

Execution of Dr. Lamson.

LONDON, April 28.—Dr. Lamson was hanged this morning for the murder of Percy John. The execution took place in the jail at Fandsworth. Only three reporters were present. The procession entered the yard of the prison at 8.55 o'clock, when the prison bell was tolling the death knell. The Chaplain headed the procession, which was followed by two officials with wands. The prisoner, who until the time of starting was calm and composed, looked awfully pale and dejected, and was very nervous; he was supported by warders on either side and was with difficulty able to descend the steps to the yard. He was met by Marwood, the executioner, at the foot of the steps. The prisoner was bareheaded; the operation of pinioning him seemed interminable; he submitted without a word and hardly seemed to appreciate what was going on. The steps were about sixty yards from the gallows. Lamson was supported with difficulty from this point to the scaffold. He waved backwards and forwards and stared wildly around him when placed under the noose. The Chaplain, who appeared much affected, then began to read a portion of the burial service; Lamson meanwhile, supported by two gaolers, had his legs strapped. Just before the cap was adjusted he cast down his eyes with a look of extreme despair. When the drop fell death was instantaneous; the drop was nine feet. The Chaplain remained by the gallows repeating the Lord's prayer. The body remained hanging for an hour. The usual formal inquest was held this afternoon.

At the inquest on the body of Lamson, the surgeon testified that the neck was not dislocated and the fearures were a placid expression; with the exception of a slight red mark around the neck there was nothing to indicate a violent death.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE.—It would seem from the comments of some of the newspapers that to even dream of the political independence of Canada is as bad as to steal a horse or to set fire to a barn. They scour through people's speeches and drag out a sentence here and there, which, disconnected from the context, is made the excuse for charging the speaker with being in favor of Canadian independence, and then they shriek about "the cloven hoof." What utter nonsense this is! Is patriotism to become a lost virtue in the breasts of our people? Loyalty to a distant country is all very well; but is there to be no patriotism to our own? Everybody concedes that a separation of the colony from the motherland is inevitable at no distant day, and yet those who express a wish for independence are denounced as if they were enemies to the flag. The day has gone by for making political capital by shrieking out traitor at those who are striving to help Canada to take her place among the nations.—*Toronto Telegram.*

A resident of Southwold tells the following as a true fact: He had a choice hen setting on nineteen eggs. One morning on paying the hen a visit, he found that she had left the nest, and he soon perceived that a large snake had curled itself within the nest. Upon seeing this the gentleman stepped back, gathered a stick, and killed the snake. On cutting off the head of the snake he took it by the tail, shaking it over the nest, the nineteen eggs dropped back into the nest. The eggs being left in the nest, the hen returned to her seat, and in due time she had hatched eighteen little chickens, said by those who have seen them, to be rare curiosities. This peculiarity is noticed in the little chickens as being afraid of every stick they see, running back from a stick in the greatest terror, uttering a cry of peve. Why this fear? Does a stick resemble a snake? These little things are a study for naturalists, and so sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.—*St. Thomas Times.*

HOME RULE.—Truth says:—For my part, I know no more reason why we English should claim for the right to make land laws for Ireland than for Canada or New Zealand. We have a great difficulty in grasping a new idea. Because we have made laws—and for centuries execrable laws—for Ireland, therefore it is monstrous, in the estimation of many, to allow its inhabitants to legislate for themselves in local matters, such as the tenure of the land. And yet I venture to say that within twenty years it will be thought monstrous that we should ever have denied the Irish so self evident a right. It is said that the Irish would make bad laws. That is their affair. The laws of Canada or of New Zealand may be, in our opinion, bad; but our opinion in regard to them is not asked, nor can we pretend to set ourselves up as judges of them.

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