Wellington and Blucher and this picture is valued at \$15,000. There is also a collection of the late Mr. Ward's pictures which are greatly admired. Miss de Bury, Miss Marion Jack and Miss McSorley exhibit some very fine work; all three showing a decided artistic talent. Miss Jack's figures are from life and they, as well as her landscapes are finely executed.

The Forester's and Royal Acacum societies have pretty and cosy retreats that attract numerous visitors; the former is a primitive cabin of bark; nicely furnished; the principal object of interest inside being an evergreen goat, which it is said is used in imitation ceremony of the foresters.

One of the attractions outside the building is an exhibition of marine and animal life that is intensely interesting and well worth a visit; and includes from the sea lion to the tiniest crab and star fish. A collection of eggs is also shown in this tent that cannot fail to interest everyone. The vaudeville performance is superior in quality and tone to that of last year and is being very largely patronized.

Though the attendance during the first few days may not have not been quite so large as in previous years yet on the whole it was fairly satisfactory and the result so far has been very encouraging to those who have worked so hard for the success of the exhibition.

HER HUSBAND SPOILED THE GAME.

A South End Lady's Plan to Escape Guests Does not Work.

A good story is told of the wife of a city commission merchant residing in South End. The lady in question has entertained visitors all summer and was commencing to feel rather fatigued with the extra work her guests entailed and when the last one left her a few days before the exhibition opened she fondly hoped she would at last have a much needed rest.

A few days after the departure of this last guest she received a letter from a distant relative in the country notifying her that the relative in question accompanied by two other and more distant connections would be in the city on Monday Sept. 21st. and would be "delighted to spend Exhibition week at her lovely home" This announcement did not elicit any great amount of pleasure from the lady in question.

A very discouraging prospect presented itself to her minds eye. She saw all the extra work she would have to do; and the time she had fondly hoped to devote to rest and a few mild gaieties connected with the exhibition, would now have to be spent in going around with her vigorous, energetic visitors. Something must be done to prevent the infliction, but as there was no time to write some plausible excuse for her inability to entertain them, she set her wits to work to find some other means of escape. Every moment brought the visitors nearer and at last the only thing which suggested itself was to close the shutters and tack a card on the door with the announcement that the family was out of town. This was accordingly done and none too soon for in a little while the visitors arrived and sounds of laughter and merriment reached the listening lady as the visitors entered the vestibule and rang the bell.

After the notice had been read and commented upon the visitors departed and the lady breathed freely again. She had not told her husband of the matter and was anticipating his enjoyment of the joke when she disclosed the story to him on his return from business that evening.

Her amazement and surprise may be readily imagined when during the afternoon her husband arrived and in his wake the three visitors of the morning, who after leaving the house earlier in the day, after being unable to gain admittance sought the gentleman's place of business. This last was only in the nature of a little friendly call but they took occasion to express regret at his wife's absence from the city. The unwary husband was much surprised and assured his friends that a mistake had been made somewhere, for his wife had no intention of going away when he left home. Finally he insisted upon the party returning with him to prove their error. The lady was at home this time and received her guests as graciously as possible under the circumstances, attributing the whole thing to the mischievousness of one of her children who in the mother's temporary absence had tacked up the "out of town" card. The unfortunate husband is not in very high favor at home just now.

A MYSTERIOUS VISITOR.

CARLETON HAS A VISIT FROM A MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUAL.

He Remains for a Day or Two Loses Money but Falls to Report to the Police—The Landlady Refuses any Satisfaction.

Carleton, the popular west side resort, although ordinarily presenting an untroubled appearance, it is not always without its exciting episodes some of which do not come under the consideration of the police officials. It does not need an international exhibition either to produce occasion for their episodes. They may become the more important and perhaps the less surprising because of an exhibition or it may be a murderous assault, or the taking of life in another section of the province or in another province even. Sometimes its quiet is invaded by indescribable visitors as was the case last week, when a man, described as a "hard looking citizen and somewhat the worse of liquor spent a night over there, and next day reported that he had been robbed of thirty-eight dollars during the night in his hotel which is located in the vicinity of Sand Point. This stranger refused to report his loss to the police although advised to do so by at least one of the people to whom he told the story of his loss. Rumor has it that he reported his loss to the landlady who refused him any satisfaction. But she of course being ignorant and innocent of any direct or indirect knowledge of the occurrence could not do otherwise. The stranger, who by the way has a variety of surnames that he uses as occasion or convenience demands remonstrated further with the lady, on the subject and it was advised that if he spoke to the police, she would at once have him fined for drunkenness. As the fine even if imposed would be only \$4 it would seem as though the stranger had some substantial reason for avoiding intimacy with the police. He made no formal complaint. The name he used at the time of the alleged theft was Edwards.

He remained in and about Carleton for the rest of the day and then disappeared, going it was supposed in the direction of the border. The landlady referred to, has some knowledge of police court proceedings and had the stranger persisted it is possible he would have been better off financially. As this occurred about the time the news of the Dutcher murder reached St. John; many persons thought that this stranger, who wore a heavy black moustache might have been the man the authorities were looking for. Certainly it looked suspicious that having met the loss he said, he did not unbosom himself to the police.

THEIR PECULIAR METHODS.

