

## MEDUCTIC MYSTERY.

Investigation Into the Death of  
G. M. Marsten.

## BODY EXHUMED AND CONTENTS OF STOMACH

Sent to Analyst Paddock of  
St. John.

THE EVIDENCE SO FAR TAKEN BY  
THE CORONER'S JURY.

Adjournment of Inquiry Until 29th Inst.  
Awaiting Paddock's Report.

Woodstock, July 8.—Naturally the people of the village of Meductic and of the country for miles about are considerably excited over the coroner's inquest, still sitting, into the cause of the death of the late George M. Marsten, proprietor of the Aberdeen Hotel in the village just named. Information was laid before J. R. Murphy, barrister of Woodstock, which led him to confer with the attorney general, and as a result it was decided to exhume the body and hold an inquest. Mr. Marsten died on Wednesday afternoon, June 11. He was buried the following Friday. On the 23rd of June the body was exhumed and a post mortem examination made by Dr. W. D. Rankin of Woodstock. Present at the time were Coroner Mullin and Dr. Turner of Meductic. Dr. Rankin took the contents of the stomach to St. John, and on order of the attorney general left them with M. V. Paddock, who was to make an analysis. The theory of those who desired an investigation was that Marsten and his wife were not on good terms, and that evidence could be produced to show that, and that there was suspicion of death by poisoning, and an inference, at all events, that the poison had not been self administered.

On July 4th the inquest, which had been begun after the exhuming of the body, was resumed. The jury are H. F. Grosvenor, foreman; Mullen Dow, Theophilus Edwards, Hurd Edwards, Albert Best, Jacob O. Porter and Edward Port.

Dr. Mullin, coroner, presided. J. R. Murphy represented the crown, and J. C. Hartley was present in the interest of Mrs. Marsten. The hall was completely filled on both Friday and Saturday, people driving from long distances. The Marstens have a large connection, and of course the affair is much talked of.

Mr. Paddock, the analyst, did not arrive on Friday and the examination was proceeded with in his absence.

Abram J. Marsten, brother of the deceased, told of his brother having stayed with him for some weeks previous to the 6th of June, on which day he drove him down to his home and left him. He had complained of poor health, complaining that his nerves were paralyzed or something of that kind. He had no knowledge of how his brother came to his death.

Mrs. Annie Marsten stated that she was married to deceased by Rev. Saunders Young about 14 years ago. She and her husband lived together since that time. He often complained of being ill, of his stomach, liver and kidneys being out of shape, and she did not see that a man could mention much more. He spoke as if he was discouraged at his bad health. One time last winter deceased told witness that he was going to take poison. Again he said he was going to a hospital, and she urged him to first see a doctor and also a lawyer and get his business affairs settled. On one morning when he said he was going to take poison she said, "What for?" and he replied "To get out of the misery I am in." She told him that no one would give him poison, and he said there is no need of that, I have it now. He had behaved very queerly for some time previous to his death. Witness denied that she had said to people in Woodstock that George (her husband) should have been in the lupatic asylum two years ago. Living with her at the hotel were Peter Marsten, a cousin of deceased, and witness' two sisters, Celeste and Bertie Stairs. On the night before her husband died he had his supper at 5 o'clock. He had been complaining, and she asked him

whether the trouble was from the heart or stomach, and he said it was from his stomach. He got his supper himself. It consisted of a raw egg beaten up, a piece of toast and hot water. She went down to the river to get some flowers, and when she came back her husband was dead. She said she had lost a child several years ago. It died in fits. She positively denied that she had ever told anybody that her husband died from poisoning. She also denied that the child before it died had anything to drink but milk, which she prepared, and that the milk was prepared for her husband. On the evening before her husband's death she went to his room with a dose of salts and cream of tartar, but he would not take it.

Dr. Rankin gave evidence as to the condition of the body, etc., at post-mortem. It was the body of a well nourished male, of 55 or 60 years of age. He gave a technical statement of the condition of the body, and stated that from an external view he could see nothing that in his judgment would cause death. There were no post-mortem appearances that would indicate poisoning. He had prescribed for deceased; he could not call him a well man. In the examination of the heart the right auricle was found in an advanced state of fatty degeneration.

To Foreman Grosvenor the doctor said that people sometimes die of fatty degeneration of the heart.

