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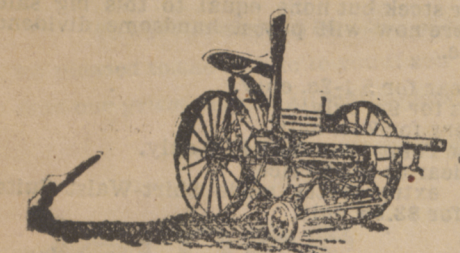
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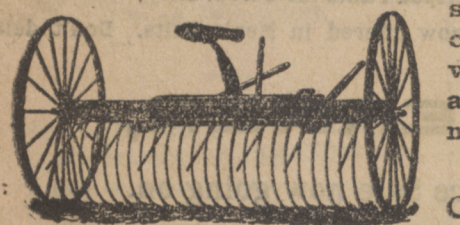
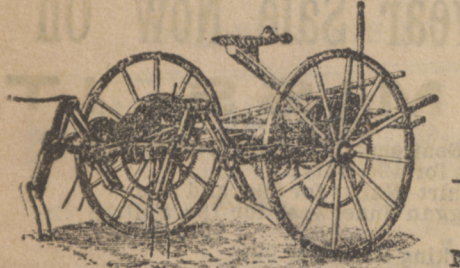
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A SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

Albert W. Edgcombe and Lemuel A. W. Tibbits the Victims.

DRANK CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM IN MISTAKE FOR
WATER AND DIED IN CONVULSIONS
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

One of the Saddest Occurrences in the History of the
City--Victims Were Well Known Citizens and
the Sad Affair Has Shocked Community.

One of the most shocking and painful tragedies in the history of the city was enacted here at a late hour last night, resulting in the death of Mr. Albert W. Edgcombe and Mr. Lemuel A. W. Tibbits, two of Fredericton's most widely known citizens. While making a social call at Shute & Company's jewelry store after business hours, they drank from a solution of cyanide of potassium, thinking it was ice water, with terrible fatal results.

No event of a tragical nature in recent years has so shocked the community, and the unfortunate occurrence is the sole topic of conversation about the city. The story of the melancholy incident is soon told. Messrs. Edgcombe and Tibbits were warm personal friends of Mr. D. E. Crowe, of the firm of Shute & Co., and called to see him at the store last evening to have a social chat after business hours. They repaired to a small room in the rear of the shop, used as a work room. Mr. Crowe left them there while he went to his bench at the front of the building to attend to some work. The deadly acid, which is used for cleaning silverware, is kept in a large stone jar in the workroom just below a sink and water tap. It was during Mr. Crowe's absence that the two men imbibed the fatal draught and the supposition is that they mistook it for ice water. This theory is borne out by the fact that a jar of a similar nature is used for ice water at the B. and B. club-house, where Mr. Tibbits is employed.

Immediately after imbibing the fluid Mr. Tibbits felt a queer sensation creeping over him and remarked about it to Mr. Crowe. The latter was not long in sizing up the situation and, horror-stricken, he hurried his two companions into Mr. C. P. Chestnut's drug store, which is two doors below Shute & Company's. "Lem has swallowed Prussic acid," was the startling announcement made by Mr. Edgcombe to Mr. Chestnut. The latter gazed upon his visitors in wonder, and at first was inclined to think that they were joking him. The pallid condition of Mr. Tibbits' features, however, soon convinced him that Mr. Edgcombe's statement was only too true.

Hurrying to the telephone he then summoned Dr. Weaver, and then turned his attention to Mr. Tibbits, who had by this time made his way into the back shop and had collapsed upon the floor. While he was working with the unfortunate man, he was greatly astonished to see Mr. Edgcombe sink to the floor and his limbs become rigid. He thought Mr. Edgcombe had fainted and it was not until he had made an unsuccessful effort to revive him that the true nature of the situation dawned upon him.

DOCTORS SUMMONED.

Dr. Weaver was soon upon the scene and was joined in a few minutes by Dr. Crockett. Later Dr. Atherton arrived in response to a message and the three physicians tried every known means to offset the effect of the poison, but to no purpose. It was 10.30 o'clock when the two men came into the store, and an hour later Mr. Tibbits breathed his last. He was unconscious for nearly three-quarters of an hour before his death. His brother, Mr. R. W. L. Tibbits, arrived shortly after the poison had done its deadly work.

It was evident to the physicians that Mr. Edgcombe had not taken as much of the poison as Mr. Tibbits, although he lapsed into a state of unconsciousness almost as soon as did his companion. Emetics and stomach pumps were used on both men, and after Mr. Tibbits had passed away the doctor's applied artificial respiration to Mr. Edgcombe. He lived for two and one-half hours after swallowing the poison and then passed away without a struggle. His brother, Mr. F. B. Edgcombe, arrived from his summer camp at Springhill in response to a message, and was at his brother's side when the end came.

