Sharp Game in Which Silas Toole Lost \$5,000.

HEARTLESS SWINDLE.

Hon. William Mulock, and by Pretending to Purchase a Whit-Half That Amount.

heartless swindle by a brace of knaves, Slas Toole, a Whitchurch is an elderly man, unable now; to re- ensues. trieve his loss.

The scheme of the swindlers was audacious in its simplicity, and its success can be attributed to that Mulock, and wished to purchase some farm property in the vicinity of Newmarket. They were willing to pay a good price for a desirable farm, and as Mr. Toole's was, in their opinion, one of the best in the township, they were prepared to give him \$19,000 ! for a clear title.

The offer was a good one, and Mr. Toole readily accepted it. But the men seemed eager to bind the bargain, and Mr. Toole seemed equally eager. They had no present means of having the papers drawn up and signed, so the men proposed that they should pay over the money to prevent either party to the agreement from breaking the bargain, and ered. They agreed to count out \$10,-000 into the satchel, to give Mr. Toole the satchel, but wished to keep the key themselves until the signing of the papers. That seemed a generous offer, and the farmer accepted it. He was sure that he saw the men count out the \$10,000 and place it in the satchel. They then drove away, and both parties were well pleased.

But within a few hours the men returned and told Mr. Toole that they had been negotiating with the owner of the adjoining farm, Joshua Wilson, and had agreed to pay him \$5,000. Their desire, they assured Mr. Toole, was to secure both farms, and make of them one large estate. they were in a rather tight box, having brought only \$10,000 with them, and they had disposed of all of it in the first purchase. They finally proposed to Mr. Toole that he lend them \$5,000 of his own money, as they did not care to open the satchel and thereby break the first bargain and confuse the two deals. They would pay the phoney back to Mr. Toole when they should return to make the final settlement, and meantime they wished to strike while the iron was hot in Mr. Wilson's case.

Mr. Toole agreed to let them have the money, and went to his bank at Newmarket and drew out the required sum. He handed it to the men and has not since then seen them. He went home and it was not long | tion depends on the will, and when had received no offer whatever for cles relax, so that no two people the satchel open, and to his great | in each other's arms, and stay there dismay found nothing but pebbles, in that position. Dickens did not this we will be far away.

Mr. Toole was so much discon- Riderhood. certed when he realized the game that had been played that for days he sald nothing about it to the authorities. On Monday last, however, he was threatened with neryous collapse, so on Tuesday he came in to Toronto and reported the occurrence to Judge McDougall, who referred him to Inspector Stark. He gave a description of the men, but the Inspector has up to the present withheld it. High Constable Ramsden has since been investigating the case, but as yet no trace of the swindlers has been found.

Peter S. McNally, Famous Expert, Explains the Art.

IDEAS ERRONEOUS. POPULAR

There are many things connected with swimming which are unknown to thousands of its devotees. Mr. Peter S. McNally, who is one of the finest long-distance swimmers in the world, and also a life-saver of wide reputation, explodes many popular myths concerning the exercise in an article in the Baltimore

Mr. McNally has had ample opportunities to observe the sport in all of its phases, as he holds a medal has made a total of 300 rescues. He Again, women swim with the larger panies were sent through the alley, nearly as good in flavor or texture was for two years chief instructor step, making a straight backward street north Mr. Otto Ante of Lees' adjoining the building and a flark 47 lives between 1872 and 1886, and

swimming. Cramps Rarely Fatal.

Speaking of the many erroneous impressions about swimming, he aspeople are overcome by cramp while swimming, and are drowned in consequence is wrong. "As a matter of fact," declares Mr. McNally, "there is fact," declares Mr. McNally, "the fact," declares Mr. McNally. "there is only one form of cramp that is fatal to the swimmer, and that is cramp to the swimmer, and that is cramp of the stomach, which is almost as of the stomach, which is almost as the bose companies in the city rerare as hen's teeth.

