

END OF DEBATE IN LEGISLATURE

A Verdict of Murder Returned by the Jury In Carleton Co. Case

A BIG CROWD AT THE INQUEST

Harvey Trenholm and Wife Came to Their Deaths by Revolver Shots Fired by Swim—Prisoner to be Arraigned in Police Court on Monday next.

Woodstock, March 29—At the inquest today the jury in the Benton Ridge murder case brought in the following verdict: "Harvey Trenholm and wife came to their death from revolver shots fired by Benny Swim." The inquest was held in the court house and the large auditorium was crowded to the door. Many witnesses were called.

William Sharp, at whose house the murder was committed, testified that he hired Harvey Trenholm of Baie Verte to work for him and afterwards he arranged with Trenholm to buy the farm, and he was waiting to hear from the Soldiers' Settlement board to complete the deal. Trenholm told him he was a widower. Trenholme married Olive Swim, the murdered girl, at Meductic two weeks ago today. Sharp said he was present at the marriage, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Worden. He first saw the young woman a few days previous to her marriage. After the ceremony they went to his (Sharp's) house to live and Mrs. Trenholme took charge of the house. Mr. Sharp said he was at Benton on Monday and left Trenholm at the house making sap sticks.

Discovered Bodies

He returned at seven in the evening and found Trenholm lying on his face at the steps leading to the kitchen. He looked in the window and saw Mrs. Trenholme on the floor. He did not enter the house until Sheriff Foster arrived. He saw pools of blood on the floor and a trail of blood from the door. Mr. Sharp said he considered Trenholm a very quiet and industrious young man, quite above the average. Dr. Griffin in his testimony described the wounds and said that in his opinion Trenholm was killed instantly and that his wife walked from the door after being shot. A second shot fired killed her.

The other witnesses were Roy Swim a brother of Olive (Swim) Trenholm, who arrived at the scene first and gave the alarm. William Porter and E. McKinney also testified to seeing the bodies at the house.

The prisoner, Benny Swim, will be

KINDLY ACT CAUSES A WOMAN HATER TO CHANGE HIS OPINION

Mitchell, March 30—Valentine Shuster lives as a hermit in a little shack in the township of Logan, a few miles north of this town; has never married, and has the reputation of being a woman-hater. He has lived eighty-five years, and has at last found that a woman is handy around the house. Saturday afternoon he went to draw a pail of water, and fell in the ditch which supplies his household needs. He was unable to get out, but managed to keep his head above the ice-cold water. He was there an hour before a small boy came by and noticed his predicament. Valentine was rescued, and a neighbor's wife gave him warm drinks and dry clothes, and he is little the worse except that he appears to have changed his opinion about the usefulness of women in an emergency.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES WILL START TONIGHT

Rev. Alexander Torrie and Mrs. Torrie begin tonight an evangelistic campaign in the George St. Baptist Church. They are now in the city. Meetings will be held every night this week at 7.45 beginning with a rousing song service.

Rev. A. Torrie is a resident of Toronto and a graduate of McMaster University with the degree of B. A. For fifteen years Mr. and Mrs. Torrie have been holding evangelistic services in the United States and Canada with marked success. Mrs. Torrie is a great help with her fine singing. Both are gifted in song. Mr. Torrie is a gifted speaker. He has just concluded a campaign in the Victoria St. Baptist Church, St. John, N. B. which has been called the greatest religious campaign in the North End, St. John in 40 years. Hundreds were turned away from the Church every Sunday service, and the attendance during the week nights was capacity audiences. Mr. and Mrs. Torrie come with these actual results to show their ability and the testimonials concerning their work in Upper Canada speak the same message.

WINE GROWERS HAVE AN IDEA

Paris, March 29—The French wine growers, who are alarmed at the shrinkage of their receipts because of prohibition in America, Saturday suggested a novel scheme by which the costs of the occupation of the Rhine by the American troops might be paid out of the sale of French wines.

Briefly stated the wine growers propose that champagne and their finest vintage wines be admitted to dry America for "medical purposes."

The money that Americans would pay for "medicinal fizz" would go to France; in turn it would be handed to Germany for her goods; then Germany would have money to pay for the cost of the American army without the allies having to cut into the present indemnity fund.

brought before Police Magistrate Comben on Monday next for a preliminary examination. The body of Trenholm will be sent from here to Baie Verte tomorrow. The mother and brother of the murdered woman are here arranging for her burial.

