BABE AND OLD MAN VICTIMS OF INSANE JEALOUSY.

Discarded Lover at L'Etang Fired at Woman and Hit Her Son---Shot Another Man by Mistake---He Was Arrested.

The peaceful village of St. George was greatly disturbed yesterday morning when it became generally known that an attempt at murder had been made at L'Etang, about three and a half miles from that place, sometime about midnight on Saturday. As a result the four-year-old son of Mrs. Jas. Gardiner is lying at death's door with a bullet through his arm, Daniel Holland, Mrs. Gardiner's step-father, is suffering with a nasty wound in the face, and William Henry Mason of Lubec, Me., the would-be murderer, is confined in the lock-up at St. George awaiting a hearing, which will probably come on this morning.

The story is an interesting one. About five years ago Mary Holland, then a pretty girl of nineteen, who had been adopted by Daniel Holland's second wife, fell in love with and married James Gardiner of St. George, better known among the boys as "Limber Jim."

Their happiness was of short duration, however, and after a week they separated. Some time afterwards Mrs. Gardiner gave birth to a boy. Since then she has been working at different times in the sardine factories at Lubec, Me., and it was there she met William Henry Mason, a good looking young lad about the age of Mrs. Gardiner. Cupid took a hand in the affair and it was not long before the two were devoted lovers.

On the 19th of December, so it is alleged by Mason, although he says he knew nothing of the matter until a day or two ago, Mrs. Gardiner married a Lubec man named Angus Cook, whom she had known but a short time. After the factory closed down, the young woman left the Maine town and for a time wrote letters to Mason—according to the St. George officials of the law, who happened to see one or two on the prisoner, "pretty soft."

In these letters she was always telling him that if he could secure for her a divorce from Gardiner she would marry him, and it was to this end Mason was working.

As soon as Mason heard about Mary's marriage with Cook he thought his best plan was to go to the lady at once and demand an explanation. He, accordingly, arrived in St. Andrews on the steamer Viking early Saturday evening and at once set out for L'Etang. He got to Dan Holland's house about nine o'clock and knocked on the door, but as soon as Mrs. Gardiner discovered who it was she refused to let him in. He entered, however, and found Cook in the room. The latter told him to go out or he would throw him out.

Mason said, "I don't want to have anything to do with you," and left the room. He drove out to the main road, a mile and a half away, where he left his horse and walked back to the Holland house. He stayed around for a few minutes and went away a second time, but his anger got the better of his and he again returned, and not stopping to knock, walked into the room, where he found Mrs. Gardiner sitting in a chair with her four year old boy on her lap.

Angus Cook had disappeared.

Mason drew a 32 calibre revolver and opened fire. One bullet passed through Mrs. Gardiner's hair, the second struck the boy in the fleshy part of the arm and passed right through it. The bullet was later discovered in the boy's lap.

Mrs. Gardiner fled in terror from the room, just as Dan Holland entered to see what the matter was.

Mistaking Holland for Cook, Mason fired two shots at him. One struck on the side of the face and lodged in the neck, the other cut a long gash in the chords of the neck.

In the meantime Neil Holland, son of Dan Holland, who was sleeping upstairs, heard the shots, and jumping out of the window, took a horse and drove to Marshal J. Chipman McAdam's house in St. George. The officer returned with him and arrested Mason with little difficulty.

Dr. Taylor of St. George, who had been summoned, found the child in a very serious condition, but it was stated yesterday that he had some hopes of its recovery. He succeeded in getting out the bullet from the neck of Dan Holland, whose injuries, while painful, are not dangerous. Both patients bled very freely.

William H. Mason, the prisoner, is said to be an exceptionally good looking man and seems rather quiet and reserved when talking about any matter except his love affairs. On this point he appears more or less insane.

