

# THREE JOURNEYED TO DEATH ON NIAGARA'S GREAT ICE BRIDGE

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 4. — The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel between the Cataract and the upper steel arch bridge below the Falls for the last three weeks broke from its anchoring just at noon to-day and went down the river taking with it to their death Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, and Burrell Heacock, seventy years old, of Cleveland, Ohio. Four other persons were on the ice at the time, but managed to get ashore in safety.

The bridge was considered perfectly safe. For weeks the great fields of ice had been coming down the river, piling up against the barrier until it was from 60 to 80 feet thick, and under the influence of their terror-stricken wife, and who, in the shadow of death, spurred assistance for himself and attempted to bind about the woman's body a rope dangling from the lower steel arch bridge.

And the lad, Burrell Heacock, was cast in the same mould. Had he not turned back on the ice to give assistance to the man, he, too, might have made the shore.

The man and woman started first towards the American shore, but they were stopped by a lane of open water. Back they ran again towards the Canadian side, turned about and made for the American side. When hardly more than fifty yards from the rocky shore the woman fell on her face, utterly exhausted.

"I can't go on; I can't go on," she cried. "Let us die here." And all the time the great field of ice driven onward by a southwest gale, and pressed by a jam, broke free from its anchorage near the base of the Horseshoe Falls, went on without being broken. As the woman fell the man strove to get her to her feet again and tried to drag her along the ice, calling for assistance to Roth and Heacock, who were nearest. Heacock turned back to the couple and helped the woman. This cost him his life.

Roth struggled along over the hummocks of ice, getting close to the open stretch of water at the Canadian end of the jam. There were men on the shore ready to give them assistance. Roth was afraid to trust himself to the icy waters. La Blond jumped out to the field of ice with a rope, and half carried, half dragged the boy ashore.

After getting Roth safely ashore the men made an effort to reach the other three on the ice flow. But at a point about 600 feet below the upper steel arch bridge the icefield broke into two great fields; one section went towards the American shore and anchored on a great rock. The moving foe with the three helpless beings passed slowly down the river.

Meantime the fire headquarters truck had been called out, and a general alarm of fire on the Canadian side called out the men there. They took stations with ropes along the shore, but the flow was far beyond their reach. The Niagara avenue firemen were sent to the lower steel arch bridge and there took station with a rope. The Canadian firemen had two ropes down from the cantilever bridge, which is about three hundred yards above the other structure.

Just above the old Maid of the Mist landing, a quarter of a mile from the Whirlpool Rapids, the ice on which the three were borne broke into two sections, each about 200 feet square, the man and woman on one, Heacock on the other. Heacock waved his hand to his companions in distress as his foe moved clear of the other, and, caught in a current, raced down the river. The other three then shot towards the American shore, and was caught in an eddy and whirled there for about five minutes. This was within sight of the tumbling waters that marked the beginning of the rapids and death.

Heacock saw the ropes dangling from the bridge and made ready to catch one. Very coolly he took of his overcoat and posed himself on the tossing foe. In his course there dangled one, and a second was moved toward him. He caught that held by Officer Patrick Kelly, of the Ontario police force and a company of about twenty railroad men — caught in a jammed free of the ice.

The sag of the ropes at that great drop, 200 feet, let him into the chilly water up to his waist, and before he was clear of it he was frightfully battered by three successive foes of jutting ice.

Not content with the efforts of the men above to draw him up, he tried to assist himself, hand over hand. The time was 1.10 o'clock, and the

hour or more that the boy had been on the ice and the effects of the icy ducking had sapped his strength. He stopped trying to pull himself up and hung limp on the rope, which spun around like a top. Kelly and his men pulled steadily. Ten feet, twenty, twenty-five, thirty feet up he came. The great crowd on the bridges cheered — them that were not weeping. Grimly the boy hung on, trying always to get his leg wound about the rope. Then his hands began to slip. He sought to get hold of the rope with his teeth, but could not. Finally, just as he was about sixty feet clear of the water, his head fell back. He was utterly exhausted. He lost his grip and plunged far down into the stream. When he came up his face turned toward the great wave, and he feebly moved his arms in the breast stroke. But the mighty rush of water was too much for him. He was caught like a cork and was sent racing on the midst of the seething waters. For perhaps a half minute he was in view, and then he was no more to be seen; he was swallowed up in the spume.

Heacock's failure was witnessed by the man on the other side. The woman apparently dared not look. The man appeared calm, as he in turn prepared to make a play against death, and, caught by a down-river current, the foe moved into the course Heacock had gone.

