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## Arnel Love Says He Killed His Mother

What has been known as the Love murder at Ceylon has again been brought forcibly to mind by the confession of the victim's son, Arnel. This tragedy occurred on December 11, 1912, when Mrs. Henry Love was foully murdered in her own home, for which crime her husband paid the extreme penalty on May 27, 1913, at Owen Sound.

At the time of the murder the boy, Arnel, was only 14 years of age, and those who saw the premises after the murder were unanimous in their opinion that it was a physical impossibility for the boy to place the remains where they were found. Yet, according to the confession, that is just what he did. The young man says he and his mother had analtercation in the morning when she wanted him to bring in some wood before going to the high school in Flesherton, wh ichhe was attending. and that he struck her down with a piece of wood, then used a knife and dragged her to the back of the cellar. He says his father's evidence was correct in every detail.

The young man went to Toronto last week and made his statement before the Attorney General, and on Thursday evening went to Owen Sound and gave himself up. He is now in the hands of the authorities, who are investigating his story.

The case was a terribly sordid one throughout, and the father went to the gallows largely on the evidence of his own son. If, as the young man says, he was guilty of the murder of his mother, he was also responsible for hanging his father. Such depravity is difficult to conceive of, and there are those who believe the young man is more a subject for an asylum than a penitentiary. The verdict of guilty as pronounced by the jury against Henry Love, though based largely on circumstantial evidence, was largely influenced by his son at the inquest, which we quote from The Advance of Dec. 19, 1912 :

Arnel Love, the son, was sworn, and said he was 14 years old on the 13th of June. He had passed his entrance last year and was attending high school. Was at school on Monday. Was in the habit of going to bed at 8 or 9 o'clock. On Tuesday morning his father called him as usual. Had his breakfast alone. His father said his mother had got up early and gone to Rev. McLaren's. His mother had spoken of making a visit to the parsonage. When he got home from school Tuesday his mother was still away. The father had asked him to say nothing about his mother's absence. He had a cold breakfast Wednesday and went to school. Asked off after Arithmetic term and went home, getting there about ten minutes to three. His father came in twenty minutes later and did not ask if he had heard anything of the missing woman. That night after neighbors left his father started for the bedroom and then said he heard a noise which seemed to come up through the floor. He then lighted a lantern and said he would look all over under the house. He went down the steps, placed the lantern on one of them, and looking back behind them said, "Is that her ?" Arnel says he went down and looked and said he thought it was. His father went over within two or three feet of the body and said, "My God, it is her." He then came upstairs and went over for Mr. Collinson. The father then came back and asked Arnel if he had met anybody on his way to school, and when answered in the negative told him if anyone asked to tell them he saw a tall, strong looking fellow around the new road. The floor was swept on Tuesday and everything was in good order. Was suspicious before Wednesday evening that his mother was dead. According to the boy's statement he had not seen his mother at all Tuesday morning, although the father put the question point blank to him.

To Detective Reburn the boy made a statement which implicated the father. He said that when he got up Tuesday morning his mother was not there. He asked his father where she was and he replied that she had got up early and gone to Rev. Mr. McLaren's at Flesherton. Before going to school Love asked his son not to go to Mr. McLaren's that day, as was his custom, to eat lunch. Wednesday night after the body had been found, the boy said, his father had instructed him to tell the story about seeing a strange man while on his way to school Tuesday morning.

Mr. Sharp, who held evangelistic services at the Salem appointment, says :

"On the last night of the revival meeting a young man came forward. He had come to the meeting and was converted, and talked about wanting to make a confession. I said, well, perhaps you should and perhaps you should not. There are some things which should and some which should not be confessed. I said if you have wronged anybody you ought to make it right. I did not coax it out of him at all, but he said, well, I have been an awful sinner, Mr. Sharpe, and I want you to pray for me.

"I did not know then the young man's name or anything about him. He said, 'I feel my own mother's blood lies on me.' I asked in what way. 'Well,' he said, 'I guese I struck the fatal blow and killed my mother.'

