

HORRIBLE CRIME AT AMHERST

Prominent Citizen in Jail Charged With Murdering His Sister's Child

(Special to The Guardian)

AMHERST, April 21.—The arrest of Charles Watt, a boiler maker, at the Robb Engineering Works, on the charge of murder is the one topic of conversation in this town to-night.

Watt was placed under arrest at noon to-day, but no publicity was given to the fact until to-night.

Three weeks ago Watt's sister, who is now an inmate of his home, gave birth to an illegitimate child. The mother has been seriously ill since, and on Mrs. Watt devolved the care of the girl infant. Her story of the alleged crime is to the effect that her husband came home at midnight on Saturday partly under the influence of liquor. The child was in a baby's basket in his bedroom and was being fed from a nursing bottle. He pulled the bottle from the child which began to cry. After using some profane language and making threats against the man who was responsible for the trouble, Watt, according to his wife's story, deliberately smothered the child by holding a handkerchief over his face and pressing his hand over the mouth and throat. Mrs. Watt further relates that when she was alone she took the body of the infant down stairs and the next thing she heard him doing was putting on a fire in the large hall stove. He was up and down stairs frequently and through the night repeatedly fixed the fire, and early Sunday morning told his sister he was going fishing, and took a rod and canvas bag with him which appeared to be filled. Mrs. Watt, while relating her story this afternoon, swooned away on more than one occasion and was in hysterical and half crazy condition.

She made the startling statement that the canvas bag which her husband carried with him showed marks of ashes in it when he returned.

The accused is well connected and

HOT DISCUSSION OVER POLITICAL DISMISSALS

FUND CAMPAIGN FOR MT. ALLISON

(Special to The Guardian)

ST. JOHN, April 21.—At the organization meeting of the Mount Allison committee, in Centenary Church, this evening, announcement was made that \$19,000 has already been subscribed to the fund of \$250,000, which it is planned to raise within the next couple of weeks.

Those who are now on the list as subscribers are Joseph Allison, William B. Lennart and W.E. Earl, for \$5,000 each, and H.A. Powell, E.R. Machum, J. Willard Smith and A.P. Barnhill, for \$1,000 each.

The committee heard enthusiastic addresses from Dr. Graham, Dr. Borden, Dr. Campbell, H.A. Powell, and Mr. Cassidy, who is in charge of the campaign.

The active convening of the City starts Tuesday morning and there are indications that St. John will come up to the mark of \$50,000, which has been set as the goal for this place.

There was any amount of enthusiasm at the meeting and the determination to place Mount Allison on a self-sustaining basis.

Refund of Moneys to Dismissed Railway Employees Discussed. The Highway Bill Again up For Discussion.

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, April 21.—After the formal business had been concluded, Mr. Cochrane moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway Employees' Provident Fund Act.

He explained that it was to empower the government to return to them, dismissed for political partisanship, the money they had paid into the fund.

Mr. Graham advocated allowing the railway men to take full part in municipal politics.

Mr. MacDonald asked if preparing the electoral lists would be considered an act of partisanship sufficient to justify dismissal.

Mr. Cochrane said that it would depend on the facts.

Mr. McDonald said he had an account in his county, of a man who had been dismissed for preparing electoral lists some years previously.

Mr. Borden pointed out that the Civil Service Act already provides for the conduct of civil servants with regard to political work.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier urged that partisanship should be held to include party work either at election times or between elections as in preparing electoral lists.

He recognized that in every election men were tempted to forget that they were public servants.

Men who took the public money should cease to be partisans.

He went on to explain the attitude of his own government with regard to dismissal. When a member of parliament gave his word that an employee had been guilty of partisanship that man should be dismissed. In other cases there should be an investigation.

Mr. Borden was disposed to agree that party work performed between elections should be regarded as partisanship.

Mr. Cochrane gave a list of the men dismissed for partisanship up to Nov. 11 last. He rather thought that intercolonial men should be allowed to go into municipal politics, except that the men who are asked to take office usually are important officers whose time is fully needed by the public service. When consulted by men asked to take office he has discovered them. At the suggestion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Cochrane amended the bill so that in all cases the men shall get all their money back.

