

TRURO TRAGEDIES.

Morton McNutt Deliberately Planned

TO MURDER HIS WIFE.

And to End His Own Existence.

DETAILS OF THE CRIMES THAT SHOCKED THE COUNTRY.

The story of the triple tragedy at Truro, N.S., on Saturday is as follows: Two weeks ago Morton McNutt abused and beat his wife and his wife's sister on the street while drunk. A week previous because she remonstrated at his ill-conduct, he blackened her face with a blow. The wife took out a warrant and he was arrested after fighting with his wife's brother. McNutt's wife appeared against him, much against her will, it is said, and reluctantly told the story of the assault. This was before J. W. Johnston, J. P., and the magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 and costs or 60 days imprisonment. McNutt went to jail uttering threats. On Friday McNutt's mother, on the plea of wanting to send her boy to the States with a sister, paid his fine and had him released. He recommenced drinking and at eight o'clock he went into Walker's hardware store and purchased a revolver and cartridges. At half-past eight he was in his father's barn and emptied the six chambers at a target. His father heard the shots and remonstrated with him and then asked Jailor Richardson to come and take the revolver from him.

After leaving the barn McNutt went down to Waddell street and walked past his wife's residence several times. He was watched by a man named John Amey. Presently he went to the house door and knocked. He was admitted, and immediately six shots were heard. Then McNutt was seen to come from the house and to run toward home. Amey followed him, passing the wife's door, where she stood pale and staggering, holding a revolver in her hand and crying out "I am shot."

When Amey reached Ontram street near the Oxford House, McNutt was just going in. Here he met a sister of McNutt's wife and told her of the shooting. She started towards home but at this moment McNutt came out of the house again with a Winchester rifle. He was loading it. When he saw the woman he raised the gun but dropped the cartridge out of it. This he picked up but the woman had escaped round the corner. He was then seen to point the gun at his throat and fire, with the result as above.

Doctors called to the house of Mrs. Hamilton, who was McNutt's mother-in-law, found the two women suffering from bullet wounds. These wounds were dressed and the bullets all removed. The old lady's wrist was smashed by one ball.

The young woman had one wound which extended beneath the skin from a point behind the left shoulder round to about the centre of the breast. The bullet followed outside the ribs, but did not pierce the lung as previously reported. Another wound extended from the waist line at the side slightly below the skin down the fleshy part of the thigh. A third wound was caused by a bullet passing through the right hand, from the thumb to the left palm.

The Wife's Story.

Justice J. W. Johnson, George Hamilton, brother of Mary McNutt, W. A. Ferguson, barrister, and Police Officer John Waller were the only ones in attendance when Mrs. Mary McNutt gave her dying deposition and related the story of the crime. The scene greatly affected all. The unfortunate woman was in bed, and was visibly weak, and told her story with considerable effort. The story as told by her was exactly as related above. Speaking of McNutt's entrance into the house she said:

"Mr. McNutt came into the dining room. He grabbed me by the left arm and shot me. I called aloud for mother. McNutt did not utter a word. He grabbed me again by the arm. He fired four shots at me in all. Two bullets took effect in my side and the other in the hand. He fired them very fast. It was the third shot that took effect in the hand. I then ran into the front room as he came after me. He closed the door and put his back against it. He examined the revolver, and said there was nothing in it. I begged for mercy and said for pity sake don't load it again. He made no reply. He opened the door and left. I then fell. I did not know mother was shot until after."

The tragedy was undoubtedly premeditated by McNutt. When he called at the

store of J. Walker & Son, he asked to be shown several makes of revolvers, and he selected a 32 calibre five-shooter, and requested the firm to charge it to his father. He also purchased in the same way, a box of cartridges. After he had obtained the revolver he went to his home where his mother endeavored to get it from him. When his father went for Jailor Richardson, McNutt left for the Hamilton home, and committed the crime.

McNutt's Confession.

