

OTTAWA TRAGEDY

Mr. Creelman Gives the Details of the Shocking Affair

IN WHICH MISS BESSIE BLAIR LOST HER LIFE.

"Oh Don't Mind Me, I Can Swim, Look."

WERE THE LAST WORDS OF THE BRAVE YOUNG LADY.

Mr. Creelman, who was skating with Miss Bessie Blair at Ottawa when she was drowned, and who himself had a narrow escape, has recovered from the shock and has a distinct recollection of all that happened, and states that he never lost consciousness. "It happened this way," said Mr. Creelman: "Miss Bessie Blair and I were skating towards the city about 5.30, with Mr. Harper and Miss Snowball a few yards behind us and on our right. We were going pretty fast, Miss Blair holding my walking stick. The evening was just closing down, and the surface of the ice looked smooth. We had no idea that we were near thin ice, and the first we knew was when our skates cut through the ice and we pitched forward. I realized at once that we were going through, and as we pitched forward I threw myself towards Miss Blair, so as to be able to catch her when we came up. I succeeded in getting hold of her arm and keeping her up with my right. I grasped at the edge of the ice with my left. It was pretty dark, and as we could not see how much open space there was in front of us, we turned around to get back to the spot where we had gone through, thinking this was the only way to gain the ice again.

We had only swam a few feet when I began to sink. I told Miss Blair to keep cool and hang on to the edge of the ice.

She replied in a fearless way, "Oh don't mind me, I can swim, look," and she struck out against the current. At this time I saw Harper and Miss Snowball skating towards us. Harper was throwing off his overcoat and gauntlets. I shouted to him, "For God's sake, Harper, don't you come in too."

He fearlessly replied: "What else is there for me to do?" and plunged towards Miss Blair, who was swimming against the current, about ten feet from me. I had been under water and up again before this happened. This is how I became separated from Miss Blair. I had taken in a great deal of water and was well-nigh strangled, but I managed to keep my head and shout for help. Shortly after Harper plunged into the water I went down again, and when I regained the surface I was under the ice, and the current had carried me away from Miss Blair and Harper. When I felt the ice over my head I struck out with my fist in a forlorn hope of breaking through. My hand went through and I forced my body up through the ice. I cleared myself of all the water I could and started to shout for help. I was completely exhausted, and had a hard time to keep from going down. I shouted time after time for help, and at last I heard a response. I shouted to save Miss Blair, that she was in the water with Harper. The voice which responded to me was Treadgold's. He had come up the river with Miss May Blair, and, hearing my call, came to my assistance. I repeatedly called to him to save Miss Blair, and he as often told me that Miss Blair was all right. I asked where she was and he said she was over on the bank with the rest safe. I then asked where Harper was, and Treadgold told me that he was all right also. I replied that they could not be, as they were in the water. Treadgold, having been with Miss May Blair, thought that I was referring to her, and this, I suppose, is how the confusion took place. About the same time that Treadgold arrived on the scene Miss Snowball returned from Gatineau Point with a man named Blais, who had trailed a punt over the ice to the open water. The fact that Miss Snowball had time to go to Gatineau Point and return before Treadgold got to the scene shows how long we had been in the water.

I did not see either Harper or Miss Blair after I broke through the ice. They must have drowned while I was struggling to get through to the surface. I must have been there at least ten or fifteen minutes before Treadgold got to me. When he did he showed presence of mind and at once took the responsibility of getting me out. Blais, the man from Gatineau Point, and Treadgold got the boat into the water and rescued me. As soon as I came on the ice Miss May

Blair skated up and she said, "Why, it's Mr. Creelman," I said "yes" and where is Miss Bessie?" She replied, "Oh, my sister, my sister is gone."

"After they had rescued me they took me to a house on Gatineau Point where I got warmed up a bit and then proceeded to my room here. I am feeling all right, but I can't say how I regret the occurrence. I did all in my power to save Miss Blair, and had I not gone under and been carried away from her by the current I believe I would have succeeded."

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST.

The following letter, which explains itself, has been received by the Hon. Clifford Sifton recently; from Wetaskiwin, Alta.: "Sir,—As part of a delegation visiting your country for the purpose of learning about the resources and future prospects of settlers, we beg to report that the country presents prospects far in advance of our most sanguine expectation. For those desiring to engage in ranching or mixed farming there are splendid openings here, where grasses are plentiful and water abundant, while those desiring wheat lands can be satisfied if such a thing is possible. Wheat and oats in stock and stack and the finest of vegetables is the best evidence of the productiveness of the soil. The delegation was in charge of Mr. Chas Tomlin, who made no misrepresentations and is thoroughly posted in general information about the country. (Signed)—"Wm B Wilson, Caldwell, K S; J B Glover, Renfrew, Okla; R W Grabolf, Kliener, Mo; R W Wallace, Byron, Okla; F C Leonard, Peabody, Kans; R C Cook, California, Mo, U S A."

Liberal Nomination.

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 11.—The Liberals of West Durham, in convention yesterday, nominated Robert Beith as their candidate at the coming by-election for the dominion house. C J Thornton, who was unseated by the courts on a technicality as to nomination day deposit will again be the Conservative candidate.

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