

KEEPING THE STRAIGHT PATH

THIS IS THE ROAD ALONE TO ABSOLUTE HAPPINESS.

An Object Lesson to Fathers and Mothers to Give to their Children—A Shocking Case Viewed From Whatever Point You Will—Another Unveiling of Villainy and Robbery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Not in the history of criminal jurisprudence, from the earliest record down to the present time, has a case occurred exactly paralleled to that in which for the week just past has so thoroughly occupied the public attention. No deadlier blow on justice, everywhere throughout the world, has ever been struck than that inflicted by Barbara Aub in her prosecution of Walter L. S. Langerman for outrage upon her person; and after an exciting and exhaustive trial, ending in Langerman's conviction, and being remanded for sentence, the town was startled by the intelligence that the accuser was guilty and the accused innocent; that their positions were reversed, and that he who only a few hours before was a convicted felon, with the dreadful prospect of twenty years' imprisonment before him, was to be the law's main instrument for the conviction of his accuser, and that she might wear her life out behind prison bars, while the convicted felon walked forth a free but not a guiltless man.

The story with all its dreadful details is a brief one; it is an object lesson to which mothers can point their daughters and fathers their sons, that just as certain that God reigns and rules—there is but one road to absolute happiness, here and hereafter—and that road leads to a pure, honest, straightforward life—neither swerving to the right or the left, but keeping on in the straight and narrow path to the end.

Last May a young woman, named Barbara Aub, received a letter from a friend of hers named Roselle, requesting her to call on her; Miss Aub had been engaged in several different occupations, but at the time she received Mrs. Roselle's letter she was canvassing for a religious book, and Mrs. Roselle sent for her to tell her where she might find a customer. She gave her a letter of introduction to a young man named Walter L. S. Langerman, telling him that he must be very careful how he behaved to Miss Aub, as she was inclined to be proud, and might not be as foolish as she, Mrs. Roselle, had been. The letter, like all letters of introduction, was unsealed, and there is not the slightest doubt that Miss Aub read it before she delivered it; that very implication to a perfectly chaste woman would have sounded the keynote of alarm; but it does not seem to have affected Miss Aub and she called on Mr. Langerman at his office, 119 Sixty-second street, at eight o'clock in the morning, at least two hours before the business life of New York begins. Mr. Langerman was not dressed; he received her in his bath robe, invited her into his sitting-room, got her to describe the book, then told her that he supposed he would have to subscribe and signed his name on her list. Then followed the shameful detail which led up to the wretched girl's ruin, and which, aside from the loss of her character, will undoubtedly consign her to a felon's cell for many years to come.

In a little while she began to realize that there were possible consequences to her, and she went to ask her betrayer what she should do. He treated her like the brute that he was, and advised her to earn money by selling her body and soul. Stung to madness by his brutality and indifference, she then conceived the idea of vengeance. A Mrs. Whittemore, with whom she had been stopping, noticed the change in her, and frequently found her weeping, and after questioning her closely got from her the story to which she afterwards stuck to all through the trial, of the violence used, and her desperate resistance with all of the shocking accompanying details, even to the bruises on her body, certified to by the physicians under oath who made the examination.

For five mortal hours she sat on the witness stand under one of the most merciless and pitiless cross-examinations ever heard in a court of justice, and never wavered a hair. The wily and experienced lawyer, at whose cross-examination the oldest criminals had trembled, exhausted all his cunning, but the witness remained unshaken.

The prosecuting attorney, as he closed the case, painted the picture of the poor, friendless, motherless girl, struggling to make an honest living, attacked by this depraved villain, who succeeded in ruining her and then cast her aside without pity or remorse, and he closed with a peroration on the criminal's wickedness, which made every man and woman in the court feel as if they wanted to lynch him on the spot.

The charge of Judge Goff was strongly against the prisoner. It did not take the jury long to agree; the extreme sentence of which is twenty years in States prison. In dismissing the jury, the judge took occasion to thank them for the noble work they had accomplished in punishing the guilty and vindicating the pure character of an innocent, friendless girl. The prisoner was remanded till Saturday for sentence, which, no doubt, would be the full penalty of the law. The press and the public were jubilant; the law had vindicated the innocent and had championed the right.

