

ation of M. Piaster, who the young man would never art. He is an able, practical fellow, but no artist. He gave up his lodgings. taken from his pocket when arrested give this explanation: support-d by an uncle in who was wealthy. This uncle him in funds. The uncle, had recently died, and in bequeathing the young man left his entire fortune, to something like 50,000,000 a family of nieces." million francs! There is no of France so wealthy!" ex- Senecal.

bits of the young man were onal," continued the detect- the interruption. "The friends in Paris. There was n, one M. Monroe, an Ameri- himself, who has lived in Pa- years, having married a Pa- id you see this M. Monroe?" Unfortunately, M. Monroe pearing leaving his wife in a bordering on collapse. She where he went." Then did he go?" ly has not seen him since yes- rening."

cal, the chief of detectives, u Duvally all looked at one nificantly. ch for the prisoner," said M. "Now, what about the mur- d from the chief another de- ded out. He has been discovered," he was learned, however, that ilion had been in the house ce. The watchman he em- a man of no intelligence and the more than a gibbering id- ies continually for his leath- n. He cares more for the leath- n than for M. de Bullion."

ut the murder?" all M. de Bullion is dead, a dispute as to when he died killed him."

ow, another mystery? What pte?" when the coroner examined he declared that the man had t but a short time. It was e remarked, that the blow, did not bleed more. A sur- ver, whom he called in to e declares that M. de Bullion mdered at all."

ow now? The case is becom- e of a hundred clues and ad nor tall."

iving you the declaration of n. He will appear himself eate it. He declares that M. e died of heart disease. The n of pain on his face, the posi- writing in agony, all go, so on declares, to prove that M. e died of a severe heart trou- n was dead when the robber e knife into him, probably e was asleep. That would e for the wound not bleeding." e prisoner's face and hands e red with blood when he was e said the chief of detectives. It was not the blood of M. de e for that gentleman, accord- greon, shed none."

n this case will drive me to an i- lum," said M. Senecal. "The tion must now stand adjour- e recover the prisoner. Hel- e's the leather jacket the pris- e of the watchman of M. n."

e examine it." ther jacket was handed to the e. He examined it with more i- nary curiosity. It was the e connected with the great i- n in the hands of the po- e. Here," he said. "Here is a e and open the lump. It proved e ad of bank notes. e the watchman mourns e leather jacket," said the mag- e "Take his savings to him, and e his mind will clear and help e. Duvally was about to leave. e our respects to his—to the e said M. Senecal, "and tell him e push the case with the utmost e." e it," replied Bosso, "and I e may take a hand in it myself. e e eager to meet this remarka- e and the courageous e who takes my name to assist e e to escape."

e about to leave when a com- e held him back. An agent of e hurriedly entered and bowed e and nervous tones to M. e and the chief of detectives: e her murder in the Rue de Mont- e. The body of M. Monroe, the e srien, has just been found in e of refuse back of the stables e wery?" e silence of utter e dinary, fell upon the group. e now had cause enough to go in-

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OWEN SOUND.

Petition of East Hill Ratepayers for Detachment Not Granted by the Arbitrators. —The Award.

It will be remembered that certain ratepayers of the eastern part of the town petitioned to be detached from the town of Owen Sound, and to be attached to the town of Sydenham. Their petition was presented to the County Council, and the Council passed a by-law detaching them, subject to the approval, however, of a Board of Arbitrators. The town of Owen Sound appointed George Spencer, Police Magistrate, as its arbitrator, the County Council appointed ex-councillor John Brown, of Durham, and His Honor Judge Cteasor was the third arbitrator. Monday afternoon and the whole of Tuesday were occupied in taking evidence as to the question whether any of the lands contained in petition should or should not be detached. The witnesses heard for the petitioners were Messrs James Cannon, Clerk of Sydenham, John Clark, Robert Young, James E. White, Ald. H. Lemon and W. H. Kemp; and for the town, Mayor Read, Messrs. Jas. Young, Road Master M. N. McDowall, Town Treasurer A. Spencer, Acting Clerk C. Gordon, County Treasurer, S. J. Parker, and Registrar R. McKnight.

