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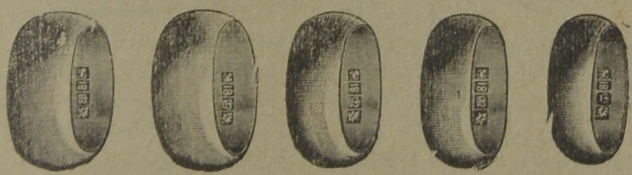
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FATALLY INJURED

Brave Young Nova Scotian in Effort to Save Comrade's Life Sacrificed His Own

(Special to Herald)

COBALT, Ont., Sept. 10.—Overcome by gas, Fred Pettit, of Nova Scotia, fell out of the bucket while ascending the Green Meehan shaft yesterday and fractured his skull so badly that his chances of recovery are slight.

Pettit, who had returned to the surface for some fuse, leaving his partner, Albert Morrison at work, heard the latter shouting for help and immediately went down.

It is believed he found Morrison overcome by the gas, and

unconscious, and the task of putting him into the bucket was too much for his strength, for he gave the signal to hoist as if he intended to come up for assistance.

About fifteen feet from the bottom of the shaft, he fell out of the bucket and his head came in contact with some loose rock.

When Pettit was raised to the surface it was found that the skull had been badly fractured. He was taken to New Liskeard hospital.

Pettit is about 26 years old, and not married. Morrison was found at the bottom of the shaft, unconscious, but quickly recovered.

FELL INTO WELL

Two Year Old Child Miraculously Escaped Death

(Special to Herald)

HESPELER, Ont., Sept. 10.—The two-year-old son of Edson of William Birkin fell head first into a 30-foot well at Frank McQuarrie's home last evening.

About half way down he struck a beam, which turned him over and he landed on his feet in about two feet of water.

Robert McQuarrie climbed down the side of the well and saved the little one.

Except that his head is badly cut and there is a gash over the left eye, the child is all right after his dreadful drop.

HIS THIRD TRIAL

Collins, the Alleged Murderer, Will Be Arraigned Again Next Tuesday

MONCTON, Sept. 10 (Special).—One hundred and twenty five men have been summoned from which to select twelve who will try Thomas F. Collins, the young Englishman charged with the murder of Mary Ann McAulay at New Ireland Albert County over a year ago.

The third trial opens next Tuesday at Hopewell Cape, with Judge Manning presiding. It is attracting much interest, particularly in Albert County.

Counsel for the defence will be the same as in the two previous trials, namely Hon. H. A. McKeown, of St. John, Solicitor General Jones will again conduct the case for the crown. So far as can be learned the cases, both for the defence and for the crown will be conducted largely along the same lines as in the two previous trials.

It is understood that Collins will again go on the stand in his own behalf, and the mystery surrounding the finding of the axe, with which murder is supposed to have been committed will again play an important part, it is understood, in the case for the defence.

A fund towards Collins' defence is being raised in Moncton at the present time, similar to one created by Hillsboro ladies some time ago.

THE HORSE RACES

Great Sport Will be Offered at the Park Next Week

The race meeting to be held at the driving park next week promises to be one of the most successful ever held in the Maritime Provinces. The total amount of the purses is \$2,500, the largest ever competed for at a race meeting in the province. The track has been put in excellent condition and some needed repairs have been made to the grand and judges stand, and ten new stalls have been added.

At a meeting of the directors last evening the program for the four days' meet was arranged as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 16TH.

2.15 trot and pace, purse \$300.

2.25 trot, purse \$300.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17TH.

2.24 trot and pace, purse \$300.

2.27 trot and pace, purse \$300.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18TH.

2.21 stake trot and pace, purse \$400.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH.

Free-for-all trot and pace, purse \$300.

2.35 class, trot and pace, purse \$300.

THOMAS SEWELL HOME

Young Man Who Was in Quebec Bridge Disaster Talks of His Experience

Mr. Thomas Sewell, the young man who was on the Quebec Bridge when it collapsed, arrived in the city yesterday en route to his former home at Lincoln to visit his mother, Mrs. William Sewell. He is none the worse for his terrible experience except for a slight injury to his thigh which was caused by coming in contact with a stick of timber while he was in the water.

