

PAID THE PENALTY.

Sackville Man Electro-
cuted at Charles-
town, Mass.

FOR THE MURDER OF HIS EM-
PLOYER TWO YEARS AGO.

John C. Best Met His Fate
Calmly.

SKETCH OF HIS CRIME.

Boston, Sept. 9.—John C. Best, formerly of Sackville, New Brunswick, was put to death by electricity this morning at Charlestown state prison at 12.22 o'clock, paying the supreme penalty of the law for the murder of George E. Bailey, of Sangus, on Oct. 8, 1900.

He walked to the chair unassisted, and sat down composedly, assisted the guards even in confining his hands and legs, and awaited the shock in perfect composure. He had no word to say at the end, uttered no groan, and was pronounced dead at 12.27 a. m.

The prisoner made no formal confession that is yet extant. The Rev. Mr. Mellish, however, has a long letter to his relatives, the contents of which he was not at liberty to divulge in anticipation of its delivery.

The venerable clergyman added, however, that he believed Best died a good Christian. He was courageous to the last, spoke cheerfully and hopefully of his future, hoped to be forgiven for any wrongs he had done, and appeared to be as well prepared for death as a man could be.

The crime for which Best was executed occurred at Break Heart Hill farm, in North Sangus, a few miles from Lynn, and about ten miles from Boston. In the spring of 1900, George E. Bailey of Maine was foreman on the farm, an extensive property owned by a syndicate of Boston and Lynn men. The house keeper was a Maine young woman named Susie Young, who, although not married to Bailey, was to all intents and purposes his wife. During the winter John C. Best, who had been engaged as a shoemaker in Lynn, went to work at Break Heart Hill as a farm hand. He was born and brought up in Middle Sackville, being the son of Thomas Best, a respected resident of that place. While in Lynn, John became addicted to the frequent use of intoxicants and was in the habit of indulging in protracted eprees, which at times seemed to deprive him of reason. This was more noticeable after he went to the farm. He and Bailey did not get along well together, and in a short time became such bad friends that they were hardly on speaking terms.

One day in the spring of 1900 Bailey disappeared. It was supposed for a time that he had gone to Maine and no one worried over his absence. Finally it became known that he never reached his home in Maine. The young girl had gone to her home in that state some time before Bailey's disappearance. The owners of the farm at last notified the police that Bailey had left for parts unknown, but even then there was little to lead to the suspicion that he had been dealt with foully.

Several weeks after this a citizen of Sangus in passing over Floating Bridge, a little used structure over a pond in North Sangus, a portion of a man's leg in a sack was found in the water, caught in a clump of bushes. A closer inspection developed that another leg had been sunk near the spot. The police were notified, and when the pond was dragged half a dozen portions of a dismembered body in sacks were brought to the surface. The remains proved to be those of the missing Bailey. Suspicion was directed against Best and his arrest followed.

The autopsy showed that the man had been shot, the murderer afterwards cutting up the body with an axe, enclosing the parts in sacks and driving them to Floating Bridge Pond, 1½ miles distant. While in jail Best informed his brother-in-law, a man named Stiles, that Bailey's watch and money were hidden in the barn. Stiles informed the authorities and this evidence convicted Best at the trial.

It is the general theory that Best became incensed at Bailey while the former was crazed with liquor and shot him from the cover of the barn. Before the body was dismembered, the watch and money were taken from it.

"I wish to say to the congregation," said the minister, "that the pulpit is not responsible for the error of the printer on the tickets for the concert in the Sunday

School room. The concert is for the benefit of the Arch Fund, not the Arch Fiend."

THE D. AND D. ENQUIRY.

Mr. Powers Still on the Witness Stand.

The examination of Mr. Powers was resumed at the Deaf and Dumb School enquiry this morning. He said:

"Older boys had all certain work to do. Kept a few boys busy at certain hours. Know instances where the boys have been taken out of school during school at times in the spring.