Edward Higgins, David Olts and Sherman Porter testified that they were called in when Mr. Marsten was dying, Bertie Stairs, sister of Mrs. Marsten, called them in. He was trembling as of a child, and exclaimed, "My God, take me out of this, or take me up," and again: "Oh! my God, I am dying." He was shaking some. Could not say whether he was in convulsions; he was shaking all over. He died easily, so easily that one of them threw a cup of water in his face, thinking to rouse him out of a faint.

On Saturday several witnesses were called and asked if they saw any drinking vessels about the room and they said none. They also saw no signs of the deceased having purged or vomited.

Mr. Paddock had arrived in Woodstock the evening previous. He had not completed his analysis, and expressed the wish to take his subject again to St. John, which the coroner permitted him to do. It was not considered advisable that he should give any evidence until his analysis was completed.

Mrs. Marsten, who was recalled, denied that her conduct had been such as to cause her husband such distress that when he talked of getting out of his misery he meant misery caused by her misconduct. She denied that she was intimate with other men than her husband, and that immorality was to her knowledge practiced at her hotel. She and her husband got along together as well as the ordinary husband and wife. Both she and her sister disclaimed having any conversation after Mr. Marsten's death. Bertie Stairs heard Mr. Marsten screech before his death, and she ran to call Mr. Olts and Mr. Higgins.

H. T. Marsten, a nephew of deceased, testified that the morning before the latter's death, he came to his shop for some pills he used to take. While there he had two spells, losing consciousness for a short time. He gave him a dose of medicine, a cathartic, the prescribed dose as labelled on the bottle. He had heard deceased express a desire to die several times. He would come to the shop and begin crying. He said he guessed there was no help for him. At other times he would say there was help if he could get the right medicine or doctor. When he took the spells witness wanted to call a doctor, but deceased said: "No; he can do me no good. I guess I am a goner."

Peter Marsten told of a quarrel between him and deceased, or rather that the deceased had taken a gun to him. It was because he would not release a lot of land he had from deceased. Deceased had no reason to be jealous of him. He denied intimacy with Mrs. Marsten. One of the Stairs girls said that on one occasion the deceased threatened to shoot them all.

Dr. Turner gave testimony on the lines of Dr. Rankin's. He did not think that fatty degeneration of the heart was sufficiently advanced in the case of deceased to have caused death. In his examination of the body he saw nothing to produce death. Something might be in the stomach or brain to cause death.

The court was adjourned until Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock in the morning, when the analyst will give his evidence, and it is said several other witnesses will be produced.

## THE BLOOD OF PRINCES.

Theories of Heredity Prove  
False.

## THE SPECTATOR DISCUSSES THE RACE OF KINGS.

Intermarriage Apparently Not  
Injurious.

NO GENERAL SIMILARITY OF TYPE.

New York, July 8.—A special cable despatch to The Sun from London says: The King seems by his unexpectedly rapid recovery from a serious operation to justify Saturday's Spectator, which contains a long and interesting article on the Kings and Princes of Europe. Without, of course, making any particular application, The Spectator's article proceeds:

"The Princes ought, for example, to be a rather rotten race and they are not. Most of them—indeed, all except the Swedes and Servians—belong to families which have lived in great luxury for 800 years and have in that period been shown up time after time as individuals of exceptional immorality, who have preferred intermarriage to any method of seeking brides and ought, therefore, by this time to be thoroughly worn out. The are not worn out at all. They are rather good 'lives,' as actuaries count lives, and would make a very fair troop of dragoons and are personally rather more energetic, not to say more fussy, than other people. With the exception of the Spanish Bourbons, they have shown, and are showing, little signs of feebleness, and even in that house the unexplained taint in the blood seems to be working itself out."

This, as The Spectator points out, is at variance with the theories of heredity, as is also the fact that different lines have produced rather more than their share of exceptional ability. It instances the Hohenzollerns and the Bourbons, who have produced at least three first-class soldiers, and the Hapsburgs and Romanoffs.

"Moreover," it says, "all have manifested one singular power, as even the comparatively undistinguished Guelphs contrived through ages of storm and stress to keep themselves at the top of the world. They have been helped, doubtless, by advisers greater than themselves, but the capacity to profit by advice is not a mark of a decaying race."