The news of the sad occurrence spread quickly about the city, and quite a crowd of people assembled in front of Mr. Chestnut's drug store while the doctor's were at work. At 11.30 o'clock Mr. Tibbits' death was

announced, and at one o'clock it was given out that Mr. Edgcombe had breathed his last.

WILL HOLD INQUEST.

Dr. Weaver, in his capacity as coroner, decided that the circumstances justified the holding of an inquest. He empanelled a jury composed of Messrs. T. B. Winslow, John Palmer, R. S. Barker, H. C. Mackay, R. P. Allen, J. H. Holland and P. P. Robinson and had them view the bodies. He then postponed the enquiry until 7.30 o'clock this evening, when it will take place at the county court house.

The victims of the tragedy had been about the streets during the evening, little realizing the terrible fate that was in store for them. Mr. Edgcombe visited the post office shortly before ten o'clock and from there repaired to Shute & Company's store, where he met Mr. Tibbits. Nobody took the sad affair more to heart than Mr. Crowe. Mr. Edgcombe was one of his closest friends and the sad tragedy had been a terrible blow to him. While it was an accident pure and simple, Mr. Crowe feels that it would not have occurred had he remained in the back shop with his visitors. The mental anguish he suffered can better be imagined than described.

After the coroner's jury had viewed the bodies, they repaired to Shute & Company's store and saw the jar from which the two men had taken the poison. It is a large, circular vessel, about fifteen inches high and has an earthenware cover. It was about half filled with a strong solution of the acid. On a shelf just above the jar were two empty glasses from which the fluid had evidently been imbibed.

Cyanide of potassium, which is really Prussic or hydrocyanic acid, is described as one of the most deadly of poisons, and it is said that there is no known antidote for it. It is both colorless and tasteless when diluted. Soon after entering the drug store, Messrs. Edgcombe and Tibbits went into convulsions, and it is supposed that they would have been dead in less than fifteen minutes but for the efforts put forth by the physicians.

BODIES REMOVED.

The body of Mr. Tibbits was removed at 1.30 o'clock this morning to his brother's residence, George Street, by Undertaker John G. Adams. Mr. Adams also had Mr. Edgcombe's body taken to his late home on King Street. Miss Hazel Edgcombe was the only member of the family at home at the time, and quite naturally the news which was broken to her by sympathetic friends gave her a terrible shock. Mrs. Edgcombe and her two youngest children were in St. John at the time of the tragedy.

The late Mr. Edgcombe was a native of this city, being a son of the late Mr. John Edgcombe, who for many years conducted a large carriage factory. He was educated in the public schools here and when quite young engaged with his brother, Mr. Fred B. Edgcombe, in the dry goods business. He was a most expert accountant and had the details of the large business at his finger ends. Recently when the business was merged into a joint stock company, he was elected a director and appointed secretary-treasurer. Mr. Edgcombe was assistant ticket agent here for the C. P. R. and I. C. R., and his duties brought him into close contact with the travelling public. Ever genial and courteous about the store, he made hosts of warm friends, and his sad death is a distinct loss, not only to his business associates, but to the whole community. Mr. Edgcombe was one of the organizers of the Bicycle and Boating Club, and had held office in the organization since its inception. He was very fond of canoeing and water sports generally, and was part owner of Pine Bluff Camp.

The deceased was forty-nine years of age, and leaves a widow, formerly Miss Minnie Logan of St. John, and a family of three daughters, Misses Hazel, Edith and Zilla Edgcombe, and one son, Jack Edgcombe. Mrs. Edgcombe and the two youngest children, Zilla and Jack, returned from St. John this morning on receipt of

the sad news, and Miss Edith Edgcombe, who has been at Sault Ste. Marie, N. S., will arrive home this evening. Mr. Edgcombe is also survived by two half-sisters, Mrs. Thomas Knowles of this city, and Mrs. Sterling of Nashwaak, and four brothers, viz: Alfred G. of St. John, and Messrs. William J. Frederick B. and Norman A. Edgcombe of this city.