To Com. Barry—Did not know if this work was done with permission of parents and guardians. Did not know if parents knew the boys worked. They could have written home the fact. The girls did general housework as sweeping, dusting, making beds etc., and the more advanced mending, darning, etc. The pupils had plenty of time for amusement. Children appeared happy in school. In many instances they came back willingly. There was some who came back unwillingly. Various causes for this. Never told the children not to speak at home of their treatment at school.

Do not know they were cautioned in this direction. The school hours were kept with regularity at the institution. Alice Archibald was not so rugged and robust as the other girls. She was a slight tall girl. She had not the vitality of the other girls. She was in bed for three weeks in April before he left for North Shore. Heard of her death at Campbellton. She died in May. She was nursed at time he left home.

Cross examined—Was 15 years old when came to country 1883. Had no experience as a teacher. Just left school few months. Came specially to the school. Had some association with a deaf servant when 11 years of age. Never previously connected with deaf and dumb school. Was not familiar with the signs when first came to this country. considered myself competent to teach. Mr. Woodbridge and self were the teaching staff. Heard Mr. Woodbridge state a Miss Smith assisted him before his arrival. Did some collecting during the 3½ years was teacher. There were 22 pupils in the institution in year 1887, according to the report. Went to England May 1887 to July 1888, while teaching for 3½ years. Think Mr. Barnaby assisted them. Cannot say that he taught during that period. From July 1888 did not cease to be a teacher. Went to the collector gradually. Supplied Mr. Woodbridge's place as a teacher at certain periods. Since 1891 devoted chiefly to collecting. As collector spent fall, spring and winter at the institution. Spent some of the time assisting Mr. Woodbridge in clerical work. Did not know Mr. Woodbridge was not proficient in book-keeping. He did not keep a cash book. He charged up against the institution all his travelling expenses. All the accounts and books Mr. Woodbridge had were those produced. Kept the expenses of trip sometimes in note book and some times on sheets of paper. Would put these in the fire after returned. Do not know if any of the memoranda for 1891 exists. Have not seen them since investigation began. Cannot give the items for any one year. Cannot give the gross expenditure for any year. Would only guess. Could not give it within \$100. Have made up no statement to show how to make up the difference between the acknowledged subscriptions and those credited in the balance sheet. Cannot remember for any year what expenses would be for any one year. Was on salary first year here. The salary was \$100. Got an increase as teacher to \$150, and that was the salary when he went to England in 1887. Got a salary as collector of \$200. Salary last year was \$350, and did not include expenses. Spent six weeks collecting in St. John and paid about \$6. Spent three weeks getting pupils. Last year spent this time. Got Roy from Gloucester, McKay from Chatham, McFarlane from Kings Co., Leaman from Albert, and McCall from Westmorland. Took three weeks of time to get these. Had no other occupation while in St. John but collecting. While in St. John sold some rings as an occupation while collecting. Attended drawing school while in St. John. Quebec was first taken by Mr. Woodbridge and Barnaby. Have collected every year in those provinces since commenced. Mr. Neville is collecting in Ontario. Rivers du Loup list of subscribers list only two marked paid. Believe that all but one paid. Made up a list of unpaid subscribers from memory for Mr. Woodbridge. Cannot state what amount of subs. unpaid in Quebec this year, nor in Fredericton. Subscriptions in St. John nearly \$590. Only \$4.00 uncollected, and including goods \$10.50. This compares quite favorably with other years. The principal discrepancy is on the North Shore. The collections amount to about \$300. The unpaid amounts and subscriptions paid for board \$6.50. Did not send Mr. Woodbridge statement of expenses from place to place on trip. Never

gave Mr. Woodbridge statement of expenses and he never asked for one. Have no statement to present to the auditor. Have not seen the last year's unpaid subscribers list since last winter.

Mr. Woodbridge entered the returns in a cash book. Cannot say it is a regular cash book. Regarded that the institution was a private one. Thought that accounting to the public not necessary. All the information necessary is in the report. Positive that Howard Woodbridge was teacher two weeks.

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Boys' White Canvas Laced Boots, former price \$1.35, reduced to \$1.00

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