It was two o'clock in the morning after Thanksgiving when two women, closely veiled, might be seen hurrying along the silent streets—for at that hour on a winter's morning there are few travelers or tramps on the streets, the frosty air driving them into the station houses, or such other shelter as they may be fortunate enough to secure. They stopped before the house of Recorder Goff, the presiding judge before whom Langerman was tried. Notwithstanding the unseemly hour the judge knew it must be something very important, and at once granted an interview, and there and then Barbara Aub confessed that she had perjured herself, and that Langerman was innocent of the crime of which he was accused. She was not forced or assaulted, but willingly consented to the connection, and her sole motive in confessing was to save a man from being punished for a crime he did not commit. Recorder Goff acted in a most extraordinary manner in keeping the sworn con-

fession of Langerman's innocence three days in his pocket, and on Monday, when the prisoner was called up to the bar, presumably to receive his sentence, Judge Goff delivered a moral lecture, a half hour long, to eventually tell the prisoner at the bar that he was innocent of the charge of which he was accused, and technically he was a free man. But he was not free for Recorder Goff committed him to the House of Detention as a witness when Barbara Aub shall be tried for perjury.

The case is a shocking one, viewed from whatever point you will. No more deadly blow on suffering and injured woman has been given her since courts were first instituted for the administration of justice. Hereafter, when some wretched woman who has been assaulted and robbed of her honor shall seek the temple of justice to right her wrongs, the attorney for the defence will point to the trial of Langerman and the perjury of Barbara Aub, and the sapient jury giving the prisoner the benefit of the doubt, will allow him to walk out of court a free man, while his victim, deserted and ruined, seeks rest in a suicide's grave. The conduct of Recorder Goff at the close of the case has met with general condemnation from the public and the press, and in my memory, I can recall no case, which gives evidence of such a general and well-deserved contempt of court.

We do queer things in New York occasionally; and one very queer thing occurred this week which keeps us fully abreast of the times. A wealthy lady living in the fashionable quarter of the hill, owned a little fox terrier, named Sport, of which she was very fond. One day Sport committed suicide, or something very like it. He got up on the roof of his mistress's house attempted to jump on the next house nearly ten feet away; he did not succeed, but the next moment after the attempt he was a subject for a coroner's inquest. His mistress was inconsolable. She sent for a well-undertaker, a beautiful coffin was made, lined with white satin, with a silver plate, giving his name and the date of his death, and at the cost of fifty dollars he was buried in a beautiful plot in Woodlawn cemetery on Tuesday last.

The examination now going on of the department of docks, before a senate committee, reveals a system of villainy and robbery before which the revelation of the police department pale; and yet, notwithstanding that their robberies were flagrant and open as the day—yet their own books proving all the crimes charged—this is the party that the people at the late election proclaimed fit to administer the government. It is true it was not a municipal election, and the reformers still have possession of the city government; but, I regret to say, that in several of the departments the reformers have made a very poor showing; the sheriff's office, one of the most important in the city, being a standing and flagrant disgrace. One of the redeeming features of the reform administration has been the police commission—there good, honest work has been done, and because Mr. Roosevelt and his confederates have done their duty, and were not willing to perjure themselves, they have been assailed with a storm of vituperations as if they had been thieves and violators of the law.

The elevation of Captain Conlin to the chiefship of police is a well deserved reward for long years of faithful and honest service. There was no politics in it—merit was the standard, and so conspicuous was his official service, that there was not a competitor to enter the list against him. In a venal age surrounded by thieves and political thugs, no illicit money ever soiled his hands; he built no fine houses or kept fast horses on the shameful wages of prostitution; his confederates called him a fool; who was throwing away his golden opportunity; but unmoved alike by their censure and malediction Captain Conlin kept right on the straight and narrow path, with the old Scotch motto emblazoned on his banner and engraved on his shield, "We hide our time." So after long waiting and faithful work his reward has come at last, and this week he was appointed chief of police. The office is for life; his future is in his own hands; nothing but his own misconduct can remove him.

