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A SAD AND TRAGIC EVENT ON SUMMERSIDE HARBOR

Happening Many Years Ago—An Unfortunate Occurrence With Fatal Termination—Lost on The Ice in The Midst of a Blinding Snow Storm, The Night Bitterly Cold and no Help at Hand.

The following story of the adventures of some Bedeque people on Summerside ice many years ago, which appeared in the Montreal Witness from the pen of Benj. Howard, is reproduced and will be read with interest by many who remember the terrible night's experience:—

A little more than thirty years ago, when the now flourishing town of Summerside, had grown only to the size of a small village, a very sad and tragic event happened on the ice, in this harbor, which, for the time, cast a deep gloom over the neighborhood.

The winter had just fairly set in, and the first ice had completely closed up the navigation. It was about the time of the Christmas festivities, so much enjoyed by the young people in those days in the social and innocent pastime of sleigh-driving and visiting friends. At this time our railway was not thought of, nor yet our telegraph and telephone systems, now a seeming necessity of our every day life; hence the utility of so much sleigh driving in those days. In the narrative we are about to relate, we shall aim at giving nothing but the simple fact in every detail, as there are many persons still living who recollect this unfortunate occurrence, and therefore it is the more necessary to be particular in this respect, only the names of the parties being withheld.

A party of four young persons, all unmarried, consisting of two ladies, their brother, and a lady friend, left their home in Bedeque to visit some friends residing in Summerside, intending to return home the same evening. Being early in the season, the ice had not yet been "bushed" or marked out for travellers, but this they did not mind, as the day was fine, the ice fairly good, and the travelling light and enjoyable. Arriving early at their friend's house, they spent a pleasant evening in social chat and rustic merriment, and it was not till some time after nine o'clock that they thought of returning home.

The night was not quite so fine as the day had been, for a northeasterly wind had sprung up and was increasing with

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some snow falling; but no danger was apprehended, as less than an hour's drive would put them over the dangers of the harbor's ice. But such good fortune was not in store for them. After getting fairly on the ice they found that their former track was completely obliterated, and very soon every object was lost to their view, not even a solitary star could be seen to guide those lonely travellers over that icy waste.

and one of them, for a time, clung to him with that tenacity so peculiar to all drowning people; but the brother told her to make an effort to hold to the ice until he could get out, and then he would save them both. This she did, and with great effort he succeeded in getting both his sisters out of the cold, deep water; but, unfortunately, the lady friend who was with them could not be reached, for she had been caught evidently in the



SUMMERSIDE HARBOR BY MOONLIGHT
Photo by W. S. Louson.

For some time they drove on and on in the hope of seeing some object, but in vain. At length one of the ladies, growing restless and fearful that they were going astray, observed that either the wind had changed, or they were going in a wrong direction. The young man then left the sleigh, and tried to find where they were, but could discover nothing, and now fully realized that they had lost their way. He walked on cautiously, leading the horse. The night, in the meantime, grew bitterly cold and stormy, while their uncomfortable condition from cold and exposure made the situation each moment more perilous, and the time painfully weary.

In this bewildered condition they slowly wandered about in hope of finding a landing and some shelter for the night, but in what direction they went, or over what dangers they may have passed, can only be conjectured.

At last, without the least warning, they were all thrown headlong into the freezing water; horse, sleigh, driver and the three women were all plunged into the deep water without any hope of help. The young man, being in the prime of life, by sheer strength soon succeeded in getting out on the firm ice, and just then observed the glimmer of a distant light; but to his dismay he found that there was a sheet of open water between him and where he saw the light.

There appeared no other way of escape than to swim across the opening to the inner side, and this he succeeded in doing, though with much difficulty, owing to snow and thin ice obstructing his way. He had now reached the spot where his two sisters were struggling in the water,

sleigh or harness and soon perished. The brother and sisters then made towards the light, struggling on in their half-perishing condition. In the face of a blinding snow-storm. This light was about a mile or more distant, and in their benumbed condition, they made but slow progress, which became still slower as the elder of the two sisters momentarily grew fainter, and after bearing up bravely for nearly half a mile, she sank down never to rise again in this life, urging her brother and sister to go on and save themselves, if possible.

Nothing could be done but for the two remaining ones to push on towards the light, and this they did bravely, although by this time there were two or three inches of snow on the ice, and the clothes they had on were frozen solid. But every moment brought them nearer relief, and after what seemed to them many long hours, they finally saw the shore, and found they had at last got to land. Here again was another difficulty; no house was near enough for the inmates to hear their cry for help, and the sister could not get up the bank even with her brother's help; so there was nothing left to be done but for the brother to leave his sister and seek help, or else die there with her. With her advice, however, he climbed the bank, and found to his great surprise that he was again in Summerside, though how it happened he could not understand. After a short time he got to a house, the alarm was soon given, and the perishing woman was found in the snow and was promptly cared for.

At this time there were ship yards close by, and all the men there employed turned out in search of the two persons who

had perished. It was not yet daylight when the search began, and it was impossible to learn from the bewildered young man the direction in which they had met their misfortune; the party of searchers burnt tar barrels to aid them in their search, and parties travelled in different directions, but all to no purpose. Soon after daylight, however, some articles of clothing were found, a glove in one place, and a victrola further in another, and so by following up this clue the body of the sister who had perished on the ice was found. She had sunk down on her knees, and had fallen forward on her face, in her dying moments. A temporary bier was made with sticks and her remains carried to the hotel, where her brother and sister were already being cared for. After this one had been found, a party of men, following on in the direction indicated by the bits of clothing, soon found the remaining body, and also the horse and sleigh, all of which were floating on the surface of the water, the woman and horse being cold in death.