The smaller Liberals from extreme Nova Scotia, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Chisholm, Antigonish, and Mr. D. D. McKennie then took a hand in complaining of dismissals of a number of section men and other employees of the Intercolonial.

On this they talked for hours.

Mr. Davidson of Annapolis finally intervened and accused the Cape Breton member of having got government employees to work for him at the last election.

When Mr. McKenzie denied the charge, Mr. Davidson read extracts from evidence taken at an investigation held by Commissioner Duchemin.

A BIG IMMIGRATION SCHEME ADVOCATED.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 18.—Thomas Howell, the Canadian Northern Railway Co's commissioner, passed McKennie the city yesterday afternoon on his way to Montreal. Mr. Howell said he had just returned from Halifax where he had been working in connection with the Nova Scotian immigration scheme. While there he had several conferences with Premier Murray and felt sure that much good would result.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Howell, "a giant immigration scheme embracing all the Canadian and British centers should be arranged along the lines of the recently formed British Canadian Corporation, Ltd., which plans to send thousands of farmers and other immigrants to this country. If this were done the results would undoubtedly be beneficial to Canada."

At present it is necessary to almost entirely rely on the efforts of the ticket and passenger agents of the different steamship lines, who although they are doing excellent work are not united and cannot reach the farming districts. If the British Canadian Corporation scheme was carried out and the responsible agents sent throughout Great Britain telling the people of the conditions here and showing moving pictures of the farms, thousands would be brought to Canada.

TRAIN ACCIDENT AT CAMPBELLTON

THE POPE IS RECOVERING

(Canadian Press)

ROME, April 21.—The Pope's cough still troubles him but the patient is daily gaining strength. Much improvement is shown every night. The bronchial affection is gradually disappearing and the Pontiff goes to sleep earlier and rests longer.

During the gravity of his illness his true condition was concealed from him but now in order to keep the patient quiet, he has been told of his danger.

The Pontiff wished to give an audience to an American party but the doctors forbade it.

The Vatican newspapers thanks the press of the world for its consideration.

Cars Jumped Track—Engine Plowed into the Ground.

(Special to The Guardian)

CAMPBELLTON, April 21.—The Dalhousie branch train, while running into this place jumped the track to-day, killing the fireman, James Jamieson, and seriously injuring several people, besides doing much damage to the road-bed. When the train left the track the engine plowed into the ground, turning turtle and pinning the fireman underneath the tender.

He died shortly after being extricated.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM AMHERST JAIL

AMHERST, N. S., April 20.—The first escape from the county jail at Amherst took place on Friday morning in the early hours. No word has been mentioned in any of the daily papers concerning the escape, but Jailor Simpson's request.

Two prisoners, who succeeded in obtaining their freedom, were Cecil Leggett, of Springhill, and Barney Murphy. Leggett was sentenced by Judge Patterson to one year in jail and to furnish bonds of \$200 to keep the peace. Leggett's bondsmen were expected to arrive in this city on Saturday and the Springhill man would have secured his freedom.

Murphy was serving a two months' sentence and is well known to the provincial police. He is a native of P. E. Island.

The two men picked the lock of the bathroom door, which opens into the jailer's quarters. Then all that was necessary for them to do was to unlock the front door leading to out of doors. It is understood that they made overtures to other prisoners to go with them.—The invitations, however, were all declined.

Constable Simpain went to Sackville, Dorchester, Moncton and other intermediate points in search of the missing men but no word was heard of them. Yesterday morning it was learned that Leggett and Murphy were in conversation with a man on the Highlands and informed him that they were starting for Sydney.

Murphy is wearing a blue coat, dark green cap, smooth face, dark complexion, aged twenty-eight, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 165 pounds.

Leggett's description is: Weight 125 pounds, height 5 feet 3 inches, aged about 19, smooth shaven, dark complexion, wears a cap and dark green suit, also has several tattoo marks on his arm.

Much sympathy is felt for all the family.

The police are searching for some evidence to prove the story of the wife or sister, and it is not likely that the preliminary examination will be held for some days.

Later, on an examination and screening of the ashes which remained in the stove, the police to-night found a number of buttons, a few pins and some small bones.