As the couple swung under the cantilever bridge the man grasped a rope and tried to put it about the woman's waist. The force of the current was too much for the rope and it parted. The man waved the torn end toward the crowd.

There was still another chance—the rope that was dropped from the Niagara steel arch bridge by the foe went to Swift Drift the man caught it and grimly hung on. He was given slack, and he tried to wind the rope about the woman's waist. He fumbled in his agony of effort as if his hands were numb. The rush of the ice in the stream was overpowering. When he could not tie the rope about the woman he let it go.

There apparently was no thought of himself. He raised the woman to her feet, kissed her and clasped her in his arms. The woman made as if to cross herself, then sank to her knees. The men knelt beside her, his arms clasped close about her.

So they went to their death. The ice held intact until it struck the great wave. There it was shivered; there the gallant man and woman at his side disappeared from view.

DONGOLA  
Dongola, Feb. 2. — Mr. John L. Davis and Mr. Alex. Morrison have gone to Burnt River to attend council meeting. Last Saturday there was also a council meeting.

Our Reeve attended County Council last week at Lindsay.

Miss Parker went to visit her people at Dunsford yesterday. She will return to her school duties on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blanchard, of Tupper, Sask., who are spending the winter here visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Davis on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Embury, of Norland, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Davis last Sunday.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Scarth, who has been our pastor for the last few months is very ill. He went to Toronto and is under the care of two doctors for some time, and has now gone to the Muskoka Sanatorium. We hope that under the care we are sure he will get there, and in that beautiful home, he will regain his lost health.

Yesterday was the day for brain to come out of his den and have a look for his shadow. He would see it, so we may look for six weeks more winter. We were in hopes that we had got nearly all the winter we would have and that the cold weather had been condensed and given to us in January.

UNSATISFACTORY COMFORT.  
It is said that the most stifling room in Toronto City Hall is the medical health office, from whence come those circulars advocating fresh air. It is not Dr. Hastings' fault. He opens the windows and dictates sensible articles for publication, but the moment his back is turned the young people on his staff shut the windows, cuddle up by the radiators, and enjoy themselves while preparing for general distribution advice recommending to others all the discomforts which make for good health. Of course, the point of it is that each man considers all men mortal but himself.—Toronto Star.

Frank Yearley, of Warren, Ont., was arrested on a charge of having caused the death of his wife.

A prominent Brockville resident sustained fatal injuries by falling from the roof of a house.

Two young men arrested in Berlin are alleged to have committed a robbery.

EXCELLENT SERVICE.  
The song service at the Academy of Music last night was largely attended and was interesting as well as instructive. The illustrated slides telling the story of David and Goliath were clear and distinct.

wellshortening the present route by some four miles, and doing away with that large hill between Cameron and Lindsay. The County Council has already decided to build the approaches to McLaren's Creek the Government to properly bridge the same. Warden Steele, and County Councillors Babcock, and Tomlin have been appointed to represent the County Council.

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the farmers stocked to the sale barns and good prices were realized. Bargains are in store for those attending the sale on Feb. 17.

Vice-President Bury, of the C.P.R., at Windsor, gave a statement to the press regarding the transportation situation in the West.

FANNING'S BIG SALE.  
The next big week end sale at Fanning's Repository will be held on Feb. 17, and big preparations are being made to make it one of the best in the history of Fanning's sale barns. Owing to an error on the part of the proof reader the date of the last sale was not correctly reported. However, despite this fact

the long expected has been accomplished, Mr. Jeremiah Hurley, Fishery Inspector for the Dominion, has been relieved of the responsibilities of the sinecure which he has enjoyed for many years. His services to his party in and out of season during the past eight or ten years have met the approval of both parties, and officials who dabble in politics, otherwise than by casting their votes, should be removed from office—a fate looked for even by his own party, Intelligence.

some of whom had become disgusted and avowed it openly, of being placed in the position of having, when anything was wanted from the late Government, to apply through the Fishery Inspector, before they could approach the high and mighty in Ottawa. No doubt they will be satisfied now.

Other changes of officials which have taken place in this city and county have met the approval of the community and no doubt this change will be equally acceptable.—Belleville Intelligencer.

# British Submarine and Whole Crew Go Down

Portsmouth, Feb. 2. — The total loss this morning of the British submarine "A3" with the whole of her crew after collision with the gunboat Hazard adds another to the long list of similar accidents which have in recent years thrown the British navy and nation into mourning.