A Sun correspondent interviewed the prisoner in his cell yesterday. The latter said: "I didn't intend to shoot Dan Holland. I made a mistake and thought he was Cook. I am very sorry that the bullet struck the boy. I wanted it to kill Mrs. Gardiner. It was my intention to kill her and then kill myself. She has not used me square."

The cartridges used were rim fire, and this probably accounts for the fact that more serious results did not follow, the revolver not being accurate.

Mason when arrested had on his person a number of letters written by Mrs. Gardiner, with whom the man Cook is said to have been living for some time.

Dan Holland's house, which is about a quarter of a mile from any other, presents a sorry appearance, many of the windows having been broken during the fracas.

The prisoner after the hearing will probably be taken to the jail in St. Andrews.

COUNTRY MARKET.

Wholesale.			
Turnips, per bbl	0 00	"	0 75
Beef, western	0 07	"	0 08
Beef, butchers', carcass	0 04	"	0 06
Beef, country, per lb	0 02	"	0 05
Lamb, per lb	0 07	"	0 09
Mutton, per lb	0 07	"	0 08
Veal, per lb	0 06	"	0 08
Pork	0 09	"	0 09½
Ham, per lb	0 14	"	0 16
Roll butter, per lb	0 22	"	0 25
Tub butter, per lb	0 20	"	0 24
Eggs, case, per doz	0 22	"	0 25
Turkey, per lb	0 18	"	0 20
Fowl, per pair	0 75	"	1 00
Potatoes, per bbl	1 35	"	1 50
Hides, per lb	0 09½	"	0 00
Calf hides, per lb	0 00	"	0 14
Lambskins, each	1 20	"	1 40
Cabbage, per doz	0 40	"	0 80
Mackerel	0 13	"	0 15
Codfish, large dry	4 90	"	5 00
Medium	4 85	"	4 90
Cod, small	3 75	"	3 85
Finnan haddies	0 05	"	0 05½
Gd. Man. herring, hf. b.	2 35	"	2 50
Bay herring, hf. bbls	2 25	"	2 50
Cod, fresh	0 02½	"	0 02½
Pollock	0 00	"	3 00
Smoked herring	0 09	"	0 10
Shelburne herring, pr bl	5 25	"	5 50
Halibut, fresh, per lb	0 11	"	0 12
Carrots, per bbl	1 00	"	1 50
Beets, per bbl	1 25	"	1 50
Celery	0 75	"	1 00
Squash	0 02	"	0 00
Chickens, per pr	0 60	"	1 00
Retail.			
Beef, corned, per lb	0 09	"	0 10
Pork, fresh per lb	0 10	"	0 14
Pork, salt, per lb	0 10	"	0 12
Ham, per lb	0 18	"	0 20
Bacon, per lb	0 16	"	0 18
Tripe, per lb	0 10	"	0 00
Butter, dairy, rolls	0 28	"	0 28
Butter, tubs	0 20	"	0 25
Lard, per lb	0 12	"	0 16
Eggs, per doz	0 25	"	0 30
Onions, per lb	0 05	"	0 00
Beets, per peck	0 30	"	0 00
Carrots, per peck	0 30	"	0 00
Cabbage, each	0 06	"	0 15
Turnips, per peck	0 15	"	0 00
Squash, per lb	0 04	"	0 00
Potatoes, per peck	0 20	"	0 25
Fowl, per pair	0 85	"	1 25
Turkey, per lb	0 22	"	0 25
Chickens	0 75	"	1 50
Ducks	1 25	"	1 70
Geese	1 00	"	1 50
Smelt, per pound	0 10	"	0 00
Halibut	0 15	"	0 17
Fresh cod and haddock, per lb	0 05	"	0 00
Finnan haddies	0 07	"	0 00
Sm'k'd bloaters, per doz	0 24	"	0 00
Boneless cod, per lb	0 12	"	0 00
Sm'k'd herring, per bx.	0 15	"	0 00

GROCERIES.