CHARLES JOHNSTON DROWNED FROM MUD SCOW

ST. JOHN, April 21.—Charles Johnston was drowned and Patrick Peters had a very narrow escape from death Saturday just outside of the Negro Point breakwater, near the western entrance of the harbor.

Both men were employed on one of the scows of the Norton Griffiths Dredging Co., Ltd., and were on the scow, which was being towed to the dumping ground.

When outside the breakwater the high wind caught the scow and dashed it against the breakwater, where it filled. The deck was soon level with the sea and each wave washed its entire length. A heavier sea than usual caught Johnston and he was thrown into the water. It is supposed that he sank instantly, for his body was not seen again at that time. It is not known whether he was dashed against the breakwater or was overwhelmed by the water. His body was washed ashore about noon. Peters was rescued by the men on the tug.

WINNIPEG PEOPLE PAYING HIGH FOR MEAT

WINNIPEG, April 20.—With porter house steaks, thirty cents a pound, sirloin steaks, twenty-seven cents a pound, bacon twenty-five to thirty-five cents a pound, rib roasts twenty to twenty-five cents a pound, trimmed pork loins twenty to twenty-two cents a pound, and other meat prices in proportion, Winnipeg householders are beginning to ask themselves where it is all going to end.

According to the manager of the meat section of the largest department store in the country the price of meats is higher here this spring than ever.

A comparison of the prices paid farmers per hundred pounds for livestock one year ago to-day with present quotations makes interesting reading. The prices are away higher this year in consequence of a general shortage. These prices are for live-stock delivered in Winnipeg, the farmer having to pay the freight charges.

One year ago the quotation for choice butcher steers per hundred pounds was from \$5.90 to \$6.10; today from \$6.85 to \$7. Last year fair to good butcher steers were quoted at \$4.90 to \$5.40. There is no quotation under this head this year, indicating that the highest price is paid for this class of cattle. Last year \$7 to \$7.50. Choice hogs are \$9 year \$7 to \$7.50. Choice hogs are \$9 year \$7 to \$7.50. Choice hogs are \$9 year \$7 to \$7.50. Choice hogs are \$9 year \$7 to \$7.50.

200 CARTERS ON STRIKE

MONTREAL, April 20.—Two hundred carters in the employ of the Dominion Transport Company went on strike this morning for more money. The men have been receiving \$3 a day for their services, and they want \$2.50. They claim that a number of firms are paying better wages than the Dominion Transport Company. The company handles freight for the C. P. R., and consignments from many city merchants were refused this morning. Incoming freight, it is said, will be greatly tied up if the strike continues.

A TRAIN COLLISION

NEW GLASGOW, April 20.—While coming into the New Glasgow station on Saturday night, No. 17 express for Sydney crashed into a string of box cars on the freight shed siding, doing considerable damage to the rolling stock and shaking up the passengers. The train, in charge of Engineer Lyons, of Truro, and Conductor Cameron, of Sydney, was one hour late and travelling at a fairly fast speed. The engineer learned that he was on the wrong track before the collision and had time to apply the brakes, thus lessening the impact. The first box car on the siding was telescoped into the second one, and the remaining ones were shot down the main line with the speed of a bullet. The impact was heard two miles away. The engine was badly damaged and had to be replaced. The postal car and one of the sleepers were also put out of commission. The train was crowded with passengers and many of them received minor injuries. The cause of the accident is not yet known.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, ETC

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**Attend the lecture by J. H. Bell of Summerside in New Zion Church tonight in aid of Church fund. Subject Woman Suffrage. Admission 20c.

**A social supper will be held at the Hazelbrook Parsonage on Thursday evening, April 24th, at 7 o'clock. If not fine, social will be held on Friday evening. 4-22M11.

**Rev. B. H. Balderston will give an illustrated lecture in the hall at North Wiltshire this Tuesday evening. Silver collection in aid of a library. 4-22M11pd.

**No. 3 Battery. Every member of No. 3 Battery is hereby notified to attend at the Drill Hall Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. C. L. McKay, Capt.

**The Ladies Aid of the P. E. I. Island Hospital will meet at Hospital, Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m., to make up the linen for the rooms they have undertaken to furnish. A large attendance is requested.

**Think of the future—the first cost of a good typewriter like the Smith-Premier or Remington will save many second and third costs as its months and years or service. A Mine Fraser, Halifax, N.S. 4-21M31.

