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## HOT TIME ON ST. JOHN STREET.

Miss Selina Moore's Residence the Scene of a Lively Combat---Unsuccessful Effort to Remove the Housekeeper.

A very lively fracas, happily of a kind not often seen in this city, took place at the Moore homestead on St. John street yesterday afternoon. It was in the nature of an attempted eviction and provided excitement, fun and sport for hundreds of people. The principal actors were Mr. William Sloat and wife, formerly of Crook's Point, Mrs. Charles Foster, Mrs. Robert Eatman (colored) Police-man Phillips and Wright, and several others who had no place in the regular cast. They all played their parts to perfection, and were frequently applauded and cheered by the spectators.

The show had not been advertised in the ordinary way but rumors had been afloat for some time that there was likely to be something doing in the vicinity of the Moore house, and people were on the watch for it. Miss Selina Moore, an aged maiden lady who owns the property, has been in delicate health for sometime, and has been under the care of Mrs. Charles Foster, a woman possessed of more than ordinary physical force and considerable determination. Now Mrs. Sloat is a niece of Miss Moore, and being hopeful of inheriting her property, she and her husband all along maintained a friendly interest in the welfare of their aunt. Some time ago they engaged Mrs. Foster to take care of her and placed her in charge of the house. Mrs. Foster is said to be an efficient housekeeper but is inclined to be extravagant, and for that reason she soon lost favor with the Sloats. They began to fear that unless a change was soon brought about their aunt's property would be dissipated, and they accordingly decided to cast Mrs. Foster from the premises, and take charge themselves.

They planned the attack for yesterday afternoon and it so happened that Mrs. Foster was absent from home when they arrived upon the scene. They had no difficulty in effecting an entrance, but when they started in to take charge Mrs. Eatman asserted her authority, and a sharp fight ensued. A number of windows were smashed during the melee, and there

was some hair pulling, and gnashing of teeth, and warm words were used. Mrs. Eatman temporarily vanquished her opponents, and taking up a position on a window sill began to harangue the crowd on woman's rights. She had just expressed her opinion of Mr. Sloat in very forcible language when he arrived on the scene and attempted to dislodge her by a rear attack. The movement failed in toto, and the colored lady rallying quickly from the jolt he gave her, seized a bed slat, or something which resembled one, and began to belabor him over the head and shoulders. With blood oozing from cuts in his hands he beat a hasty retreat from the room. Mrs. Eatman also showed the effects of the battle in a wounded hand.

In the meantime Mrs. Foster arrived upon the scene, and with the assistance of some gallant young men, managed to effect an entrance to the house by the window route. Police-man Phillips and Wright arrived upon the scene at about the same time, and at once decided to have a look in on the affair. They entered the house, and after hearing the views of the several belligerents, agreed to submit the case to Miss Moore, and be guided by her advice. On being asked if she wanted Sloat and his wife to remain or Mrs. Foster, she unhesitatingly decided in favor of the latter. The officers then asserted their authority and Mr. and Mrs. Sloat were compelled to move out. Mrs. Foster then appeared at the door with a triumphant look upon her face, and watched the policeman disperse the crowd.

It seems to be generally understood that the whole matter will be ventilated in the courts. Mr. and Mrs. Sloat, in seeking to remove Mrs. Foster, are said to have acted on legal advice. They hired her to care for their aunt, and claim that they should have the right to discharge her. Of course they do not claim any legal right to Miss Moore's property, but as next of kin they consider themselves responsible for her care. Mr. Robert Eatman has been busy today replacing the broken panes of glass and making other repairs made necessary by the fracas.

## TOM DAVIDD'S CASE.

Two Woodstock Physicians Give Testimony---The Line of Defence.

The preliminary examination of Tom Davidd, the Assyrian charged with murdering his wife was concluded at the police court Tuesday afternoon, and as already stated in these columns resulted in the accused being committed for trial at the January Circuit Court. The defence called no witnesses, and on being asked by His Honour if he had anything to say the prisoner through his counsel replied in the negative.

Dr. W. D. Rankine, of Woodstock, was called at the afternoon session and told about his professional attendance upon Mrs. Davidd at the Woodstock Hospital. He described

Mr. Barry objected to the question on the ground that it had no bearing on the case.

Mr. Hazen contended that if it could be shown that Nicholas had represented the woman to be his wife it would have a direct bearing on the case.