It will be remembered that when the great bridge collapsed Mr. Sewell was working on a huge steel traveller on top of the structure fully 360 feet above the level of the river. He was putting a nut on a bolt when the disaster occurred, and with scarcely a moment's warning he found himself flying through space. The breath left his body long before he reached the water and he partly lost consciousness for the time being, but the cold bath quickly brought him two.

He thinks he must have shot at least thirty feet below the surface, but of course has no way of telling the exact distance. While he was making the ascent to the top of the water a heavy stick of timber bobbed up beneath him, and gave him a boost which facilitated his passage not a little. He naturally felt somewhat bewildered when he reached the surface, and while trying to collect his thoughts some men came along in a boat and picked him up.

There were seven men working on the traveller with Mr. Sewell, and only three of the party escaped without injury. He says that being so high in the air they were thrown clear of the general wreck and this gave them a chance for life.

Mr. Sewell's many friends are heartily congratulating him on his narrow escape from death. He intends remaining at home for a time but thinks he may go into bridge building work again.

THE STOCK MARKET

(Special to Herald.)

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 10—

The stock market today was quiet and price changes small.

The most prominent features were: Canadian Pacific 165½;

Dominion Textile 34; Mexican

Bonds 171½; Dominion Coal 48;

Montreal Street Railway 192;

Dominion Steel 22 to ¼; McKay

65.

MARRIED.

At Grand hotel, Fredericton, Sept. 9, by Rev J. H. MacDonald, Mr. Charles H. Stairs, of Southampton, to Miss Alice May Gates, of Dumfries.

Mr. H. J. Flemming of St. John is among the guests at the Queen.

Peggy—Now, will you listen to me while I tell you the plain truth, Reggy?

Reggy—I'm all ears Peggy.

Peggy—That's just what I was going to say—only I was going to put it differently.

Married men have been known to actually gloat over their condition.

THE HOSPITAL MUDDLE

All the Nurses Have Joined in the Revolt Against the Matron

CHARGES INVOLVING CULINARY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS—DR. ATHERTON GROWS MORE SPECIFIC

The enquiry into the internal management of the Victoria Hospital is developing into a rather sensational affair and it looks as if it would soon reach a climax. The nine nurses employed at the institution, including the male nurse, have come up strongly against the matron, Miss McCallum, and have intimated their intention of resigning unless the matron is removed.

The enquiry was resumed at eight o'clock last evening with Trustees Thompson, Bailey, Kitchen, Tennant, Allen, Randolph and Vanwart and Secretary Sampson in attendance. The members of the medical staff present were Drs. Atherton, Weaver and McGrath.

MR. KELLEY'S STATEMENT.

Mr. William Kelly, the male nurse, was first called and questioned in regard to statements he is alleged to have made to Dr. Atherton reflecting on Miss McCallum. He frankly admitted having told the doctor that if the matron had been at home on a certain day he (Atherton) would not have got two patients, which he was called to attend. Asked his reason for saying this he said he had arrived at that conclusion from what had come under his observation in the past. He knew that Miss McCallum always sent for Dr. Vanwart when she needed a physician.

Miss McCallum having requested that specific charges be made against her, the trustees permitted Dr. Atherton to ask her a number of questions. She declared that in the nine years she had been connected with the institution she only knew of two or three patients who did not know which physician they wanted.

THE MATRONS DENIAL.

The doctor wanted to know if it was not true that the matron had on one occasion refused to admit a patient of his to the institution on the ground that there was no room, but on the following day was able to admit one for Dr. Vanwart.

The matron's explanation of the matter was quite a lengthy one, and she sought to make it appear that there was no discrimination in the matter. A patient had left the institution after Dr. Atherton had made his application, and Dr. Vanwart's patient took his place. She also explained that she obtained the loan of a cot from Colwell and Jennings.

Asked if she did not tell a patient named O'Leary that Dr. Vanwart was great on appendicities, the matron admitted having had a conversation with him, and might have possibly have made the remark attributed to her. She stoutly denied having said that Dr. Vanwart's charges were not as great as Dr. Atherton's; in fact she did not know the prices of either physician.

