

FIGURE OF AN AUSTRALIAN HANGMAN.

Would Not Incur the Contempt of Neighbors by Hanging a Woman.

William Perrins, known to his neighbors in Carlton as Thomas Walker, and to the public generally as "Jones the hangman," committed suicide in Melbourne jail on Saturday morning by cutting his throat, says the Melbourne Argus. The reason for his act appears to have been his unwillingness to execute Mrs. Knorr, his baby farmer, and that unwillingness was the result not so much of conscientious scruples or of sympathetic feeling for the condemned woman as of a shrinking from the contemptuous jeers and the persecutions of his neighbors, who, he believed, would be still more hostile if he hanged a woman. There were other reasons which contributed to the suicide. The deceased had had serious trouble in his home, and he had drunk to excess. His domestic quarrels had been patched up, however, and his friends believe that he would have discontinued the drinking except for the worry occasioned by the belief that his life, already scarcely worth living because of the persecutions he was subjected to, would be made still more hard to bear when he had officiated at the coming execution.

Officially "Jones" had not represented the matter as one of so much seriousness to him that his life depended upon it. He had told Capt. Burrows, the Governor of the jail, that he would not be able to live in Carlton, where he was known, after the execution, and he even went so far as to implore Capt. Burrows to interest himself in getting him a sum of money sufficient to enable him to clear out of the colony.

AFTER THE EXECUTION.

On one occasion he said that the "spirits" even had joined with his neighbors to annoy him, and were continually whispering to him in his room, "If you hang Mrs. Knorr you will suffer." But he never asked to be relieved of his duty, and when it was suggested to him that by a change of address he might leave his persecutors behind, and begin afresh in a locality where his identity was unknown, and where it might be kept secret, he seemed to see hope in the idea, and to become resigned to his situation.

LIFE IN A LUMBER CAMP.

The Dangers Which Beset These Sturdy Toilers.

Recent Events Recall an Accident That Caused Years of Pain and Suffering—How the Victim Regained Health and Strength.

Mr. James Fitzgerald, a prosperous and respected merchant of Victoria Road, has a pretty little village in Victoria County, and for years suffered from the effects of a peculiar accident which happened him while in a lumber camp. To a reporter of the Lindsay Post, Mr. Fitzgerald said that when a boy in his teens he had a strong desire to spend a season in a lumber camp, and prevailed upon his parents to let him join a party of young men who were leaving for the woods fifty miles distant. It proved, for him, an unfortunate trip. One day while he was binding on a load of logs, the binding pole broke and he received a heavy blow on the elbow of the right arm. As there was no surgeon within fifty miles of the camp he was attended to by the best means his fellow-workers could provide. After a few days, thinking he was all right, he went to work again. The exertion proved too much, for in a short time the pain returned, and continued to get worse every day, until at last Mr. Fitzgerald was forced to return home, where he got the best of care and medical attendance. This, however, did not relieve him, as the pain had become chronic and by this time affected his whole arm, and partially the right side of his body. He thus suffered for years, unable to get any relief, his arm becoming withered and paralyzed, and he was forced to give up his farm and try various light commercial pursuits, and abandoned all hope of ever having the arm restored to usefulness. In the fall of 1892 he was induced to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. Mr. Fitzgerald's first order was for half-a-dozen boxes, and before these were gone he began to experience the beneficial effects. The pain from which he had suffered for so many years began to lessen. He procured another supply, and from that point the improvement was constant and rapid, and he not only recovered the use of his arm, but is enjoying as good bodily health as he did before the accident, seventeen years ago. Mr. Fitzgerald feels that the cure is thorough and permanent, and as a natural consequence is very warm in his praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which have been the means of benefitting many others in his neighborhood, who had seen what they had done in Mr. Fitzgerald's case. For cases of partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, and all nerve troubles, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the only certain cure. They act directly upon the blood and nerves, thus striking at the root of the trouble, and restoring the system to its wonted vigor. Sold by all dealers or sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Refuse all imitations which some unscrupulous dealers may offer because of the larger profit from their sale.

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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM. MUTUAL PRINCIPLE.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, which was held in New York recently, was an occasion of such world-wide interest that the report of its proceedings is attracting attention all over the American Continent, and in many parts of the Old Country, Europe and the Colonies. These annual gatherings have always proved to be events of no small importance in the financial and commercial world, but the last meeting surpassed in interest all its predecessors. To begin with, the record of the stupendous success of the institution, as revealed in a general way by the report of President Harper, was almost sensational in its character. Marvellous as has been the progress of this association in public favor and its accomplishment of results, the figures would seem almost incredible without the authentic endorsement of State officials, and the representations of men holding high fiduciary relations to the community. Throughout at least twelve years of the thirteen years of its existence the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association has had to wage a warfare for the maintenance of its own life in a degree which at times suggested the absolute hopelessness of the undertaking. It has travelled steadfastly, however, along the line of natural premium system, and each succeeding twelve months its reports of results have astonished, if they have not turned grey, the heads of life insurance experts themselves all over the world.

Canadians Present.

