

The Standard.

MARKDALE AUG. 28, 1884.

FRIGHTFUL TRAGEDY.

Norris the head Teacher fires three shots at Miss Ford, second teacher, and then shoots himself.

HE EXPIRES IN 40 MINUTES.

Miss Ford in a Critical Condition.

LOVE AND JEALOUSY.

Our village was thrown into intense excitement on Monday last about 11 o'clock, when a report spread like wild fire to the effect that M. Norris, head teacher of our public school had fired a shot out of a revolver at Miss Ford teacher of the second department while in school, and then shot himself. The terrified pupils fled from the school house to their various homes, wild with excitement and fear, when parents and citizens hurried to the school house finding the above report only too true, here Norris lay unconscious in the room of the second department where the tragedy occurred. Miss Ford, though shot three times in the head, remained conscious throughout, and walked to a neighbors (Mr. Biggar's) house over 100 yards distant, the blood flowing profusely from the wounds and from her mouth. In order to describe the sad event it will be necessary to first state

THE CAUSE

which led to the tragedy. M. Norris, who has been head teacher in the school since the 1st January, and who had, previous to the affair, given general satisfaction as a teacher, and conducted himself throughout in a manner which won for him the respect of the people generally, has shown a desire during several months past to win the affections of Miss Ford, and though not encouraged by her, and latterly denied the privilege of her company, Norris' affection it appears, grew into a

REVENGEFUL JEALOUSY.

When home on his vacation he brought a revolver with him on his return, and even previous to this, threatened to shoot any person who would go with Miss Ford, so that it is evident the black deed was premeditated; however, things went as usual until Monday last when the school was dismissed at half past ten for intermission. Norris went up into the second department where Miss Ford was, doing some crotchet work, they talked about their school duties, and afterwards he said he had a question which he wished to have finally decided, viz., whether she was willing that he should keep company with her? (of course with a view to matrimony) she saw that he looked wild, and in order to evade a direct answer said, it is time to call in the school; he answered, not until I have an answer yes or no, then she said it would have to be the same as before, no. He then, having his right hand in his pocket, drew out a revolver and shot her, the bullet entering her face below the cheek bone and lodging in the upper maxillary, she dodged under a desk with both hands on her head for protection when he followed and discharged two other shots, both of which made flesh wounds near the top of the head, one of them first passing through the third finger of the left hand, she then hastened from the room bleeding terribly and was scarcely out of the door when she heard the 4th shot, supposing it was also at her but which proved to be the fatal one for himself, entering the right eye and coming out at the back of his head. He lived some 40 minutes but never spoke. Miss Ford entered the first department and endeavored to wash off the blood, and sent for the doctor, seeing the blood flow so freely she hastened away to meet the Dr. Mr. Biggar met her and took her into his house by the way where she was

assistance was at once on hand, and where the best care is being administered, and the patient is doing well so far, and hopes for her recovery are good.

She is about 20 years of age and a very highly respectable person as also the whole family, and universal sympathy is felt for them in their present sad trial. It is most remarkable how the young lady escaped, three shots being aimed at her head from within less than two feet distance, yet none touching a vital point.

M. Norris was 28 years of age, his parents reside at Lyons Head, they were telegraphed for and his father and sister arrived Tuesday, taking the body home for interment same day. It was considered unnecessary to hold an inquest, or post mortem examination on the body, as the evidence was clear and undoubted both of Miss Ford and several children who were in the room at the time. His parents are very respectable people and great sympathy is felt for them.

The village people are scarcely over the shock yet, and we trust that we never again shall be called upon to chronicle such a horrible tragedy in our midst.

LATER.—As we go to press, Miss Ford is doing very nicely, having rested and slept well during nights, her finger is painful and will likely have to be amputated as it is badly shattered; up to the present there is no bad symptom, she can speak clearly without any trouble and does not suffer much from the wounds in her head. She has a strong nerve and was very little excited through the dreadful tragedy.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Manitoba Letter.

Tucas Manitoba, Aug. 12, 1884.

To the Editor of the Standard.

DEAR SIR.—Please allow me the privilege of inserting a few lines in your valuable columns.

