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SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Prominent Citizen of Amherst thrown from
his Horse and Badly Injured

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 27.—Injuries as to render him unconscious, in which condition he still remains. Mr. Black is a son of the late Hon. Hiram Black, M. L. C., and is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Wallace Stone Company, Limited.

SMOKED A CIGAR

Nerve of a Murderer on his way to the
Gallows

HAMILTON, ONT., Dec. 27.—His iron nerve held to the last, and he smoked a cigar on his way to the scaffold. Radcliffe officiated. Sunfield left a statement declaring himself innocent, and his death would be a judicial murder.

SETTLED FOR \$3,088

Hyde and Webster's Claim against
the City Disposed of in a somewhat
Strange Manner

The claim of Hyde and Webster, the Montreal pipe contractors against the city has been settled and yesterday Messrs. Slipp and Hanson, the firm's solicitors, received from the city treasurer a check for \$3,088. The terms of settlement are naturally very satisfactory to Messrs. Hyde and Webster, but some members of the city council are not any too well pleased over the transaction, and are likely to be heard from at the next meeting. The whole affair seems to be enshrouded in mystery, and it is rather difficult to get at the details. The report is in circulation that the amount paid by the city in settlement of the claim is \$300 or \$400 in excess of that which the firm were willing to accept four months ago. It is also stated that when Mr. Webster visited the city a few months ago he held a conference with the mayor and city clerk, and was assured by them that the city would pay \$2,800 in settlement of the claim. He was evidently satisfied with this offer, as he told several persons before leaving that if reliance could be put in the mayor's word, he considered the matter as good as settled. The question came up at the last regular meeting of the council, and was briefly discussed by the mayor and aldermen. The feeling then seemed to be that the city would not be justified in paying more than \$2,800. The Herald's report of the discussion was as follows:

"Ald. Scott explained that in regard to the Hyde and Webster claim for pipe, he was notified that legal action was to be taken against the city by the contractors. He had stated to the firm's solicitors that the city was quite willing to meet their representatives and endeavor to adjust the matter in dispute. At present there were about \$300 between the contractor's figures and the city's figures. The difference was due to the contractors adding some items to their account which the city had already paid. Ald. Scott wanted authority given the sewerage committee to settle the matter without going into the courts. He thought the committee could settle the matter amicably with Mr. Shea, the firm's agent here.

Ald. Hooper said that the city had offered to pay \$2,823, whereas the contractors demanded \$3,100. If they were willing to go to law for \$300 they had better be allowed to do so. As matters now stood the city was bound to pay \$2,800 but no more.

The Mayor and Alderman Everett thought the matter might very well be left in the hands of the sewerage committee and auditor to settle.

Under the terms of the settlement the city retains possession of a large quantity of pipe of assorted sizes, which has been piled up on the Normal School wharf for eighteen months. This pipe was condemned by Engineer Barbour and as Hyde & Webster refused to replace it, the city had to purchase elsewhere at increased cost. It seems that after the pipe had been turned down by Mr. Barbour, a portion of it was taken on the order of somebody in authority and used in connection with the sewerage system. This action left an opening for Hyde & Webster to demand payment for the lot, which they were not slow to take advantage of. Although Hyde & Webster failed to deliver anything like the quantity of pipe called for by their

contract, it is generally understood that they suffered heavy financial loss on the transaction. They tendered too low in the first place, and the vigilance shown by Engineer Barbour in safeguarding the city's interest put them deeper into the hole.

AMHERST NEWS

Clergyman in Improved Health--
Prisoners for Dorchester

AMHERST, N. S., December 27.—(Special.)—Rev. Wilfred Gaetz, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, who has been on a trip to the United States for the benefit of his health, is expected home in a few days. Mr. Gaetz is somewhat improved, but is still very ill.

The sheriff of Cape Breton with four prisoners will reach Amherst on the Maritime Express this evening, and the prisoners will spend the night in the Amherst jail. This is on account of the rule in Dorchester not to admit any new prisoners after six o'clock in the evening.

A GENEROUS ACT

Roman Catholic Presented Free Site
for Methodist Church

CHATHAM, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Methodist congregation at Raleigh Plains are about to build a new church on the corner of the Florida farm, owned by Mr. James Blythe.

Mr. Blythe refused to sell the land, but gave half an acre free. His generosity is more appreciated because he does not belong to the Methodist church, being a Roman Catholic.

SUDDEN DEATH

St. John Woman found Dead in Bed
at Milford

ST. JOHN, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ed. Chisholm, formerly Laura Ward, a woman well known here, met death under peculiar circumstances this morning.

Yesterday evening accompanied by her three-year-old child, she went to Mrs. Henry McCann's house, Milford. She had been drinking. Mrs. McCann allowed her to stay all night. This morning she was found dead in bed.

POLITICAL RUMOR

ST. JOHN, N. B., December 27.—(Special.)—It is stated that the local government ticket here has practically been decided upon.

It will consist of Edward Lantallum, M. P. P.; A. O. Skinner, D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., and Mayor Sears.

THE McCAFFREY TROPHY.

Mr. J. A. Winslow, secretary of the committee having the McCaffrey curling trophy in charge, has received entries for the competition from the Thistles and St. Andrews of St. John, and also from Carleton, St. Stephen, Chatham, Fredericton and Campbellton. The clubs not yet heard from are those at Hampton, Marysville, Moncton and Sackville. Entries close on December 31st.