Cheese, per lb	0 13½	"	0 14
Rice, per lb	0 03¼	"	0 03¾
Cream of tartar, pure bxs	0 20	"	0 23
Cream of tartar, pure, bbls	0 18	"	0 18½
Bicarb soda, per keg	2 10	"	2 20
Sal soda, per lb	0 00¾	"	0 01⅛
Molasses—			
Extra choice, 1905	0 35	"	0 38
Barbados	0 31	"	0 33
New Orleans (tierces)	0 00	"	0 00
Sugar—			
Standard granulated, yellow bright, yellow, equalized rates.			
Barbados, per lb	0 03½	"	0 04¼
Pulverized sugar	0 06	"	0 07
Coffee—			
Java, per lb, green	0 24	"	0 26
Jamaica, per lb	0 24	"	0 26
Salt—			
Liverpool, ex vessel	0 58	"	0 59
Liverpool, per sack, ex store	0 61	"	0 63
Liverpool butter salt, per bag, factory filled.	0 95	"	1 00
Spices—			
Nutmegs, per lb	0 40	"	0 50
Cassia, per lb, ground,	0 18	"	0 20
Cloves	0 00	"	0 25
Cloves, ground	0 30	"	0 33
Ginger, ground	0 15	"	0 20
Pepper, ground	0 18	"	0 21
Tea—			
Congou, per lb, finest	0 22	"	0 24
Congou, per lb, common	0 15	"	0 00
Oolong, per lb	0 39	"	0 40
Tobacco—			
Black chewing	0 45	"	0 66
Bright, chewing	0 47	"	0 63
Smoking	0 39	"	0 80

FRUITS, ETC.

Currants, per lb	0 06	"	0 06½
Currants, per lb., cl'n'd.	0 06¼	"	0 06½
Apples, dried	0 04¾	"	0 05
Walnuts, Grenoble	0 14	"	0 15
Almonds	0 12	"	0 13
Filberts	0 10	"	0 11½
Prunes, California	0 06½	"	0 08
Brazils	0 15	"	0 15½
Pecans	0 14	"	0 15
Dates, lb. pkg	0 06½	"	0 07
Dates, new	0 03½	"	0 04
Beef tongue, per lb	0 10	"	0 00
Peanuts, roasted	0 09	"	0 10
Figs, new, per lb	0 09	"	0 12
Figs, bag, per lb	0 04	"	0 05
Malaga, London layers,	1 90	"	2 00
Malaga, clusters	2 75	"	4 00
Malaga, black, baskets	2 60	"	0 00
Malaga, Connoisseur, clusters	3 10	"	3 25
Jamaica oranges, pr bbl	5 50	"	0 00
Valencia oranges	3 50	"	3 75
Canadian onions, bags.	1 60	"	1 75
Raisins, Sultana, new	0 00	"	0 00
Bananas	2 00	"	2 25
Cocoanuts	3 50	"	3 75
Lemons, Messina, pr bx	3 00	"	3 50
Apricots, evaporated	0 14	"	0 15
Apples, evaporated	0 11	"	0 11½
Peaches, evap'd new	0 12	"	0 13
Apples, per bbl	2 00	"	5 00
Bananas	2 00	"	2 50
Valencia onions, cases.	3 25	"	3 50

PROVISIONS.

American clear pork	18 50	"	20 50
American mess pork	20 50	"	21 00
Pork, domestic	20 50	"	21 00
Canadian plate beef	12 50	"	13 50
American plate beef	13 75	"	14 75
Lard, pure	0 11¼	"	0 12

FLOUR, ETC.

Manitoba	5 35	"	5 40
Cornmeal	2 60	"	2 65
Canadian high grade	4 85	"	4 95
Oatmeal	5 25	"	0 00
Middlings, small lots, bagged	24 00	"	25 00
Medium patents	4 65	"	4 75
Bran, car lots	20 00	"	21 00
Bran, small lots, bag'd.	21 00	"	22 00

GRAIN, ETC.

