

The Coroner was notified and an Inquest held, the jury bringing in a verdict to the effect that the deceased had met her death by being beaten with a blunt instrument, by a person or persons unknown.

An exhaustive search was made for the child and finally a flashlight was placed inside a glass sealer and lowered into a nearby well, where the body was found. The Coroner's Jury impanelled to enquire into the cause of the child's death brought in a verdict to the effect that death was caused by drowning, the boy having been taken from his bed and thrown down the well, also by an individual of unascertained identity.

No clues were found at the scene of the crime with the exception of some footprints which appeared in the snow; these were carefully guarded. Possession was also taken of some pieces of cordwood and a stove-lifter on which blood marks appeared, with the result that subsequent to further investigations being made the husband of the deceased woman was placed under arrest on a charge of murder.

The outstanding feature of the case was the callous behaviour of the murderer, who stated that after disposing of his wife he had re-entered the house to see whether the child was sleeping and had then entered into the following conversation with the boy:—

The child said, "Is that you, Pete?" I said, "Yes". I walked in and came up near the child and he asked me "Where is mother?" I said, "Come on and I'll show you." He put his arms around my neck and I carried him on my right arm.

The following questions and answers portray in a vivid manner, the brutality of the man:

Q.—What did you do with Eddie then?

A.—Threw him in the well.

Q.—Is there a fence?

A.—There is a gate and it was open. I don't know which gate I walked through.

Q.—While carrying him to the well did he ask you where you were carrying him?

A.—No, he just was hanging on to me.

Q.—He was frightened of you?

A.—No, he knew me well.

Q.—When you got to the well how did you throw him in?

A.—Caught him by the hand and let him go. I heard the splash and the ice break.

Q.—What did you do then?

A.—Walked back to the house and closed the door.

The accused in this instance was found Guilty of Murder and sentenced to death, the order of the Trial Court being duly carried out at a subsequent date.

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Recently members of the Force searched premises in Vancouver in which they suspected a quantity of Opium and smoking paraphernalia was secreted. Upon knocking at the door and while waiting for an answer one of the men heard a window opening and the sound of a tin can bouncing