

THE M'GEE TRAGEDY

THE OTTAWA MURDER OF 1868 IS RECALLED.

Alleged Murderer was Prosecuted by The Famous Criminal Lawyer, James O'Reilly, of Kingston, Who Sent Him to the Gallows.

It is just forty-five years ago that the late Hon. D'Arcy McGee was assassinated on Sparks street, Ottawa, on the spot where now stands the departmental store of Bryson, Graham & Co., and although there has been talk year after year in regard to erecting a suitable memorial to the renowned Irish-Canadian orator, statesman and patriot, it looks, says the Ottawa Journal, as if another session of the house will elapse and nothing be done in this direction.

In the reference library on College street, Toronto, files of the "Leader" of April 7th, 1868, may be found. The edition of that date contained one of the greatest scoops ever recorded in the annals of Canadian journalism, and yet this exclusive news item was printed under modest single-column, head lines. How different would be the display to-day when even the closure measure commands a caption four and five columns wide, in type as much or more deep. Dr. George H. Locke, chief librarian, Toronto, regards this file of the "Leader" as among the most historic possessions in the library.

The stirring tragedy of McGee's death, who was shot down just as he was entering his boarding house, and whose body was found, lifeless on the pavement, occurred shortly after two o'clock in the morning. The noted parliamentarian had just finished a brilliant two hours' speech in the commons upon the Nova Scotia question, in which he had uttered the loftiest sentiment of loyalty to the crown and devotion to the country. He had expressed the hope that the deep sense of loyalty of the people of that province would induce them to forsake their attitude of hostility and unite with the rest of the provinces in building up a Canadian nationality.

The newspaper man, who scored the great feat on McGee's lamentable death, was the late George Gregg, who was then Ottawa correspondent for the "Leader." That page, which was published until about 1875, was issued on Leader Lane on the very spot where the Leader hotel now stands on King street east, Toronto. The assassination occurred after the house had adjourned. It had been a busy night for the representatives of the parliamentary press gallery, and after completing their work, all "the boys" had departed and were in bed when the murderer took place. Gregg was the only one to remain. He was a little late in finishing his report and was on his way to his home when, on reaching Sparks street, he heard of the shoot-

ing. Not another paper in Canada contained a line that morning regarding the terrible tragedy except the "Leader," and thus was recorded one of the greatest scoops ever pulled off in Canada. George Gregg, the man who tallied in that great news story, died himself a few years later under sad circumstances. He was an enthusiastic curler and, while engaged in the game, caught a cold, which developed into pneumonia and he passed away after only a few days' illness. He was at the time on the staff of the Toronto Mail, of which he was one of the founders.

Kingston Linked. The McGee murder had a Kingston link, for Sir John A. Macdonald, who



HERBERT SLY. Of Elmhurst, one of the best known members of the Frontenac Cheese Board, who was this year honored with the position of president.

was then premier, secured the services of James O'Reilly, of this city, one of the greatest criminal lawyers of the time, to prosecute the alleged murderer, Whelan. The word "alleged" is used, because an old newspaper man, who talked with persons who knew the details pretty well, told the Whig recently that it was very doubtful if the real murderer was Whelan. Whelan was no doubt an instigator, but there was "inside information" which did not come out at the trial and which was not published either. The young man who fired the shot is supposed to have been goaded to madness by a story told to him. Anyway, Whelan suffered the penalty for the crime. The prisoner, strange to say, was defended by Grand Master Cameron, of the Orange lodge in Ca-

nada, while the prosecutor was an Irish Roman Catholic.

Some years afterwards, when the housing of the Kingston and Pembroke railway was mooted, Mr. O'Reilly was engaged by those interested in putting the line through, to address some meetings throughout the district. At one of these meetings the celebrated Kingston lawyer was asked a question by some one in the audience.

"How much," shouted the farmer, did you receive for hanging Whelan?" Now, Mr. O'Reilly was great at repartee, and the answer he threw back in a good natured way was: "Just twice as much as I would take to have you hanged if you deserved it."

LEFT-HANDED BARBERS.

There Are Some, Just as There Are Left-Handed Men in All Trades.