Hay, pressed, car lots.	10 00	"	10 50
Oats (Ontario), car lots	0 44	"	0 45
Beans (Canadian h.p.).	1 90	"	1 95
Beans, prime	1 80	"	1 85
Beans, yellow eye	1 95	"	2 10
Split peas	5 25	"	5 25
Pot barley	4 40	"	4 50

OILS.

Pratt's Astral	0 00	"	0 18½
"White Rose" and Chester "A"	0 00	"	0 18½
"High Grade Sarnia" and "Archlight"	0 00	"	0 18
"Silver Star"	0 00	"	0 17½
Linseed oil, raw	0 00	"	0 60
Linseed oil, boiled	0 00	"	0 63
Turpentine	0 00	"	1 05
Seal oil (steam refined)	0 00	"	0 45
Olive oil	0 00	"	0 95

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—The Queen's Own Rifles have been invited to go to New York to take part in the military tournament in Madison Square Garden at the end of April.

Provincial News

DORCHESTER, N. B., Feb. 9.—The fancy dress carnival in the Dorchester rink this evening was an unqualified success, about four hundred skaters being on the ice. About two hundred in costumes the various attractions were received with enthusiasm. John Brown and his ten little Indians and the appearance of Santa Claus with a pony team who distributed about one hundred bags of candy to the children, was the crowning feature of the evening.

Mrs. Neals of Chatham, made the hit of the evening by appearing in college gown and motar board cap wearing the placard "not a person." Sheriff McQueen had a conspicuous part in the arranging of the details, which resulted in Dorchester's greatest rink success.

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., Feb. 10.—The sudden death of Geo. A. Coates at Rexton on Thursday morning removes a man who had a wide acquaintance throughout the province. It was in the teaching profession where he was best known, in which he was engaged for forty years. The deceased was born at Smith's Creek, Kings Co., in 1842. After graduating from the Provincial Normal school, he taught for a short time and then took a course at Mount Allison. He then removed to Kent county and taught for twenty-five years at Rexton. He was also principal of the school at Bass River and at Buctouche, which latter position he resigned a couple of years ago and came to Rexton to live with his son, Dr. Horace W. Coles. His reputation as a teacher was known all over the province. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of the late David Wright; two sons, Albert E. with Baird & Peters, St. John, and Dr. Horace W., at Rexton, and one daughter, Mrs. Heritage of Brussels, Belgium. The latter spent a couple of months at Rexton with her parents last summer.

The funeral, which was held this afternoon, was largely attended. It was under the auspices of the I. O. F. Rev. A. D. Archibald (Presbyterian) conducted the services.

Percy Losier, of A. & R. Loggie's staff, has resigned his position in their store here and intends going west.

Geo. W. Robertson has purchased a fast driver from A. E. O'Leary of the Kent hotel.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 10.—Dr. William N. Hand died this morning at eight o'clock, after an illness of some three weeks' duration, brought on by blood poisoning, contracted while performing an operation. He was one of the most prominent citizens of the place, and greatly regarded in every way. He was 42 years of age, born in this county at Plymouth, an under-graduate of the U. N. B. and a graduate in medicine of the University of Philadelphia. The son of Richard Hand, he married Miss Boyd, of Linnaeus, Maine, a sister of the Hon. Byron Boyd, secretary for State of Maine. His widow and two daughters and a son survive.

The death of Dr. Hand has caused very general grief in the town and the surrounding country. There were very few citizens better known, and his sudden calling away was the principal subject for comment on the streets. By a mistake it was made to appear that he had died at the hospital. The fact is that he was nursed during his severe illness at his home, where he died. Today the flag on the town hall was put at half-mast and will so remain until after the funeral, which will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The Masonic order, of which he was a member, will attend in a body. On all sides are heard expressions of regret that such a public spirited and capable citizen should be taken off just in his very prime. Dr. Tracey of Philadelphia, who was with the deceased for the past two weeks, left for his home by this evening's train.

