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MR. OLIVER'S STORY. In yesterday's issue of the Times, it was announced that a man of the name of William Hutchinson, a well known citizen of Ottawa, had disappeared from Mr. Kelly's tavern in Hull, on last Saturday night, under very singular circumstances, and had not up to yesterday morning been either seen or heard of. A letter purporting to have been written by Hutchinson, and containing the following intelligence concerning this disappearance, was received yesterday.

On Saturday evening Hutchinson went into Kelly's saloon and drank pretty freely. He seemed to be in a somewhat excited mood, and was somewhat demonstrative. He drank and treated several times, and as is usual with men under like circumstances, talked loudly and wanted to write the waiter, but in a friendly way. The man in the bar, among whom was a friend of his, Mr. Grimes, who came to be acquainted with him, and in no way out by his sayings and doings. One of the men present did not object, but Hutchinson took off his overcoat, undercoat and vest, in order to be in condition for the encounter. After this an unpleasant incident occurred.

In this story, which is told by the proprietor of the tavern, Mr. Kelly, and the next thing we know of is that Hutchinson wanted to go out one party says to the "back yard," while another states it was a "clothing store." Hutchinson went out in his shirt sleeves, and that was the last that was seen of him. Mr. Oliver, however, in the night, in Messrs. Bates & Currier's mill, with whom our reporter had an interview last night, gives the following statement, which may throw at least a little light on the matter.

At about 10 o'clock, as near as I can remember, I and my relative, Mr. Gauthier, who lives with me, were coming down the street, and just outside our own door, Mr. Gauthier entered, and I was about to do so, when I was accosted by a man walking past at a rapid rate, who, on being asked to place the name of which I could not catch, or I did, which I cannot now recall to memory. He was a tall, heavy looking man, without coat or vest, and had on a RED STRIPED SHIRT.

His strange appearance rather unnerved me, and in answer to his question I made some reply and pointed in the direction of the Catholic Church and he went on his way. The night was intensely cold. I did not know what to think of the affair, and I was anxious to get home. On my return, I was questioned by the reporter, Mr. Oliver, as to what the man could have gone either of two ways when he was accosted. One was that he had taken to Main street, and the other that he might have gone down Albert street to the ferry at the bottom, and then into the eddy, or mill-race, there, where a man and woman were drowned last year, and their bodies never recovered. While the Times reporter and myself were conversing about the occurrence, Mr. Kelly, the saloon keeper, entered, in company with a man of the name of "Lynch" Lowe, who, he said, could give some information on the matter, that is becoming so interesting. Howe said he was well acquainted with William Hutchinson, whom he represented as a steady, eccentric character, subject to sudden freaks, one of them develop in itself into a desire at times of running away for days together, and then as suddenly re-appearing. This story would have given a little comfort, but, unfortunately, when he came to describe the personal appearance of the missing man, it was so different from that of the man who had been seen with quite a different individual, if indeed he was not creating an ideal character of his own in order to elude himself or throw the police off the track, or to mislead the reporter.

No. 13 in 1130 a year yesterday, when it was found that the house occupied by Mr. Shields, the painter, No. 451 Wellington street, was on fire. The fire started from the ground and streams from No. 1 and No. 2 commenced playing. The fire was meanwhile eating its way through the roof and first floor, and the firemen had to use the axe, which in the present instance was found of more use than water. After cutting away a considerable amount of lumber, and after trying to succeed. The amount of damage done was about \$300. The property belongs to Mr. Brayden, and was insured.

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