"That was about all he said to me that night. I had an interview with him several days after. He said he felt that he would like to come right out and confess and give himself up. I then went down to Toronto and had an interview with the Attorney General without giving any names. Love wanted the people to know that his father was not guilty. He had ne murderous intent at the time of the tragedy and did not know what effect a piece of wood would have. For five years he had worked on the same farm and is credited with being a peaceful hard working boy. He considers it is the right thing to make a clean breast of the affair."

According to Mr. Sharpe Love is very anxious to exonerate his father and have his remains brought from Owen Sound to Flesherton and buried at the side of his mother. At the time of the tragedy, Mr. Sharpe says, Love, who was about 14 years of age, had resented something his mother had told him to do, and in a fit of passion flourished a piece of wood without knowing what effect it would have. Mr. Sharpe says Love has sufferad the last eight years, he has escaped the law, but has not escaped a guilty conscience. The father had satisfied the law. The son, now that he saw things in the right light, wanted to do the right thing, exonerate his father, and play the man. Mr. Sharpe has been endeavoring to locate Rev. Mr. Mullowney, a Baptist pastor at Owen Sound at the time of the tragedy, to ascertain all he can as to what Love's father said before the hanging at Owen Sound. So far he has been unable to locate Mr. Mullowney.

## PRICEVILLE

The heavy rain storm the beginning of last week caused such a pressure of water in the Saugeen river that it carried away the extra planking on top of the mill dam and it took 34 hours with all the gates open to reduce the water in the dam sufficiently to get the planks spiked on again, but everything is working o.k. again.

Joseph and Thomas Watson of Saugeen Junction placed a fine large granite monument in the new public cemetery last week, in the plot where their father, the late Joseph Watson, was laid last February.

A. B. and David McDonald have placed a nice marble monument in their plot in the public cemetery where their father and mother are laid.

Died—Sunday morning, July 25, Mr. Donald Kennedy, who has been in poor health since last fall. He was not married and owned a farm a mile and a half northeast of the village. His mother, who lived with him, predeceased him three years ago. The funeral takes place Tuesday afternoon from the residence of his uncle, Angus Kennedy, Townline street, to the new public cemetery here.

Rev. H. Berry conducted service in the Methodist church last Sunday morning and at Salem and Ebenezer in the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. L. Frook and children visited friends for a day or two last week in Hanover and Walkerton.

Miss Louisa Watson is over in Egremont township this week with her sister, Mrs. George Drimmie.

### In Memoriam

In loving momory of our dear husband and father, Wellington Dobson, who passed away July 3, 1919.

'Tis sweet to know we'll meet again
Where parting is no more,
And that the one so dear to us
Has only gone before.

—Wife and Family.

## ROCK MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Holley of Vandeleur and Miss Bowles of Ceylon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croft

Mrs. H. K. Watts and daughter, Eleanor, of Walkerton, visited last week with the former's sister, Mrs. R. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lyons motored up from Toronto and visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Betts.

We are sorry to report Barney Fields on the sick list, but hope for a speedy recovery.

John English, Singhampton, visited relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newell visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson, Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Phillips of Palmerston are holidaying with friends here.

Mrs. Will Clark left Thursday for her home in Wilder, Idaho. Mrs. Thomas Fisher and Will English accompanied her as far as Toronto.

Levi Betts and brotherinlaw, J. Robertson, are spending a few days with relatives in Toronto.

Ted Phillips and son of Toronto motored up and are visiting Isaac Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dargavel spent the week end with relatives at Dornoch.

## PROTON

Mrs. Pringle, with her little son, Murray, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Consley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hergott visited with friends at Chatsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan of Toronto are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins.

Miss Blakely is visiting with friends in the village.

On Tuesday evening last the Guild elected the following officers : President, Miss Ada W Acheson ; 1st Vice, Mrs. Abe Sherson ; 2nd Vice, Mr. Art Badgerow ; 3rd Vice, Miss Gertie Wyville ; 4th Vice, Mr Ed Badgerow ; Secretary, Walter Wyville ; Organist, Ada Acheson.

Mr. Cade is holidaying at Toronto.

Mr and Mrs Meddaugh visited with the latter's sister, Mrs Meddaugh.