Strange to say, Mr. Edgcombe was the third member of the family to meet a tragic death. His brother, Arthur, who was in the railway mail service, was killed in the Palmers Pond accident in 1897, and Charles, another brother, was killed in the railway yard here many years ago.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, King Street, at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. J. W. McConnell will conduct the services and interment will be made in the rural cemetery. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

The late Mr. Tibbits was a son of the late Mr. James Tibbits, who at one time sat in the N. B. legislative council, was a native of Quebec, and was fifty-eight years of age. The family removed to the city when he was quite young. In 1876 they returned to Quebec, and later removed to Andover. Mr. Tibbits returned to Fredericton about seventeen years ago and since made his home here. He was for some time employed as clerk by Mr. W. T. H. Fenty in the stationary business, and for several years has been acting as steward of the Bicycle and Boating Club. "Lem," as he was familiarly called, had not an enemy in the world, and he was one of the best known men in the city. He was honorable, good hearted and cheerful, and the young men of the B. and B. club thought the world of him. Sorrow over his sad death is universal in the city. Mr. Tibbits was a bachelor, his nearest relative being his brother, Mr. R. W. L. Tibbits, deputy provincial secretary who is the last survivor of the family.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at two o'clock from the residence of his brother, Mr. R. W. L. Tibbits. Services will be conducted at St. Ann's Church by Rev. C. W. Forster, and interment will be in the rural cemetery. The pall bearers will be Messrs. J. A. Winslow, J. S. Campbell, R. S. Barker, A. A. Shute, S. W. Babbitt and J. A. McPeake.

The flag on the B. and B. club house flying at half mast today out of respect to the deceased members. The heartfelt sympathy of the community and indeed, the whole province, will be extended to the grief-stricken relatives in the awful bereavement that has come so suddenly upon them.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Issues Were Fairly Active at Montreal Today.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—(Special).—On slightly more active stock market this morning Dominion Iron issues were a special feature.

Common sold at 28 1/2 ptd. at 78 and bonds at 83 1/2.

Rio de Janeiro tramway light and power was listed today, 47 being asked, common and 77 1/2 for preferred, offers being slightly under.

Other active issues were:

Mexican, 59 1/2.
Nova Scotia Steel, 69 1/2.
Toronto Railway, 117 1/2.
Montreal Street, 280.
Dominion Coal, 76 to 77.
Illinois, ptd. 93 1/2.
Merchant Bank, 73.
Intercolonial Coal was sold ex-dividend at 3 1/2 per cent.

WILL MAKE A TEST.

Prof. Graham Bell and His Flying Machine.

Sydney, Aug. 16.—(Special).—Professor Graham Bell will attempt to fly his aerial machine at Baddock tomorrow. He is hopeful of success.

The Dominion Coal Company are preparing to open up old Victoria mines near Sydney, which has been closed for several years.

A STRANGE STORY.

Told by Hamilton Girl on Trial for Attempted Suicide.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 16.—Miss Jennie Bowman of Cook's station, Country Village near here, when arraigned in the city police court on a charge of attempted suicide told a strange story of a six month's trial for marriage. She said she had fallen in love with a handsome city man and deserting her parents had lived with him for six months. He then grew indifferent and she went home. This week she came to Hamilton to the man's home, was coldly turned away, when she attempted suicide with Carbolic acid.

BORDEN AND FOSTER

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 16.—R. L. Borden, M. P., Hon. George E. Foster and C. E. Tamer have written the executive committee in charge of the conservative committee to be held at Sydney mines on Labor Day. Letters accepting the invitation to deliver addresses.

A WARM DEBATE.

St. John and Halifax Delegates Differ at Board of Trade Meeting.

Amherst, Aug. 16.—A hot debate arose in the maritime board of trade this morning over the following resolution submitted by A. M. Bell of Halifax: "Whereas the report of the royal transportation commission recommends:

First, that grade and curves on the I. C. R. between Moncton and Atlantic ports be as far as possible reduced in order to secure faster and cheaper transportation.

Second, that the G. T. P. between Quebec and Moncton be built by the most direct route.

Third, that equitable running rights be secured by the I. C. R. over the G. T. P. between Montreal and the Great Lakes, and also that similar rights be given to the G. T. P. over the I. C. R. to Atlantic ports of Maritime provinces and Moncton.

Fourth, that it is the interest of Canada and the empire that a high class fast mail, passenger and express service be established to run tri-weekly between Halifax and Liverpool.

Fifth, be it resolved that the foregoing recommendations being in line with the declared policy of providing Canadian routes for the carriage of Canadian products are cordially endorsed by the board and the federal government is hereby urged to carry them out in the interests not only of the maritime provinces but of the whole country.

The St. John men asked that the second clause be cut out as this question was a dead clause. The Halifax men refused and the question was debated for over two hours and the St. John amendment was defeated.

The board passed a resolution urging better freight rates and better means of communication with P. E. Island.

