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DROWNED IN THE FRASER. Six Men Lost Their Lives in Upper Rapids.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—Upset in the boiling waters of one of the rapids of the Fraser River, dashed over the falls against the knife-like edges of protruding rocks until his tortured nerves and failing strength almost made him resign himself to death, clinging all the while to a fellow-woodsman, whose arms were locked about him in life last clasp, were a few of the experiences of H. McLaughlin, a timber cruiser, just re-

turned after a summer in the wilds of the interior of British Columbia. That he is alive to tell the story, he considers a miracle. Certainly as he unfolded his tale today it seemed so like a dime novel wonder as to be almost unbelievable. As it was, six men were drowned. McLaughlin and his partner, John Evans, were the only survivors out of a party of seven white men and one Indian. The names of all those lost are not known to Mr. McLaughlin. They were all employed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in survey work, and were on their way west at the time of the catastrophe.

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Freight Train Collided with Shunter--- Engines and Cars Injured and Valuable Freight Damaged

MONCTON, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Number fifteen freight train in charge of Conductor Jas. Cole and Driver George Morrison, collided with a shunting engine in Amherst yard at an early hour this morning, the result being that both engines were considerably damaged and two freight cars derailed. The auxiliary car left Moncton at 2 o'clock for scene of wreck. Number 9 train was held at Amherst on the other side of the wreck and was detained some hours. Driver Morrison foresaw the impending collision but something went wrong with the working of the brake and he was unable to prevent the accident.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 6.—(Special)—A flat smashup took place on the main line of the I. C. R. here this morning sometime after midnight when night freight number 15, in charge of conductor Cole and driver Morrison going west, ran into a shunting engine No. 86, driver King. The shunting engine was almost

demolished, the forward trucks as well as the rear.

The driver and fireman of the shunter jumped and escaped injury.

A carload of machinery of the Robb Engineering Company for the Chambers Electric Company, Truro, was turned completely over, and the machinery badly damaged.

Two flat cars were almost smashed into splinters, fortunately the track was not damaged in the least, and the only damage done to the freight engine was the tearing away of her pilot.

The machinery being shipped by the Robb Engineering Company was a cross compound engine, which they had been working on night and day. Their men were at the train ready to accompany it to Truro to set it up in the electric station and the delay will cause serious inconvenience. The machinery is valued at about \$5,000.

It is hard to say who is to blame for the accident. The auxiliary from Moncton is here clearing away the track.

CLERGYMAN CONVICTED

This Wolf in Sheep's Clothing Carried on Fraudulent Business and was Caught

BUFFALO, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Chas. Howe Manley, a former clergyman, was found guilty in the United States district court yesterday, of conspiracy to defraud and of using the mails to defraud.

The extreme penalty is imprisonment for thirteen and a half years, and a \$2,500 fine.

One hundred and thirteen persons

in this country and in Canada sent to Manley orders with sums ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Most of them got nothing except a letter from the company. The evidence showed that Manley had no facilities for fulfilling even a minute part of his promises. He received \$315,075 from his would-be customers, and gave back about \$3,800 under pressure.

PRISONER RECAPTURED

Alleged Post Office Robber Found
Hiding in Cellar of His Home

ST. JOHN, Dec. 6.—(Special)—The man Elerkin, who escaped from Digby jail on the night of October 3, was captured in a cellar under the end of a house he and his family occupied in Weymouth yesterday afternoon, and brought here on a special train.

He did not resist arrest. Elerkin was arrested in Boston on a charge of burglarizing the Weymouth post office. He was taken to Digby, and while waiting trial, broke jail.

AMHERST MAN DEAD

Ainsley Black was a Prominent Citizen of that Town

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 6.—(Special)—After a long and weary illness, Ainsley Black, one of Amherst's leading citizens, passed away last night at his home here.

For many years Mr. Black resided on his farm at Upper Victoria street, but about a few years ago sold out and removed to the centre of the town. Deceased was 66 years of age yesterday. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Lusby, of Amherst, and one daughter, Miss Louise, at home.

PERISHED IN FLAMES

Little Boy Left Alone in His Home was
Burned to Death

LYDEN, Ontario, December 6.—(Special)—Mrs. Albert Bladell, living near here, in the absence of her husband, sent her son for bread, but on the route he lost the money and returned home.

The mother then started out, accompanied by the boy, to find the lost coin, leaving her two year old boy in bed, the only one in the house.

During her absence, an overheated stove set fire to the house, totally destroying it, the little boy perishing in the flames.

