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JULIA SHARPE WAS ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED

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Inches long and 14 around but I do not know what was in it. The canoe is a good 2-man canoe. I have taken my wife and five children sailing in it. It is 15 1/2 feet long. No one was ever drowned out of it before. I got it new four or five years ago.

The next evidence was that of the doctors who made the post mortem. It was awaited with great interest and Dr. Burrows read his report amid the utmost silence. It said that apart from its decomposed state the body was perfectly healthy and in such condition as that of a well-developed virgin of 15 years should be. Death had been caused by drowning. Dr. White endorsed the report.

Allan Gillies told of helping McPhaden to bring the body to shore. It was limp and seemed dead. McGregor stood on the bank, was breathing hard and seemed to be suffering.

The coroner held in his hand a note that had been left at his house saying that a drowned person always lies on the back. He asked McFadden if this body was in that position.

Ans.—No, it lay on its face with arms stretched out.

The coroner—I do not take any stock in the statement in this note.

NO INSURANCE.

The coroner—Mr. McGregor, it has been said you had an insurance on this girl's life. Is that so?

Ans.—No sir, it is not.

To Juror Bick, McGregor said positively that he took no ale down the river. He bought three bottles that day. Two of them he had put in his room and the other he and Fegan had drunk at the boat-house.

Oscar Blatchford said McGregor had not told him that he was engaged to a young woman in Toronto worth \$30,000, and Arthur Robinson told briefly of seeing the body taken out and helping to remove the water from it.

The chamber was cleared and the jury after 45 minutes deliberation found a verdict of "Accidental Drowning."

ONE THING PROMISING ANOTHER TO FULFIL

The Prophecy and Record of the Liberals Put in Strong Contrast.

The Toronto Weekly Sun is the ablest exponent of independent thought in Canada today. Its moderation is only equaled by the keenness with which the facts of the current history of the Dominion are analyzed. It never publishes a scolding sentence, but its arraignment of the evils that threaten Canada from any and all sources, is as exact as it is vigorous. It is the voice, lonely but resounding, crying in the wilderness against the military spirit of the times; the friend of the (home) and the unmasker of political corruption, chicanery, and inconsistency. Without a word of comment it nails the latter upon the Liberal party by the following:

PROMISE The policy of bonusing railways by cash and land grants from the Dominion Government has become a fruitful source of jobbery, speculation and corruption. Under its operation favorites of the Government have been enriched. Appropriations have been made for the sole purpose of purchasing the support of constituencies, and vast sums of public money have been voted without regard to the public interest, while millions of acres of land that should have been held in trust by the Government for the future homes of hardy and deserving settlers have been handed over without consideration or justification to charter-hawkers. The policy of granting these subsidies has repeatedly been condemned in Parliament by the Liberal party, and this resolution (the Patron resolution against subsidies) is in harmony with the attitude of the Liberal party upon this question. From "The Principles, Policy and Platform of the Liberal Party," issued by the Ontario Liberal Association, 1891.

PERFORMANCE Subsidies voted: 1897 - \$7,084,044. 1899 - \$6,510,295. 1900 - \$3,493,000. The "promise" and "performance" thus thrown into contrast convict the Liberals of this province of the most flagrant breach of what they declared to be their policy, and hitherto in an eloquent fashion the crying vice of Liberalism throughout this nation. It is inconsistency that amounts to criminal falsehood.

—A aged German named Bupprecht committed suicide on his wife's grave at Norwich.

—A terrific storm visited Emsdale and vicinity last Tuesday afternoon, the 1st of which was never known in this country before. Chunks of ice fell with terrific force, measuring eight inches around. Hundreds of windows were smashed in that village, besides other serious damage. Crops were cut down and completely destroyed. Apples and fruits were cut to pieces and the trees uprooted, hundreds of dollars of damage being done.

WHY IT IS THAT THE TOWN IS IN DARKNESS

The Village-Like Obscurity of Our Streets at Night Explained.