His Honour decided that the matter had no bearing on the case.

Mr. Hazen pointed out to His Honour that it was customary in preliminary examination to allow considerable latitude to counsel, the understanding being that if an error is committed it can be corrected by the higher court. He did not think



TOM DAVIDD.

The Assyrian Now in Jail Here Charg'd With Murdering his Wife.

the wound to the court and expressed the opinion that it had caused the woman's death. He also told of an operation and post mortem examination performed upon the woman at the hospital.

Dr. Nelson Grant, of Woodstock, corroborated the testimony of Dr. Rankine, and gave it as his opinion that death was caused by peritonitis, resulted from the bullet wound.

In cross-examining the witness Mr. Hazen wanted to know if he had not on a previous occasion been called to attend Mrs. Davidd.

The witness replied that a man named Nicholas had called him in to see her while they were at the Van-Wart house.

Mr. Hazen--When you were called to see this woman by Nicholas whom did you think you were going to see?

that there should be one rule for one case and one for another.

Mr. Barry--Even if it can be shown that this woman did leave her husband a number of times that would be no justification for killing her.

We are not going to introduce into this country such absurdities as we have been reading about in the United States' papers the last six months.

His Honour decided that he would allow the question subject to objection.

One question being repeated the witness replied that when he went to see the woman he was under the impression that it was the wife of Nicholas. He saw her at the Van-Wart house and was paid for his services by Nicholas.

This concluded the testimony and the prisoner was formally committed for trial.

## GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

In a Year Company has Spent \$7,000,000 in Rolling Stock.

MONTREAL, P. Q., July 24--(Special.)--The G. T. P. has during the past year spent almost seven million dollars for rolling stock. Of this sixty passenger coaches account for \$720,000, one hundred engines for \$1,500,000 and 5,200 freight cars for \$4,420,000.

With the delivery of a thousand cars which are fast approaching completion the G. T. P. hopes to be able to materially lessen the traffic congestion against which so much complaint has been made.

### GABINET MEETING.

Routine Business Only and Separation for Another Week.

Ottawa, July 24. (Special.)--A cabinet meeting is being held this afternoon, but there are only four ministers in the city. They are Laurier, Scott, Aylesworth, and Templeman.

After today's meeting which is for routine business, the ministers will separate for another week or two.

### THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, July 24--(Special.)--In a quiet stock market today, Dominion Iron was firm at 22 1/2, Montreal Power was fractionally easier at 95 1/2. Other transactions recorded were Toronto railway 102 and Mexican at 15.

## VICTORIA'S BIG FIRE.

Capital of British Columbia had a Disastrous Conflagration---Loss Quarter of a Million Dollars.

Victoria, B. C., July 24--(Special.)--One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Victoria, took place yesterday afternoon, when a strip of the city almost a mile in length was wiped out by fire.

Conflagration broke out in the middle of the afternoon in a blacksmith's shop on Shore street, on the water front, and a strong wind from the southwest carried the fire across the city.

Two whole blocks, bounded by Shore, Herald, Douglas and Chatham streets were wiped out.

Most of the buildings burned in this area were not of much value, but leaping back, the fire swept up the northern side of Herald street, be-

tween Douglas and Blanchard, burning all the residences on that side, and destroyed the Calvary Baptist Church and a number of dwellings opposite.

The fire then continued along Green and several adjoining streets, until stopped by open spaces, and by volunteer brigades, which tore down the buildings to stop the flames.

The fire was practically checked last night, but the loss will be a quarter of a million dollars.

The water pressure was lamentably low, and a strong wind and the dryness of materials together with the inflammable character of most of the buildings completed a set of conditions to fan the flames.

## PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Horse Killed by Locomotive While Standing Beside the Track.

MONCTON, N. B., July 24--(Special.)--It is no uncommon occurrence for horses to be killed while standing on a crossing of railway tracks, but it is rather a peculiar circumstance to have a horse killed by a train while standing beside the track.

This morning a team owned by Sherman Bleakney was being driven down Lewisville Hill. The driver of the team heard the train approaching and stopped his horse beside the track.

As the Truro freight rushed past, the animal's head, projecting over the rail, was struck by the locomotive and the horse was instantly killed, falling dead on the road.

### HAD TO COME DOWN.

Ottawa, July 24. (Special.)--The American flags which were shown here in the decorations for the summer carnival, have been ordered down.