McNutt was not made prisoner after the shooting. He went to his room at the hotel. No officers were detailed to watch him. However, nothing was done to prevent the possibility of an escape or the spiriting away by friends. McNutt after the shooting told the following story: "Yes, I shot my wife. I planned to and hope she will die. I planned to kill her and destroy my own life. I hope my efforts will have the desired termination. I purchased the revolver at Walker's, and examined all before I selected one. I wanted to obtain a weapon that would discharge a bullet every time the trigger snapped. I wanted to make no mess of the job. I believed that my wife was not faithful to me. I was willing to make up with her on Friday, but she treated me with contempt. Friday night I decided to take her life and also my own. I studied the matter all over in bed and made plans accordingly. I had partly decided to go away. I came out of jail with that object in view. I intended to leave Nova Scotia, and begin life over again; but I changed my mind and came to the conclusion to kill my wife and myself. I regret that death was not instantaneous in both instances. I tried hard to make it so."

Dr. McKay reports Mrs. McNutt some better. He has succeeded in getting portions of her clothing out of the wounds, which were carried there by the bullets. McNutt takes considerable nourishment rests fairly well and may recover. Insinuation about his wife's fidelity is not given much credence at Truro. In fact it is generally believed, especially by those who know of the facts, that the woman was passionately fond of him, notwithstanding his ill-usage of her. When he was arrested for assaulting her and blackening her eye, it was only when threatened with arrest that she appeared against him, and even after he was sentenced and sent to jail for 60 days, in default of a ten dollar fine, she tried to get the money in order to pay the fine and secure his release. It is also known that she visited him during his confinement in jail.

NASHWAAK VILLAGE.

(Special correspondence to the Herald.)
Sept. 30.

Mrs. B. A. Brewer and her little daughter Alva, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C. McNeill.

Mrs. Dawson Cosman of St. John, who has been the guest of Mrs. Chris Manzer, has gone home.

Mrs. James Perkins starts for Bangor tomorrow, where she will make her home for some time.

B. E. Goodspeed, who has been ill with scarlet fever, is convalescent.

Alfred Brown was taken to the Victoria Hospital today, the ambulance came up for him. He is very ill with the fever.

Miss Bessie McNeill, who has been spending a few weeks at her home, returned to Fredericton on Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Clayton and Mr. Wesley Manzer spent a few days with friends at Boiestown, last week.

Mrs. Herbert Gunter who has been spending a few weeks with friends at Bartt's Corner, returned home today.

Mrs. Benjamin Gunter of Boiestown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Gunter.

Mrs. J. B. Holt of Boiestown, is the guest of her daughter Mrs. D. M. Richards.

Mrs. Harold Gregory, of Marysville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. McNeill, who is still quite ill.

MADE A BIG SCOOP.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Toronto, Oct. 1.—The World says that McDougall who had charge of succession, duties and who was suspended is short \$40,000 in his accounts.

DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

London, Oct. 1.—The divorce decree granted March 21 to Lord Francis Hope against May Yohe, was made absolute this morning.

HE WOULD BE POPULAR.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—An English gentleman, who is on a visit to Ottawa, states that in England recently he heard the name of Lord Milner mentioned as likely to be appointed Governor-General when the Earl of Minto's term expires. No corroboration of the report can be obtained in official circles here.

SPECIAL STUDY.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—It has been decided that the ten teachers selected for Macdonald rural schools, shall take a short course at the University of Chicago, and Prof. Robertson has arranged to meet them in that city on October 6th and see the course inaugurated. Prof. Coulter, head of the department of botany at Chicago University, has promised to give the Canadian teachers special attention, and to adapt the whole course of laboratory work for the special purpose they have in view. After New Years the teachers are to take a special course at Cornell, where the authorities have also arranged for a special course in laboratory work as well as special lectures. [The New Brunswick teachers selected are Prof. Brittain and D. W. Hamilton.]

SHUT DEVERY OUT.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Saratoga, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The committee of the Democratic convention appointed to deal with contested seats for the ninth district of New York, have decided not to let either Davery, ex-chief police of New York, or Goodwin, his opponent who was defeated, take seats.

STILL IN SESSION.