A resolution was adopted favoring a fast Atlantic service to Halifax, and in the meanwhile mail steamers to the St. Lawrence be compelled to call at North Sydney.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 15.—At the evening session of the Maritime board of trade the question of Maritime union was the first subject taken up. Robert Maxwell moved the following resolution in favor of Maritime union:

Resolved, That this board reaffirm its attitude of a year ago regarding the desirability of the union of the three provinces, and that the executives for the ensuing year urge upon each government that the matter be taken up for consideration at an early date.

Mr. Maxwell made an eloquent and vigorous speech in support of the idea. He dwelt particularly upon the reduction of the representation of the Maritime Provinces which he foresaw could gradually dwindle away as the population of the western provinces increased.

Hon. Mr. Ross seconded the resolution, stating that Sir Geo. E. Cartier had looked after the interests of Quebec, but through an oversight the same provision was not made for the Maritime Provinces. He was of the opinion that to have a Maritime union and thus to centralize the government instead of having three separate parliaments would be better all around.

J. L. Stewart said that the principle of representation was by population, and we cannot expect to retain our representation to a greater degree than our population warrants. We cannot have a representative for every 25,000 of population, and the western provinces only one member for every 80,000. If this basis of representation was continued the house of commons would have with a population of 10,000,000 re representation of 400.

President Read combatted this idea with vigor, saying that P. E. I. would eventually, when Quebec filled up, have no representatives at all. S. P. Chalmers moved and J. Regan seconded the following resolution, which was the result of the joint deliberations of the movers of three previous resolutions:

Resolved, that the respective local governments of the maritime provinces be memorialized to establish a provincial bureau of industry, publicity and immigration to collect and tabulate detailed information as to cost, extent, description and location of vacant lands available for settlement, local labor supply, opportunities for industrial development, etc., etc., and have this and similar data printed together with suitable illustrated literature and other reliable printed matter relating to the resources of the provinces circulated throughout competent channels; and also that the agents of the provinces States and in Great Britain be requested to take steps to distribute this material in parts where they will do most good; and further

Resolved, that such immigrants to Canada as may desire it, be given an opportunity to land at a Maritime Province port at all times. Dr. Andrews referred to the fact that the yield from the marshes was being decreased. He entered into a scientific exposition of the causes of this and suggested several remedies, concluding by moving the following resolution: "Resolved, that the maritime board of trade express its approval of all efforts which may be made to increase the yield of the dyke lands of the Bay of Fundy and thus add to the productive power of these provinces, and therefore to its population. This resolution was unanimously passed.

A paper on sheep raising by Prof. Cumming was read and J. A. Kinsman urged that the board ask provincial governments to provide better protection to sheep from dogs and greater protection for the sheep industry.

C. W. Whitman, of Canso read a paper on the railway and fresh fish trade, urging that the Eastern counties railway which is projected to Guysboro be extended to Canso. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Whitman for his valuable paper.

F. C. Whitman, Annapolis, Samuel J. Whitson, E. H. Whitman, J. L. Stewart, Chatham, and John Agnew of Alberton were appointed a committee to study the question of abrogating the modus vivendi to report to the next meeting of the board.

MUNICIPAL CONVENTION

Civic Delegates Enjoying Visit to the Nova Scotia Capital.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16.—The first thing on this morning's programme of the union of Canadian municipalities was a meeting of the executive at 9 o'clock after which a lot of unfinished business was got through with. A pleasing feature of the morning's session was the presentation by the visitors to Mayor McIlreith, who has just returned from his wedding trip of a handsome grandfather's clock, on which was a silver plate suitably inscribed, and to Mrs. McIlreith a piece of statuary. An address accompanied the gifts, Mayor Judd of London, Ont., made the presentation of the clock on behalf of the delegates and Ald. Lapointe presented the piece of statuary, which was a bronze figure of Eros.

Mayor McIlreith thanked the donors on behalf of himself and Mrs. McIlreith. The clock is in a mahogany case and about six feet in height and bears the inscription "Presented to Mayor R. T. McIlreith by the Union of Canadian Municipalities, Aug. 16, 1906."

WANTED IT VERY PUBLIC.

Miss Acta Lott (an actress)—You are a divorce lawyer I believe? Lawyer—Yes, I secure divorces without publicity. Miss Acta Lott—Then you are not the man I'm looking for, I'm in the wrong office.

RUDE FELLOW.

Reggy—My gwacious. Such a vicious natuah Percy has!

Clarence—Has he weally? Reggy—Fwightful. I had some words with him today, and he deliberately weached out his hand and dis-awanged my hair.

A DOUBTFUL THEORY.

Jimmy (fishing)—I ain't gittin' a bite. Tommy—Maybe dey ain't hungry. Jimmy—But dat oughtn't to make so much difference. I kin generally eat whedder I'm hungry or not.