

THE RODNEY MURDER.

Fearful Crime that Shocks London Vicinity.

MRS. COVEL'S STORY—MISS LOWERY WAS DONE TO DEATH WHEN SHE CAME TO THE SICK HOUSEWIFE'S RESCUE.

London, April 19.—Further details of the murder of Miss Lowery at Rodney but accentuate the awful character of the crime. No arrests have yet been made, but suspicion attaches to some persons in the neighborhood in view of the intimate acquaintance which the murderer had of the history of the household. The tramp theory has been abandoned, and it is now believed that the awful crime was committed by some near-by resident crazed by drink.

Mrs. Covel (not Coville) told the story of the crime in a quiet but convincing manner at the inquest yesterday afternoon. She said that she and Miss Lowery retired about 8.30 o'clock, and a little afterwards she heard Miss Lowery putting some wood in the stove. There was nothing unusual, when Mrs. Covel heard someone at the door.

"I want to come in," said a voice.

"You can't," replied Mrs. Covel.

"MONEY OR YOUR LIFE."

"I will," sternly replied the voice outside, and at the same time the visitor put his shoulder to the door, forcing it in. All was darkness, and in the very dim light Mrs. Covel saw a heavy stick raised over her head as the intruder exclaimed, "Money or your life."

Fearful that the man would carry out his threat, Mrs. Covel cried out, "Spare our lives; you can have all the money we have," and at the same time handing the man a purse containing about \$1.25.

That the man knew to whom he was talking was made clear from the fact that he followed up his demand by another threat. "Come now," said he, "I know you have the money you got from your former husband." After the woman explained that her husband took it with him the man declared that he meant business. The man and woman were right in the midst of a death struggle when Miss Lowery, who was in the room to the north, was awakened and went to Mrs. Covel's assistance.

MISS LOWERY DONE TO DEATH.

Seizing a heavy piece of firewood, Miss Lowery used it with effect on the murderer's head. Leaving Mrs. Covel, he turned his attention to Miss Lowery, and, seizing her about the waist, dragged her outside. The woman uttered a few cries, after which all was quiet. Mrs. Covel remembered getting out of bed and dragging herself to the door, which she locked. Presently, or about half an hour after the first attack, the murderer returned, and had it not been for a cat rattling at the handle of the door he would no doubt have killed her, too. Finding the door locked, the man went to another door on the north side and easily gained an entrance by putting his shoulder against it. All this time Mrs. Covel was hiding between the inside of the bed and the wall, and the murderer failed to find her.

HIGHER MILITARY COMMANDS.

Col. Drury to Control Maritime Province Districts.

COL. GORDON MOVED FROM QUEBEC TO ONTARIO.

Succeeded at Montreal by Col. Buchan.

Ottawa, April 22.—Militia general orders today announce details connected with the reorganization of the militia administration outside of the headquarters office, and the institution of higher military commands in Canada, which has become necessary owing to the establishment of the militia council and the abolition of the office of general officer commanding. The commands have been assigned as follows:

Western Ontario command, consisting of Nos. 1 and 2 military districts, with headquarters at Toronto.—To command (with temporary rank of brigadier-general), in addition to the command of No. 2 military district, Col. W. D. Otter, C. B., A. D. C.

Eastern Ontario command, Nos. 3 and 4 military districts, with headquarters at Kingston.—To command (with substantive rank of colonel), in addition to the command of No. 3 military district, Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Colonel W. D. Gordon.

Quebec command, Nos. 5, 6, and 7 military districts, with headquarters at Montreal.—To command (with substantive rank of colonel), in addition to the command of No. 5 military district, Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. L. Buchan, C. M. G.

Maritime provinces command, Nos. 8, 9 and 12 military districts, with

SHE SAW THE VILLAIN'S FACE.

It was while he was searching the house that the woman got a look at her assailant and Miss Lowery's murderer. The man struck three matches, and in the dim light Mrs. Covel saw that he was clean shaven, about 35 years of age, and wore a dark overcoat and fedora hat. Just as the murderer fixed his eyes on Mrs. Covel the door latch rattled, and for an instant breathless silence prevailed. Under his breath the murderer excitedly asked, "Who is that?"

SAVED BY HER PET CAT.

"That is Covel; thank God he has come at last," were the words which caused the man to leave the house hurriedly by the other door. Partly recovering, Mrs. Covel half dragged herself and half walked to the door, the latch of which rattled, and on opening it her pet cat walked in and lay down beside the fire. Once or twice Mrs. Covel remembers opening the door and calling "Eliza" but got no response, after which she fainted or fell asleep.

It was not till nearly 9 o'clock in the morning that the murder was discovered. Mrs. Covel attracted the attention of two boys, who came in, and, learning the startling story, searched the yard, finding Miss Lowery's body in the shed. The remains lay in a pool of blood. Terrible injuries had been sustained to the head, and it was apparent that the woman had been brutally assaulted.

John Willis, a farmer, who lives about three miles northeast of the scene of the murder, testified that he was in Rodney Tuesday night, and left for home about 11 o'clock. While taking a short cut, when about three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the murder, he claims to have heard repeated sounds which he believed to be the barking of a dog. Neighbors only thirty rods away heard nothing.

THE MURDERED WOMAN.

The victim was the sister of the late David Lowery, a former elder of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas. She was a native of Ireland, over 70 years old, and had been a resident of Rodney for 40 years. Prior to coming here she lived in Hamilton and Toronto. One sister, Mrs. Ashly, died in the Queen City some time ago. Her father was the late John Lowery, colporteur for many years in connection with the Presbyterian Church, travelling through the new districts of Ontario. She was highly respected in Rodney. Mrs. Covel was formerly Mrs. Anderson Baker, of Rodney, and was known to be in comfortable circumstances, having been left fairly well off by her first husband. Her husband, Robert Covel, is an industrious man, and is engaged regularly on bridge construction for the Michigan Central Railway. Their cottage is in the section known as Old Rodney.

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