A Lockman Street Resident Complains of Unfair Treatment by the City.

HALIFAX, Sept. 24.—Most cities have some peculiar people among their civic rulers who assay to run the town according to their own ideas of the ways things should be done. Halifax is no exception to this rule, only perhaps it is a little more peculiar than most places in this respect. The city recorder and the city engineer are the Halifax men who attempt to carry things with a high hand and unless some means is used to remedy it is matter there is scarcely any telling what new folly their conceit will lead them into.

Just now the people of Lockman street are feeling very indignant and sore over a recent move of the city. Lately Lockman street has been receiving some attention and is being widened. The city sent notices to property holders that their land would be expropriated on the first of May and it was expected that they would govern themselves accordingly. Tenants were notified and people who owned property in that vicinity were ready to do whatever was required of them in fairness.

The next move was a call for tenders by the city engineer for moving those dwellings that required it. Tenders flowed in and it is to be presumed that under the circumstances reasonable figures were given. It is not known yet whether any one tender was accepted, but what is known positively is that there has been much unfair dealing. When estimates were given for moving it was upon a large number of houses which of course could be done more cheaply than it would be possible to do one house, and herein consists the unfairness which is causing so much indignation. After the tenders had been closed three men were nominally appointed to value the properties, but no attempt was made to get at the true value of any particular piece of property, but took the amount named in the tenders as a standard and evidently divided this among the buildings to be moved, without considering that where a large amount of expense would be connected with some removals others could be done at a quarter of the cost.

MONCTON OFFICIALS TO BLAME.

For the Manner in Which Sullivan Escaped Arrest in his Flight.

John Sullivan the supposed murderer of the Dutcher family at Meadow Brook near Moncton on the tenth of this month is now safely lodged in jail in Moncton.

Sullivan although early suspected of the crime, was allowed to wander about Meadow Brook and Moncton for some days a free man. Then when he wished he quietly got out, and for about a week his whereabouts were unknown to the police of the province. Later however, or on the expiration of over a weeks liberty, he was arrested by the police of Calais at that place. There is wonder expressed on all sides that a murder suspect could pass a night in this city and then step aboard of an afternoon train and escape to the Bardeau.

Some ask, were the police asleep, others, where was the detective?

They were on duty and might have stopped Sullivan on his arrival here; but how were they to know John Sullivan from any other man? no description of the man had been sent so they were powerless to act. The blame is therefore with Moncton officials and not with St. John police and detectives.

It is no wonder that Sullivan got as far as Calais, but it is a wonder that he did not get further. Everything favored his escape, even from the novel way tie said he was aided to leave Moncton by rail. A relative who is conductor of a night freight was to carry Sullivan safely from Moncton, by rail and he did it. His train is scheduled to leave Moncton at a certain hour at night. It was fully one hour late in starting, the night Sullivan boarded it, but then there was no curious crowd about the station at Moncton at that hour and that was what the fugitive and his relative wanted.

After passing a day and a night in Carleton John Sullivan stepped aboard the Grand Southern train and went to St. Stephen, then across to Calais, where he was finally caught by the police of that place.

To Hold a Convention.

A deputation from the international mission of association of New York consisting of Mr. Henry Wilson D. D., of New York formerly of Kingston, Ont., and Rev. Mr. LeLachur, for the past 3 years superintendent of the China mission of the I. M. A., will visit the city on Sunday the

27th and hold a missionary meeting at Mechanics Institute at 8.30 p. m., these gentlemen will occupy city pulpits during the day. The object of the I. M. A., is to foster the missionary spirit especially among young christians and with this object in view an invitation is extended to all interested in this most vital part of Christian work. The Rev. Mr. LeLachur will speak of the work in China, and Rev. Henry Wilson will tell of his varied experiences with the I. M. A. during the past eight years. This interdenominational society of Christian workers has now about 300 missionaries in different parts of the world and from their missionary training home in New York there graduated in May last about 170 workers who are being rapidly sent out to various parts of the world to carry the gospel. A meeting was held by three gentlemen at Rev. Mr. Teasdale's church in Fredericton, Wednesday the 23rd they are to be at St. Stephen on the 24th and 25th they intend returning to New York on Monday the 28th to attend the fall convention of the I. M. A., which opens about that time.

THEY CANNOT AGREE.

Chief Clark and Mr. Everett, do not Agree on Police Appointments.

Managing Secretary Everett does not like Chief Clark a little bit, and openly asserts that ere long he will pick all the plumes out of the chief's headgear. On the other hand Chief Clark thinks, and thinks out loud, that Secretary Charles A. Everett is the right man in the wrong place. The chief thinks the football team that Mr. Everett was captain of would be a big winner with such a gigantic kicker on it as the exhibition manager. The ill feeling or out falling occurred since the exhibition opening on Tuesday last, and was about the placing of special police.

It has been the custom for the Council to give Chief of Police Clark power to swear in ten or twelve extra policemen to do duty during exhibition week.

Chief Clark feels that his payment in placing the "extras" about the most needy part of the city is the correct judgement, while Manager Everett avows that the Chief has no judgement and never had, and that the extra men were sworn in for duty about the building and not for parading about remote parts of the city.

Things went a little more smoothly last night than the night before when Mr. Everett was real cross and the Chief's benign brow was slight ruffled.