

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Dr Colter, Post Office Inspector

VICTIM OF A RAILWAY WRECK IN ALBERT COUNTY.

Car Jumped the Track—The Doctor's Spine Hurt.

Thos H Colter received a telephone message last night from St. John announcing that his brother, Dr. Colter, post office inspector, had been injured in a railway accident in Albert. There were no particulars, but these are supplied in this morning's papers. The Telegraph says:

The train, which was a mixed one, left Elgin early Thursday afternoon and was composed of an engine, three cars of lumber, a baggage car and a passenger car. In the latter were seated only a few passengers, including Post Office Inspector Colter.

Half a mile from Elgin the tracks cross a small creek and the bridge over this is about fifteen feet above. It is said that the lumber cars were heavily laden, and, when the bridge was reached, the engine crossed safely but, when the lumber cars reached it, the rails began to spread. At all events the engine and all the cars got safely over the bridge except the passenger car. When the passenger car left the rails it ran a few feet on the ties, then it was seen to topple and in an instant fell over on its side into the dip below. The train hands were unhurt and hurried to rescue those who were imprisoned in the wrecked passenger car.

When the car toppled over the bridge and fell with a crash on its side the passengers had hardly time to think before they were thrown against the lower side of the car. Dr. Colter was near the stove and it is thought that when he was thrown he struck his back against the stove and in this manner was more badly injured than his fellow passengers, who only have slight injuries in the manner of sprained limbs.

Dr. Colter and the other passengers were sent back to Elgin, where they were taken care of. Dr. McDonald, of Petitecodiac, soon arrived and found Dr. Colter suffering from muscular strains. He will be unable to move for a few days, but his condition is not considered dangerous.

The only other person injured in the wreck was a Mr. W. A. West of Albert, who was considerably shaken up. Mr. West is a brother-in-law of Governor McClellan.

A despatch from Petitecodiac to the Sun says:

Dr. Colter, post office inspector, is now lying in a critical state, his spine having been struck by the car stove.

Dr. Colter, as the car left the iron, attempted to get out and had almost reached the door when the fall occurred. His back came in violent contact with the stove and his spine caught the full force of the blow. As soon as possible he was removed from the car and taken on an improvised stretcher to the residence of Mrs Robinson at Elgin, where he was attended by Dr B F Steeves, who found it necessary to immediately administer morphine to relieve his intense sufferings. Two hours later Dr McDonald, of Petitecodiac arrived and in consultation with Dr Steeves did all in their power to make Inspector Colter as comfortable as possible. He is a great sufferer, and the nature of his injury renders it impossible to say what the consequences may be. Dr Steeves considers the Inspector's case as quite serious, but not beyond the reach of treatment.

Last night Dr McDonald telegraphed Mr Whittaker that when he left Mr Colter at 6.30 p m he was resting easily, but that it was impossible to forecast the extent of his injury. Without doubt Mr Colter would feel the effect of the accident more today (Friday) than he had yet done. Dr McDonald's telegram was couched in a hopeful vein.

Thos H Colter received word today that Dr McDonald stated this morning that Mr Colter is seriously injured, was resting easily and is expected to recover.

A telegram to the Herald from St John this afternoon says: Dr Colter's condition is not so serious as at first thought. He is severely bruised and his shoulder badly hurt.

AN ENGLISH WEDDING.

Charles Lilly of Lilly & Sons Takes a Life Partner.

Mr. Charles Lilly, son of William Lilly of Lilly & Son, meat dealers of this city, was married at Edmondton, a suburb of London, England, on April 18th to Miss Lily, Russell, daughter of Rev D Russell of that place. A brother

of the bride was married at the same time and place. The double service was performed in the Baptist chapel by Rev Mr. Russell in the presence of a large gathering of people.

The Edmondton Chronicle devotes a column of space to the wedding, and gives a list of presents received by the bride. Miss Russell's costume, we are told, by the Chronicle's report, was of cream fancy silk, trimmed with chiffon, and she wore a veil with a wreath of real orange blossoms. She was attended by her three sisters as bridesmaids, who wore dresses of grey taffeta, trimmed with yellow silk and black velvet ribbons, and wore white picture hats trimmed with white chiffon and cowslips. The bridesmaids also wore gold brooches the gift of the bridegroom. After the ceremony a reception was held in the hall at the back of the chapel where some 60 or 70 guests assembled to tender congratulations to the young people on this most auspicious event of their lives. We understand that Mr and Mrs Lilley will shortly sail for St John, New Brunswick, Canada, where their future home is situated.

AN ENQUIRY ORDERED.

To Establish the Identity of the Halifax Suicide.

A Halifax despatch of Thursday night says:

There is still no identification of the woman who eight days ago committed suicide at the Halifax hotel. Undertaker Spencer at whose rooms the body lies, announces that unless the body of the unknown woman is claimed before the end of this week, the remains will be buried in St. John's cemetery on Sunday.

By this means it is expected that all papers will have to be produced, including the telegram received at St. John, addressed to Mrs. Mary Warren Cross, who is believed to be the same woman, and which was undelivered, the telegraph office refusing to do so without authority from New York, where the message originated.

This morning Medical Examiner Finn held a conference with Attorney General Longley, and afterwards filed a report on the suicide, setting forth all the facts of the finding of the body.

Dr. Finn closes the report with the following statement: "From circumstances attending the case, and in order to obtain further information, I deem an inquiry before the stipendiary magistrate of the city of Halifax necessary, and I order the same to be held."

There is a story that the suicide has been partially identified as a woman who formerly lived at a roadhouse in the vicinity of Fredericton and was known by the name of "Lillian," and a photograph of her has been sent to the Halifax authorities.

The Fredericton police in response to enquiries from Halifax have instituted enquiries regarding Lillian Holland, a former inmate of a resort above town, who was supposed by some to be the woman who committed suicide in such a sensational way at Halifax the other day. The deceased's photo was shown to persons who knew Lillian intimately and they declare that there is no resemblance between them. The police are confident that it was not Lillian who took her own life, and have notified the Halifax authorities accordingly. Miss Holland will be remembered as the female who figured in a little affair at the barracks guard room a few months ago, and she left the city shortly afterwards. She is not supposed to be over twenty-five years of age, whereas the age of the Halifax woman is given at thirty-five or thereabouts.

FIRST PARLIAMENT OPENED.

Duke of York Discharges Important Function at Melbourne.

Melbourne, May 10.—The opening of the first federal parliament at noon yesterday was a most impressive ceremony. The capacity of the exhibition building, the scene of the ceremony, is 12,000 persons and the available space was taxed to the utmost.

In front of the royal chair was a small table, in which was a telegraph key, by which the Duke of Cornwall and York was to flash the opening signal throughout the commonwealth when the Union Jack was to be simultaneously raised in every settlement of the federation.

The formal proceedings were begun at 11.45 a.m. with the reading of the proclamation summoning the senate and representatives. Noon was signalled by a fanfare of trumpets from the military band outside.

The royal party then entered and was conducted to the dais, the orchestra playing the National Anthem. The Duke, who wore an admiral's uniform, with ribbon of the Order of the Garter, through the black rod, summoned the two houses in accordance with the strict formula of the British parliament, and the members filed in.

The hundredth Psalm was sung with

all present standing, and the Earl of Hopetoun read a prayer, after which the Duke of Cornwall made a lengthy address and declared parliament open.

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