**In a few days we will have a shipment of Panama and Stetson hats to be sent away to be cleaned and reblocked. If you have one phone 89 or send it to The National Clothing Co. 3-31M11.

**A meeting of the Floral Association of Prince Edward Island will be held Thursday evening, April 24th, in Mr. Williams' office (Brown Block) commencing at 8 o'clock. Several important matters are to be decided upon at this meeting and a full attendance is requested. 4-22M11.

**Card of Thanks. We the undersigned wish to tender our sincere thanks to Mr. Wallace McDonald, John Gormley and John King, also to the members of the Labourers Protective Union, and to all those who in any way assisted in the search for the body of our brother, the late Joseph Conway, Michael Conway, John Conway.

**A big time at the Baptist School-room on Friday evening next, under Professor Earle's direction. Violin solos, by that talented soloist Mrs. McKenna of Calgary. Instrumental duets by Prof. and mental duets by Prof. and Lillian Earle. Vocal quartettes by 4 officers of the 4th Regiment, assisted by the Misses Cairns and Lawrence. Readings by Miss Jacqueline MacDonald and Rev. Mr. Fullerton. Solos by Mrs. Moorehouse, Miss Jean Hood, Miss Baker of Summerside, and Mr. L. D. Penquilly of London, England. Admission only 20 cents.

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HORSE FOR SALE SUITABLE FOR farm. Apply 311 Fitzroy St. 4-22M31.

WANTED—A GIRL TO LEARN dressmaking. Apply to Delta Condy, 27 Pownall St. 4-22M31pd.

ANYONE WANTING AN EXPERIENCED fox rancher with six years of experience, apply to "M." care Guardian. 4-22ME4pd.

WANTED—TWO GOOD WOOD TURNERS, immediately. Apply Chappell Bros. & Co., Ltd., Sydney, C. B. 4-22M6pd.

STORAGE FOR SLEIGHS.—We have room for about 50 sleighs. High and dry. Enquire at Bay House, and dry. 4-22M31pd.

FOR SALE—5000 BUSHELS POTATOES, (reds, whites and McIntyre's). Apply to J. F. Leary, Sec'y of Tragic Cross Farmers' Institute, stating highest price. 4-22M31.

TO THE PUBLIC.—NOW THAT THE price of horse shoeing is all the same have your horses shod at the old reliable shoer's David Arbing, Kent St. 4-22M31pd.

FOR SALE—GOOD INVERNESS lump coal quick burning and free from scot, just arrived from the mines at Geo. B. Full's coal yard. 4-18M101.

FOR SALE—THE FOLLOWING WILL be sold by private sale: Mahogany bookcase, solid mahogany table, (52 inches), one wardrobe, bureau, blue flame cook stove, tables, chairs, etc. Apply to Mrs. T.O. Savage, 88 Water St. 4-22M31pd.

FOXES FOR SALE.—I HAVE SOLD the 5 pairs options advertised on Friday and now place, all Dalton, Tuplin, Baynor stock guaranteed. Phone or write D. A. Woodlock, Charlottetown. 4-22M21.

BLUE FOXES FOR SALE.—I HAVE a limited number of blue foxes to offer for September or early October delivery. They are the genuine Alaska Blue, to be delivered in good healthy condition. Have a skin as a sample to show the grade of stock that I am offering, and all stock to be as sample shown. I brought 16 pairs here last October. They stood six thousand miles of a journey and to date have only lost one. There are at present two litters of pups on P. E. I., which is a good showing for this time of the season as they are later breeders than the Blacks or Reds. There are reasons why you should see me before buying, as I am handling my own stock and can give you full particulars in answer to every question about stock. J. B. Milligan, Freeland, Lot 11. 4-22M61.

P. E. ISLANDER SHOT IN ARIZONA

The sad news has been received that Mr. Fenton Hugh McKenna, a native of Kelly's Cross, Prince Edward Island and son of the late Patrick McKenna, formerly janitor of the P. E. Office at Charlottetown, had been accidentally shot in Lowell, Arizona, April 16th.