"Are there any left-handed barbers? Why, certainly," said the boss. "Are some of the greatest barbers left-handed? I have personally known two, and they were both excellent workmen."

"One of these men always stropped a razor with his left hand, but he shaved with his right, and then cut hair with his left. The other man used his left hand throughout, in stropping, shaving and hair cutting. You might think that being left-handed would be an inconvenience to a barber because it would make him work differently from other barbers who are right-handed. You see the right-handed barber always begins to shave a man on the right side of his face. I suppose there are scientific men who could tell us why he does this. I don't know the explanation myself, but I do know that the right-handed barber begins work naturally on the right side of the face, while the left-handed barber naturally begins on the left side.

"You might think that this would make a difference to the left-handed barber for the reason that it would make him get in the way of the barber on the next chair, or make that barber get in his way, but really it makes no difference whatever.

"If all the chairs in a shop were occupied by a line of men who had sat down at precisely the same time, all wanting to be shaved, and who might therefore be all in the same stage of the same moment and all for the same job; they string along in and they have different things done; and then some barbers are quicker than others, and the work would never progress exactly the same in all the chairs; and then the chairs themselves are adjustable for that matter, and the barber himself can suit his work to the circumstances. So the fact is that the left-handed barber doesn't get in anybody else's way and nobody gets in his; but he just goes ahead about his work, and his being left-handed is no more of a handicap to him than it would be to any other man in any employment if he was a good workman."

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RAPACITY OF THE PIKE.

Other Sea Fish That Will Attack and Eat Their Own Species.

The pike has the reputation of being particularly cruel and voracious, hence one of its appellations the "water wolf," but the probability is that many of the sea fish are equally if not a good deal more rapacious and fond of attacking, causing pain to and making a meal of their own species.

Large dogfish (they of course are related to the shark tribe), congers, pollack, cod and bass are especially ferocious, while halibut will frequently seize and kill other large fish, as anglers can aver from personal experience. It is only a few weeks back that while a London angler was "playing" a large conger, a huge halibut swam up to and savagely bit at it, an operation which eventually cost it its own life, for on making for the wounded conger a second time, the boatmen contrived to gaff and haul it aboard.

There have been many instances of pike being found dead, choked by their own species, and these fish not infrequently attack another pike which has been hooked by an angler. The action of a pike at times closely resembles a cat when it plays with a mouse. The pike seizes the angler's bait and keeps dropping and allowing it to escape—one can picture its delight in the terror of its victim—but does not forget to leave the marks of its teeth behind when it eventually makes off.

Lately many fine cod hooked on the long luges of Deal and Dover have been found bitten in half, while only the heads of some have been left, thus showing that they have been preyed upon by some cruel and voracious fish, only too glad to have such a favorable chance of killing and eating them.—London Globe.

Forehanded.

One noon Charlie informed his parents that he felt too ill to return to school.

"Hain't I better send for the doctor?" asked his mother, hoping to test the genuineness of his illness. "Oh, no; you don't need to," replied Charlie. "He'll be up pretty soon. I just stepped in his office on the way home and told him to come up to see me."

The Latin Language.

Latin was one of the original languages of Europe, and from it sprang the Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese languages. Many words of our own language are of Latin origin. It ceased to be spoken in Italy about 281 and was first taught in England by one Adelinus in the seventh century. The use of Latin in law deeds in England gave way to the common tongue in the year 1000.

There was a big demonstration of the Ontario conservatives for Premier Borden in Toronto on Monday night. King Peter, of Servia, will probably abdicate the throne. At Toronto, an eighty-eight-year-old lady has cut eight teeth.

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References: The Bank of Hamilton

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VICE IN NEW YORK

RESULT OF TEN MONTHS' CAREFUL INVESTIGATION.

Poverty Not To Blame.—Most of the Girls Victims of Agents of Commercialized Vice.

New York, May 20.—The Bureau of Social Hygiene, of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is chairman, made public its first report, yesterday, on the vice conditions in New York. This report is the work of George J. Kneeland, a special investigator, and is based upon ten months of work in studying commercialized vice in all sections in Manhattan.