BOUGHT CAMPBELLO

New York Company will Develop well
Known N. B. Summer Resort

EASTPORT, ME., Dec. 6.—Title to the Island of Campobello in New Brunswick passed yesterday to the Campobello corporation composed entirely of New York men.

The island has been used for several years as a summer resort and has two large hotels and several cottages, some of which are the property of private parties, including Boston people.

The Dominion government, which was the principal owner of the island, will soon build a pier at which large steamers may land. The members of the company will develop the island with a view to making it a first class summer resort. The price paid was not given out.

The above probably refers to the purchase of the land on which the two summer hotels now stand. The island is inhabited by 1,500 people who own their land and there is small chance of any company buying this section of Charlotte county.

BORDEN NEATLY CAUGHT

Mr. Borden, in his speech on the address in Parliament, discussing the new French treaty, said:

"It would be interesting to know, whether the reduction on rum, gin, champagne, whiskey and all the spirituous and alcoholic liquors, on absinthe, brandy, cordials and liqueurs of all kinds, has been inserted at the instance of the Minister of Agriculture, who had prohibition as one of his planks in 1896."

Mr. Fielding.—What is the reduction on brandies and wines?

Mr. Borden.—I do not know. Mr. Fielding.—If the hon. gentleman does not know, he should not say. There are no reductions on any of the articles the hon. gentleman has named except light wines. (Liberal cheers)

Mr. Borden.—It is referred to in the treaty.

Mr. Fielding.—It was left there because it was in the treaty of 1893.

The treaty of 1893 was negotiated during the Tory regime, and Mr. Foster, an alleged prohibitionist, was finance minister at the time.

HORSEMAN TRAGEDY

Prisoner in Moncton Jail Weeps over his Children's lonely Condition---Wife's Body Exhumed---Visit to Scene of Trouble

MONCTON, N. B., December 6.—Chief of Police Rideout yesterday afternoon received a telegram from Hon. H. A. McKeown, attorney-general, informing him that Hon. W. P. Jones would be in Moncton to conduct the case for the crown in the preliminary hearing of Christopher Alton Horseman, charged with murdering his wife, who on Saturday was drowned in a well near her home.

The case will be resumed tomorrow morning, the attorney-general having instructed Officer Rideout to procure all the witnesses who gave testimony at the inquest held by Coroner McDonald. The counsel will be the same as in the Collins trial, with James C. Sherren, of Moncton, defending, and Hon. W. P. Jones conducting the case for the crown.

Occupying a cell in the Moncton jail, Horseman's main thoughts seem not to be of his own case, over the result of which he seems to be perfectly assured, but for the welfare of his eight little children, who have been so suddenly deprived of both father and mother. Repeatedly yesterday he asked that provision be made for the little ones, and frequently broke down while speaking of his children. He was assured that they would be given the best of care. Horseman strongly maintains his innocence and seems to have no doubt but that he will be acquitted after the preliminary examination.

Horseman's twelve-year-old daughter, Hattie, who the coroner's jury summoned, but did not place on the stand, talked quite freely last night regarding her parents' relations previous to the tragedy, and of the unfortunate woman's drowning. "I didn't see her fall in the well," said the little one; "I guess no one did. I was standing by the back door of the porch, but got cold and went in. Then father came running up awful excited and said that mother was in the well, and I ran for Mrs. Steeves." Speaking of the funeral the little one said that it was too late to get a minister. "Papa felt awful bad, and cried when they were covering mama up," the little one said.

The child was firm in her belief that her mother had accidentally fallen into the well, saying that her mother often took fainting spells and might have come to her death through one of these.

Horseman's home is located on the western end of Steeves Mountain, and not at Lewis Mountain as hitherto stated.

The house is on the right hand side of the Dudley Wilmot road and some five or six miles from the village of Salisbury. There are three rooms in the house, which is a meagre, unfinished affair. One of these is a kitchen, a small room, off which there is another apartment, and another room in front of the house. In this latter room all the children sleep, there being no beds, and the little ones lay on the floor with rolled up mats for pillows. Horseman had a fairly good farm, but is not well to do, the neighbors last spring having to raise funds for the support of his family. Horseman is not popular in the neighborhood and last night said he had quarrelled with at least one of his neighbors and was not on speaking terms with several others.