It is understood that Dr. W. D. Rankin, who some time ago went to Vancouver, will return to Woodstock this week and again resume his practice here.

CAMBRIDGE-BARKER.

An interesting ceremony took place at the home of John L. Cambridge of Willow Bank, Burton, on Thursday afternoon at 3.30 p. m., when his second daughter, Martie M., was married to Wm. H. Barker of Sheffield.

A number of relatives and intimate friends of the young couple were present, who, with other and more distant friends, remembered them in a very kindly and practical way.

After a very dainty supper, Mr. and Mrs. Barker left on a bridal tour to different points of interest, one feature of which will be a visit to the grand parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunn of Harcourt. It is perhaps a little remarkable that Mr. Barker's four grand-parents are all living and in good health. He is a grandson of Chas. B. Barker of Sheffield.

WILD ELECTION SCENES AT KILLARNEY.

Rival Candidates for East Kerry Had a Rather Vigorous Time—A Fight for the Village Pump.

All doubts on the question of a contest in East Kerry have now been set at rest. Mr. John Murphy and Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan, the rival candidates, were both nominated on Saturday.

Exciting scenes were witnessed in Killarney on Saturday evening; stones were thrown, and the police had to interfere to avert rioting.

On Sunday the rival candidates held a number of meetings. At Knocknagoshel Mr. O'Sullivan had a mixed reception, and after his meeting some commotion was caused by an attempt to hold a meeting by Mr. Murphy's supporters. A fight for a point of vantage at the village pump formed one of the humorous incidents in Sunday's campaign. Mr. Murphy's principal meeting was at Barraduff.

On Saturday evening a meeting of Mr. Murphy's supporters was held outside the Town Hall, and the candidate, speaking from an outside car, regretted that a fight had been forced upon him. There were, he said, people whispering around that he could not obtain the £200 to pay the Sheriff. Those who said that were mistaken, for not alone £200 but £500 had been tendered to him that morning by friends to enable him to fight the battle of East Kerry to victory.

On Saturday night opposing crowds moved about the streets of Killarney and appeared riotously inclined. Once or twice a rush and a stampede accompanied by stone throwing added to the excitement. The rattle of stones on shutters gave unpleasant evidence of hostilities, and ordinary people who were out on business made themselves scarce. The police, who up to the present have been passive spectators, thought it desirable to interfere, and on several occasions tried to scatter the disturbers. In this they were only partially successful, and up to a late hour these unaccustomed street noises were heard throughout the town.

Both candidates were out campaigning on Sunday. Mr. O'Sullivan visited the remote district of Knocknagoshel, where he held a meeting after last Mass.

His public appearance there led to some rather exciting incidents following a mixed reception accorded to him. Although having very considerable support Mr. O'Sullivan had to face an audience on whose part there was a good deal of hostility.

Rev. Arthur Murphy, P. P., and Rev. Jas. Hickey, C. C., remained at the chapel gate, and took no part one way or the other. It was even whispered that it would be indiscreet on the part of Mr. O'Sullivan to hold a meeting. That gentleman, however, had made up his mind to try, and after considerable delay he appeared, accompanied by Messrs. John O'Connor, R. D. C., David O'Connell, James Hickey, and others. They took possession of the railed enclosure in which stands the village pump, and started at once to business.

The crowd closed in, and it was at once seen that the assembly was not characterised by unanimity.

Mr. John O'Connor briefly introduced the candidate, and there was immediately an outburst of cheering and hissing, while a voice cried "Go home, Sullivan."

Mr. O'Sullivan then came forward, and it at first appeared as if he would find it difficult to obtain a hearing. He persevered, however, and was eventually listened to to the end. He asked those who were interrupting were they afraid of free speech?