Mr and Mrs Wright and family picnicked at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. Robt. Wilson, Sault Ste Marie, is visiting at Mrs. Carson's.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the following successful students: Entrance pupils—Christina Wodehouse, Ida Bachelor, Percy White ; 1st to 2nd Form—Marion Wright ; Lower School—Maude Acheson, Jean McCannel ; Normal School—Emily Acheson and Mary Wyville.

Miss Winnie Wodehouse is holidaying at her home here.

Mr. R. G. Acheson brought from Toronto a car load of first class cows and calves.

## DURHAM

The big stone crushing plant under construction here during the past summer by the John A Russell Co., has commenced operations and it is expected that at present the company will be able to ship ten cars of crushed stone a day. The crusher and elevator are run by hydro power, using about seventy horse power, and it is expected ths plant will employ about twenty five men.

Mr. James Johnston, north of town, was sent to the Owen Sound Hospital for treatment last week. Some time ago he had a toe injured by a horse stepping on it. The wound did not heal as desired, but seemed to develop into something the nature of gangrene, and later extended to the leg. It is to be hoped there will be no serious developments.—Chronicle.

### Well, They are "Tag."

A Flesherton hydro user has shut down his plant for a week to make the change back to water power. Prohibitive hydro rates is given as the reason. What about those who pay twice the Flesherton rates, who have no water power, and who cannot go back to steam or gas because of the high prices of coal and gasoline ?—Mt. Forest Confederate.

## CIVIC HOLIDAY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, August 2nd, 1920, will be Civic Holiday for the Village of Flesherton.

—D. McTAVISH, Reeve.

## CEYLON

Mrs. Ulrick of Cleveland and nephew, Artie Melia, of Toronto, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Melia.

Miss Dorothy Walker of Toronto visited Miss Gladys Cushnie here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sinclair, who have been on a two week's holiday, have returned home.

Mrs. Jas. Ashdown of Owen Sound was a caller in town last week,

Mr. and Mrs. Archer and 3 children of Toronto are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. White.

Mrs. T. Chislett left Saturday to visit with friends at Cleveland

Miss Sellers of Toronto is visiting her friend, Miss Effie Chislett.

Mr. H. Griffin and wife of Toronto visited the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. White, here, the past week.

Mr. Wm. Nealey and 45 men are busily engaged laying steel on the track here.

Mr. Will Pattison of Toronto is holidaying under the parental roof.

Mr. H. Fisher of Toronto is on a two weeks' vacation with his wife, who is also holidaying here.

Barrister W. A. Skeans and wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. Skeans of Toronto were guests at R. Cook's the 1st of the week.

Miss Helen Gibson and three girl friends of Toronto are holidaying with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson.

Mrs. Consley of Proton visited in town on Monday.

Mrs. Sinclair of Harriston is visiting her son here.

The Sunday School and Church intend holding their annual picnic on Friday afternoon in Mr. Genoe's grove. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and have a good time.

Mr. Jas. Dargavel and men are busy working at the mill.

Mrs. G. Collinson is visiting with Wiarton friends,

## VANDELEUR

Mr. Hemphill and the Misses Hemphill of Flesherton visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Warling one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wel. Davison of Paisley spent a few days with Mrs. Davis and family.

Mrs. Robert Graham is spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Porter Beard at Springhill.

Miss Mabel Bumstead of Meaford is visiting with her friend, Miss Julia Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Graham and babe visited with friends in Niagara and Toronto recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reid and children of Oxbow, Michigan, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pritchard.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker gathered at their home on Friday of last week and presented them with a handsome secretary and rocker. A very enjoyable evening was spent with games and music.

## Victoria Corners

There are some measles still in the neighborhood but they are not spreading.

We are sorry to report that Miss Ritchie, our previous teacher, is at present in Grace hospital, Toronto, taking treatment before an operation for appendicitis.

Marion Acheson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. David Wiltshire, near Ventry.

Irene Brewster of Dundalk is visiting her grandfather, Mr. A Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heard, Marcus and Mina, of Markdale, called on a number of old friends last week.

Mr, and Mrs. Allan Montgomery visited at the latter's home, Mr. H. H. Gallagher's.

Mr. H H. Gallagher has one of the road jobs as overseer from Dundalk to Durham Corners.


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