Mr. Kneeland later will make a report in which he will suggest remedies, and possibly fix the responsibility for the existing conditions. The purpose of the present report is only to point out the true facts, according to the investigator. Mr. Kneeland expresses the opinion that there are fifteen thousand of them in Manhattan alone—are very seldom driven into the life because of poverty. Most of the girls are victims of agents of commercialized vice, he says.

"It is idle to explain away the phenomena on the ground that they are the inevitable weakness of human nature," the report says. "Human weakness would demand far fewer and less horrible sacrifices. Most of the wreckage, and the worst of it, is due to persistent cunning and unprincipled exploitation; to the banding together of infamous enterprises."

The girl herself who is a victim of commercialized, organized vice gets her bare subsistence. Mr. Kneeland censures severely owners of real estate which is used for vice purposes. The report says that a woman investigator visited 122 real estate agents, and only seventeen of them refused to lease houses for immoral purposes. The report says that a group of "well-known men" operate ten night club houses in New York, and the value of shares in the organization fluctuates up or down as the police conditions make it hard or easy to run the business.

The report says it is impossible to estimate the earnings of the reports, but that the sum is so large as to be staggering. Thirty of the cheapest resorts earn annually more than \$2,000,000 exclusive of the profits from the illegal sale of liquor and tobacco on the premises, which are sold at a huge profit.

Se. Sale of Gingham's Se.

Wednesday we will sell 500 yards of small pink check, good washing gingham at 5c yard. Corrigan's.

Archibald Currie, C.E., at present city engineer of Westmount, has signified his intention of accepting the post of city engineer in Ottawa, and will take up his new duties on June 20th.

IN MARINE CIRCLES.

Movements of Vessels Reported Along the Harbor.

The oil steamer, Calgary, passed on her way to Montreal on Tuesday morning.

The steamer Alexandria, called at the R. & O. wharf on Monday night and loaded freight for Montreal.

The steamer Fackel, from Cleveland passed on her way to Ogdensburg, N.Y., with a cargo of paving blocks.

The large bathoiler, is at Richardson's elevator loading grain for Quebec.

The steamer Sowards cleared for Oswego on Tuesday morning.

The schooner Abbie L. Andrews cleared for Oswego's elevator. Tug Bronson, from Montreal, three light barges, cleared for Montreal, with three grain barges; tug Hall, from Montreal, with three light barges cleared for Montreal, with three grain barges; steamer Advance, passed up Tuesday morning, with package freight from Montreal, for the west; steamer Calgarina, from Fort William, is discharging a full cargo of wheat, will clear for Belleville to load cement for Belleville; steamer Kinmount is due to arrive during the day, from Fort William, to discharge wheat, oats and barley.

The steamer Dollard moved for the first time, under her own steam, from the wharf of the Shipbuilding company on Tuesday morning. She went for about half an hour's spin on the harbor, in charge of Capt. John Murray. John Donnelly and officials of the company were on board.

The steamer Pellat passed down on Tuesday morning from Fort William with a cargo of grain for Montreal. One of the crew reported that it was very cold on Lake Superior and the upper waters.

The steamer Dundurn went west on Tuesday morning.

Budget From Lyn.

Lyn, May 19.—Gordon Irving, of McGill college, is spending a few days with Rev. D. M. McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Purvis and daughter, Miss Gracie, spent Sunday with friends at Yongo Mills. Mrs. William Bullock and children have returned to Lyn for a short visit before leaving for their new home in Winnipeg. Miss Arietta Dickie attended the shower at Miss Maude MacNish's, Yongo Mills, in honor of Miss Jessie Ferguson. Miss M. Mannel, of Brockville, spent a few days recently at Wellington McLean's, Mrs.

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Finley and daughter, Miss Susie, of Easton, Mr. Gibson, of Addison, are the guest of his sister, Mrs. Menhly, recently. The district meeting of the Methodist church is to be held in Lyn on Wednesday and Thursday next. Mrs. E. L. Lane, Smith's Falls, is the week-end guest at Alexander Tennant's. George Wright and family are week-end guests at M. Hill's. The serious illness of Mrs. Edward