"What's the matter with your town; don't you have any street-lights?" said a newly-arrived visitor to his host one day last week.

"Oh yes we used to have" replied our fellow-townsmen in some confusion "but they have not been going for a week or so. I don't know just why it is."

"The company has shut down on them because the town hasn't given them a new contract" volunteered a bystander.

This conversation is an authentic one and only a sample of the remarks commonly heard on the street. That sort is only part of the remarks. The other part are usually audible after night as the rattled pedestrian endeavors to negotiate the alleged sidewalks, excavations for granolithic and scientific jolts in completed sections of that pavement, that flank the streets of this town. These remarks are not suitable for the columns of a family newspaper but under the circumstances are not wholly unjustifiable on that account. They are likely mild compared with the physical demonstrations the aforementioned citizen would make to the individuals to blame if he could only find out for sure who they are. As it is he is usually at a loss between the council, the electric light company and the committee appointed to investigate the subject of street illumination.

To be thus in doubt and anger at the same moment is exasperating. To relieve the tension as far as may be done our reporter saw Manager Reesor in the offices of the Light Heat and Power Co. one day recently.

"How is it that the street lights are not going these nights?" quoth he.

With a smile the genial manager replied "Have you noticed that too? Find difficulty in getting about after sundown?"

Our reporter is a man of exemplary hours but being required by his duties to be around in the evenings, he was compelled to admit that certain of his journeys were inconvenienced by the absence of lights.

"Well" said Mr. Reesor "we have no contract with the town"

"That has been the case for some time has it not" replied the other.

"Yes. I have been asked by a good many people about the matter during the past few days. I often say to them that we have no contract. Neither we have but that is not the reason the lamps are out. The fact is we had an accident. In fact we had two of them. The armature of one of our machines burnt out. While it was away for repairs the other one was heavily loaded and burnt out too before the other got back. These were the old machines; for you know we are still lighting the town by steam power. That is the reason the lights have been out. But I may tell you that we are not losing any sleep over it, for we do not think the town is using us right."

"If you had a contract you would have had to arrange to light up some way."

"No. All contracts are subject to accidents. We could not get the repairs any faster than we are. But what I mean is that we do not feel obliged to worry about it under the circumstances. After our contract with the town expired, we continued the lights at the old rates simply to oblige the town. We have lost four or five dollars a day on the job ever since, and especially is it a disadvantage to us since we got our Fenelon plant working."

We did not know whether we should be given the contract or not. To light the town from Fenelon we should have to put in another machine. It would cost three or four thousand dollars, and we don't feel like spending that much until we know what is to be done. So we have meant an engine, an engine and the fuel. In addition to that, the cost of attending the new lights would be much less. You have seen those new lamps; one is at Campbell's corner and the other at Britton's. Well they are the most modern lamps made. That is the sort we propose using. Those two are just there on exhibition. They were to have gone back long ago and we won't buy them unless the contract comes to us."

THAT COMMITTEE. "Well, who is to blame? There was a committee appointed to investigate the question of lighting," volunteered our reporter. "Yes," said Mr. Reesor, "there was and they have been doing it. They came to us for terms. We said to them: 'Tell us what you want and we will give you a price.' They didn't know what they wanted, but were going to find out all they could. We offered to tell them all we could and even sent a man with them on their tour of investigation, to be of any assistance he could. They went to Hamilton. They got figures there. Mr. Kyle, the chairman, made complete notes of the information received. A good deal of it was such as that he did not understand—technical terms.

They found Hamilton paying \$85 per lamp for an all-night service, such as they want. We have been getting \$30 for ours. It was the intention to visit Brampton, Guelph and other places, but after they got through at Hamilton, Ald. Touchburn said: 'I am going home, I have all the information I want.' I do not know what he meant by it. At any rate they all came home.

