

## AUSTIN DAM VICTIMS SUE.

Ask \$82,400 Damages from the Owners—Grand Jury Inquiry On.

COUDERSPORT, Penn., Dec. 18.—Twenty-five damage suits aggregating in claims \$82,400, were filed to-day against the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company of Austin as a corporation, and against President George C. Bayless individually to recover for losses caused by the bursting of the mill company's dam at Austin on Sept. 30 last. The suits are brought by attorneys F. P. Cummings of Williamsport and L. B. Seibert, of this place for victims of the disaster.

The Potter County Grand Jury began to-day the examination of witnesses for the Commonwealth in criminal prosecution of Bayless. Michael C. Bailey, who had charge of the dam, and F. N. Hamlin, Superintendent of the mill, all of whom are charged with involuntary manslaughter. Findings are expected to-morrow or Wednesday.

\*relates Back from Bermuda.

Archbishop Edward McCarthy of Halifax, N. S., arrived here yesterday from Bermuda on the Royal Mail steam packet Tagus, accompanied by Mgr. E. W. McGoldrick of Brooklyn and Father W. E. Hamilton, his chaplain. The Archbishop said that he had been to Bermuda on his annual inspection of the diocese. Owing to the steadily increasing number of American visitors, he said, it was necessary to build a new church. Attendance at mass on Sundays was now so large that services had to be held on the green outside the church.

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