"Cramp in the leg or arm painful, but not dangerous. When a swimmer is attacked by such local cramps he will not go right to the bottom without an effort. These cramps last but a short time, and car be worked out if the swimmer

will stand the brief pain. "People's minds have been so poisoned by these cramp stories that there have been cases of drowning as a result of the fear and excitement brought on by slight cramp

Heart D senie and Apoplexy. "The principal causes of the mysterious drownings attributed to cramp are heart disease and apoplexy. Persons with heart trouble, especially valvular affections, are liable to sudden death on receiving any sort of a shock, and such a shock can be furnished by the plunge into water that is too cold. "Again, a man swimming on a hot Two Men Claim to be Nephews of day has his head exposed to the sun, at a lower temperature. The usual breast stroke used requires the head to be at right angles to the church Farm for \$10,000 Secure | body, and the stroke itself acts as a pumping process to force blood to the head, thus assisting in the sur-Toronto despatch says: Through a | charging of the arteries in the other portions of the body by the lower temperature of the water. These farmer, lost \$5,000, the savings of a violent headache, followed by inlifetime, a week ago. The fact is all sensibility, when the body sinks, the more lamentable, as Mr. Toole strangulation takes place and death

a glow you should take a short brisk walk or run to get in that condithe water when overheated or suf- the southeast corner, fering from exhaustion or extreme

"The reason the body should be in a glow is because the cooling off wastes the energy and removes the armor which nature has provided you with to withstand the shock of the sudden plunge If you cool off first there is no healthful reaction for the lack of invigoration which swimmers sometimes complain of after they leave the water. It is hardshould receive a good rubbing after being in the water,

Saved Person Detests Rescuers.

"A very femarkable thing about rescues from accidental deaths, and one which is completely at variance with popular theories, is that the rescued person invariably detests the man who has saved his

"I have drawn the attention of several prominent psychologists to this matter, and they explain it by saling that the person whose life was endangered is so filled with horror over the incident that he or she dislikes every feature corrected with it, including the life

No Such Thing as Death-Grip.

"Another mistaken about swimming rescues which has caused the loss of many lives is the belief in the celebrated but non-existent 'death-grip.' This belief has caused many people who would have attempted rescues to keep away for fear they might be directions. Dozens of firemen were carried down in the grip, and it has also caused others who did and they fell with the walls, but the make the attempt to go about it only men buried beneath the debris in the wrong way.

"People in the water who are drowning may catch hold of you, but not in the way we hear so much about, by which the two go down to their deaths locked in an unbreakable grip. All muscular acbefore he learned that Mr. Wilson a man becomes unconscious his musals farm. In view of that he forced go down to the bottom wrapped and a note saying, "When you open | stop to think of this fact when he killed Bradley Headstone and Rogue

Best Way to Effect Rescue. "The best way to make a rescue

is to swim on your back, holding the other person on his back and with his head about the middle of your body. This gives you a hand free, and you have your man in such a position that he cannot interfere with your movements by grabbing your legs. "Everybody has heard the tale

that a drowning man comes to the top three times before going down forever. There is little foundation for such a superstition. A man may go down once and never come up again, or he may come up more than three times. It all depends on the vitality of the individual and his luck the top of the water.

To Break Grip.

"If the drowning man grabs you, hollow just where the ear joins the jaw. Pressure there will produce such pain that the victim will involuntarily break the grip on your hand or leg McIntosh fire horror yesterday Chief ed until 8 o'clock to-night in the to put his hand up to the source of the pain.

"Another fallacy is that drowning people throw up their hands just as they start to sink. The feat is one which only a good swimmer can perform, and will not be done by a man who is drowning, because he is not a good swimmer. To throw up your hands out of the water you must 'tread water.'

How Women Swim.

"A peculiar thing about drowned people is that women always float face up and men float face down, from the Humane Society for saving | which is due to the difference in the construction of the body.

of swimming at the Boston public and forward stroke with the legs, baths. Mr. McNally holds several while a man propels himself with the remarkable records for long-distance | sole of his foot and describes circles with his legs." The Canadian Northern strike has

now entered upon its second week.

Both sides are claiming ultimate

Were Members of the City Fire Brigade.