A resolution pledging support to Mr. O'Sullivan was declared passed, on the motion of Mr. James Hickey, seconded by Mr. David O'Connell.

The speakers then turned and walked away amidst cheering and counter-cheering.

They had no sooner vacated the spot temperarily used as a platform than Mr. David Murphy, who had constantly interrupted Mr. O'Sullivan, rushed up and, scaling the boundary, commenced to address the people, a large section of whom crowded round cheering loudly.

In a moment some of the other party ran back and proceeded to drag Mr. Murphy down. Adherents of both sides lost no time in jumping in, and a fierce struggle took place over possession of the pump.

Blows were hotly exchanged, and the fray showed signs of becoming general, but after a few moments, owing mainly to the efforts of the two priests already mentioned and the police, things were quieted down, and although excitement was not altogether allayed, the crowd commenced shortly afterwards to disperse.

Mr. O'Sullivan later on addressed meetings in Brosna and Castleisland.

Several meetings were held during the day in furtherance of Mr. Murphy's candidature.

At Barraduff Rev. John Browne, P. P., who presided, said their late member, Mr. Murphy, gave them great satisfaction, and for that reason he understood they were there to support him in his hour of trial, and he exhorted them to vote for him and put him at the head of the poll. He regretted this contest had been forced on Mr. Murphy, who had worked, he believed, second to none in the Irish Party. He knew that those who were listening to him were unanimous and enthusiastic supporters of Mr. Murphy.

On the motion of Mr. P. C. Warren, seconded by Mr. C. O'Leary, and supported by Mr. James T. O'Connor and Mr. James Courtney, a resolution was adopted pledging support to Mr. Murphy.

Meetings of Mr. Murphy's supporters also took place in Rathmore and Greseveguilla. The candidate himself spoke at Ballyhar, where the meeting was presided over by Mr. Patrick Kearney, R. D. C.

Some interruptions occurred during the proceedings, but a resolution in favour of Mr. Murphy's candidature was adopted. He addressed a further meeting in Killeentierna.—Irish Weekly Independent of Jan. 25th.

The advertisement and the salesman together fight the battle of trade.—Nath'l C. Fowler, Jr., Boston.

FREDERICTON AFTER NEW INDUSTRIES

Board of Trade Considers Propositions from Different Firms—Other News

FREDERICTON, Feb. 9.—A joint meeting of the members of the city council and board of trade was held this afternoon to hear the representations from two different industries which intend locating here if suitable arangements can be made. Among those present were Mayor McNally, Aldermen Chestnut and Barbour, J. S. Neill, G. W. Hodge, J. J. Weddall, J. H. Barry, J. D. Phinney, A R Slipp and A. H. Randolph

The Whelpley Skate and Manufacturing Company of Greenwich through its president, F W. Whelpley, appeared before the meeting. He stated that his company was considering the advisability of removing here owing to the lack of shipping facilities a Greenwich. He asked for a free site, exemption from taxation, free water and a loan of $5,000 to be paid in ten equal instalments without interest. He offers in return to spend $20,000 on buildings and plant and employ 25 mechanics.

A. G. Gregory said he had secured an option for the purchase of the site of the west end saw mill at $7,800 and had every prospect of forming a company for rebuilding the mill with a capital of $40,000. He asked for a loan of $7,000, free water and taxation exemption and also given a lease at nominal rental of two city lots. As security the company will give a first mortgage. Both propositions were most favorably commented on by all present and each referred to a special committee to report at a meeting Monday afternoon.

Mr. Palmer in a speech exhorted the city to secure legislation to sell electrical power for manufacturing purposes. His concern would be willing to pay $1,200 annually for such.

The bachelors' ball this evening at Masonic Hall was a most successful affair. The chaperones were Mesdames C. F. Randolph, H. R. Babbitt and A. R. Wetmore. Hanlon's Orchestra furnished an excellent programme of dances.