Dr. Atherton stated that the matron had also praised Dr. Vanwart to Mr. A. K. Grimmer, while the latter was a patient at the institution. Several of the trustees thought that Mr. Grimmer might be willing to make a statement of the matter, but Dr. Atherton said that patients were averse to being mixed up in the matter. It was finally decided to ask Mr. Grimmer to attend at another session.

THE NURSES' STATEMENT.

Mr. Barry informed the meeting that several of the nurses had interviewed him during the day, and had requested permission to make a statement. They objected, however, to making it in the presence of Miss McCallum.

Miss McCallum consented to retire with the understanding that she be furnished with a copy of the statement to be made by the nurses.

The female nurses employed at the institution are Misses Hattie Brown, W. G. Arbuckle, Laura Jones, Helen Smith, Joanna Gilmore, M. E. Barry, Laura Slipp and Laura Bryenton.

As several of the number were on duty, one being ill, Misses Slipp and Smith were the only ones examined. A statement had previously been prepared, however, setting forth the views of the nurses, and was subscribed to by the whole eight. They intimated that they would all resign from the institution if the present matron is not removed.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The statement of the nurses among other things sets forth that the loss of the superintendent had meant more to them than people outside had any idea of. They expressed dissatisfaction with the housekeeping and general management, and intimated that

if Dr. Atherton left the institution it would be time lost for them to remain any longer.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the appointments of the nurses' table, the manner in which the food is served, the dishes used in serving, and the general appearance of the dining room and the maid who serves. They had no complaint to make with the food, but could not praise the cooking. In regard to the maid her appearance is not attractive and she is allowed to enter into conversation going on at the table. Complaint was also made that some of the dishes were similar to those used in the operating rooms, and have a tendency to disgust nurses sitting down to a meal. The appearance of the dining room is said to be unattractive, and some of the furniture is entirely out of date.

A NAUGHTY BOY.

Charlie Bagley, an English boy employed at the hospital is mentioned as a source of annoyance. He is said to be a deceitful, saucy bad boy, and is said to be too familiar in his manner towards the nurses, even going so far as to call them Smithie, Brownie etc. His language is said to be very profane outside of the hospital and anywhere outside of the matron's hearing. He neglects to sweep the corridors which is part of his duty, and is permitted to lie in bed morning's while the junior night nurse makes the kitchen fire.

It was further set forth that none of the nurses complained if extra work is given them, and they have never hitherto complained of the management, but now having decided on a course of action no amount of inducements would tempt them to alter their decision.

In conclusion the nurses regret that they are compelled to take action, but as things are moving now, they feel it is for the welfare of the hospital, as well as for their own interests.

A written statement from a nurse who was prevented from illness from being present was read to the meeting. She complained that the oil stoves were not in working order during part of July, and as the matron forbade a fire being kept in the kitchen stove, nurses on night duty were unable to provide themselves with a warm drink, and they were only given bread and butter for lunch. She claimed that the matron allowed the maid to lie in bed while the nurses carry their own breakfast to the table; also that a maid's word would be taken by the matron in preference to that of a nurse. Another charge made was that the cook was allowed to swear at the nurses, when they asked for such food as is required by the patients. The nurse also complained that the halls were not properly dusted, and frequently when carrying trays up stairs encountered a cloud of dust.

Personally the nurses said that they had nothing against Miss McCallum and she had never tried to influence them against Dr. Vanwart.

After hearing the statement of the nurses the trustees agreed to postpone the enquiry until Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, in order to give Miss McCallum a chance to be heard.

J. McD. OXLEY DEAD

Well Known Writer, Native of Halifax, Passed Away at Toronto

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—J. MacDonald Oxley, the well known author, died yesterday morning at his home on Sultan street. He had been in poor health for some time and had been seriously ill for about six weeks. He left a widow, two daughters and four sons.

The deceased was in his forty-second year. He was born in Halifax, in which city he resided till 1882. He then went to Ottawa to reside. Later on he removed to Montreal and in 1900 he came to Toronto, where he continued to reside till his death. He was a graduate of Dalhousie University, and also of Harvard University. The deceased had a wide reputation as an author of boy's stories and he contributed twenty-seven or twenty-eight books to literature. His boy's stories are well known.

Deceased was an uncle of Mr. Berensford Oxley, accountant in the Bank of B. N. A. of this city.)