

HENRY I. TOEWS DIES IN PRISON

Death Robs the Gallows of the
Life of the Altona
Murderer.
STORY OF THE TRAGEDY

Is Seized With Convulsions and Passes Away at the Pro- vincial Jail.

Henry L. Toews, school teacher, the murderer of the young daughter of Peter Kehler, at Altona, and who also shot and seriously wounded Abraham Remple, John Hubert, Peter Kehler and another daughter of Mr. Kehler, died yesterday in the provincial jail at 10.10 a.m. yesterday from the effects of self-inflicted wounds.

Thus dropped the curtain on the finale to a tragedy which, for sensational denouement, has seldom had parallel in this country.

Toews died as a child would go to sleep. On Saturday at 11.45 in the morning he took convulsions. From the effects of these attacks he did not get relief until 1.45 p.m. After that Toews went into a state of unconsciousness, from which he never rallied.

Coroner Benson will hold an inquest on the body. The time has not been definitely fixed as yet, but it will probably take place this evening at the provincial jail.

Six Are Shot and One Killed as a Result of His Violence.

The tragedy in which Toews was the central figure occurred at the quiet village of Altona, on Oct. 9. He had displayed a spitefulness towards some of the pupils of the school in which he taught to such an extent that the trustees were called together to consider some specific charges that had been made against him.

On the afternoon of Oct. 9 the trustees met at the school, and Toews was, of course, present. During the meeting he became excited and drew a revolver and commenced to fire indiscriminately. The victims of his violence were six in number: Abraham Remple and his two-year-old daughter, John Hiebert, and Peter Kehler and his two daughters Helen and Annie.

After firing all the charges in his fire-shooter, Toews reloaded it and

again commenced shooting. He saved, however, one bullet for himself. After satiating his vengeance he left the scene of the shooting and proceeded a short distance, when he placed the revolver to his own temple. The bullet penetrated his skull and found a resting place in his brain, where it still remains.

Two days after the shooting little Annie Kehler died, and the charge against Toews became murder.

Next to Annie Kehler, Abraham Remple and his daughter were the most seriously injured. For days they hung between life and death, but finally their condition changed for the better and they still live.

The day after the shooting Toews was taken to Winnipeg and placed in the hospital. There he remained until his condition was such that the authorities thought he could be safely transferred to the county jail, where he could be guarded more securely.

The middle of January marks the height of the iceboating season. The sport is just now in full swing, and everywhere that the ice is thick enough owners of these speedy winter craft are skimming over the frozen surface of lakes and rivers. The principal meet is the international ice yachting regatta, which is held this year on Gull lake, near Kalamazoo, Mich., from Jan. 20 to 25. Meets are also scheduled to take place at Port Henry, Saranac lake and Plattsburg, N.Y., and at Ottawa.

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