

## SUNDAY TRAGEDIES.

### Mrs. Molteni Buys Strychnine and Takes Her Own Life.

### AN ENGINEER INSTANTLY KILLED.

Yesterday morning the wife of Herr **Louis Molteni**, residing at 676 King-street West, deliberately and determinedly committed suicide. She had purchased ten cents worth of strychnine for the purpose, and about 9 o'clock in the morning swallowed the fatal dose and went to bed. Within fifteen minutes Drs. McConnell and Cowan were in attendance, but Mrs. Molteni refused to submit to any treatment at their hands. She also refused to give any information as to the person from whom she had procured the poison. In less than an hour life was extinct. Molteni is in comfortable circumstances, owns the property in which he resides and also No. 678, and earns good wages from Messrs. R. Hay & Co. Mrs. Molteni was 46 year of age, without family, and was a healthy looking and cheerful woman. She conducted a grocery business in No. 676. No reason is assigned for the melancholy act. Under the circumstances the coroner has considered an inquest unnecessary. It is stated that Molteni was very much affected, acting in a distracted manner.

### INSTANTLY KILLED.

A most distressing and fatal accident occurred about one o'clock in the afternoon, by which, without a moment's warning, a useful member of the community was launched into eternity. It appears that the steamer *Princess of Wales* was about to make a trip to the Island from Geddes' Wharf when the engineer, John Kennedy, found that the engine was "on the centre," and could not be started without the wheel being turned with the foot. He went into the wheel-house to "pry her off," unfortunately leaving the throttle of his engine open and the steam full on. Immediately he touched the wheel it flew round at top speed, carrying him with it and killing him instantly. The body was much bruised, the principal injury being to the victim's head, which had a deep gash on top six or seven inches in length, and a smaller one on the side. The remains were conveyed to the morgue, as the young man's wife and four children are at present spending a holiday with his father at Ottawa, and he was lodging at Mrs. McSherry's on the Esplanade. The coroner was notified and viewed the body, but of course did not consider an inquest necessary. He is understood to have stated that apart from other injuries, that on the top of Kennedy's head would have proved fatal, though it is probable the force with which he was hurled beneath the water also helped to shorten his fearful sufferings. An incident occurred in connection with the sad affair of a very pathetic character. The brother of Kennedy is engineer on the propeller *Cuba*, which vessel happened to arrive from Ogdensburg very shortly after the accident, and he was hastening to greet his brother when he heard the astounding news of his death, which at first seemed impossible. The body of the deceased, who was aged 23 years, will be removed to his brother's residence at 289 Wilton-avenue. The funeral will take place this afternoon.