The petitioners produced evidence tending to show that their taxes were entirely too heavy, that their lands were purely farm lands, and that in comparison with the taxes paid by the adjoining ratepayers of Sydenham, their taxes were very high. Apparently they did not complain particularly of the assessment, which the evidence shows to be only about one-half of the actual value of the lands, but they did complain of the high rate of taxation in Owen Sound. On the other hand, the Town of Owen Sound called many witnesses to show the advantages of being within the town, and of being close to a market; and also called such men as Town Treasurer Spencer, County Treasurer Parker and other to show that it would be unfair now to take away this portion of the town, as such action might effect the town's credit, and very likely would affect its future borrowing powers. On the contrary as to this point it was argued that the assessment of the portion that was asked to be detached is about \$88,000, whereas the whole town's assessment is nearly \$3,000,000.

The township of Sydenham was, of course, interested in the arbitration, and its township council was daily in attendance. The danger that Sydenham apprehended was that if this portion of the town were attached to Sydenham, a certain portion of the town's indebtedness would be carried over with it, and if so, under the Act, Sydenham would need to pay this, and would have no resource whatever against the lands of the petitioners, by special rate or otherwise, to recover this amount. The township of Sydenham, therefore, passed resolutions and filed petitions against these lands being attached to Sydenham if they were accompanied by any debt.

The evidence was all closed about 6 p. m. on Tuesday, and then arguments were heard from council representing the three interested parties Mr. Frost representing the town, Mr. McKay, the township of Sydenham, and Mr. Hatton the petitioners. All day Wednesday the arbitrators considered the evidence, and arguments advanced, and on Thursday morning handed out their award.

The award rejects entirely the application of the petitioners; in other words, refuses to allow any lands to be detached from Owen Sound. It, however recommends a wider interpretation of Section 8 of the Assessment Act so that the petitioners might be exempted from say 4 or 5 mills instead of 1 1/2 mills of the rate as at present. The award further recommends opening a street across from Superior street to St. Vincent street about midway between the 10th line and the Garafra road. This latter recommendation is evidently intended to get over the difficulty the School Board and the eastern residents themselves have always felt as to the impossibility of locating a school so as to be suitable to all parties. If such a street were opened, a school house built at the intersection of it and for Union Street or some other street might obviate the difficulty. The arbitrators further recommended the building of a primary school on the East Hill. The award also recommends the continuation of Division street to the 10th Line. This again is evidently, in part at least, for school purposes. The result of the award is, of course, that the boundaries of the Town remain the same.—Owen Sound advertiser.

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Willy—Where did I leave off? Mama—"If I should die." Willy—But you ain't a-goin' to die, Mama? Mama—No; but that's where you bein. Willy—If I should die before I wake—Say, Mama, if I should die after I wake, would it be the same. Mama—I guess so. Now finish your prayer. Willy—Well, Santa Claus wouldn't come then; would he, Mama? Mama—Certainly! Now go on. Willy—Will he be here pretty soon? Mama—He won't be here at all if you don't hurry up and finish your prayer. Willy—I've got it most said, ain't I? Mama—Yes. Now go on. Willy—If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take—Mama, do you s'pose he'll forget anythin'? Mama—No. Now hurry and finish your prayer; it's very late! Willy—I did finish it didn't I? I'm through. Mama—No; you forgot to say "Amen." Willy—Does Santa Claus say his prayer, too? Mama—Always, dear. Willy—Who helps him say it; his Mama? Mama—I guess, likely. Now say "Amen." Willy—Oh—h'm! Amen! Mama, will you see Santa Claus? Mama—Yes. Willy—Tell him not to forget anythin'!

Mama—Yes, dear. Good-night! Willy—Say, Mama, I fought I head somepin'! Mama—J guess not. Good-night! Willy—Say, Mama! Mama! Didn't you fight you heard somepin'? (Exit Mama in hot haste.)—[Joe Cone, in Xmas Puck,]

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