

The Myrtle Shooting Affair.

Wm. Lattimore, Fred. Corbyn and Thomas Trebell, who were with bartender George Brown at Myrtle station on the night of the 14th inst., when Brown was shot by Dennen and McCrea, the Scott Act whiskey detectives, were brought before a magistrate's court at Whithy on Monday charged with "conspiring to maliciously and wickedly" hurt and wound Dennen.

Dennen swore that Brown called him out of the station, drew a pistol on him and attempted to drag him away, that he resisted, that Brown snatched his pistol at him several times, that it missed fire, that he finally took it from Brown and that Trebell then came up and struck him over the head with a cane. While this struggle was going on, Dennen swore, three or four shots were fired from the corner of the station by parties unknown to him. Witness did not think Brown's pistol had been fired and swore positively that he did not fire his own.

Detective Inspector Stark, of Toronto, swore to having arrested Dennen, who handed over to him two revolvers, one of which he said was his own and the other Brown's. The latter weapon did not appear to have been recently fired off.

Thomas H. Doncaster, proprietor of the Hotel St. Charles, Port Perry, where bartender Brown worked, testified that on the afternoon of Dec. 14 a commercial traveller was stopping at his house. A number of persons were gathered around the traveller, who was telling them about seeing a crowd following Dennen and McCrea that day. The traveller was also telling of the Scott Act trials which had taken place. Mr. Doncaster then related about receiving a letter from 102 Adelaide-street west, Toronto; [Dennen boarded at 102 Adelaide-street west.—Rep.] offering to withdraw the charges against him off payment of \$15. The traveller told that the "detectives" who had worked Brooklyn were at Myrtle, and the witness said Corbyn who keeps an hotel across the street from the St. Charles, wanted him to go to Myrtle and see them about the letter and the charges. Witness replied: I would not give them 50 cents to compromise. They would give us the double cross. I would sooner pay \$50 into court than 75 cents to the "detectives." Brown told witness that he was going to Myrtle to have a talk with the "detectives," and witness advised him not to go, as he (witness) thought it would do no good.

Richard Colmer, aged 20, a hostler at Vernon's Hotel, was on the platform at Myrtle at the time of the shooting. He told a story that completely upset Dennen's evidence. Colmer is a Cornish youth and made some choice comparisons with his mother tongue. He insisted on speaking of Dennen and McCrea as the whiskey conformers. Colmer stated positively that he was at the west end of the depot when the shooting was going on. Before the firing he saw Brown, Corbyn, Lattimore and Trebell in consultation. He thought they were going to arrest Dennen and McCrea. He saw Dennen fire three shots from a revolver and he saw the flash of two of them in Brown's breast. The men were in the corner of the bay window. There were no shots fired from the west end of the depot. "If there had been I certainly would have seen them," said the witness to Attorney Farewell, who had him in hand. Witness proceeded: I did not see Trebell strike Dennen with a club. Brown had a cane in his hand but he did not give it to Trebell. He never left the stick during the scuffle. I found the cane beside Brown when we picked him up on the platform. I helped to carry him into the depot after he was wounded. I did not see Brown fire a shot at Dennen. I am positive Dennen fired three shots. I did not hear any more than three shots fired during the row. I saw Trebell and Lattimore on the platform during the firing.

W. McCrea was examined at length, and told pretty much the same story as Dennen. The men had been together over since they were under arrest. McCrea said he saw Brown place a revolver at Dennen's head and ask him to come with him. Witness saw three or four shots fired from the west end of the station. He did not know who fired them.

Under the advice of Mr. Bigelow McCrea refused to answer several of Mr. Patterson's questions in cross-examination. He would not say whether he had a revolver or not. McCrea said he lived at No. 23 Emily-street, Toronto; and that he had been a Scott Act informer for about a year.

After other evidence, Magistrate Harper said he would commit the three prisoners on the charge of conspiracy to wound and hand harm Dennen and McCrea.

The charge against "Detectives" McCrea and Dennen of wounding with intent to disable George Brown was then gone into.

Station Agent Scott of Myrtle was the first witness. He was on the platform on the night of the shooting. Witness saw Dennen, Brown and Trebell in a struggle in the corner of the bay window. He saw Dennen fire two shots at Brown and he thought the bullets struck Brown in the breast. He also saw McCrea fire a pistol; besides those three shots he

heard two others, but he did not know who fired them. Witness did not hear or see any shots at the west end of the depot. Brown did not fall on the front of the platform. He walked around to the back of the depot, and as he walked away Brown said: "My God, I am shot."