The Spectator goes on to say that the Princely families have also upset the theory that as an animal can be bred to a certain point of perfection, so a race of men, well fed, taught, exercised and employed, could be developed to a point superior to any that mankind has yet reached. Nevertheless, though the conditions which should make such a race are those under which Princely houses have been reared, they remain very like other people. The Spectator continues.

"They are on the level, for the most part, of competent English esquires, but no higher. Very few have been original, and the men descendants of those few, without exception, have slipped back to the ordinary level."

From this theory The Spectator deduces that a truly royal caste cannot be bred according to the theories of heredity. They ought to bear, it says, a definite stamp, and be an easily recognizable type of mankind. Yet this is not the case, although personal likenesses occasionally occur, such as that of the Czar and the Prince of Wales. There is no more general similarity of type between these men than among members of the House of Commons, where accidental likenesses are very common. Princes bear no professional cachet such as comes to soldiers and sailors. All show a sense of superiority bred by training, and all are nervously sensitive of their dignity. There the similarity ends. The Spectator declares:

"One thing they are alike in is the failure to exhibit genius in any of its more ordinary manifestations."

### Unmistakable Signs of Catarrh

If you have a ringing in the ears, dropping in the throat, bad breath, headache morning weakness, bad taste in the

mouth—then it's catarrh. Use catarrh-ozone Inhaler four times daily and eradicate this awful disease from your system. Catarrh-ozone kills the germs, heals the inflamed membranes, clears nose, throat and air passage by one application. Catarrh-ozone quickly remedies the head noises and deafness, prevents dropping, and is warranted to cure absolutely cure all forms of Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma and Lung Troubles. Two months' treatment costs \$1.00; trial size 25c. Druggists or N. C. Polson & Co. Kingston, Ont. Dr. Hamilton's Pills Cure Headache.

### THE SUSSEX RACES. JULY 12TH

The management of the Sussex Race Track have put up \$550.00 in purses for two classes, a free-for-all and a 2.25 class, on Saturday of this week, July 12th. The track is fast and there is a good lot of entries, insuring a splendid day's sport. Mr. Frank Power, of Halifax, has been engaged as starter. Following are the entries:

#### FREE-FOR-ALL.

Kwanon, J. M. Johnson, Calais, Me.  
Ituna, J. M. Johnson, Calais, Me.  
Kate Willard, E. LeRoi Willis, Sydney, C. B.  
Rockfarm Grace, Fred Warren, Springhill, N. S.  
Walter K., Fred Duncanson, St. John, N. B.  
Sanol Prince, S. A. Fowler, St. John, N. B.

#### 2.25 CLASS.

Guy J., Chas J. Willis, Amherst, N. S.  
Sanol Prince, S. A. Fowler, St. John, N. B.  
Rex, Fred Warren, Springhill, N. S.  
Alex. T., E. LeRoi Willis, Sydney, C. B.  
Brilliant, W. V. Donce, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Russell McGregor, George Pomeroy, Calais, Me.  
Bijon, J. T. Prescott, Sussex, N. B.  
Zeta, M., S. A. Fowler, St. John, N. B.

### A HOT WEATHER BREAKFAST.

It Should be Comforting to the Stomach  
and Helpful to Digestion.

### MALT BREAKFAST FOOD

The Ideal Summer Breakfast Cereal is  
the True System Nourisher.

All experience goes to prove that a hot weather breakfast should be made of food that is comforting to the stomach, easily digested, readily absorbed by the system, and at the same time, a true nourisher and builder of flesh, tissue and muscle. Malt Breakfast Food fulfils all those conditions perfectly. A dish of Malt Breakfast Food at the morning meal gives energy and vim for the day's work. Ask your Grocer for it.

"Well," said the old man, "I've done my part by the boys an' gals—educated the last one of 'em in Greek, Latin and French." "And what's to become of you now?" "Well, they've consented to let me live with 'em an' help support the crowd in dialect."

### Nervous Sleepless and Exhausted.

Not sick enough to lay up, but you are out of sorts, blood is weak, nerves unstrung, kidneys deranged, vitality is low. You should take Ferrozone at once; it enriches, strengthens and purifies blood, invigorates and pacifies the nerves, and increases your energy, vitality and power. Ferrozone will renew your appetite and digestion, make you sleep soundly—in fact will make you well. Try Ferrozone. Price 50c. per box, or 6 boxes for \$2.50; at druggists, or N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ontario. Sold by Chas. A. Burchill.