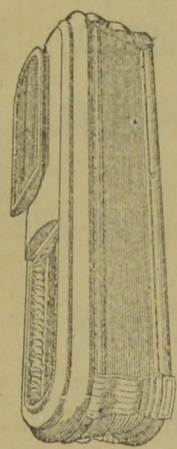
(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Washington, Oct. 1.—The President, Sec'y Root, Sec'y Moody, Attorney General and Sec'y Payne resumed their conference on the coal strike today.

Bigger Than the Sun.

A minute parallax of about one-sixtieth of a second of arc found for Arcturus by Dr. Elkin gives a most astounding result. This small parallax implies a distance from the earth equal to about 12,000,000 times the sun's distance. This vast distance would produce a diminution of light of about 35% magnitudes, so that the sun placed at the distance of Arcturus would be reduced to a star of only 9% magnitude! It would not be visible with an opera glass! Arcturus is therefore in round numbers 9½ magnitudes, or over 6,000 times brighter than the sun would be at the same distance. Assuming the same density and brightness of surface as the sun, the diameter of Arcturus would therefore be about seventy-nine times the sun's diameter, or over 68,000,000 miles, and its mass about 500,000 times the mass of the sun—figures well calculated to "stagger the imagination."—Gentleman's Magazine.

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Plans and specification can be seen and form of tender obtained at this Department and on application to the Postmaster at Richibucto.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

FRED GELINAS,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 24th Sept., 1902.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

NOTE.—The plans and specifications for Richibucto Post Office may be seen on application to B. H. Foley, Postmaster, Buctouche, N. B., in addition to the places mentioned in the first advertisement. Forms of tender may also be procured at Mr. Foley's office.

Sept. 30—d31



Brown Leather Hand Bags...

After the Boston style, strong and durable 60c. Japanese Cushion Tops, 30c. Children's Navy Serge Dresses, Red Braid Trimming, sailor collar, 4 to 8 years, \$2.85. Children's Brown Serge Dresses, velvet yoke and cuffs, cream applique trimming, 4 to 8 years.

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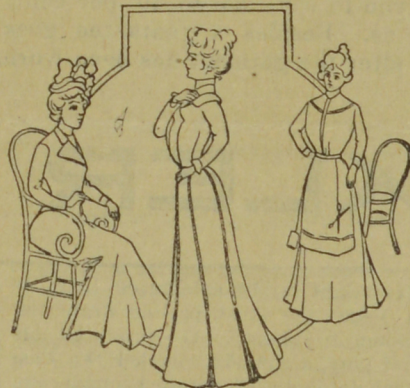
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Payments to policy holders \$33,710,003.58. Deposit at Ottawa nearly \$1,000,000.00. The following comparative statements show the marked progress made by the company in all departments during the last eight years:

	Assets.	Surplus.
1893	\$6,453,309.56	\$229,292.86
1894	6,597,336.30	359,783.12
1895	6,797,391.05	435,113.55
1896	7,039,323.43	507,348.19
1897	7,236,555.75	548,321.09
1898	7,544,227.02	574,224.75
1899	7,991,042.63	576,807.50
1900	8,482,038.00	586,040.24
1901	9,013,082.63	607,932.00
	Premium Income.	Total Income.
1893	\$ 964,201.08	\$1,261,930.51
1894	989,552.73	1,296,145.86
1895	1,040,240.77	1,353,713.38
1896	1,107,779.43	1,421,686.70
1897	1,182,965.15	1,525,630.16
1898	1,278,649.29	1,665,430.85
1899	1,444,862.27	1,833,919.16
1900	1,575,176.25	1,959,882.01
1901	1,735,036.06	2,105,141.94
	Notices of Death.	Amount of Insurance in Force.
1893	\$456,000	\$35,914,417
1894	452,628	36,312,041
1895	498,969	36,932,148
1896	418,436	38,086,849
1897	604,811	39,943,575
1898	571,316	42,222,364
1899	600,206	46,054,820
1900	594,110	50,191,853
1901	685,472	52,945,044

From the foregoing tables it will be observed that more than two and one-half million dollars have been added to the Assets during the period outlined, that the Premium Income has increased seven hundred seventy thousand dollars, that the surplus to policy holders has increased nearly three-fold and that over seventeen million dollars more insurance is now in force than at the beginning of the term designated.

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Manager, St. John, N. B.