Inspector Stark was called in this case, and repeated that he thought that neither of the pistols given him by Dennen had been discharged within a week.

Mr. James Z. Mulligan, President of the Toronto branch of the National League, was examined next. Mr. Mulligan heard plenty of shooting out on the platform, but he saw none of it. After the shooting Dennen and McCrea came into the station. Witness thought that both of them had smacking revolvers in their hands. Dennen came up to him and said: "Mulligan, you know me; you won't see Toronto men done up, will you?" Mr. Mulligan proceeded: "I saw Brown lying there. When I came back I asked Dennen to let me see his revolvers. He did so. One was larger than the other. Before I got a chance to inspect them, McCrea insisted that I should return them to Dennen and I did so. Dennen told me that the larger revolver belonged to Brown and the smaller one to himself. Dennen said he had wrenched one of the revolvers from Brown. I did not hear Dennen say that he had shot Brown with one of the revolvers."

Dennen said to me: "Mr. Mulligan, I never fired a shot; McCrea shot Brown but he did it in self defence." McCrea said to me that these men intended to murder them. McCrea did not admit to me that he had fired the shots.

To Mr. Bigelow: "The reason Dennen handed me the revolvers was because I asked for them."

Mr. Mulligan could not identify the revolvers in court as those handed him by Dennen. He said they looked very much like them, however.

To Mr. Bigelow: The suggestion that I should return the revolvers to Dennen came entirely from McCrea. Dennen seemed willing that I should keep them."

On Tuesday the case against the detectives was continued, five witnesses were examined by the prosecution and two more were ready. The magistrate and the prisoners' counsel agreed to stop the case as enough evidence had been adduced to commit. The evidence was much more pointed against Dennen as the man who shot Brown than against McCrea. The World's report says:—

There is still considerable confusion about the actual occurrence on the station platform, and it is not likely that a true statement of the shooting will ever be forthcoming. The opinion is quite current in this part of the county that the Port Perry party was organized to go over to Myrtle, not to shoot the detectives, but merely "to do them up," as it was put to The World this evening, and that Dennen and McCrea, getting into close quarters, were forced to use firearms. The "doing up" was to consist of administering a sound thrashing to the two detectives.

Thomas Trebell testified that both Dennen and McCrea fired at Brown, and that some one fired at him as he was running off to get out of the way of the shooting.

Thomas Brooks, clerk in Ledeham's store at Myrtle, swore that he heard Dennen say to several persons in the station: "That is the revolver I shot Brown with." He pointed at the same time to one of two revolvers which Mr. Mulligan was holding.

Fred Corbin testified that he saw Dennen reach in his hip pocket for his revolver, and heard Brown say, "Don't shoot." He saw McCrea fire towards Brown. When the firing began he ran away.

James Dixon, a young farmer living near Myrtle, was on the railway platform on the night of the shooting. He stated positively that Dennen fired three shots. Two of them at least took effect on Brown. McCrea fired a shot at Trebell, as the latter jumped from the platform and ran off. Witness did not see Trebell use a stick or a club on Dennen.

The prisoners were then committed for trial, the magistrate agreeing to admit them to bail in \$800 each and one security of \$300.

Brown is still alive.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. SHERIFF CLEMENTS has erysipelas in his face and is confined to his house. The selectors of jurors finished to-day selecting the different jury panels for 1888.

Mr. H. H. WATSON is home for the holiday season and looks as hearty as ever. The Free Press says that Dr. Lowry is likely to be reeve of Acton for next year.

If you want good all-wool Underwear cheap, Treble's is the place. Largest stock of Underwear in the city. Corner of King & James Sts., Hamilton.

We are glad to say that Mrs. George Hume has recovered from the illness which has confined her to her house for some time, and is able to be out.

Mr. H. A. GRAY, of the Bank of Hamilton, who was removed from Milton to Port Elgin a few months ago, has been transferred to Georgetown.

Over two hundred invitations have been issued for the assembly which will come off at the town hall on the 30th inst., and which promises to be the event of the season.