The crew of fourteen men on board the little vessel, which is one of the older class, was composed of volunteers from the men of the fleet, as is the case with the complements of all submarines. The men in spite of the hazardous nature of the service like the work and volunteer in large numbers to be detailed to the submarine flotillas.

Besides the regular crew of ten

board the "A3" the admiral's states that three other lieutenants were on the vessel going through a course of instructions and were drowned when the submarine sank.

Torpedo practice had been in progress for some time, and the submarine "A3" was partially submerged when she came into collision with the gunboat Hazard.

The gunboat was steaming at a fairly high rate of speed, and when she struck the submarine her bows cut a big rent in the little vessel's side. As the "A3" settled down, which she did in a few moments, and then disappeared, air and gas bubbles appearing on the surface told the crew of the Hazard that she was filling with water.

# Inquest into Death of the Late Mrs Wilson

The jury summoned on Monday last to inquire into the death of Mrs. Annie Wilson, who was found dead at her home on Wellington-st., met subject to adjournment, on Thursday, at 4.00 o'clock p.m., in the council chamber, with Dr. Wood as Coroner. The following jurors answered to their names: Foreman, Jos. Staples, R. Touchburn, John Hughes, T. R. Bealey, John Dixon, Albert Duck, F. McClory, R. Douglas, W. W. Jordan.

A juror said: "I was unable to see it at that time but saw the remains afterwards."

To a juror: "My wife and I got along well together, and I never saw her quarrel with any person. I gave her all my money. She received it from the office of the John Carew Lumber Co."

Wm. McGill on being sworn, said: "I was acting as night constable at the time of the occurrence. The Chief told me to keep a watch around that locality. I went around several times but I never saw any light or sign of life around there during the time. I told the Chief that those people must be away as I could see no signs of life around. I was in the Chief's office when her brother came in and informed the officer of his sister's death. The Chief and I went down to the dead woman's house together. I found the lady in bed dead. I recognized the dead woman as Annie Wilson. She had been bleeding from the nose. I saw blood on the face of the deceased and bloody cloths on the floor. There was plenty of food in the house."

To a juror: "The Chief and Geo. Foster saw a light in the house on the previous Monday night. She may have been dead for many days. There was a sufficient supply of wood in the wood shed to last for many days."

Thos. Mosley, sworn, said: "I live in Lindsay across the street from the home of the deceased, but farther down. I am too far away to see what would be going on around the place. I knew the woman to see her and that she was Mrs. Wilson. I did not see her after she was dead. I never heard any drags about the place."

Dr. Clarke, sworn: "I was called upon to make an examination of the body. I knew the woman as Mrs. Wilson and I attended her two years ago this winter when acting as hospital surgeon. It is about three weeks since I saw her alive. I found her lying in bed, lying partly on her right side with her right arm across her breast and left stretched downwards on the body. She was dressed in her ordinary house attire with a toque upon her head. There were no external marks which would indicate violence. I considered she must have been in poor health and on going to bed got bleeding from the nose. The blood so lost weakened her condition to such an extent that the deceased fell asleep and was overcome by the cold and perished or froze to death. There was nothing to indicate that the deceased took any 'dope' or carbolic acid which might cause death."

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The next witness called was John Wilson, To the Coroner he said: "I am the husband of Annie Wilson, the deceased, and I identified the body as being that of my wife. I was in Lindsay on the first of January, and on Jan. 2nd. When in town I always slept at home. I found the deceased in the very best of health during my stay and on leaving. I knew she was subject to severe nose bleeds. The last time she had one she awakened me, and said, 'Jack, I am going to bleed to death.' I arose and procured some ice which I placed on the back of her neck. This had the effect of stopping the flow of blood. The deceased had been in the hospital on one occasion. I heard of my wife's death through a telephone message from Mr. John Carew sent me to Kimmount at 11.00 o'clock a.m. on the day my wife was found dead. As soon as I got off the train on Victoria-ave., I went to my home. I went to Anderson & Nugent's undertaking rooms but owing to the body being immersed in a vat of

ice water I was unable to see it at that time but saw the remains afterwards."

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# A SATISFACTORY YEAR'S REPORT

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIA LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LINDSAY, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1912, AT TWO O'CLOCK.

## BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1911

There was a good attendance of shareholders and depositors, in all about forty.

W. H. Clarke, M.B., Vice-President, occupied the chair, and Mr. Low acted as Secretary.

The Secretary read the following financial statements:

ASSETS.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Cash on hand and at Bankers .....               | \$ 16,570.78 |
| Mortgages and Bonds with accrued interest ..... | 799,753.54   |
| Other investments .....                         | 8,185.00     |
| Vault, office furniture, etc. ....              | 2,700.00     |
| \$827,209.32                                    |              |

LIABILITIES.

