

son and protector. Lawyer Russell, who of course, he her guardian, and the administrator of the estate. She could not be better than, and however far away he might be, he should never lose his interest in her or cease to be her friend.

"Meanwhile," he said, with an effort to smile, "I shall be glad if you will allow me to make your home my home until my arrangements are completed. I am not so proud that I will not accept that hospitality at your hands."

"I do not think that Rosamond quite comprehended his last words. She only knew that he would not hurry away from the Forest House, and she looked up eagerly, and said:

"I am so glad, and I hope you will not hate me, or even believe me the foolish thing I said—in that way."

"No, Rosie," he answered her. "I am far from hating you. And how can I think you mean that way when you have repeatedly declared that you will marry me for a thousand times the money?"

"No, now or ever!" Rosamond exclaimed, energetically, and he replied: "Yes, I know; men generally understand when a girl tells them she has no love or liking for them."

"There was something peculiar in his voice, and what she could not see in his face, she detected it, and in eagerness to set him right, involuntarily laid her hand on his arm, and flashing upon him her brilliant, beautiful eyes, in which the tears were shining, said to him:

"Oh, Mr. Everard, you must not mistake what I mean. I love you, and I shall for ever and ever; but not in a marrying way, and I am so sorry I have come between you and your inheritance. You have made me see that I cannot now help myself, but when I am twenty-one, if I live so long, so help me Heaven, I'll give you as much as I can, and I'll give you my heart, and knowing, may help you to bear the years of poverty which must intervene."

Again the long, silken lashes were lifted, and the dark, bright eyes looked into his with a look which sent a strange, sweet thrill through every nerve of the young man's body. Rosamond had come up to him, and he was vaguely conscious of a different interest in her now from what he had felt before. It was not love; it was not a desire of possession. He did not know what it was; he only knew that his future life suddenly looked brighter than ever to him, and that it must be a life of love and influence. She had risen to her feet as she was speaking, and he rose also, and went with her to the door, and let her out, and watched her as she disappeared down the stairs, and then went back to his task of sorting papers, with the germ of a new feeling stirring ever so slightly in his heart.

"Full of shame and mortification at what she had done, Rosamond resolved to go at once to Elm Park and confess the whole to Beatrice, whom she found at home. She was thinking of the Forest House and the confusion caused by the foolish will of an angry old man, when Beatrice was announced, and sitting down at her feet, plunged into the very midst of her trouble by saying:

"Oh, Miss Beatrice, I have come to tell you something which makes me wish I was dead. What do you suppose I have done?"

"I am sure I cannot guess," Beatrice replied, and Rosamond continued, "I asked Mr. Everard to marry me, actually to marry me."

"What a!" and Beatrice was more astonished than she had ever been in her life. "Asked Everard Forrest to marry you! Are you crazy, or a—"

"She did not finish the sentence, for Rosamond said to her, and said:

"Yes, but so crazy and a fool, I verily believe!"

"But how did it happen? What put such an idea into your head?"

Briefly and rapidly Rosamond repeated what had passed between herself and Lawyer Russell, who had asked how old she was, and on learning her age had suggested her marriage to the young man and thus giving him back the inheritance.

"And you went and did it, you little goose," Beatrice said, laughing until the tears ran down her cheeks; but, when she saw how distressed Rosamond was, she controlled her merriment, and listened while Rosamond went on:

"Yes, I was a simpleton not to know any better, but I never meant him to marry me as he would marry you or some one he loved; that had nothing to do with it at all. And I was going right away from Forest House to take care of my dear old mother, and I was so foolish to do as a nurse, or waitress, or ladies' maid, if nothing more, and I meant to go just as soon as the ceremony was over, and leave him all the money, and never, never come back to be in the way."