Debate on Budget in the House Likely to End This Evening

Hon. Mr. Veniot has the Floor This Afternoon---The Speakers Yesterday Were Messrs. Smith [Carleton] Malanson Diotte and Robichaud---Opposition Criticisms Answered---Important Bills Introduced.

The Legislative Assembly had another busy day yesterday and disposed of considerable business. A number of bills were introduced in the afternoon, including a government measure to repeal an Act passed in 1914 to facilitate settlement of Crown Lands. It will be recalled that a large block of land in Queens County had been made to a company which was to bring out English settlers. The Company failed to carry out its agreement and the time has arrived when the Act should be repealed.

DEBATE ON BUDGET

The budget debate was continued by Mr. Smith (Carleton) Mr. Melanson of Kent, Mr. Diotte of Restigouche and Mr. Robichaud of Gloucester. The former member had some criticism to make of the government but on the whole he acquitted himself fairly well. It was Mr. Diotte's maiden effort, and while he seemed to be a bit nervous and had difficulty in making himself understood, the House gave him an attentive hearing. Messrs. Melanson and Robichaud as usual spoke well and made some telling points in defence of the government. The member for Kent was interrupted several times, but came back at his interrupters in fine style.

Hon. Mr. Veniot moved the adjournment of the debate, and has the floor this afternoon. His speech is being looked forward to with more than usual interest. It is expected that the debate will end this evening and that items of supply will be disposed of.

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BENNY SWIM IS RECOVERING FROM WOUND

(Special to the Mail)
Woodstock, N. B., March 30—The body of Harvey Trenholm, the victim of the Benton Ridge tragedy was sent to Baie Verte this morning on instructions from his father. The body of Mrs. Trenholm was taken on the same train to Benton where the funeral service will be held this afternoon. Rev. H. V. Bragdon and Mrs. Swim, the girl's mother, accompanied the remains.

Benny Swim will be brought before Police Magistrate Comben Monday for preliminary examination. He is recovering from his wound and is apparently growing anxious but does not hesitate to talk of the affair and makes no attempt to cover up any of the details of the terrible crime. Sheriff Foster has summoned a number of witnesses from Swim's home who will probably be able to throw considerable light on some features of the case, not yet explained. Among the witnesses will be a neighbor who sold Swim the revolver and cartridges.

Against Small Easter Cards.

The post office department is issuing a warning against the use of small Easter cards or envelopes. The reasons for not wanting them used is that they make sorting slower and more difficult, the cancellation often obliterates the address there is difficulty in running them through the cancelling machines, and there is greater liability of loss.

W. C. Milner of Halifax, Dominion Archivist, is in the city the guest of his sister Mrs. Ketchum.

NOT ENTHUSED OVER THE NEW PARTY LEADER

Mr. J. D. Palmer, the new leader of the Conservative party, in provincial politics, paid a visit to the Legislature last evening. His visit was not of an official nature or evidently the followers of House Leader Richards did not regard it as such, for they did not put themselves out very much in his behalf. The fact of the matter is that all of the opposition members of the House are well satisfied with House Leader Richards and stood loyally by him at the recent convention. It looks as if Leader Palmer would have to plow a lone furrow so far as they are concerned. As the veteran Mr. Pinder well puts it in conversation with a friend yesterday: "He was chosen against our advice and he can get along without our assistance."

At Home.

Mrs. G. C. MacDowell's residence was the scene of a very brilliant affair Wednesday when she entertained about one hundred and fifty guests assisted by her daughter Mrs. Gordon Turney. The color scheme was pink and yellow. Those who served were as follows:—Mrs. J. M. Lemont, Miss Daisy Weddall, Miss Lillian Kitchen, Miss Alberta Tweeddale, Mrs. E. Lounsbury, Miss Ethel Ward, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. W. S. Hewson, Miss Bertha Russel, Mrs. Theo. Barker ushered the guests in. Mrs. Thomas Fowler and Mrs. Walter MacKay poured and Little Miss Fowler opened the door. Mrs. MacDowell entertained the servers in the evening at Bridge after which refreshments were served.