Other Lives May Have Been Lost, but This Will Not be Known Till the Debris is Removed—Two Deaths Directly Due to Disobedience of but the smoke poured through in such but the smoke poured through in such dense masses that the operations had dense masses that the operations had dense masses that the operations had to be discontinued. The windows of to be discontinued. The windows of to be discontinued and the previous eruptions.

Toronto, July 10 .- Five firemen, were killed this morning as the result of one of the most disastrous conditions are apt to bring on a men not firemen may have been killed, but it will be impossible to tell this until the debris has been re-

The fire was in the McIntosh ware-"One very generally unknown and house, at the corner of Front and misunderstood source of danger to George streets, which occupied half a ladder and get up on the flat roof Alex. Henderson had his hand badly swimmers is the habit of allowing the block and stretched clear adjoining, as there was great danger cut. Eventually four lines of hose

Two of the men were killed tion. On the other hand, don't enter the southwest corner and three at

When the walls collapsed a number of firemen stood on ladders against the south wall, but every one thus situated, marvellously escaped. Chief Thompson says that at disobedience of orders.

upon submersion, and that accounts least two of the deaths were due to before the collapse oc-

hearty meal or that the body mue Hall; Harry Clark, No. 5 section Lombard Street Hall; Adam Kerr, No. 5 section Lombard Street Hall; David See, No. 5 section Lombard Street Hall; Frederick G. Russell, No. 3 section Yonge, Street Hall. Collard and Clark were married. Clark roll. The fire was at its height when leaves three or four children,

a street railway car barn, was over 444 feet long, by 68 wide, and the walls were about 30 feet high, with a flat roof. The fire broke out at 6.15, and as the materials stored in | work of rescue went ahead very the buildings were inflammable, it burned with great rapidity.

The various sections of the brigade were scattered around the walls, and many men were on ladders and on the roof when signs | minutes after the collapse, the men ordered the men on the ground close of these killed were caught by the falling wall, because they did not at once respond to the Chief's orders. At 6.40 the walls of the big building, released from the support of the roof trusses, gave way in all on ladders all around the building, were firemen attending to hose lines and hydrants on the ground, who did not get warning in time to save rades. themselves.

breaking his back.

The Money Lors.

The financial loss will be very Grove avenue. great, but so many interests are involved that no definite statement is yet available. The building assessment was \$28,000, insurance \$27,000, in about thirty companies. McIntosh & Co. lose on grain, hay, etc., \$40,000. They also lose \$30,000 worth of machinery, which is a total wreck. The Royal and Atlas are the chief insurers on the building and contents, carrying risks of \$55,000, some of which, it in catching his breath as he rises to is understood, were re-insured. Gowans, Kent & Co., wholesale goods in the building, insured for you can make him let go by pressing \$17,500. There are some fifty small- their lives in the fire yesterday him hard with the thumbs in the little er losses on storage, ranging from morning. The jurors, after being a few hundred to \$20,000.

> Toronto, July 11.-Speaking of the tims. The inquest was then adjourn-Thompson, of the fire brigade, says: Police Court room, City Hall.

that it was impossible for the men at the windows there in about a fires in the history of Toronto. More at work to handle the fire, so I direct line from where the furordered a general alarm at once. The nace was situated in the middle of collapse occurred a few minutes the store. Here the firemen were afterwards, and, although I feared it, again beset with difficulties as the it came practically without a mo- windows were protected with iron ment's warning. I ran down to the bars, and it was with great troupassageway, where Collard, Russell ble that lines of hose were inserted and McQueen were directing a hose through the bars. into the mill, and told them to take In breaking the windows Fireman of the walls falling outwards. As the were playing on this portion of the flat roof was only a story high I building, which was used as a storeing story. They told Mr. Toole that they were nephews of Hon. William perspiration, unless the body is in o'clock, and twenty minutes later the in placing the ladder. I then ran up tery. Vast quantities of water were in a sloop between St. Pierre and head were in a sloop between St. Pierre and head were nephews of Hon. William a glow, and if it is not already in water of the building collected. me that the walls had collapsed. I o'clock. hurried down George street and found that some of the men of Section 5, we didn't know how many, had been buried. I directed the men as well as possible to proceed at the rescue, but the work went ahead, and the men exerted themselves indiscriminately, some at removing the bricks and some at the hose. Just then I met Mc-A general alarm was sent in a few Queen coming from where I had left him. 'Well,' I said, 'everything is all right where you were; you got on the roof all right, But McQueen said 'no'; that die had come away to turn | buildings. The dead firemen are Walter O. off the water from the hose they should never be taken right after Collard, assistant foreman Rose Ave- were working with. I knew at once ran around, and, sure enough, they were not to be seen.