If you want the latest American Hat, go to Treble's, corner of King & James Sts., Hamilton.

In the absence of Miss Emma J. Dewar, the organist of Knox Church, her place is being kindly filled by Mrs. Adam McKay, whose playing is greatly appreciated.

The business men of Streetsville held a meeting last week and appointed a committee to communicate with the Bank of Hamilton on the subject of opening a branch in the village.

The ever popular Emms Wells Comedy Company has been here over since last Friday and has played to big business every evening. To-night will finish the week's engagement.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.—New Goods, New Patterns, Low Prices. Fancy Goods for Christmas Presents at Smith's. Hurrah for that \$5c. Tea.

Across is about to lose one of her most prominent and popular citizens, Mr. Joseph Fyfe, reeve of the village, who has bought out an extensive mercantile establishment at Barrie, of which he will take possession in a week or two.

SHIRTS! SHIRTS!—White, colored, plain and fancy Flannel Shirts, cheap. Cheaper than over at Treble's, corner of King & James Sts., Hamilton.

DETECTIVES.—The G. T. R. have detectives on the trains with power to arrest unruly persons around the depots. One of the detectives has been instructed to watch Oakville depot with a big eye and prevent any repetition of the disturbance there on Saturday night.—Star.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Just opened out at Smith's, Children's, Girl's, Boys', Men's, and Women's Shoes at lower prices than ever. Give him a call and ask for that \$5c. Tea.

RECOVERING.—John Dewar, Esq., County Attorney, who has been suffering for some time back from a sore throat, was taken ill on Saturday last and was confined to bed. This morning he is much better, able to be up and around the house.

CHRISTMAS HARDWARE.—Rodgers's and other celebrated makers' Ivory handled table cutlery. Silver and nickel spoons and forks, &c. Good value at W. H. MACNAE'S, Milton.

The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. had the poles erected yesterday for wires leading from the station to the new Milton office, which will be in charge of Messrs. Lyon & Spedding in the post office building.

TREBLE has a large stock of Gloves and Mitts, which he is selling very cheap. Remember the address: Treble's, corner of King & James Sts., Hamilton.

The two newest recruits who have joined the "no recollection club" are well known Scott Act wire-pullers. The club is anything but exclusive and its membership is constantly increasing. The only qualification required of recruits is the passing of an examination before the chief magistrate of the "court of truth and righteousness." The last two candidates did this with flying colors and should take high places among the members of the club.

GROCERIES AT SMITH'S.—All kinds of Fruit, Raisins, Currants, &c., &c., cheap at Smith's. Tea at 35c. per lb., equal to any sold in Milton at 50c. Remember that 50c. Tea.

SHOOTING MATCHES.—The shooting match for turkeys held here on Tuesday was largely attended. Though the day was most unfavourable, a good many birds were won, but a large number of the very best were left on the hands of the managers, who therefore have decided to have another match at the same place on Saturday, open to all comers and to rifles and shot guns at all ranges up to 200 yards.

The wedding on Tuesday of Mr. Richard Bogue, of Moose Jaw, N.W.T., to Miss Charlotte E. Harrison, of this town, created a good deal of interest among society circles here and attracted to the Methodist Church about three hundred spectators, chiefly ladies. The CHAMFRON had no Jenkins on hand to describe the costumes of the bride and her seven bridesmaids, but all were most tastefully attired, the bridesmaids all in the same color, cream, and all looked charming.

CHRISTMAS is coming—be prepared for it by buying your Groceries, Crockery, Boots and Shoes, and Fancy Goods from Smith. Smith wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget that 35c. Tea at Smith's.

GEORGETOWN BUILDINGS BURNED.—On Friday morning, about 4 o'clock, a fire broke out in Mr. Jackson's grocery, one of a wooden range of stores occupied by W. T. Jackson, grocer, Mrs. Macmaster, millinery and fancy goods, and J. Cane, barber. The building was completely destroyed. It was owned by Dr. W. J. Roe, and was insured in the Caledonian & Norwich Union, \$600 each. The contents were both insured in the Lancashire and Glasgow & London. They were mostly saved. The loss is not known.

Children Cry for

THE CHAMFRON wishes his readers a Merry Christmas.