The supreme court completed its docket today and will deliver judgments in the morning. In Clark v. Gibbon the court considers.

WOMAN SEVENTY YEARS OLD IS CONVICTED OF MURDER

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—Sarah Jones, a seventy year old woman, was convicted of murder in the first degree in the court of oyer and terminer here today, for the killing of her foster-daughter's child within a few hours after it was born. The case is a pathetic one and excited the sympathies not only of the lawyers on each side, but also those of the judge and the jury. Mary Jones, the mother of the child, and Frank Jones, the son of the aged woman, are also under indictment for complicity in the murder.

The evidence showed that when the child was born the grandmother asked the attending physician to chloroform it, which he promptly declined to do. The doctor notified the police of his suspicions, and an investigation showed that the child had been asphyxiated with the deadly drug.

Judge Ralston in discharging the jury, said their verdict was a proper one and compelled by the evidence. But he had no doubt that counsel for the defendant would present the case to the board of pardons and that it was not unlikely that the circumstances of the case might appeal to the board's discretion to commute the sentence of death to imprisonment.

THINKS STONE HAS A LETTER FROM MARS.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 6.—In the possession of E. H. Hall is a stone which bears a message supposed to be from the unknown world in the stars of the equally unknown but more frequently discussed world below of fire and brimstone.

Whether it be from the great planet Mars or is an official message from the Prince of Darkness to his representative in western Carolina, the stone is a curious one, and its cabalistic inscription in mystic letters of unearthly material is a puzzle to the decipherer of hieroglyphics.

The unbroken face of the stone forms a triangle of brown color, with gleams of mica-like substances imbedded in it. The other face is broken, and its even cleverage presents a slightly clay-colored surface, on which appear the letters of unearthly import. These letters are seven in number, itself a suggestive fact and are formed of a material which was at first supposed to be mica, but which investigation shows to be something else. Of the letters or symbols, as they should be termed, it may be said that they are three-fourths of an inch in height and above and below are marked by a distinct line. In fact the appearance is the same as that of the printing of a child who draws parallel lines in order that the letters to be placed between them may be of equal height and on a straight line.

The symbols are as clearly defined in the stone as if made of metal and two of them look like the letter "V."

The stone was found in Swain country, near Whittier, in September, 1905.

HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, Feb. 9.—Ira Richardson, a former well known resident of this place, has been visiting relatives hereabout for the past few weeks. For some time Mr. Richardson has been stopping in Fredericton, where his daughter, Mrs. W. G. Clark, resides.

B. A. Taylor and C. L. Carter of Moncton and Percy Gunn of St. John, commercial men, were in the village this week.

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LOST HUMOURS OF ELECTIONS.

Bribery, Corruption, and Kidnapping In Old Fights.

In the days when a candidate was at liberty to spend as much money as he liked on securing votes, and when it was considered quite fair to kidnap a voter who could not be persuaded to vote against his political conscience elections were much more lively than they are in these prosaic times. The very utmost that can now be spent by any one candidate in securing election is £1,430, and when the electorate does not number more than 200 the candidate is not allowed to let his personal expenses exceed £350.

It is on record that at the end of the eighteenth century Sir Richard Hill spent over £10,000 in securing election to parliament. During another contest held simultaneously each candidate spent over a thousand pounds a day for more than a month. A member elected for a West of England constituency spent all his ready money, pawned the family jewels, and disposed of his wife's best clothes to raise sufficient cash to bribe the voters necessary to secure him his seat.

£30 FOR A "SHAVE."

Perhaps the best anecdote regarding bribery and corruption concerns the election of Mr. Lascelles (afterwards the Earl of Harewood) for Preston at the end of the eighteenth century.