The district in which he lives is well settled and a prosperous farming country. The feeling over the tragedy was very strong and this was augmented by the heathenish burial given the dead woman whom Horseman interred during the night at Boundary Creek cemetery without the services of a clergyman and had when asked in reference to this he said he had not time to get a clergyman, and had intended to have services at some other time. His little daughter Hattie was asked to what congregation the family belonged and she said she did not know.

"Are you Baptists?" she was asked, and replied "I guess so."

Horseman in appearance, is far from prepossessing. He does not know his own age, but says he is between forty-five and fifty. His hair is unkempt, as is his beard, being formerly black, but now streaked with grey. He is over six feet in height and weighs probably little over 150 pounds.

His complexion is sallow and his eyes are grey. Since his arrest he has been very cool. He is more concerned for his children than himself, showing himself in that respect to be far from the callous brute he has been pictured.

When Horseman was arraigned in the police court yesterday morning before Judge Kay the case was adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. In the meantime witnesses will be secured.

"The case," said Mr. Sherren, "is simply one of malice and spite, the triumph of sensationalism."

Mr. Sherren asked about bail. The magistrate said he could not consider bail in a case like this. The body has been exhumed and examined.

SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY.

Steeves Mountain is a small settlement lying some four or five miles distant from Salisbury in a northerly direction. The inhabitants are for the most part small farmers, intelligent, open-hearted people, just making a living and only in a few instances very comfortably off. When a Telegraph reporter visited the scene of the tragedy Thursday he found the manner of the death of Mrs. Horseman the one topic of conversation. There seemed no room for argument along the whole countryside. Opinion and gossip alike were against the prisoner. During the reporter's stay of some hours in the neighborhood there was not a man of woman spoken to who had a good word for the husband lying in Moncton jail. In the interviews which are reported the fact that a strong feeling has existed against the man for years should not be lost sight of. Guilty or not guilty he seems not to have a friend in the settlement.

On driving to Steeves Mountain a call was made on Thomas R. Campbell, foreman of the jury which returned a verdict that Mrs. Horseman met her death by drowning in a well. Mr. Campbell was quite willing to talk about the inquiry and the finding of the jury which had been severely criticized in many quarters. "I feel my position very keenly," he told the reporter, "and I don't want to live in this county in the light of now stand before the public. I want it made clear that we did our duty as jurymen as we understood it. What does the warrant call for? Where, when, and how, are the words. As the coroner explained to us it was no criminal inquiry, and there was nothing in the evidence to show that Horseman put a hand to her to take her life."

The testimony of two or three witnesses that Horseman's hand was on the woman's throat was referred to. Mr. Campbell replied that Dr. Jones in his evidence said the man was doing no harm and that death was due to water in the lungs. "We also had evidence to show that the man tried to save her life at the well."

"Were the women who spoke of the attempt to strangle the woman hysterical or anything of that kind?"

"No, they were not. They are good Christian women, but it was the doctor's evidence on which we based our verdict. We left it to the criminal courts to say how the deed was done. I want it made quite clear," repeated Mr. Campbell, "we did not have the evidence. The medical testimony overweighed all other and we had to be guided by the doctor as to the cause. That is how we came by our verdict."

"And what was your own personal opinion about the case?"

"That had nothing to do with the inquiry," was the answer. "I had to go by the evidence."

STORY OF A WATER PAIL.

Some distance further on a call was made on Eben Lewis, who keeps the telephone office. Mr. Lewis had made some investigations at the Horseman well and told of his search for the pail. On Saturday, the day of the tragedy, he said he felt in the well and struck something on the bottom which seemed like a stone. There was no sign of any pail. On Monday a neighbor had gone to the well and fished out the pail. Mr. Lewis added that he did not know how the pail got there, but he had heard that it was in Horseman's house on Sunday. This was mere hearsay.

The next call was on Mrs. Wentworth Steeves and her husband, who are the nearest neighbors to the Horseman home, their house being only some 200 or 300 yards distant. Mrs. Steeves was the principal witness at the inquest. She was the first to go to the well and except for a few minutes never left the unfortunate woman until after her death. In reply to a question, Mrs. Steeves said she would tell all she knew. All she wanted was that justice might be done. During the interview she spoke without hesitation and gave every indication of being a bright and intelligent woman. She was invited to tell her story in her own way, only being interrupted from time to time with questions which might clear up an obscure point.

THE CALL FOR HELP.

"I was at home," she said, "on Saturday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock when Hattie, the eldest Horseman girl, ran in at the door and cried out, 'Mother's in the well.' I asked her who was there, but she triumphed of sensationalism."

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