There has been a great deal said with regard to this Western portion of our Dominion, many of the statements are quite correct while others are very far astray. I will just express my ideas in as short a space as possible. We have in this Province of Manitoba what I would term the flour of our vast Dominion. In the first place we will view it as an agricultural country and as that I might safely say that it cannot be surpassed on the continent, when compared with the older province of our dominion it is far ahead and I believe from this time forward it will be the principal support of our English markets. The land here is a black mould from two to three feet deep which has for a subsoil a very tenacious yellow clay. When once the Prairie is broken the land is easily worked, and one man here with a span of horses can work as much land and get it ready for crop as two men would in Ontario. I speak from experience as I lived in Ontario and at the present day live in Manitoba. A man can break and get ready for crop seventy acres of Prairie land and the following summer reap a harvest of from twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre. I have lived in Manitoba two years and that has been the average yield of wheat in our district, which is Arrow River settlement, this settlement lies north of the Assiniboine, in fact it is well settled from Brandon to Fort Ellice on each side of the Assiniboine. It is wonderful the change has taken place in the last three years. Three years ago this place was nothing but a vast extent of wild Prairie where no human trod except the Indian bands, and to-day it is a fruitful country which will team cut its millions of bushels of wheat and oats. I might just say here that every kind of grain ripens and is a good sample. The crops this year are looking well and are assuming their golden appearance, people expect to cut their grain about the twentieth of August. It is also a great stock raising country the grass grows in great abundance, it is composed of wild peas vetches and other natural grasses which grow to a great height in the low land, there is also plenty of water, and roots are a successful crop, all kind of roots can be grown and they attain a great size.

A word about the climate, we have got one of the healthiest climates that can be found, it is a clear bracing atmosphere with very little cloudy or foggy weather, one cause of it being so healthy is because we have so much sunshine and very little damp weather the days are warm and the nights cool, true it is that the winters are cold but no person appears to suffer for much except they loose their way and it is not so easy getting lost now since every place is becoming settled and plenty of travel on the different trails, in fact there is little or no sickness in any part that I have been in. While speaking of the climate I would just state the reason we have such a good sample of grain; The reason simply is this, it has a longer time to grow and mature than it has in Ontario, this year grain was sowed the beginning of April and it won't be fit to cut till about the twentieth of this month, and another reason is the cool nights and our rainy season being in June and July.

Now I would advise men who have large families of boys and who wish to give them land and be able to live in the midst of their family in their old days to come to Manitoba or the North West where they can draw one hundred and sixty acres apiece for himself and boys and pre-empt another quarter section.

Also while the two great political parties of our day are disputing as to the class of emigrants, allow me to tell them to send out a larger supply of young ladies, there are a great many more men than women in this country and the bachelors find it very inconvenient to carry on farming alone.

I am yours truly,

J. H. CUNNINGTON.

Flesherton.

From our own correspondent.

The Scott Act agitation has reached Flesherton in full. On Monday evening last the 6th inst., the Town Hall here was filled to the door in response to an invitation given to the citizens of this country to meet for the purpose of hearing a lecture from Mr. F. Spence of Toronto, on the present aspect of the temperance question also for discussion or debate upon the same. The platform was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Shaw of Maxwell, Rev. Mr. McGregor of this place, and others, the Rev. Mr. McDowell occupied the chair. A cordial invitation was given to any one who might wish to speak in favor of the liquor traffic to come on the platform, but no one seemed inclined to accept the opportunity offered. Mr. Spence spoke for more than two hours at times holding the large audience in breathless silence, his arguments were clear, logical and forcible. Mr. Spence thoroughly explained the provisions of the Scott Act as compared with the Dunkin Act and the Crooks Act, he concluded a very powerful speech by urging upon patriots, citizens, and Christians to support the measure. A vote was taken but only one or two persons stood up against the adoption of the act. A very pleasing feature in connection with the meeting was the large number of ladies present. The meeting closed by a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, and singing God save the Queen when Rev. Mr. McGregor pronounced the benediction and thus closed an enthusiastic but most orderly meeting.

Dundalk.

From our own correspondent.

The organization of the Lodge of Royal Templars of Temperance will be completed to day (TUESDAY.) Rev. Mr. Keefer lectures in Victoria Hall in the evening on the Scott Act.