During the contest Mr. Lascelles learned that there was a barber, who lived in a cellar, and charged a penny for shaving, who had not yet recorded his vote. He went there alone the next morning, and after being shaved told the barber his name, and paid his a ten-pound note instead of a penny. The barber took the hint, but remarked to Mr. Lascelles—"Sir Thomas"—meaning the other candidate—"has been shaved twice this morning." Mr. Lascelles thereupon passed his hand over his chin and discovered that he was not as cleanly shaved as he might have been. Seating himself in the chair again, he announced that he would have "a little more off."

The barber lathered and shaved him over again, and received two more ten-pound notes. He then admitted that he was in urgent need of fifty pounds, and that, thanks to the generosity of the two candidates for parliament, he now possessed that sum, and intended to make his fortune with it. As a matter of fact he did so, for the barber was Richard Arkwright, the inventor of the spinning frame, and with the fifty pounds he bought out his invention, which resulted in the acquisition of much wealth and undying fame. It is stated that Lascelles spent nearly £100,000 on this election.

CORRUPT ELECTORS TRICKED.

Sometimes the wily electors who counted on making a good profit out of a contest were badly taken in. When Lord Dundonald (then Lord Cochrane) first stood for Honiton, he refused to give bribes, and his opponent, who gave five pounds a head for votes, secured the seat. Lord Cochrane determined that the next time there was an election in the borough he would win the seat, and that without bribery. He acordingly sent round the bellman after his unsuccessful fight to proclaim that all persons who had voted for him would receive ten pounds if they called upon his agent.

At the next election no questions were asked, and Lord Cochrane was returned by a substantial majority. As soon after the the election as was decently possible a deputation called upon him to inquire how much his faithful supporters were to receive for voting for him. "Not one farthing," replied the new member. "But last time," urged the deputation, "the minority received ten pounds a head for their votes in your favor." "Quite so," replied his lordship, "but that was for refusing to be bribed by my opponent. For me to pay them now for voting in accordance with their consciences would be to violate my own principles."

The most remarkable case of interference with the liberty of a subject to vote occurred in 1810, when a certain Mr. Bowes was standing for Newcastle-on-Tyne. Learning that a cargo of Newcastle freemen was to be shipped from London to vote for his opponent, Mr. Bowes called upon the captain of the ship, and paid him a heavy bribe to carry the Newcastle townsmen to Ostend. The captain contrived to be blown out of his course, and obliged to put into Ostend, where the unfortunate voters remained until the poll was over.

SEATS AND VOTES BOUGHT.

To go further back, it is recorded that in the reign of Queen Elizabeth a certain Dame Pocklington, of Aylesbury, secured the return of two members to parliament by the simple process of inviting all the voters to a sumptuous repast, at which each guest found opposite his chair a goblet full of guineas, which were jocularly called golden punch.

In the old Cornish constituency of Grampound the electors earned for themselves the nickname of "Rascally Grampounders," on account of their insatiable appetite for bribes. They were in the habit of boasting that they had received as much as three hundred guineas per man for their votes. The borough of Gatton, in Surrey, once had the reputation of being the most corrupt borough in England. It had been bought and sold, sold and bought again, until it was finally purchased by Sir Mark Wood for over £100,000.

The right of elction was vested in freeholders having their freehold in their own occupation. Wood, having purchased the whole borough, was the sole freeholder. In the whole borough there were but six houses. Wood occupied one, and let out the others to weekly tenants, himself paying all the taxes, of which he was collector. He was also churchwarden, overseer, surveyor of highways, borough magistrate, and appointer of the local constable, who was returning officer.

Sir Mark nominated himself as candidate, approved of himself, demanded a poll for himself, and at the close of the election he, as elector, invited himself, as the successful candidate, to dinner to celebrate the occasion, when he probably congratulated the freeholders of Gatton on securing such an excellent member for parliament.—H. O. W., in the "Express."

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Thomas F. McAvoy, who was first deputy commissioner of police under Commissioner McAdoo, during Mayor McClellan's first administration, was today elected chairman of the executive committe of Tammany Hall. McAvoy was leader of the 23rd assembly district.

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