It seemed that sometime after leaving Summerside on their way home, the driver became confused, and turning his horse toward the harbor's mouth, had made a right angle to the course he should have followed, and drove directly out towards the open sea, into an opening in the ice, quite across the harbor. At their home the parents had been very uneasy, and the father, in the morning, took a horse and drove with haste to Summerside, arriving shortly after the recovery of his dead child and her companion. The surviving daughter being young, strong, and healthy, soon rallied and regained her former strength, and in due time married and reared a family, some of whom are still living near by, the mother having passed away some years ago. The brother is still living, seeming little the worse of his terrible night's adventure on the ice.

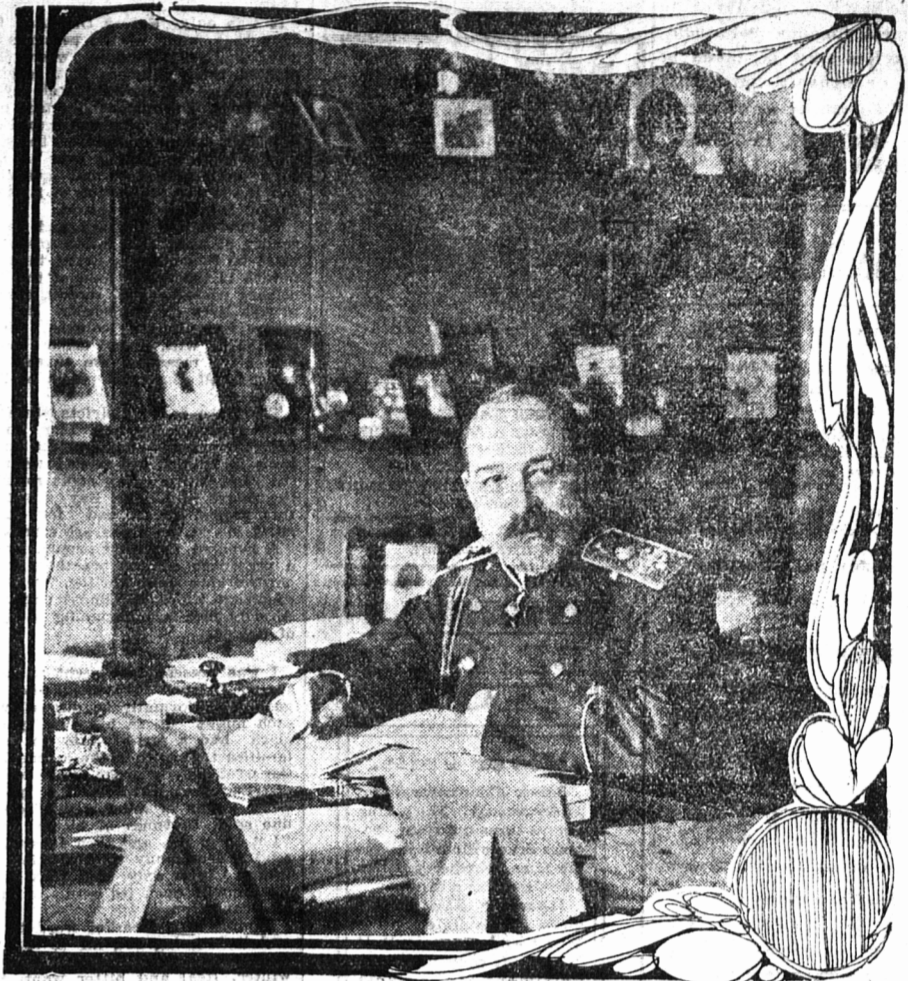
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PRINCE SVIATOPOLK MIRSKA, SUCCESSOR TO M. DE PLEHWE.

The bloody end of the late Russian Minister of the Interior several months ago has not deterred his successor, the Prince Sviatopolk Mirska, from accepting the post so ominously made vacant. The Prince, however, as often occurs in Russia, is demagogically inclined, while M. de Plehwe was a most autocratically inclined Minister. The Prince had always been a political enemy of his predecessor, and he claims that he can secure better results by liberal government than was possible to his iron-handed enemy, M. de Plehwe. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirski is of Polish origin, and has already held the important Ministerial post, as Chief of the Russian Police, the Assistant Ministership of the Interior, and was at one time Governor General of Vilna. He has already made one important gain by securing the indorsement as a liberal-minded man of both the native and foreign newspaper men.

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A NEW SUN SPOT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A sun spot believed to be one of the largest and best defined ever observed has been discovered by Prof. A. H. Cole, a local astronomer. Projected through a small open glass on a sheet of white paper a disc measuring six inches in diameter was disclosed.

PLAGUE SPOT IN WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 5.—The Galician and foreign section of the city is greatly overcrowded, and in an utterly unsanitary state. The worst that has been said of these regions of Winnipeg would barely give an idea of the wretchedness and filth of this "Little Galicia," as it is sometimes called. Missionaries who have interested themselves in these people and are endeavoring to uplift them, say that little can be done while they live in such places. Dr. Duval remarked that this place was a veritable plague spot in the city, and a horror and disgrace.

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PEACE PREVAILS IN CHINA.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister here, received a cablegram from his government stating that absolute peace prevails in China and that there is no sign of anti-foreign agitation. He has communicated this information to the state department.

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