The holidays are upon us; all of our great stores are crammed with rare, costly goods, fit for the palaces of our banana and railroad kings in this imperial city, which is destined at no distant day to be the foremost capital of the world. Hoping that we may grow in grace faster than we do in population and wealth, I am, yours truly—BROADBENT.

LOW TOWNSHIP TAXES.

The Expenses in Collecting Them Will be a Subject for Consideration.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The recent military expedition to Low township was the theme of a lengthy and animated discussion, yesterday, at the meeting of the Ottawa county council. Mr. Major, county solicitor, defended the amount of taxes, including the military cost placed against the township. Father Foley held that some of the items were considered illegal. As to the military expedition it was a good outing for the men and the government should defray some of the cost as they had done in the case of the Orange riots in Montreal. After a lengthy discussion in which several of the French councillors participated, it was decided to leave the matter of revising the costs for the collection of taxes and the military expedition in the hands of a committee, the committee, to consist of the warden and councillors Martin, Stevenson and Chauvin, with the assistance of the secretary-treasurer and the county solicitor.

A motion was adopted to memorialize the dominion government to grant a reasonable bonus towards the construction of the proposed bridge across the Ottawa river at Deschenes.

Destroyed The Christians' Mission. PARIS, Dec. 13.—Advices from Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, under date of Nov. 30th, say that a mob of 6,000 Hovas had attacked and destroyed the Christians' mission at Raminandro, but that missionary MacMahon and his family, occupying the mission, succeeded in escaping unharmed. A force of 900 French troops was dispatched to the scene to quell the disturbance, and all Europeans were ordered to the capital as a measure of safety.

THEY ROBBED MANY GRAVES.

AND THE PEOPLE ARE AROUSED OVER THE ACTS.

The Militia Called Out to Protect the College—The Students Sent Home Until the Maddeled Populace Have Been Quieted—The Workmen Very Angry.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 12.—For a time last night it looked as if there would be bloodshed in the streets of North Topeka, where the Kansas medical college is located, and battery "B" was ordered in readiness at the arsenal, while the company of state troops in Lawrence, thirty miles south of here, was marched to the railway station and held in readiness for an emergency. A mob gathered around the college building, at the corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets, but a large force of policemen was sent there and kept the crowd at bay until immediate danger of a riot was over. All of the students were dismissed, and they will not return to the college until the trouble is over.

Feeling against the students of the college is strong because of the frequent robbery of graves in Rochester cemetery, and one student, S. A. Johnson, acting as janitor of the college building, is under arrest. The third body stolen was discovered yesterday in the dissecting room of the college. This has intensified the feeling among the citizens, and particularly among the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which order John Dako, the miller, who identified the body of his wife, on Tuesday, is a member. Rochester cemetery, where these bodies were stolen, is used by the poorer classes of citizens.

Many persons whose relatives have been buried there recently, went out yesterday to open the graves and satisfy themselves whether they had been robbed. Mr. Van Vleet had a vision, Sunday night, that his wife's grave had been molested. He went to the cemetery the next morning and discovered that the grave had been robbed. A search warrant was issued and the body was found in the medical college.

H. H. Lillis went to the dissecting room of the institution last night and found the body of his mother upon the table. It is said that more than a score of graves in Rochester cemetery have been recently desecrated and it is suspected that students of this college are the guilty persons. Threats were made to burn the college last night and this may yet be done.

An excited meeting of A. O. U. W. lodges was held last night. Resolutions were passed violently denouncing the action of the students and calling upon the authorities to ferret the ghouls and punish them. Gov. Morrill says he will put down any violence that may occur, and if the battery is ordered out it will sweep the streets if any attempt at rioting or incendiarism is made.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 14.—It was current rumor yesterday that one of the sixty-two students of the college had made a confession, implicating several members of the faculty in connection with the grave desecration affair. The county attorney would neither confirm nor deny the rumor, but admitted that he had obtained evidence sufficient to warrant other arrests. Last night N. R. E. Minney, dean of the Kansas medical college, Dr. M. R. Mitchell, of the faculty, were arrested on a charge of receiving bodies stolen from the cemeteries. They were released on bond. The attorney for the people whose relatives were desecrated, says he will file damage suits to-day against the college officials and students. The A. O. U. W. lodges are raising money to assist in the prosecution of the proposed criminal and civil suits.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 14.—J. L. Cuthbert, a respectable citizen, reports that thirty graves were examined in Rochester and the Catholic cemeteries yesterday, and that twenty-one of them were empty. The medical college is without students, all having left the city to escape mob violence. Gov. Merrill has offered a reward of \$300 for the grave robbers.