Recovering the Bodies. The firemen deserve praise for their work in the face of so severe a death the calamity occurred, and men could The building, which was formerly be seen lighting the fire and taking. part in the work of rescue with tears in their eyes, knowing full well that some comrade was buried beneath the mass of red-hot bricks. That the slowly it seemed to those who waited with bated breath for a word of hope, or that the missing ones had been rescued in time. But such hopes soon vanished when, about fifteen of collapse were seen. Chief Thompson at work on the heap of bricks came upon the bodies of Clark and See. under the walls to go back, and two Clark was on the ground and See lay The other bodies, those of Russell and | the store and several lines of hose Collard, were not recovered until were put into operation. about 9 o'clock. They had been likewise terribly injured, and their man- another detachment was placed, and gled bodies were taken to the morgue | the fire was gradually driven from

Fireman's Back Broken. When the walls collapsed the fire | Fireman Charles Toplis, of the was in a measure smothered, and Parkdale section, was severely ina large part of the brigade at once | jured while answering the first genturned to the work of rescue. Only | eral alarm. He was thrown from a one of the men buried beneath the reel while it was turning the cor- looked very threatening, but were walls was rescued alive, a fireman per of Dundas street on Queen still confined to the Pratt buildnamed Taggart. By 9.15 all the street. It was on the way to the bodies were recovered and removed Dundas street hall to take place of to the morgue. See, one of the vic- the reel sent down to answer the tims, was a veteran of the South first general alarm. When the sec- POTATOES IN BUTTER ROLLS. African war. Another accident that | ond was rung in all the reels promay result fatally was due to the ceeded to the scene of the fire. fire. Charles & Toplis, of the Park- Toplis was in the act of putting on dale reel, was thrown from the his coat and was tipped off backwagon while galloping to the fire wards. He sustained a fracture of and the wheels passed over him, the lower part of the spine and was also badly injured about the hips. The police ambulance removed him to his home at No. 25 Maple

Principal Losses.

P. McIntosh & Son-Machinery and stock, \$70,000. Toronto Railway Company-Build- | store with the stort-weight butter. A ings and coal bin, \$30,000. Gowans, Kent & Co .- Stock in recently. The police of York county storage, \$20,000.

From 50 to 75 other firms had goods in storage burned, estimated at \$150,000. Inquest Was Adjourned.

Coroner Johnson, at the morgue at 2.30 yesterday, opened the incrockery, had \$20,000 worth of quest on the body of Harry Clarke, one of the five firemen who lost sworn in, viewed the body and also the remains of the other four vic-

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN

Hamitton, July 10th. Department has been called upon to handed. As soon as Chief Aitchison that the merchants have been refight for years broke out about noon reached the place he realized that ceiving from the Western States supto-day in the T. H. Pratt Co's. de he had heavy work ahead. Two com- plies of apples which, though not street north. Mr. Otto Ante, of Lees' adjoining the building, and a flank as the Ontario apples, are packed jewelry establishment, while passing movement attempted. While lines of just for what they are represented the store, saw a volume of smoke hose were being laid from the Times to be. He states further that the country. When three days out from coming through a window, and ran corner, a force of men with axes Northwest is filling up with wonto the call box at the corner of were tearing up the flooring at the ful rapidity, and is only in its in- steerage passengers. She refused to James and King William streets. In front entrance, it being thought that fancy as a market for Ontario fruit, give any reason for hiding away on breaking the glass to reach the was where the seat of the fire was. but unless Ontario packers and ship- board, beyond saying that at the crank, he cut his hand badly. By the Mr. Pratt went up a ladder to the time he got back clerks were rush- first floor, with the intention of ing out of the store, and smoke was going to the office to get the books on them they are likely ar

which is said to assay soot to the hose companies in the city re- rather slow to grasp the situation, business.

