

HEENAN DRIVEN BY DESPERATION TO END HIS LIFE

More Facts Came Out at Inquest Into the Suicide

Had Transferred His \$2,000 Insurance And Loan Company Book—President of City Cornet Band Had Offered \$200—The Sale of Carbolite

"We the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Henry F. Heenan find that he came to his death in the General Public Hospital, of this city, on the 9th day of December, 1909, by drinking carbolite acid, administered by his own hand, he being driven to desperation by his impending fate of criminal prosecution."

The above is the text of the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury last night upon the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Henry F. Heenan, late book-keeper and cashier of the local branch of the Dominion Fire Insurance Company.

The evidence last night showed how desperately Heenan had tried to make restitution for any wrong he had done; how he offered to make many sacrifices if only he could escape criminal prosecution. It showed that President Connolly, of the City Cornet Band, was ready at a minute's notice to put up a large sum of money to aid Heenan and that Mr. Connolly went to the hotel to entreat Mr. Massey to be lenient in his dealings with deceased.

When the court opened at 7 p. m. there was a large crowd of spectators on hand, no doubt expecting some startling revelations to be made in view of what had been stated at Saturday's proceedings.

After all the evidence had been given, the coroner briefly reviewed the case to the jury and in concluding told them that they would have to consider three things before they could arrive at a proper verdict. First, "Was the man of sound mind when he committed the rash act; second, Was there a case of moral weakness on his part; third, Was he driven to desperation by the glues and slurs of his employers and bondsmen?"

The jury retired at 10 o'clock and after being out about fifteen minutes returned and announced their verdict.

Frank E. Porter was the first witness. He said he was a druggist doing business in the city of St. John, and stated that his store is located at the corner of Union and St. Patrick streets. He had known the deceased, H. F. Heenan, for two or three months, deceased being a regular customer at the store. "He came into my store," said witness, "on Thursday last about 4 o'clock. I knew him at that time to be Harry F. Heenan. He asked me for 10 cents worth of carbolite acid."

The coroner here requested Mr. Porter to stand aside for the time being.

James Connolly, president of the City Cornet Band, then took the stand. He said he had known the deceased for about seven years. He always considered Heenan to be a highly respectable citizen of good moral habits.

The coroner—Did you know of the deceased taking liquor to any excess?

Witness—No, Sir, I only knew him to take a sociable glass.

Continuing, witness said: "About 12 o'clock on last Thursday I was driving in to the brewery yard and I saw Mr. Arnold and Mr. Heenan standing there. I went and spoke with them. Mr. Arnold asked me if the statement that the City Cornet Band were prepared to put up \$200 in ten minutes, was correct. I said it was. I said I could do it in five minutes. Immediately after I made the statement Mr. Heenan said 'Jim, don't put up any money unless I am guaranteed that I am not to be prosecuted.' I then heard Mr. Arnold say 'we will do to dinner before we see the other persons.'"

The coroner—"Who did you presume were the other persons?"

Witness—"I presumed that it was Fr. Borman."

"I told Mr. Arnold just before leaving him that he could take my word that there could be no question of the \$200 being paid."

The coroner—"From Tuesday until Thursday did you have more than one interview with Mr. Heenan?"

Witness—"Yes, I saw him on Wednesday night. He spoke of his financial difficulties."

"Heenan told me on this occasion that he was to go on Wednesday morning to Mr. Arnold's office. He gave me to understand then that he thought he was going to be prosecuted."

"On Sunday week ago he told me that he thought he was short some money like \$1,350. The first I knew of Mr. Heenan's shortage was on Saturday a week ago. Mr. Arnold, of the Dominion Fire Insurance Company, came and told me about it. On Saturday afternoon I went to the Royal Hotel and had a conference with Mr. Renwick and Mr. Massey. I offered those gentlemen \$200, and also entreated them to have some consideration for Heenan and his family. Mr. Massey told me that he thought I was a little bit too sympathetic, for in his opinion he thought Heenan deserved Rochester. I asked both Mr. Massey and Mr. Renwick if anything could be done to prevent a public scandal. I suggested seeing Mr. Heenan. Mr. Renwick then told me not to bother seeing Heenan for he was contemplating suicide. Massey made light of Renwick's remark."

"On Wednesday night Mr. Arnold came to see me and we had another conversation about Heenan's financial difficulties. Mr. Heenan told me on one occasion that he had given a bill of sale on his furniture and had also handed over his two life insurance policies amounting to \$2,000."