To the Public:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Deposits and Debentures with accrued interest ..... | \$428,417.88 |
| Due on loans in process of completion .....         | 18,404.87    |
| Balance due Agents .....                            | 236.99       |
| \$447,059.74  |              |

To the Shareholders:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Capital Stock paid up .....                        | \$302,100.00 |
| Dividend No. 38, payable Jan. 2, 1912 .....        | 4,411.40     |
| Reserve Fund .....                                 | 72,000.00    |
| Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account ..... | 1,638.18     |
| \$380,149.58                                       |              |

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Balance December 31st, 1910 .....  | \$ 1,055.04 |
| Premium on capital stock sold .....  | 6,646.88    |
| Net profits for year after deducting cost of management and all expenses ..... | 25,302.47   |
| \$ 33,004.39   |             |

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS

|  |              |
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| Quarterly dividends Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, at rate of 6 per cent. .... | \$ 17,145.71 |
| Transferred to Reserve Fund .....                                    | 14,000.00    |
| Written off vault, etc. ....   | 220.50       |
| Balance carried forward .....  | 1,638.18     |
| \$ 33,004.39   |              |

RESERVE FUND.

|  |              |
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| Balance at credit December 31st, 1910 .....    | \$ 58,000.00 |
| Transferred from Profit and Loss Account ..... | 14,000.00    |
| \$ 72,000.00                                   |              |

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined and hereby certify as correct the accounts of the Victoria Loan and Savings Co. for the year ending December 31st, 1911. We have also examined the securities held by the Company and found them to be in order. We certify that the foregoing Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet are accurate statements of the affairs of the Company.

GORDON A. PETERS, Auditors.  
RUTHERFORD WILLIAMSON, C.A.  
Lindsay, Ont., January 13, 1912.

In the absence of the President, Mr. William Flavell, the Vice-President, Mr. R. J. McLaughlin, K.C., moved the adoption of the report, and spoke most optimistically of the position of every department of the Company's business. He stated that it had been the pleasant duty of the board to present each year a report better than any that had preceded it, and on no previous occasion had this condition been so abundantly in evidence as in the report now presented. During the year 1911, the assets of the Company have increased from \$706,014.67 to \$827,209.32; the paid up capital from \$270,140.41 to \$302,100.00; deposits from \$372,776.91 to \$428,417.88; reserve fund from \$58,000.00 to \$72,000.00, and the net profits have increased over those of 1910 by \$7,619.42.

During the past two years the growth of the Company's business has been 56 per cent. The Company has now over \$1.82 of assets for every dollar of liabilities, and those assets are the best in the world, being first mortgage on productive real estate. As of December 31, 1911, 97 per cent of the Company's entire assets consisted in mortgages on real estate, school and municipal debentures and cash on hand. Our interest payments continue most satisfactory—not a foot of property is in the hands of the Company.

It was my privilege in October last to visit our agents in Scotland, Messrs. Finlayson, Auld & McKechnie, of Glasgow, and they assure me that they will be able to send us yearly, substantial and increasing amounts of money from that country, and as those deposits from Scotland are in all cases for five years, you will readily see how exceedingly valuable this connection will be in a mortgage business. As you are no doubt all aware, the Company's authorized capital has been during the year by Order-in-Council, increased to \$500,000.00, and of this, your Board are now offering \$100,000.00 at \$125.00 per share, and at this price the stock is a much better investment than at any previous time in the Company's history, and I have no doubt both shareholders and public will promptly avail themselves of this opportunity to secure a highly satisfactory and profitable investment. Commencing January 1, 1912, the dividend has been increased from 6 per cent. to 7 per cent., which I am sure will be exceedingly gratifying to all concerned. In conclusion I believe that with your cordial co-operation, our next statement at the end of this year will show paid-up capital of \$400,000.00, Reserve Fund of well over \$100,000.00 and Assets of over \$1,000,000.00.

Mr. Stevens, Mr. Lytle, Mr. Chittick and Mr. Taylor each spoke briefly, emphasizing the satisfactory condition of the Company's affairs, and expressing the conviction that with continued steady growth, still better things were in store for the shareholders.

Mr. Smale, referring to his visit of inspection to Saskatchewan, reported that not only did he find the Company's investments in a most satisfactory condition, but that the Company was very highly spoken of by its borrowers, because of the courtesy and promptness extended to them.

Motions of thanks to the members of the Board and staff were offered and passed unanimously.

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