and Assessment Commiss oner Hall was the first to call for rope with a view to keeping the crowds of spectators out of danger and out of the way of the firefighters. As soon as street the car service was affected. Fort de France Inhabitants and Superintendent G. iffith arranged for a transfer system.

A Hard Fire to Fight.

The fire was a particularly difficult one to fight owing to the peculiar arrangement of the interior of the building, as well as to the undesirable environments. It started in the basement of the store where flammable nature, and the fire was greatly handicapped, owing to this. beyond control in an incredibly short | The detachment sent to the alleytime. As soon as I arrived I saw way at the south erected ladders

Saved Adjoining Buildings.

the firemen a better chance. Flames sloop along the coast. had taken hold of the roof of the When morning broke it was seen lofty Donald Smith building, but that everything was again under a were fought back. The Stanley pall of ashes, while steam was Mills & Co.'s storehouse was in great | shooting upward from the mouths of danger, but the firemen were fighting nobly and appeared to be able was covered with ashes, boulders and then to hold the fire within the walls of the Pratt building.

Loss \$80,000; Fully Insured. The stock will be completely destroyed, and Mr. D. B. Pratt said that the loss would amount to about \$80,000, which was fully covered by

The basement of the main store is intersected by a large number of stone partitious, which made it very on top of him, and both were embed- difficult for the firemen to do effecded in the smoldering mass. Half an | tive work. The ground floor and the hour later Kerr was found a few feet upper stories are merely skeletons, away. The three had enough individ- and the firemen had very little place ual injuries to cause death, apart | to get a footing. About half past one from the heat and suffocating dust. | ladders were erected at the front of

In the alleyway to the north and placed beside those of their com- this part of the building. A peculiarity was the absence of any blaze or flames, but tremendous quantities of dense and stifling smoke poured forth. The quality of the burning goods was responsible for this. About 2.30 the flames began to appear high above the roof, and

Storekeeper Defrauded by Woman in an Ingenious Manner.

Harry Hoss, a general storekeeper of Mount Albert, has cause to remember the purchase of a quantity of butter he got from a woman a few every pound of the butter a small potato weighing a couple of ounces. The fraud was not discovered until the purchasers flocked back to the similar game was worked in Uxbridge have been asked to locate the woman.

BAD FRUIT PACKING

fruit distributing centres between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains he finds everywhere great dissatisfaction from losses attending the handling of Ontario apples. Most of the merchants said to him that they would handle no more of such fruit packed as it had been in the past. They say they are disgusted with the dishonesty which leads packers to put small apples in the middle of the barrels and to put unsound and damaged fruit in packages which are represented to consponded to the alarm, and as it was tain only sound fruit of first-class The worst daylight fire the Fire | meal hour, they were all short quality. The inspector also reports pers get hold of the trade this year last moment she felt that she could

Again Panic Stricken.

Fort de France, Martinique, July 10.-Last night the inhabitants of ed and was caused, it is supposed, Fort de France were thrown into by the burning of a quantity of rub- a panic-stricken state by a viobish in the furnace. It was the cus- lent eruption of Mont Pelee. Many tom to burn the rubbish every week, of them fled in all directions, with and in some unaccountable way it little or no clothing. The incesgot beyond control. When the fire- ennt rumbling continued until 9.30 men arrived they sought to effect this morning. In the first half hour an entrance by the front and a por- the black heavens were dotted with tion of the flooring was chopped up, scintillant lightning points like "The building was of the most in- bricked up, and the firemen were ally longer and longer, and more serlarger and spread over a greater covered the heavens, and heavy rains followed. The rumblings began again later on, and were accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning. It is reported that a tidal wave

lowered the sea level by a metre. Telegraphic communication was closed for the time, as the operators became panic-stricken when the lightning began to play about the wires. Several of the lines were broken,