Death From Starvation.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—About eighteen months ago Tom Rourke, of Toronto Junction, was sent to Kingston for ten years for criminal assault. Since his incarceration his wife, Johanna Rourke, sixty years old, has lived at the junction in the house owned by her husband. On Monday last nothing having been seen of the old woman for three days her house was entered, when she was found lying in bed in a semi-unconscious condition. She was at once removed to the House of Providence, where she died on Wednesday. Death was due to starvation.

Killed Defending a Woman.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 13.—Advices were received to-day of an attack made by brigands on the ranch of Guillermo Martinez west of here. The bandits killed three men employed on the ranch and then robbed the place of a considerable sum of money and valuables. The wife of Martinez was subjected to severe brutalities by the outlaws, and it was while defending the woman that the servants were killed.

To Release A Big Steamer.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.—The contract for the release of the steamer Jim Sheriffs, ashore on Big Summer Island, in Green Bay, has been let to Capt. James Reid, of Bay City, for \$7,000, the boat to be delivered in Milwaukee this year. The Sheriffs lay, at last accounts, in four feet of water at her bow and nine feet at the stern. The contract is on the usual "no-cure-no-pay" order.

Eloped And Married.

LEBANON, Penn., Dec. 14.—Daniel O'Neil, one of the two trustees of families of Shakers, has eloped with a young woman, who has been a member of the family for some time. They have been married and are living in New York city.

Killed By Indians.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Dec. 14.—J. C. Ryan, a Kansas stock man, reports the murder of two miners between White Oaks and Jicarilla by a band of Indians, supposed to be White Mountain Apaches.

Killed By A Fall.

OSWEGO, N.Y., Dec. 12.—John Gillen, thirty-seven years of age, while repairing trolley wires, yesterday, fell from a high wagon and broke his neck. He leaves a wife and five children.

Rejected The Bill.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 13.—The legislative council has rejected the women's suffrage bill.

CALLING FOR SALVATION.

A Macedonian Cry Comes to England From Constantinople.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The following telegram from Constantinople, dated Dec. 6th, and signed by a number of Armenians in that city, has reached London: "Armenia is in her last gasp. The work of extermination continues. The massacred people number 100,000. Half a million survivors have taken refuge in the forests and mountains; where they are feeding upon herbs and roots; Hunger and cold have begun to ravage greatly. In the name of humanity and christianity save us."

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A cable despatch, received by the Christian Herald, from a correspondent at Tauris, Persia, says: "News received from Van states that 50,000 refugees are crowding the city from 200 villages which have been destroyed in the province of Van. The Turks are greatly hampering the relief work conducted by Dr. Grace Kimball and her missionary associates. Mission work is necessarily suspended for the present. The schools are closed. Information comes from Tauris that the missionaries' lives there are in danger and that they are awaiting a chance to escape to a place of safety."

WAS AMONG THE SLAIN.

A Tribute to the Memory of the Leader of the Italians.

ROME, Dec. 12.—The chamber of deputies this afternoon paid a tribute to the memory of M. J. Tosselli, the commander of the Italian column in Abyssinia, which was decimated by a surrounding force of Abyssinians, and who was himself among the killed. After a number of eulogistic speeches the president of the chamber invited the orators of all parties to salute the glorious dead, and the members of the body stood up in perfect patriotic accord. The scene was a touching one. General Baratieri's account of the battle with the Abyssinians at Ambesim resulting in the partial annihilation of Major Tosselli's force of Italian troops, shows that the Italians share their cannon, mules, ammunition, etc., into an abyss in order to prevent the enemy from capturing them.

SHOT IN THE NECK.

He Cried "Take Me Home" And Then Dropped Dead.