JAILED.—Thomas Hope, alleged to have swindled Mr. Levi Turner, of Trafalgar, by the seed wheat racket, was arrested at Brantford, brought to Milton by Constable Dent, and lodged in jail on Monday evening. He appeared before Geo. Smith, Esq. J.P. to-day at 2 p. m., and was committed for trial.

An itinerant "temperance" lecturer calling himself Waddel, and accompanied by "Prof." Flewellyn and his little daughter, who sang for him, held forth at the town hall, and Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon and evening and at the church again on Monday evening. His posters promised a "treat" but as the "silver collection" did not pan out well enough to pay for a treat for a particularly large crowd the lecturer waddled off with the whole of the booty. He complained, we are informed, of the niggardliness of the Milton Scott Act people and said that the contributions to the "silver" collections were mostly copper. He should seek some more honorable vocation than that of a "temperance" tramp.

New Goods! Low Prices!—Smith's old store will be opened on Saturday next, the 17th inst. with a full line of groceries, etc., for Christmas and New Years. Call and see. Only first-class goods will be kept in stock and at prices to suit the times. Remember that 40c. tea. 25-24

SHOULD BE STOPPED.—Complaints are made of the outrageous conduct of certain young men who, it is said, make a practice of disturbing the exercises of the Salvation Army in their barracks by disorderly conduct generally, and particularly by pretending to join in the singing there, but substituting for the words of the hymns of the Army the most disgusting obscenity and shocking blasphemy. Whatever may be said of the processions of the Army and the drum and tambourine nuisance on the streets they should be protected while in their barracks and the town authorities should detail a constable to put a stop to the practices detailed above.

Yes, by a large majority over former years, Henry Watson is now opening out at the Apothecaries, Hall, Toys, China Ware, Furnaces, Albums, Knives, Christmas and New Year Cards, with Books in great variety, including the annual vols. for the season, which are all for sale at or below city prices. 25-26

BISHOP CARBERRY DEAD.—Bishop Carberry, the third who has held that office for the Roman Catholic diocese of Hamilton, died on Monday at St. Mary's Priory, Cork, Ireland. Dr. James Joseph Carberry was born at Mullingar, County of Meath, Ireland, in 1822, and finished his education in the diocesan seminary of Nevins. Expressing a desire to become a Dominican monk, he was sent to Italy, and in 1843 admitted to that brotherhood. After holding a number of ecclesiastical offices in Ireland, he was appointed in 1883 to the See of Hamilton, and was consecrated in 1884, succeeding Bishop Crimmon, who died in 1882, in Florida, where he had gone for his health. Bishop Carberry was greatly beloved by his people in this diocese, and was highly respected by the public generally.

NEW XMAS GOODS AT I. CARTER'S.—A choice lot of new Xmas goods—New Fruits, Essences and Extracts Raisins, Valencia, Sultanas, Black Baskets and Finest Dehesa Layers; Crosse & Blackwell's Goods; Lemon, Orange and Citron Peels; Preserved Ginger in one pound pots, Pickles and Sauces, New Currants, New Figs, a large stock of very fine Teas—Young Hyson's, Japans, Congous, Souchongs and Orange Pekoes. These are extra fine and extra value; a very good Tea for 25c. per lb. Our Boot & Shoe stock is very full in all lines, and to reduce the stock we will offer special inducements up to the first of January, 1888. We will give 25% per cent. discount off all Boot & Shoe purchases up to that date for cash only. We must make room for spring goods. The finest and best selected stock we ever had. Now is your time for bargains. See them. No trouble to show goods. 25-24

WHISKEY.—It is a matter of grave concern that a large quantity of whiskey is being brought into Oakville by way of the G. T. R., more especially on the late train on Saturday nights from Toronto. The liquor comes in gripsacks and coat pockets, and is packed not only by young citizens but by some of the train employees. A number of parents in town are horrified at the results. They view with great pain their sons reeling into their homes under the influence of the vilest apology for whiskey. They hear of nights made hideous with fights and rowdiness and cannot help but suspect that their sons form one of the crowd. They have to fight one of the most insidious diseases that ever threatened the welfare of their children, and they know not whom to turn to for help. And they bow their heads in sorrow for the miserable wretches who would tempt children to become drunken sots because a little money is to be made out of it. A being who will sell whiskey to a child, or tempt a child to drink it, is a being whose dwelling place should be at the bottom of Lake Ontario.—Star.

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