No particulars have been received, except that while walking down the street with his brother Patrick, a shot rang out, and Mr. McKenna was instantly killed. Mr. McKenna was only twenty-six years of age, and unmarried. He has been six years absent from the Island and most of that time had been engaged in mining in New Mexico. Owing to the recent troubles in connection with the revolution there, Mr. McKenna came to Lowell on Friday previous to his death to visit his brother Patrick, and the circumstances of his death are all the sadder on this account.

The funeral took place in Lowell, the services being conducted by a Roman Catholic Clergyman. Mr. McKenna was a splendid specimen of physical manhood and a young man of irreproachable character. He leaves to mourn beside his mother, one sister Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, in Charlottetown, another sister Mrs. James Romaghan, in Maple Plain, Kinkora, also three brothers, Francis O., at present in Calgary and formerly a law student in Charlottetown, James in New Mexico, and Patrick in Lowell, Arizona.

PERRY'S PEERLESS PLAYERS LAST NIGHT

Perry's Peerless Players, to whose annual visits Charlottetown theatre-goers always look forward with pleasure, opened a three nights engagement in the Opera House last night with the three-act society comedy, "The Blue Mouse." The house was filled to the doors, every seat occupied and quite a number being obliged to stand, a splendid tribute to the popularity of Perry's Peerless Players, who have been regular visitors to Charlottetown for a number of years. The drama dramaturgically, realistically, a certain stratum of the New York society, and consisted of a laughable in the extreme, many of them tense and all of them heartily enjoyed by the audience. Miss Hazel Corinne, always a favorite and invariably a star, in her character as Pauletta Devine, made an unbroken succession of hits. Her costumes were elegant and in strict keeping with the part. Her every appearance was the signal for applause and delighted cheering. Mr. Dan Malloy, as Joseph Lewellyn, took his part admirably, making a typical "old sport" and succeeded in keeping his audience in a constant roar of laughter. Mr. G. Herbert Perry, as George Wallus was inimitable and in a rather difficult role played and in a rather difficult role played and in a rather difficult role played.

The other characters were very ably taken by the Misses Voneta Perry, Charlotte M. Bolton, Gertrude Riggs and Messrs. Ollie Newcomb, J. Bernard Hurl and C. W. Boyver.

Between the acts a number of songs were excellently rendered by Mr. Malloy, Miss Riggs and Mr. Hurl.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Professor Vinnicomb who, by his brand new, with new scenery, new costumes, new songs and new laughs. No one should miss "Polly of the Circus" for it is going to be a "crisis" throughout.

ATE OF MAYFLOWERS DIES OF POISONING

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 19.—Mrs. Jacob Burhite's dead and Otto Kinney critically ill as the result of eating trailing arbutus flowers. Mrs. Burhite, her daughter and Kinney found some flowers yesterday and ate a few of the blossoms. Symptoms of poison developed before they could reach home.

Conditions here and showing moving pictures of the farms, thousands would be brought to Canada.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night to consider the appointment of a Park-keeper and also to receive the report of a committee appointed at a recent meeting to look into the request of the Colonial Corporations, Ltd. for certain concessions towards establishing a rolled oats industry in Charlottetown. His Worship Mayor Lyons presided. The Recorder and all the Councilors were present.

On motion, unanimously carried, Mr. Wm. McRae was appointed Park-keeper.

Councillor Wright suggested that in addition to the ordinary duties of Parkkeeper, the newly appointed official would be required to attend to the new open air rink.

Councillor Reilly reported on behalf of the Committee re Colonial Corporations. The Committee had taken options on a number of properties along the water front. The Committee had telegraphed to the Colonial Corporations, Ltd. to send a representative to examine the sites proposed but had received a letter from Mr. C.P. McLennan, Manager of the Company, stating that he was unable to come at present but hoped to come shortly. Mr. McLennan also wished to know if the Council proposed to grant the concessions asked for. Councillor Reilly stated that the Council was prepared to make all reasonable concessions.

His Worship Mayor Lyons suggested that the Council pay the expenses of the representative when he comes. It would be in the interests of the city to have this or any other industry established here and the Council should do all in its power to encourage its coming.

Councillor McLean suggested that several suitable properties were available and that the Council should consider the proposition very carefully as the establishment of such industries could not fail to benefit the city. Council adjourned.