TEESWATER, Dec. 12.—A sad accident occurred yesterday whereby James Laugher, aged fifteen, son of John Laugher, six miles south of Teeswater, lost his life. The unfortunate youth and his brother were working in a swamp taking out wood, and they had taken a gun to shoot rats in case they saw any. A rabbit suddenly appeared while they were working. Both made a rush for the gun which by some means had been left cocked. The eldest brother got the gun, and in his hurry touched the trigger, discharging the contents into the neck of his brother James. The only words spoken by the wounded boy were, "Take me home," when he dropped dead.

A Protectionist Party.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The annual congress of the national agricultural union met to-day under the presidency of the Earl of Winchelsea. A large number of conservative peers and members of parliament were present. It was unanimously resolved to form an agricultural party, in parliament, the purposes of which are to urge the government to relieve land of its existing unfair share of the public burdens, to re-adjust the beer duty in favor of British-grown barley and hops and to introduce legislation for the effectual protection of home products against all forms of fraudulent competition.

Death in the Coal Gas.

ELDEA, Dec. 12.—Hugh Kilpatrick was found dead, his wife lying unconscious beside him, by a brother of Mrs. Kilpatrick, who, receiving no response to repeated ringing of the door bell, forced an entrance by a back door. Dr. Nairn was called, and, assisted by Drs. Paget and Robertson, succeeded in saving the unconscious woman. The death of Mr. Kilpatrick, who was seventy-five years of age, and one of the most highly respected citizens of this place, was, in the doctors' opinion, due to gas that escaped from the stove. He had been dead since late on Monday night or early on Tuesday morning.

The Third to Be Married.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Standing beneath a gorgeous floral canopy and environed by a scene of horticultural splendor, in the music room of her father's country palace, Rockwood hall, Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, Miss Emma Rockefeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rockefeller, was wedded at noon to-day to Dr. D. Hunter McAlpin, jr., son of D. Hunter McAlpin, of New York City. It was the third nuptial celebration in the Rockefeller family within a month, and, in point of brilliancy, surpassed the two preceding events.

Two Women Burned To Death.

ASHVILLE, N.C., Dec. 12.—A special from Morganton, N.C., gives the news of the mysterious burning of two dissolute women in the woods near that town last night. When last seen it is said they were both drunk. This morning their charred bodies were found near the railroad. The theory is advanced that they built a fire, and falling into a drunken sleep burned themselves to death.

Crushed in the Ice.

AMHERSTBURG, Dec. 12.—The schr. Geo. W. Adams, up with coal in tow of str. Caledonia, was crushed in the ice abreast of Colchester light, during the night, and sank. Her crew were taken off by the str. Caledonia. The Adams is owned by James Corrigan, of Cleveland, and is valued at about \$12,000. It is expected she will be a total loss.

Commuted the Sentence.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Nellie W. Pope, who murdered her husband, Dr. W. W. Pope, with the assistance of William Brushan, and who was sentenced for life to the state prison at Jackson, has had her sentence commuted to imprisonment at the Detroit house of correction.

To Brave Niagara In A Barrel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Miss Millie Viola, annex-actress and aeronaut, says she has come from Australia to go over the Niagara Falls in a barrel. To make the feat more difficult she says she will have the barrel dropped from a balloon.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE HOUR.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

Little Matters that Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Every Thing Easily Read and Remembered. Atlantic City, N.J., is said to have a \$2,000,000 hotel. The diamond cutters of Antwerp have gone on a strike. The writ for West Huron has been issued. The election takes place on January 14th.

Premier Greenway sees no particular significance in the result in North Ontario. Ex-congressman Bondy, the father-in-law of ex-governor Forsaker, of Ohio, is dead.

Hon. Mr. Laurier was given a reception in Montreal at the residence of G. W. Stephens, M.P.P.

Doucet was nominated as the conservative candidate for the commons in Jacques Cartier. Theodore Durrant, the condemned San Francisco murderer, was granted a stay of execution for twenty days. Jobby Mullholland, first baron of Dunleath, died in London last week. He was seventy-six years of age.

Judgment in the Ontario prohibition appeal case before the privy council will not be delivered till after Christmas. The Prince of Wales got some powder in his eye while shooting at Buckinghamshire, but the results are not serious.

