

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Application to Parliament. Double Refined Rock Oil—D. R. Leavens. Dog Food. Waverly House, Halifax, N.S.—John Robinson.

AUCTION SALE TO-DAY. Sale of Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, &c.—A. Rowe.



Common report has it that the Messrs. WORTHINGTONS, of Quebec, are the lowest tenderers for sections numbers one, two and four of the Intercolonial Railway, and that Messrs. ELLIOTT and GRANT, of Brandon, are also lowest for number three.

The total amount of tenders for the whole ninety-nine miles is, therefore, one million fifty-three thousand and seven hundred dollars. At this rate the whole Intercolonial Railway would only cost about five millions of dollars, for construction, to sub grade.

The estimates of the different engineers who have been engaged in locating the above-mentioned sections we understand amount to over two millions of dollars. There is such a discrepancy between the calculations of the engineers and the tenders of the contractors that the schedule of prices ought certainly to be reduced, so as to accord with the quantities estimated by the engineers.

Other, if the engineers' estimates of quantities are held to be correct, there is a danger that the contractor will have drawn the whole of this contract price before the work is more than half-performed.

We shall be exceedingly glad, however, to learn if the work can be performed for the prices named. If the whole of the road can be constructed at similar rates, the country will certainly have the Intercolonial Railway at something less than half the first estimates.

We think, however, and we have arrived at this conclusion from what we know of the business of railway building, that no such offers as have just been mentioned can be reasonably entertained by those upon whose shoulders rest the responsibility of letting the contracts for the building of the Intercolonial.

For the first time in the history of the County of Carleton there has been a public execution within its precincts. The criminal was no common character; neither was his victim. The late THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE was a man of no common reputation.

The British laws more strictly than any other laws in the world are applied to the case of a murderer. It is not only a crime, but a crime of the highest order.

Execution of Whelan. The Scene Inside and Outside the Jail—The Prisoner's Demeanour Throughout—His Speech, &c. &c.

Yesterday morning opened like many another morning, though for Ottawa and Carleton it was the harbinger of an event new to the history of the county and the city. It was the county's first capital sentence duly executed, and surely this says a great deal for the morality of the county, or the mercy of its jury. Patrick James Whelan is the first victim of the Carleton County gallows; and it is not for long years and its reputation is again brought into requisition! But may the "good man and true" of the county ever be ready, as in September last, to say "guilty" when by the sworn evidence of credible witnesses the vile crime is brought home to the hands of the guilty.

The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow, pure and white, fell in soft fleecy flakes, as the crowds of people flocked around the Court House, and by nine o'clock there was a large and sober gathering of people, where they could see, and where they couldn't see, standing quietly under falling snow, and wondering how the prisoner would carry himself. "Will he make a speech?" "Will he confess?" were the questions passed from mouth to mouth; and as the answer was given by the knowing ones that Whelan would say nothing, the gaping bystanders testified their disappointment by a visible elongation of the countenance.

"He'll say nothing," "The priest has advised him, and for a full half-hour or more they waited patiently, until at length the door was opened, the caddis examined and the prisoner in. Here again came another delay before being admitted upstairs. The minutes the jail officials were actively engaged in the preparations for the solemn tragedy. The Sheriff, with cocked hat and sword, moved about with unwonted seriousness. The Governor directed the turnkeys hither and thither with a solemnity altogether new, and the crowd of men and others, though occasionally trying to make a pleasant remark, gave unmistakable evidence of consciousness of a very serious business on hand.