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Work has been completed on the most colossal piece of spiral tunnelling work that has ever been attempted in Canada in the finishing of the two famous spiral tunnels on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Field and Hector, which will add several miles to the length of the track, together with over a mile of tunnelling and a couple of bridges, but will so cut the "Big Hill" grade as to more than double the tractive power of the locomotives. While the work meant the excavation of nearly three-quarters of a million of cubic yards of virgin rock, the employment of a thousand men for nearly two years, the boring of about a mile and a half of tunnels through mountains ten thousand feet high, and the building of two bridges over the Kicking Horse River, it is estimated that it will prove a splendid investment for the Canadian Pacific Railway, as it will reduce this big grade

from 4.5 to a maximum of 2.2. This will mean that the biggest obstacle to the then four engines have hitherto been able to do at much less expense to the company and with an almost complete running of trains over the Rocky Mountains has been removed, and that in future on this section of the line two engines will be able to do much more work

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were tunnelled under mountains of ten thousand feet or more. While it increases the length of the line by four and a quarter miles, at a cost of about \$1,500,000, it will mean the reduction of the grade from 4.5 to 2.2, at the worst point, while the general grade will be less than 2 per cent.

The result of this will be that where on the old track with its big grade it took four engines to handle a train, now only two engines will be needed. And where the four engines used to be able to make only four or five miles an hour the two engines on the new line will be able to make twenty-five. In this way the cost of operating a train over this difficult piece of line will be cut to about one-third of present cost, with an improvement in the time of running, while the element of danger, inseparable from high grades, has been practically eliminated.

These factors which have induced the Canadian Pacific Railway to go to such tremendous expense to cut out the famous "Big Hill" grade."

When replies are received to these it is expected that a meeting of all the shareholders will be called, and a man may possibly be sent from here to the scene to report on the condition of affairs.

An interesting point in connection with the method of floating the company was that when the stock was first offered, Hamann, who appears to have been a regular dictator, would not allow any but members of the Holiness Movement to subscribe. Later, when he could not sell more to them, he admitted "any Christians." Then, when the supply of "Christian" purchasers ran low, he took in any one who offered or who could be induced. Bishop Horner and the conference took a strong stand against the whole scheme when the first irregularities made their appearance.

MORNING LOCALS

Wm. Patterson, an employee of the St. John Street Railway, was badly shaken up last night by a fall from a ladder at the car sheds.

At a meeting of the general committee of the St. Andrew's Society last night, the treasurer reported that the proceeds from the Scottish Night showed 387 paid admissions, amounting to \$280.30. The expenses were \$312.06, leaving \$88.44 as a surplus. Of this the St. Andrew's Boys and the St. Stephen's Boys' Brigade will receive \$10 each and the balance will go to the society.

The members of the F. M. A. held an enjoyable smoking concert, which was attended by a large number of members, in their rooms in St. Malchi's Hall, last night. Several new members were initiated. An excellent programme of vocal, musical and literary selections was successfully carried out. This evening a team from the society will meet, once, with St. Peter's in a game of basketball.

It looks as though the matter of the David Craig lease was not yet settled. At a meeting of the sub-committee of the council yesterday, A. A. Wilson, on behalf of the company, said that they wanted to export lime rock in its raw state, but the city is not likely to grant this. The matter will be dealt with at the next meeting of the council.

John McCarthy, who has served for twenty-one years in the imperial army, was taken to the Municipal Home yesterday, though he complained bitterly of having to become a public charge after fighting for his country for so long a time. He receives a pension of nineteen cents a day, but at the advanced age of seventy-three years, that sum is not of much value to his sustenance.

A runaway yesterday afternoon on King street came near injuring two young boys, who were in the way of the frightened horse, the property of Louis Green. The lads were pulled aside by a man before the horse touched them.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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PROF. SHORT AT WOMAN'S CANADIAN CLUB

A large audience yesterday afternoon heard Prof. Adam Short in Keith's Assembly Hall speak before the Women's Canadian Club on the merits of the American and Canadian forms of Government. Mrs. E. A. Smith, first vice-president, presided. The speaker said that it should be universally recognized that the Canadian form of government was the better. At the conclusion a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer.

Short addresses were also made by C. B. Allen, president of the Canadian Club; Premier Hazen, Senator Ellis and Mayor Bullock.

The club now has 223 members. It has been decided to affiliate with the Women's Council.

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