Miss Campbell, a teacher in a rural school near here, took her departure suddenly during Saturday night last in company with one of our young boys. They were seen in your village last Sabbath morning, Miss C. lately received her dismissal from her trustees, and is reported to have lived rather a fast life.

The return base-ball match between Flesherton and Dundalk was played last Thursday. The very unfair decisions of the umpire were a matter of comment by all the spectators. Notwithstanding that Flesherton club brought picked players from different parts of the county, our boys are confident they would have won the game, had they received fair play.

W. T. JACKMAN is in Dundalk this week. He seems quite at home among his lady acquaintances, but don't tell any of the young ladies of Markdale Mr. Editor.

The petition for submission of the Scott Act is expected to have the names of 300 Protesters on it.

Williamsford.

Mother don't you think your children are ripe enough to preserve. I reckon they are. But how a lady I know that has her children preserved in a very little damp weather the days are warm and the nights cool, true it is that the winters are cold but no person appears to suffer for much except they loose their way and it is not so easy getting lost now since every place is becoming settled and plenty of travel on the different trails, in fact there is little or no sickness in any part that I have been in. While speaking of the climate I would just state the reason we have such a good sample of grain; The reason simply is this, it has a longer time to grow and mature than it has in Ontario, this year grain was sowed the beginning of April and it won't be fit to cut till about the twentieth of this month, and another reason is the cool nights and our rainy season being in June and July.

Mr. John McIntyre has returned from Port Arthur.

Jake G. Keefer, of St. Thomas, called on us last Friday.

Mrs. A. Lyons of Sunderland, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. D. J. Shanahan and Master Eddie are visiting friends in Penetanguishene and Medonte.

Mr. H. and Miss Carrie Foster of Williamsford left on Monday for the town of Perth on a three weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Purvis of Brockville are visiting their daughter and other friends here.

Mrs. J. Garton, of Toronto, is this week visiting her sister Mrs. Wm. Armstrong.

C. P. E. Excursion to Montreal.

The Ontario Division of the C. P. R. which includes the Toronto Grey and Bruce and Credit Valley branches will give a cheap excursion to Ottawa and Montreal over the Ontario and Quebec branch on Tuesday September 2nd.

Tickets will be good to stop over at Ottawa on returning trip, and will be good for return by any regular train leaving Montreal up till 11th September. Fare from Toronto for round trip \$5, from Owen Sound and Flesherton inclusive \$9, from Orangeville \$7. Trains will leave Toronto at 9, a. m. and 7, p. m. Tuesday the 2nd. For further particulars see bills.

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DARING ROBBERIES IN DURHAM.—On Wednesday morning Lower Town was thrown into quite a consternation by the report, that McAlister's stable had been burglarized and two valuable sets of harness, a leather horse net and some odd pieces of harness stolen and also that an attempt had been made to enter Middaugh's stable but the burglars had evidently been disturbed. The report turned out to be too true and McAlister is a loser to the tune of fifty or sixty dollars, all the harness taken belonging to gentlemen staying at his hotel. Later on, we learnt that Birnie had four brides stolen, and also that he had a clue to the thieves, who are represented as a tough gang residing in Glenelg. A watch has been put on them and Birnie goes to day to Hanover to obtain a warrant for the arrest of two or three parties. It also develops that the scoundrels, had been prevented from effecting an entrance to Middaugh's place by Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre; both were on the look out for their boy, whom they were hourly expecting home, and hearing a rig supposed it to be the boy's and went out with a lantern, disturbing some fellow skulking about the stable. After using abusive language, they got into their rig and drove off. These fellows, McIntyre can identify and the fact of their acting in such a suspicious manner is sufficient warranty for an arrest and enquiry. It is about time the silly idea was exploded that it is not absolutely necessary to catch well known rascals in the very act of committing a crime, before you can institute a prosecution. The authorities should offer a handsome reward for their conviction, and McAlister will deserve little sympathy, if he doesn't prosecute, his boys should not be allowed in one crime, let them should do you another, and their reputation about hanging out their rank increases. We are sorry that we are not able to give you more news of the progress of the case, but we will do our best to give you the latest news.

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DEATHS.

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B. COLEMAN, Secretary, Markdale, 107-109

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