The meeting was attended by representative men from all over the world, and among them the following Canadians were noted: Messrs. D. E. Cameron, Deputy Provincial Treasurer for Ontario; David Gillies, M.P.P., Carleton Place; W. E. Wellington, nurseryman, Toronto; F. N. Tennant, lumberman, Toronto; W. P. McMahon, barrister, Belleville; T. W. Chapelle, barrister, Uxbridge; E. P. Johnson, L'Orignal; W. J. Murray, Brooklin; R. W. Sutherland, Toronto; William Green, Toronto; D. Z. Bezzette, Montreal; W. J. McMurtry, Toronto; Col. Domville, St. John, N.B. The following letters of regret at an unavoidable absence were read from Warring Kennedy, Mayor of Toronto, and Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters.

SAMSON, KENNEY & Co., WHOLESALE IMPORTERS, TORONTO, January 23, 1894.

E. B. Harper, Esq., President Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, Broadway, New York, U.S.A.

My Dear Mr. Harper—I am profoundly sorry that I cannot do myself the pleasure of accompanying the brethren from Toronto, who leave today to attend the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve. I have so many things to attend to this week in connection with municipal and other matters that I find it impossible to go away.

I must confess I am quite disappointed in not being able to see you all at the annual meeting of 1894. I hope that you will have a harmonious and joyous meeting. The success during 1893 was great indeed, at which I rejoice. You can always rely upon my loyalty to the Mutual Reserve. With kind regards to all, believe me, very sincerely yours,

WARRING KENNEDY, Mayor of Toronto.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, TORONTO, Canada, Jan. 22, 1894.

W. J. McMurtry, Esq., General Manager Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, Toronto, Ont.

security and saving it offered to members. He was the first life insurance official who had the courage—and it took courage at the period we refer to to denounce the pernicious system of investment banking with life insurance. He was assailed by the old line companies for the position he took up. The whole machinery of a subsidized press was put in motion against him, but opposition only made the people's advocate more courageous in his fight against a great wrong, and for cheap life insurance for the masses.

It is not at all strange that the trade of the paid press against him and his revolutionary plan assumed sharper and sharper tones as he earned a foothold, then a standing, and later advanced toward the front in this great business of life insurance; for his new plan struck at the very foundation of their strength, it threatened their most lucrative business, it was a standing nightmare. No money, no influence was withheld to strangle it at its birth, to check it in its early days, to crush it in its youth, to destroy it in its growing strength and manhood. But President Harper could not be bought, nor would he move an inch from the course he had mapped out for himself and his association. He won the battle, and he divorced investments banking from simple and pure life insurance, and gave the public what they asked—life insurance at cost—or at half the price they were paying the old line companies.

Thanking people were not slow to grasp the honesty of President Harper's system. They wanted insurance at cost. They objected to subjecting themselves to a contract that forced them to become investors and placed their investments under their control, and put restrictions upon their rights and ownership in these investments, and this is just what the level premium companies do to their policy-holders.

Not so the Mutual Reserve Fund. It offers its policy holders insurance at cost. The only reserve it accumulates is incidental, yet it is large enough to meet all necessities and cover all risks. The association is in every detail, in every conception, a mutual insurance association. The cost of management and the cost of death claims is equitably distributed among its thousands of members.

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President Harper may well be proud of the glorious success of the Mutual Reserve. His master mind, his indomitable will, his untiring energy, his mature judgment has overcome all obstacles, and placed his association a giant among giants in the insurance world. Yet he has so managed the business and organized it that it is to-day a great machine, dependent upon no one, two or twenty men to perpetuate its life and its activity. This has been accomplished by bringing together in the management active, energetic, honest, reliable business men, whose judgment and work in their especial fields is unexcelled.

President Harper made reference to the splendid work done during the year by the thousands of agents of the Association scattered throughout the world. Prizes have been offered to the six men who would bring in the greatest volume of business in the twelve months, and three out of the six were carried off by Canadians, viz., the third by A. R. McNichol, Winnipeg; the fourth by J. T. Kirk, St. John, N.B., and the sixth by W. J. Murray, Brooklin.

Treasurer J. W. Vrooman's report showed that among the securities of the company there is over \$100,000 worth of Dominion bonds deposited with the Insurance Department at Ottawa as security to the Canadian policyholders. The reports of the other officers were fully as satisfactory and conclusive.

The report of J. Douglas Wells, third vice-president, showed that \$5,642,600 of new business was received from Canada alone.

After the presentation of the reports Mr. D. E. Cameron, Deputy Provincial Treasurer of Ontario, proposed, seconded by Mr. David Gillies, M.P.P., of Carleton Place, the following resolution:

"That the thanks of the Canadian members of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association are due, and are hereby tendered to President Harper and those associated with him, for the unexampled success of its operations during the past year—the banner year of its existence—notwithstanding the severe financial depression that has existed throughout the world, and we hereby desire to express our unreserved confidence in the Association and its management."

In speaking to the resolution Mr. Cameron made an address full of vigor and spirit. He was sorry that Mayor Kennedy, who generally was the spokesman for Canadians, was unable to be present. Canadians knew the solidity of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, and appreciated its management. The witty speech of Col. James Domville, of St. John, New Brunswick, closed the meeting, which was then adjourned.

The managers for Canada are as follows: For the Province of Ontario—Mr. W. J. McMurtry, Mail Building, Toronto. For the Province of Quebec—Mr. D. Z. Bezzette, 12 Place d'Armes, Montreal. For Manitoba and the North-west Territories—Mr. A. R. McNichol, McIntyre Block, Winnipeg. For the Province of New Brunswick—Col. James Domville, St. John, N.B.

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