### THE HON. GEORGE BROWN.

### His Death After a Linger- ing Period of Suffering.

### CORONER'S INQUEST.

### A Verdict of Murder Returned Against Bennett.

### THE FUNERAL.

Toronto, May 9th.—When the news was sent broadcast on the afternoon of the 25th of March that the life of the Hon. George Brown had been attempted by a discharged employe, social and political circles were deeply moved at the dastardly act. After the first outburst of indignation at so heinous an offence, the people rejoiced to know that the wound inflicted by the assassin's pistol was by no means considered dangerous by the medical men who attended Mr. Brown, unassisted, descended the office stairs and took his place in a carriage. A few weeks at most, it was thought and confidently hoped, would see him again attending to his duties, not much the worse for his adventure. At the expiration of two weeks grave rumors as to his condition were first heard. His medical attendants were rather reticent in giving the true state of their patient to the public. It, however, became known that a serious change had taken place, and that what was at first considered a trifling wound now gave the doctors great cause for alarm for their patient. Day by day Mr. Brown grew weaker, and it was then made known that mortification had set in and that but little hope was entertained for his recovery. During the illness his wife and Miss Brown, aged 17, were his faithful attendants. The latter a few days ago became thoroughly prostrated and was reluctantly compelled to leave the bedside of her father. On Thursday afternoon last the sufferer was so low that it was thought a few hours at the most would terminate his life. Then, for the first time, his sorrowing relatives were summoned to the bedside of the dying man. A few hours rest followed, and with it renewed lease of life. On Friday there was little change, but on Saturday the patient was better, and with it even dicker moments of consciousness, during which he smiled a recognition to his faithful, untiring wife, who was ever near at hand to smooth the pillow and attend to the wants of her dying husband. On Saturday the doctors pronounced that a few days more of rest, and a few flying hours and Canada's greatest statesman and journalist would have passed from this sphere. What was looked for came at last, a few minutes past two o'clock this morning. His life went out with the incoming of the day. Unconscious and free from pain, and surrounded by those whom he had loved, his spirit passed quietly away. Although death was hourly expected for some days past, the shock to the public when it did come was none the less severe. A heavy gloom overcast the city, and kindly sympathizing hearts throbs went out to the afflicted man and his sorrowing relatives. Flags were floated at half-mast from all the public buildings out of respect to the memory of the honored dead. Mention was made of the sad event from the pulpits of the city churches and prayers were offered up for those who claimed him as a husband and a father. During the day the streets leading to Mr. Brown's house were densely thronged by pedestrians. Those who called were principally clergymen and intimate friends of the deceased. The sorrow expressed is universal. At a meeting held in the afternoon a short by a worthless, drunken vagabond caused feeling to run high against the assassin. The relatives were in hourly receipt of sympathizing messages from those high in office, both in Canada and the Old Country. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Wednesday afternoon. It is expected to be one of the largest ever seen in this or any other city of the Dominion. It is stated on reliable authority that Hon. Mr. Brown made an ante-mortem deposition. The document is dated the 9th of April, and in full particulars of the shooting are recorded. The statement does not materially differ from that already given to the public. It will be produced at the inquest to-morrow. Coroner Johnson, of Yorkville, was requested by the County Crown Attorney to open an enquiry after making his declaration made in a warrant issued and at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning a jury will visit the house of the deceased and view the body. Application will be made to the police commissioners to-night for the use of the court room, in which it is proposed to hold an inquest in the afternoon. Hon. George Brown was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in November, 1818, and was, therefore, in the 62nd year of his age at the time of his death. In 1838 he emigrated to New York, where he edited the *British Chronicle* newspaper. In 1843 he came to Toronto with his father, Mr. Peter Brown, a newspaper man of some note in his day. The *Toronto Daily Globe* was founded by the deceased a year or so after his arrival. He became its chief political writer, and during the years that followed he encountered many ups and downs in his journalistic career. He never lived to see his paper an unqualified success. A few years ago a joint stock company was or-

ganized for the publishing of the paper with the Hon. George Brown as managing editor. He was for many years leader of the Reform party of Upper Canada, and as such he was called on in 1855 to form a Government for the late Province of Canada. With the cooperation of the Hon. A. Durnan he succeeded, but before the members of his administration were re-elected the House of Assembly passed a vote of want of confidence and Mr. Brown and his colleagues resigned. He again entered the Executive Council in 1864 as a member of the Administration formed to carry out the scheme of Confederation. At his request a select committee was appointed to report on such changes in the constitution as might satisfy the just expectations of Western Canada. The committee reported in favor of a Federal system, which was afterwards established. Mr. Brown resigned in December, 1875, after the Confederation scheme was arranged, though the Imperial Act was not passed. In the following year he proceeded to England as a delegate on public business, and in 1874 he went to Washington on behalf of Canada and the Empire at a joint parliamentary session with Sir Edward Thornton, to negotiate with the United States Government for a commercial treaty, which was unsuccessful. In 1875 he declined the Lieut. Governorship of Ontario. He sat for the county of Kent from 1851 to 1854, and for Lambton from the latter date to 1857, when he was returned for both North Oxford and Toronto. He chose to sit for the latter, and was afterwards elected for South Oxford, which constituency he represented until the union in 1853. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Parliament in 1857, and for South Ontario in 1857. He was called to the Senate in December, 1873. During the latter years of his life he was engaged in stock raising, his herds of short-horn cattle being noted far and wide in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Brown's assassin was employed as night engineer in the *Globe* office. He was arrested by his wife on a charge of bigamy and the facts brought up at the trial showed him to be an unprincipled scoundrel. While the trial was in progress the prisoner was admitted on bail. The evidence, Gregory will be that Mr. Brown, through willful carelessness, was the cause of his own death, but that he utterly disregarded the instructions given by his doctors, Messrs. Thorburn, Aiken and Clarke, and that he jeopardized his life by holding business meetings in his chamber.