We had the statistics of a good many places in Ontario and loaned them to the committee. We also had the average of 46 states. That average is over \$97 per lamp. New York city has three contracts. The lowest is \$146 and the highest \$182.50 each for all-night 1200 candle-power lamps. It is proposed to get 1500 candle-power.

It may be that these figures have rather staggered the committee, but they have had plenty of time to report before now. I think the technical terms of the Hamilton Information have been a difficulty. Mr. Kyle was up this morning to talk over matters a little. At any rate the season is getting along. We are running at a loss and approaching a time of year that will be very unpleasant for putting in a plant. Of course they fooled with the Burtleigh affair until they decided it was not practical, and now time is being wasted over the report of the committee. It will be Christmas at least before a plant can be installed. We have done all we can for the town and do not think that we have been fairly dealt with. However, it remains for the committee to say what they want and we will tell them at once what we can do. But you can say that the lights will be on again as soon as our injured machine comes back."

News of the Week

—Convict Pare, one of the Nepean bank robbers, is most of his time a patient in the penitentiary hospital.

—Ira Rowe of Belheme expired suddenly last night just after taking a bath. He uttered a cry and fell back dead. Heart failure was the cause.

—At Port Hope on Wednesday afternoon last about 4 o'clock, Abraham Creamer, a carpenter, while working on the roof of a two-story house, fell some eighteen feet head first, fracturing his skull, from the effects of which he died.

—Ex-Premier Greenway received a cablegram from England last week offering him \$3000 for three head of thorobred cattle, which he had on exhibition at the Winnipeg Fair. This is the highest price yet obtained for thorobred stock in this country.

—While returning from Rondeau last Wednesday at midnight Jesse Merriam, an 18-year-old youth, was struck by a L.E. & D.R.R. excursion train and received fatal injuries. He was taken to Chatham general hospital. The accident occurred at Belheme junction.

—The Evening Times, Victoria, B.C., says, editorially that the money for Mackenzie & Mann's railway from the great lakes to the Pacific, with a branch line to Dawson, has been subscribed in London. The Pacific terminus will be on the northern coast of British Columbia.

—On Wednesday last George Kennedy of Magnetawan, a young lad about fifteen years of age, was struck by lightning and killed instantly. His head and body were badly burned, the current passing from his head through his body and from one leg to the other, and out at one foot, tearing his boot.

—On Wednesday of last week the barge Melva, with her cargo on board, sank in the middle of the channel of St. Mary's river, and hence for the time being the whole of the upper lake traffic passing through the Sault Ste. Marie canals, the American locks as well as the Canadian, is blocked.

—The number of convicts in the Kingston penitentiary is not so high as usual on account of the ticket-of-leave system in vogue since last fall. Many prisoners have been granted their liberty under the new act; and, as far as can be learned, those liberated are fulfilling the conditions under which they were released, and are leading better lives.

—Commissioner McCreary states that he has not received many demands this season for labor in the harvest fields throughout Manitoba and the Territories, and what requests for help have come in can easily be filled by the men now in Brandon district total 50 men; 25 are wanted at Alexandria and 100 along the Southwestern and Deloraine branch lines.

—Hugh Carter of New York is in St. Mary's hospital with a fractured skull and other injuries from which the surgeons say he cannot recover. John Carter, his brother, is under arrest. It appears that last Monday the brothers engaged in a severe hand-to-hand fight on the edge of the Palisades, near Weehawken, and that while clinched in each other's arms they rolled off the cliff. Both are in love with a 17-year-old girl in West Hoboken.

—William Fikua, a colored man from Nashville, Tenn., came dangerously near being lynched in the streets of Chicago one night last week. He had snatched a pocketbook from a woman, and led the police a long chase through the alleys and streets. During his flight he fired three times at the police, and the crowd which followed the officers in pursuit. He was finally caught. While the officers were taking their prisoner to the police station they were followed by a crowd fully 500 strong, which shouted "Hang him," "Lynch him," "Take him away." After d. ... Fikua was placed in the

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