February 21st has been fixed for the hanging of W. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont in San Francisco. The Louisville baseball club has signed as a pitcher the poet Henry Colville Semple, graduate of Sewanee university.

The United States government crop report shows a lower condition and a smaller acreage of wheat than had been expected. Justin McCarthy says that Hon. Edward Blake's exertions and generosity have more than once saved the Irish party from literal bankruptcy.

The White Star line str. Germanic sank the str. Cambrai, near Liverpool, Wednesday. The Germanic was damaged and had to return to port. The U.S. secretary of state grants an appropriation of \$635,000 for the survey of the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia.

A despatch from Puerto Rico, says excitement has been caused there by the discovery of a plot to overthrow the Spanish rule on the island. The Pennsylvania senatorial investigating committee brought some startling testimony in regard to the police of Philadelphia and disorderly houses.

Alfred Curtis, Toronto printer, sentenced at Stratford to eight months in the Central prison, for theft, in violation of Belleville, on the charge of stealing \$300. Oliver Hammond, his wife and three children, Greenville, Ohio, were killed at a crossing on the Dayton & Union railway seven miles from this city last week.

The inland revenue for the dominion of Canada accrued during the month of November, amounted to \$7,383,311, as against \$7,442,292 for the same month last year. J. M. Barrie was four years writing the serial "Sentimental Tommy," begun in January Scribner. The scene of the tale moves from the East End of London to Thrums.

Fire Thursday morning destroyed the Hotel Kensington at Charlotte, N.Y. The firemen's hall and the village engine house adjoining were somewhat damaged. Total loss \$18,000. Mrs. Emily Smith died in St. Catharines on Wednesday. She was a colored woman and there is conclusive evidence that she was over 100 years of age. She was very intelligent.

The crop bulletin of the Manitoba government estimates the total wheat yield of the province at 30,775,000 bushels, an average yield of 27.80 bushels per acre for 1,140,276 acres. Mrs. Gangerfield, relict of the late George Dangersfield, passed away last week at Kempsville, at the age of sixty-three years. She had been a confirmed invalid for the past two years.

A band of dervishes, mounted on camels, recently raided, plundered and partially burned Arrandean, north of Wady Halfa. A detachment of cavalry has been sent in pursuit of the dervishes. John W. Mackey, the cable magnate, is arranging for a magnificent mausoleum, which will cost \$250,000. It will be in Greenwood cemetery. On Friday he bought land there costing \$38,000.

Andrew Allan Mackenzie, grandson of Andrew Allan, and Miss Mabel, daughter of Charles Drinkwater, secretary of the Canadian Pacific railway, both of Montreal, were married on Thursday. Gilbert McLeod, market gardener, while engaged in unloading a wagon in Hamilton, on 11th, suddenly fell to the ground, and died before medical aid arrived. Neuralgia of the heart was the cause of death.

The federal council, at Berne, on Thursday elected A. Lachenal president, and Mr. Deucher vice-president. Mr. Lachenal was formerly minister of foreign affairs and Mr. Deucher minister of agriculture.

There is a toboggan slide at St. Moritz, Switzerland, three-quarters of a mile long, that has been descended in seventy-one seconds. Scribner's for January will publish a description of it, with instantaneous photographs. Great excitement has been caused in Buenos Ayres, by the discovery of rich gold deposits near Mendoza. An American firm is interested. Several mines have been opened, and the ore taken out has proved remarkably rich.

A. A. Dicks, arraigned at the Toronto assizes, Thursday, on the charge of having murdered his wife, was discharged at the suggestion of B. B. Osler, the crown counsel, by the judge on the ground that the evidence did not establish murder.

While Mrs. James Williams, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was dressing a turkey for dinner she found in the bird's craw a diamond solitary the size of a pea. The diamond came from a farm close to a picnic ground, and it is thought that it picked up the jewel near there. A report comes that the Gilmour company, operating in the townships of Peck and Hunter, bordering on the Algonquin Park game reserve, have decided to stop cutting on their limits for this season, and that 700 men would lose their winter employment in consequence.