

of any previous illness or serious complaint of any kind. She had spent the evening before with her friends and was seen the morning of her death, about two hours before it occurred, at work at her sewing machine. Searching enquiry, examination of all the bottles in the house, as well as the corpse externally, threw no light on the cause of death. The woman had two children, her husband living in British Columbia. He left the house intending to communicate the matter to the police, and when driving there met the Coroner, to whom was reported the occurrence, with a strong suggestion that it was a case in which an inquest should be held. A condition of things as regards the holding of inquests then came to light, which when generally known will prove as startling to the public as it did to the Editor, and as it is of interest to medical men as well as the general public, we give it, viz: That if the Coroner does not "make oath and say that in his opinion there is a suspicion of foul play," he would have to pay the expenses of the inquest." Coroners paid by a yearly salary are not likely to err in this direction, and on a cursory examination, probably of only one person, acute indeed must be the mind that can truly pronounce as to the possibility or non-possibility of foul play having led to the death. If this condition of affairs goes on Manitoba will become the El Dorado of the abortionist, and its tracks in that direction are becoming broad and well trodden. It needs but to generally herald the facilities which the laws of the Province provide for putting out of sight the mortal body without certificate or enquiry as to the cause of death to tempt not only the professional abortionist to pitch his or her tent in a soil so favorable for their nefarious process, but to open up a new field for the insurers who may fatten on those whose death money they are anxious to handle, and who find a country where coroners' proceedings are so well calculated to further their desires in helping on those whose death will benefit them to shuffle off the mortal coil. In the case above mentioned the Editor was applied to for a certificate, which he refused to give, but the woman was never-

theless buried without any further enquiry or examination. This is a subject of such vital interest to the public that every newspaper in the Province should draw their readers' attention to it. It is a temptation to do wrong, and while this lax condition exists the lives of none are safe, except it be from the open murderer, who in comparison with the poisoner is the least obnoxious. Language too strong to condemn the present administration of the Coroners' Act in this Province we cannot use. It is fraught with evil, and we will unceasingly call attention to its maladministration in our columns until it is administered in a manner calculated to protect the lives of our fellow-subjects.

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