Mise Nellie Tremholm, daughter of the late Harvey Tremholm, left Amherst last May to be married in California. She was married in San Jose, June 4 and the intelligence now comes that a fortnight later her husband was killed by being crushed under an electric car.

Where does the electricity come from that lights our houses? asked the teacher. It comes from the wall, answered the little girl who resided in an apartment house. The janitor goes and unbuttons it.—Chicago Tribune.

"I haven't seen a good short story for months. What has become of all the writers of fiction?" "Don't you know? They're all [at work writing attractive little pamphlets for the proprietors of summer resort hotels."

### HARTLAND.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

July 8.—We had a down pour of rain this morning, but it has cleared away now. The farmers have been rejoicing with the fine weather of the past few days. The prospects have been very dull for the farmers. Crops of all kinds are greatly retarded by the cold wet weather. We hope now that we will get a continued spell of warm dry weather.

Our school is closed for the holiday season. We will have a new staff at the opening of next term. We hope that the new staff will be as proficient as the old ones.

J. R. Fawcett has returned, bringing with him his bride. He has rented the house of A. A. Nevers. Mrs. Fawcett will receive on the 16th and 17th inst.

Death has once more visited this place, and carried away an old and respected citizen, J. Shaw. Mr. Shaw has been in failing health for some time, having been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. George Peoples and daughter are visiting their relatives at this place.

Mrs. T. M. Jones has gone to visit her father at Hopewell Cape. She intends remaining two months.

Misses M. Steevens, B. Kelly and E. Alexander are visiting their friend, Mrs. Inch, Hamstead.

The annual village meeting was held last night. The meeting has come to be looked upon as the event of the season. More or less friction has always been present, but last night the ringleader arose and declared to the ratepayers that he had washed of the war paint, and that henceforth he was for right. Accordingly several bills were ordered paid, which have been laid by from meeting to meeting, but we noticed that other injured parties have not received any pay for the expenses they have paid through injustice imposed by the Commissioner.

### Spring Fever.

I would be no sluggard,  
'Cause a sluggard has to sleep,  
'And slumberin' allus filled me  
With aversion strong and deep;  
'Cause I likes to feel the sunlight,  
'And I likes the starlight, too,  
'And I likes to watch the seasons,  
'Without nothin' else to do.

So when I'm good and lazy,  
What a waste of time it seems  
To shet my eyes, unconscious,  
And go driftin' into dreams!  
But jes' a half way dozin'  
Is enough to stop the light,  
'And you knows that you're a-loafin'  
'And a-doin' of it right.  
—Washington Star.

### Speedy Cure for Cramps and Colic.

The most reliable cure for Cramps, Colic, Dysentery and Summer Complaint is ten drops of Polson's Nerviline in a little sweetened water. Nerviline removes the pain and distress at once, insures prompt relief and a speedy cure in every case. Nerviline is an excellent remedy for all pain, whether internal or external, and should be in every household. All druggists sell and recommend Nerviline. Price, 25c.

John Kleinstouber, a farmer residing near Tweed, Ont., dreamed that there was a rich deposit of gold-bearing quartz in the side of a hill on his farm. Next day he located the ore, which is said to assay \$800 to the ton.

Several buildings of the C. P. B. car shops at Perth, including the offices, were burned. The night watchman, Roland Burr, is missing, and it is thought he perished in the fire.

Alex. Grant, a farm laborer near Princeton, Ont., was robbed of a small sum of money. He brooded over the loss and cut his throat with a razor. His recovery is doubtful.

### Corns Between the Toes.

Are removed without pain in 24 hours by Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor. Insist on your druggist supplying only "Putnam's" for its best and safest.

Mamma—Tommy, what would you like for a birthday present? Tommy (reflectively)—Well, I think I would like to have sister spanked.

A man, observed Uncle Eph'm, is des like a postage stamp. He ain't no 'count when he gets badly stuck on himself.

Uncle—How old are you, Jimmy? Jimmie—I'm thirteen at home, fourteen at school, and eleven in the train.

Twin brothers named Greyson, from Lindsay, were drowned while bathing at Durham, Ont.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects. 1c