Foreign Born Women in Canada are to be Given the Franchise

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS IS EXCELLENT

At the monthly meeting of the Fredericton School Board held Wednesday afternoon a variety of business was transacted. Those present were Dr. VanWart, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Clark, and Messrs. Spurden, Douglass, Weddall and Lemont.

Truancy Report.

Chief of Police Finley, the city truant officer presented a report of his work covering a period from September 1st to date, showing that he had inquired into thirty-two cases of truancy. The majority of these was due to the same pupils being reported in consecutive months. Thus one pupil had been reported to him seven times, another six times, two five times and three twice. Three hundred and thirteen children had been interviewed by him on the streets. Of these only seven were absent without the knowledge of their parents. He stated that there were only about three individual cases that were difficult to handle. When the number of scholars attending the city schools is taken into consideration, the school attendance is remarkably good.

Improved Attendance.

The Secretary's report showed an improved attendance, though some pupils are still absent on account of sickness. The number of pupils enrolled is 1648. Three teachers are absent through illness, Miss McFarlane, Miss Harvey and Miss Alexander. The latter has obtained leave of action until the end of the term.

Other Business.

The Board decided to ask the City Council to repair the sidewalk in front of the Charlotte Street School, so that the ground between that and the building might be properly graded.

The matter of the Workmen's Compensation Act was brought before the meeting and the Secretary was ordered to make out the necessary schedule and remit the amount due the Board.

The insurance on the different buildings has been arranged so that payment for one building will come due each year, thus equalizing the yearly amount paid for insurance.

The budget for the present calendar year was discussed and adopted as well as the amount required for Vocational work. The salary list was passed and the usual bills ordered paid.

Two S. P. C. A. Cases.

City Marshal McCollum, agent for the local S. P. C. A. has taken action in two cases. Wednesday he ordered a horse off the road because of its apparent weak condition. The owner resides at a well-known resort a few miles above the city. He also a short time ago ordered a horse, owned by a resident of Devon off the roads completely for a similar reason.

LIVELY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

Motion by Liberal Member for Waterloo Was Carried without Division — Miss Agnes McPhail Takes a Hand in the Debate and Stood up for Women's Rights.

Ottawa, March 29—The first private member's motion of the session was carried without division in the house today and will entail an amendment to the Dominion Elections Act affecting the franchise of women. The enfranchisement of the foreign-born woman, naturalized by marriage to a Canadian, was particularly at issue. Under a sub-section of the act as it stands, such a woman, unless born on the continent of North America, must obtain a certificate from a judge before she is entitled to vote.

W. D. Euler (Liberal, North Waterloo) led the discussion. As he had done in previous sessions, Mr. Euler sought an expression of opinion from the house that the sub-section should be struck from the act. He said that it had disfranchised thousands.

Miss Agnes MacPhail entered the discussion. She held that women wanted equal rights under the franchise. Her remarks, to the amusement of the house, occasioned a reply from former Mayor Church of Toronto, who informed Miss MacPhail that she did not represent "all the women in this country."

The prime minister indicated his approval of the resolution, and announced that if it received also the approval of the house, the government would give effect to it by an amendment to the Dominion Elections Act.

After nearly three hours' discussion the house gave its approval. The next step will be the submission of the government amending bill.

FAMOUS SHRINE IS DESTROYED

Quebec, March 29—The Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupre, famous for its shrine, was destroyed by fire, this morning. The flames, which started in the sacristy, rapidly spread to the monastery of Redemptorist Fathers who cared for the shrine, and then to the Basilica. The statue of Ste Anne, with the relics which have caused many miraculous cures, was saved.

At 10.30 there was no hope of saving the building, which is certainly the largest and richest of the whole parish excepting the Cathedral itself. A detachment of the Quebec fire brigade was despatched to the scene of the blaze and is fighting it, assisted by the voluntary brigade of the parish.

TOOK RUBBING ON ALCOHOL INTERNALLY AND GOT DRUNK

Brantford, March 30—That he had bought a bottle of rubbing alcohol at a local drug store and within a few hours was drunk on it, was the charge laid against Frank Clawsey at the Police Court this week. He mentioned that this was how he got drunk, declaring he had only 2 per cent beer. He said "I would not mind paying a fine if I had the satisfaction of being drunk." The two police officers swore that he had been drunk, so he paid the fine, but escaped on the charge of having liquor in an unauthorized place. The police wondered how he lived with so much raw spirits in him.