At length the heavy door is unlocked with a jerk, and swung back lastly on its hinges. An anxious and uneasy prisoner enters, which Mr. Ballif, the active Deputy Sheriff, does his best to prevent from degenerating into a scramble. "Passes" are again examined; those privileged to go "above" were passed up, while the more numerous crowd, whose privileges only extended to the jail yard, were sent "below." This operation over very quietly indeed, though a considerable amount of bustle and crowding, the "above" party found their way to the eastern wing of the jail, where an ominous coil of rope fastened to the banister inside and inserted into the ring overhanging the "drop," was ominously suggestive of the terrible tragedy. At this point the crowd was uncomfortably large, but this was a consequence of the small space open for occupation. The Montreal, the Toronto and the Ottawa press were fully represented, and there were several bodies of gentlemen and some county officials were also there; but the event was such as we suppose neither the parties present nor the outside public care to know the names.

But the distance of a short stairway down from the "drop" was the door of Whelan's cell. Inside was the prisoner, pale and anxious, but wonderfully calm, considering the doom he was about to meet. With him were his confessor the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop's Secretary, as also the Rev. M. Tabaret, President of St. Joseph's College, and the Rev. Father Collins, Parish Priest of Upper Town. At the door could be heard the solemn tones of the priest reciting prayers appropriate to the occasion, which Whelan repeated, or responded to, as if a firm voice. There appeared to be no bravado in his manner, but his voice indicated a state of mind resolutely bent upon meeting his fate with becoming firmness. Certainly he appeared to have fully recognized the awful solemnity of his position. Those restless eyes of his were more restless than ever, the quivering lip had a quicker motion, and the face was more than ordinarily pale.

But the carriage of the man was upright, his step firm, and his voice, though earnest and subdued, by no means faltering. For some time the prayers went on, Whelan responding to the voice of the priest. At length the unwelcome shadow of the executioner flitted across the landing of the stair-way, with black mask and striped night-cap on his head. A few minutes later the door flung open, the hangman passed in with a small coil of light rope in his hand. The "pinning" was then performed, and it seemed to take a dreadfully long time. Before being tied Whelan shook hands with the clerics, the Sheriff, the Governor and the Warden of the county, expressing himself at the same time in words of forgiveness and friendship to all. The hangman then tied his hands behind his back, putting off coil around him, during which Father O'Connor and the prisoner were engaged in earnest prayer.

Then came a flutter among the people about the door on the stairway, and the hanging leading to the drop. The Governor had signalled them to make way for the prisoner. And so with the Sheriff and the priests Whelan walked up with a firm step, his eyes looking forward and upward, and his voice responding in clear and distinct tones to the litany then being recited by the priest. Having taken his stand on the fatal "drop" Father O'Connor again engaged in prayer with him. The prisoner stood the dearest

LOCAL NEWS. POLICE COURT—There was but one case for trial at the police court yesterday: that of an old man for drunkenness, and he was left over till this morning.

WATERLOO, HALIFAX.—The card of this excellent and well conducted establishment will be found in our advertising columns, and in the undertaker's wagon and in the residence of his friend, Mr. Edward T. Young, No. 14 West Sixth-st., Tuesday last, of paralysis, in his forty-fourth year of age. He had been complaining for some weeks, but was not confined to his house until last week, and on Sunday the disease increased in violence and continued until his death, which took place after five o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Brady was born at No. 21 Warren-st., in New York, and was educated by his father, Alderman Thomas S. Brady, who was a gentleman of high character. He was the tutor of some of our most distinguished men. Mr. Brady also studied law with his father, and soon after being admitted, in 1835, commenced practice in New York. He soon rose to eminence in his profession, and was engaged in some of the most important suits. The principal of these was the famous Goodfellow patent case in which Mr. Brady was associated with Daniel Webster. In that case Mr. Brady had left him comparatively nothing to say. The subject of this sketch was also counsel for contestants in the famous Parish case, in which the late Governor of New Jersey was successful. He seemed to thoroughly understand the whole nervous system, and his progress was slow and steady, and though it seemed to the power of disease. The first symptoms of his complaint—softening of the brain—appeared so far back as July, 1867. His first six months of his illness he was able to attend to business, yet for a year past he was almost confined to the house. He had medical skill and courage, and took him to the station, where he was admitted to bail.

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