

THE LITTLEFORD INQUEST

Juror Makes Objection to the Lack of Accommodation Where the Enquiry is Being Held, BUT NOTHING CAME OUT OF IT.

Evidence as to the Quarrel Given By Several Witnesses—Inquest Again Adjourned.

When the jury empaneled by coroner J. M. Cotton to enquire into the death of W. H. Littleford turned up at the Agnes street station for the second sitting of the inquest last night, complaints were heard on all sides about the lack of accommodation. The room apart by the authorities for the holding of the investigation was no larger than an ordinary bedroom, and is the one used by the policemen for sleeping quarters. A man sitting at the head of the bed, and the juror was compelled to sit on a bench, such as would be found in a country schoolhouse.

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The Post-Mortem. Dr. H. B. Anderson read the report of the post-mortem examination made by himself and Dr. A. R. Fyfe. The physician found that death was due to an abscess on the brain, the result of an injury which caused a fracture of the roof of the orbital plate.

Dr. Fyfe related to the jury the condition Littleford was in before his removal to the hospital on the night of April 19, or about 48 hours after the quarrel.

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STRATCONA SPOKE FOR CANADA.

Expressed to Lord Mayor Newton The Thanks of the Canadians for Aid to the Fire Sufferers.

London, June 8.—Lord Stratford, and Mount Royal, High Commissioner for Canada, when communicating to-day to the Lord Mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, a telegram from the chairman of the Relief Committee at Ottawa, giving thanks for the British subscription in aid of the fire sufferers, expressed on behalf of the people of Canada profound gratitude for the generous and spontaneous help of Great Britain, which, he said, would never stand only Ottawa or any other part of the Dominion.

FILIPINO LEADER CAPTURED.

It Is Not Aguinado, But the Next Best Name, General Pio Del Pilar.

Manila, June 8, 10:50 a.m.—Gen. Pio Del Pilar, the Filipino leader, has been captured near Manila.

ENGLISH IN GERMANY.

Is Only to be Taught as an Optional Language, the Same as Hebrew.

Berlin, June 8.—The National School Reform Conference was continued to-day. Despite the expressed wish of Emperor William that English should be effectively taught in the gymnasia, a majority of the delegates decided to leave the status of English as it is now, which means English instruction beginning on the age of 15, and never using only optional, like Hebrew.

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Mr. Shaw Charges Mr. Cuminsky With Misappropriating the Poor Fund of His District.

SPEAKER CALLED TO THE CHAIR TO Quell the Disturbance—It Was a Scene of Wild Excitement—Serious Charges.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., June 8.—This afternoon's session of the Legislature eclipsed all previous records for scenes of disorder. While the House was in committee Mr. Cuminsky, while discussing poor grants, was charged by Mr. Shaw with misappropriation of the poor fund of his district. He dared Mr. Cuminsky to submit a statement, Mr. Cuminsky denied the charge. A hot argument ensued, and the Government being unable to maintain order, the leader called upon the Speaker to take the chair and quell the disturbance. Several members of the Opposition, who were ordered to sit on benches, such as would be found in a country schoolhouse.

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