Drs. Sanderson and Flett, of the I heard the crash, and someone told appeared to be well in hand at 3 St. Pierre The sloop on which the and stones the size of walnuts. They Messrs. Stanley Mills & Co's ware- were off St. Pierre when the eruphouse is immediately at the rear, tion occurred, the mountain emitting being separated by a fire wall, and clouds of smoke that resembled the firemen kept the fire from gigantic cauliflowers. Later on an spreading there. The fire was also immense black cloud swept over the kept from the Donald Smith build- ruins of St. Pierre. This was foling, the place that was burning in | lowed by an incandescent avalanche, the alleyway! being peculiarly s.tu- which swept down the mountain side ated between the Smith building and and expended its force seaward. The the Stanley Mills & Co's. warehouse, phenomenon was accompanied by and the fire department is deserv- vivid electric discharges, while all ing of high praise for saving these round ashes and stones were raining. When the cloud swooped seaing with great fierceness. It had ward in the direction of the sloop been driven from the front part of the crew of the vessel cried aloud in the building, but had worked its way fright, and the captain prayed for back, and the entire rear end of the Divine assistance. Drs. Anderson and Pratt building was in flames. The | Flett and the photographer turned roof went in about 3.30, which gave to und helped the crew in sailing the

the rivers. The side of the mountain itants of Carbet, who recently returned to that village, are again

deserting it. An official bulletin was published here Tuesday containing a statement signed by M. Lacroix, a scientist who was sent out by the French Government to study Mont Pelee. He said that the activity of the volcano was decreasing, and the conditions prevailing led to the supposition that no new eruption would occur. He also gave other optimistic ophions. Last night's eruption, which so closely followed the issuing of the bulletin, has caused the people to scoff at the opinions of scientists so far as they deal with the vagaries of Mont Pelee. It will be recalled that shortly before the eruption that swept St. Pierre out of existence occurred an official statement based on scientific deductions was issued declaring that there was no danger of a destructive outbreak.

Scientific Mission Recalled

Paris, July 10 .- M. Doumergue, Minister of the Colonies, has received a cable despatch stating that a violent eruption of Mont Pelee occurred yes terday. The scientific mission now at Guadeloupe has been asked to return

CRISIS IN LANCASHIRE.

Short Supply of Cotton Main Cause of Trouble.

London, July 14 .- The cotton crists days ago. The woman cleverly de- in Lancashire is growing more acute frauded the storekeeper by placing in and the trade pegards a heavy reduction of the output as being the only salvation. A meeting has be n called for July 11th to consider the replies to circulars advocating joint action of the spinners in resorting to short time, as was done during the last two summers. The general opinion is that a curtai ment of the production on even a more extensive scale than heretofore will be necessary to avoid heavy losses.

President Charles W. Macara, of Does Much to Damage Ontario Apple | the Masters" Federation, says the short supply of cotton and the big Ottawa, July 14 .-- One of the Fruit | discount in the price of future de-Inspectors for Manitoba and the livery are the main causes of the Northwest Territories reporting to crisis. He declares that speculators the Department of Agriculture at have secured possession of the raw Ottawa, states that after visiting material and that the firms running nearly all the towns which are full time are playing into their hands. The only hope for the Labcashire cotton industry is for the trade to act unanimously.

FIRST WOMAN STOWAWAY.

Boarded Ship to Say Good bye to Son and Couldn't Leave Rim.

New York, July 14 .- The first wo man stowaway of whom the immlgrant officials at this port have any knowledge arrived last evening by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. She is Mrs. Louisa Shaller. a middle-aged German woman, who had boarded the vessel at Bremen. She was then accompanied by ten-year-old boy, and explained to the officials that the child was her son, and that she had come on board to bid him good-bye before sending him to an uncle in this port she was discovered among the

Mr. Chamberlain's illness is delaying the colonial conference.

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