The inquest.—The jury empanelled to inquire into matters touching the death of Hon. George Brown, assembled at the Police Court at eight o'clock to-night. Dickson, alias Bennett, was brought up from jail and occupied a seat in the dock. He appeared calm and frequently conversed with his counsel, Mr. N. D. Durnan. His appearance was greatly changed since his first trial to the dock some weeks ago. His appearance was a deathly hue and his eyes are deep sunk in his head. A scraggly beard does not by any means improve his outward appearance. Mr. Fred Fenton, Ontario Crown Attorney, was present and watched the case for the public. There were six witnesses called, viz., Mr. Arch. Blue, night editor of the *Globe*; Mr. Wm. Houston, one of the editors; Mr. John Ewan, reporter; and Messrs. Thompson and Trimble, printers; and Constable Gregory. The employes get substantially the same evidence. Gregory who arrested the prisoner, gave damning evidence. On the way from the *Globe* office to the police the prisoner voluntarily remarked: "This is a big thing, Gregory." The latter replied: "Yes, it is pretty serious." In a few seconds Dickson, further added: "I guess I won't get out of this so easily as I did the other (meaning the charge of bigamy preferred by his wife). At 11 o'clock the jury decided to adjourn till 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when it is expected that the medical testimony will be gone into."

Toronto, May 11.—The inquest on the death of Hon. George Brown was resumed at the Police Court this afternoon. The prisoner sat in the dock and took a deep interest in all that transpired. The first witness called was Constable Worth, who was in the station when Bennett was brought in after the shooting. On searching the prisoner he found several papers and forty-two revolver cartridges upon his person. When being put in the cell the prisoner said to witness that he had not gone to the *Globe* with the intention of shooting Mr. Brown, but a man who worked for him. Witness having asked to visit the cell again, Bennett asked: "How is old Brown? Do you think it is serious?" Witness answered that he didn't know. The prisoner then said: "It is a d— good job his legs were so long, or I would have got it some where else. When I went upstairs to get a letter of recommendation from Mr. Brown he would not give it to me and I gave him the contents of the revolver." Witness thought the prisoner was intoxicated. Prisoner said further to witness that "Mr. Brown was 52 years old—and it would have been well if he had got it two or three years before."

Dr. Tronburn, after describing the nature of the wound, the condition in which he had found Mr. Brown when called to attend him and the effects of the wound, gave it as his opinion that death had resulted from the bullet wound. A meeting of the *Globe* Printing Company had been held at Mr. Brown's

residence during his illness, and the deceased had insisted on attending it against the wish of the witness and medical advisers. There were no symptoms of blood poisoning. Dr. Aikens, who was also in attendance upon Mr. Brown, said that when he saw the patient the parts in the region of the wound were in a state of inflammation and bordering on mortification over a space of about four or five inches. The skin and other tissues in the above space, down to the muscles, mortified, and after a time were thrown off. The inflammation spread and mortification destroyed the tissues between the skin and the muscles for a space of nearly twelve inches. The result of this extensive destruction of living parts resulted in feverishness, disturbed sleep, great loss of appetite, general prostration, twitching of the muscles, drowsiness, asthenia, congestion of the lungs and death. He agreed with the treatment of Dr. Thorburn. Witness denied that Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, had said to him that a very serious wound had been treated lightly.

At the evening session of the inquest four witnesses were examined, but they told only what is already known. The Coroner summed up the evidence, and at half-past nine o'clock the Court room was cleared, the prisoner removed to the cells and the jury left to consider their verdict. At the expiration of one hour the doors were thrown open and the prisoner again placed in the dock, when the following verdict was read by the Coroner: "That the said George Brown, who entered his death by a wound caused by a shot fired from a pistol in the hands of prisoner, George Bennett, alias Dickson, which shot, feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought, was fired on the 25th day of March last with intent to kill and murder the said George Brown." The prisoner was again removed to the cells. The signatures of the jurymen were attached to their finding, and after being thanked by the Coroner the court rose.

The funeral.—"A great and proper duty had been done," was the remark made by a gentleman returning from Toronto last night, and the sentiment will be echoed throughout the city. It had been almost impossible to realize that such a powerful influence—an influence which will be felt for many years to come—now lies in the cold embrace of death. The fact, however, was keenly felt yesterday as the remains of the Hon. Senator were carried to the grave, and the immense concourse of people who were present indicated far more forcibly than any words the deep feeling of sorrow which is felt throughout the Dominion. The citizens of Toronto early prepared to pay the last tribute to the departed great and good citizen. The funeral services were held in the forenoon; there was not that rude heartiness which characterizes every day life. 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