MURDER MYSTERY

Body of Well Dressed Woman Fished out
of a Jersey Pond

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 27.—A murder combining the elements of mystery and deliberate cruelty, which took it out of the ordinary, was committed on the Hackensack Meadows, in the town of Harrison early yesterday, and the nude body of the victim, a comely woman of perhaps 30 years, was nearly submerged in the icy waters of a little pond. Only the feet projected when chance passers-by broke the ice in which exposed portions were incrustated and dragged the body ashore yesterday afternoon.

The dead woman was finely featured; her hair and nails gave evidence of a recent and scrupulous toilet, and such of her clothing as was subsequently found suggested in texture, rather than one whose habits might lead her to frequent the vicinity of the crime. The pond in which the body was thrown is made by the overflow from the Passaic River, and is directly across the river from this city. The body had not been identified last night. Its description does not correspond with that of any woman reported to the police as missing.

Two men who occupied a yacht moored near where the body was found, are detained by the police, but the most important clue obtained was furnished by Peter Coogan, a watchman, employed by the Marine Engine Company, who recognized the body as that of a woman whom he had seen crossing the meadows in company with a man early yesterday. Later he saw the man alone. He then carried a bundle in his arms. The man was short and stout. Coogan, whose duties keep him in the neighborhood of the murder, told the police:

"While out-doors at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, I saw this woman in company with a man cross the meadows, going in the direction of the pond. They passed so near me that I am able to recognize the woman's features. Some time later, perhaps an hour, the man returned and again passed me, this time going in the direction from which the two had come when I first saw them. This time the man was alone. In his arms, he carried a bundle which he had not had before. In build he was short and thick."

Coogan could not give a better description of the man. Two girls returning to their homes in Harrison long after midnight, heard a woman's cries, floating over the marsh land. They seemed to come from the direction of the pond and to the startled girls sounded like "spare me," and "help." Nearer home the girls were approached by a well-dressed stranger, who accosted and followed them until a policeman was met, when he turned and fled. The girls had a good view of the man under an electric light, and while he was well and neatly dressed, his hands showed that he was accustomed to manual labor, or had recently been engaged in work that soiled his fingers.

Life had been extinct, the coroner said, about twelve hours when the body was found yesterday afternoon. A mark on the neck indicated that strangulation was the manner of death. Scratches on the leg and trunk and pieces of cinders forced into the flesh, showed that the body had been dragged along a cinder path, which skirts the pond. Along the path the police picked up a white silk waist, slashed up the back, a skirt and a pair of silk garters. Following the path, the police came upon the yacht "Idle Hour," which was tied up at a point on the Passaic about 500 feet from where the woman's body was abandoned. On the yacht the police say they have found a sealskin muff and a fur neck piece.

The occupants of the yacht were Albert Thompson, 41 years old, of Elizabeth, a boatman, and Frederick Kirkman, 38 years old. Both were employed on the boat. Thompson said that he found the fur piece near the cinder path yesterday morning. The police found on the boat dishes enough for three diners. There were three plates, three saucers, and so on. These men, however, said that they had no visitors on the "Idle Hour." Both were arrested as suspicious characters. The police said last night that they had practical nothing against the prisoners, but would detain them until further inquiry could be made.

Thompson bears a good reputation. He went to Elizabeth after coming to this country from England, and was employed as a moulder until three weeks ago, when he came to this city. It was understood at the time that he contemplated purchasing a boat. An autopsy will be performed as soon as it can be arranged.

A SUSSEX PROCESSION

Clergymen Officers of the Law and other Citizens
Witness the Destruction of Contraband Liquor

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 27.—A large number of people visited the court room yesterday to hear argument re Scott Act cases, which have caused much interest of late. Only two cases were disposed of. The first was a standing case against the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, which was dismissed.

Court then adjourned to Medley Memorial Hall, where the seized liquors were stored. The case against Sylvester Madden, who was held on bail amounting to \$1,900, was next disposed of. Madden did not appear and his bail was forfeited. It is the intention of the authorities to proceed against the bondsmen. The evidence in the Madden case was heard, a number of witnesses examined, and it was proved to the satisfaction of the court that a large quantity of the liquor taken was the property of Madden and was kept for the purpose of sale. There was no defence.

A. A. Wilson, K. C., of St. John, appeared in the interest of the temperance people.

Magistrate Hornbrook was not long in rendering judgment. He found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to thirty days without the option of a fine, and gave an order for the destruction of the liquor belonging to Madden. The Magistrate was applauded for his decision. Court was then adjourned and the remaining cases will come up on Tuesday next.

Late in the afternoon preparations were made for the destruction of the liquor. When it was learned that it was to be destroyed, a large crowd gathered to witness it. A procession was formed headed by Rev. Frank Baird and Rev. Dr. Rogers, next came Inspector Cusack and his body guard, then "the remains," followed by about 200 citizens. They proceeded along the left bank of the Kennebecasis River to what is known as the town dumping ground, here some twenty-six cases, four kegs and six barrels were destroyed. The bottles were broken against stones

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage of Mr. George W. Gilmore of Aberdeen, Carleton County, and Miss Margaret Bell, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Bell, was solemnized at the cathedral at seven o'clock last evening. Rev. Sub. Dean Street performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. James A. Bell and there was no bridesmaid or groomsmen. The happy couple will remain at Windsor Hall a few days before leaving for their future home in Carleton County.

THE STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Stock trading was extremely dull again today. There was trading in fractional lots and some Twin City sold at 83, and Mexican bonds changed hands at 80.

SKATING TO-NIGHT.

The Arctic rink will be open for skating this evening, with band in attendance.