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MYSTERY IN DEATH OF LANSDOWNE MAN

Douglas Rideout of Lansdowne Perishes in Flames—Sheriff Foster and E. W. Melville, County Warden, Summoned to Scene of Tragedy—Jury in Doubt.

Owing to certain circumstances connected with the death of Douglas Rideout, who was burned to death at Lansdowne Friday night, Sheriff Foster and an inquest held. According to the story told by one Stockford and his wife, who lived in the house with Rideout, Rideout had at various times acted in a crazy manner and on Friday Stockford decided to move out to a new place called Bannan. He had hauled away two loads of goods and had returned for the third time when Rideout came in the house with an axe saying: "I have got to put an end to this." He started to smash things up generally and Stockford took the axe away from him and threw it out the window.

Rideout then took a four gallon can of kerosene and spilled it on the floor and set fire to the house while Stockford was getting his team from the barn. He then set the barn alight after first turning his own horse loose. Rideout then threatened to shoot at hands and Stockford left. He met a Mrs. Hamilton who said to him: "The buildings are on fire." Stockford did not go back. It developed during the inquest that considerable wrangling had been going on for some time and that threats had been made by both parties.

Several witnesses were heard and the jury returned a verdict that Rideout came to his death by burning, but were unable to determine whether by accident or not. Sheriff Foster and Warden Melville removed the body from the ruins. The arms of the unfortunate man were burned to a crisp. It is not known whether further action will be taken or not. All sorts of rumors are afloat and the people in the district are much excited over the tragedy.

Following is a verbatim report of the inquest:

November 27th, 1920.
Albion R. Foster, coroner, after viewing the remains of Douglas Rideout ordered an inquest to be held and instructed George Foster to warn a jury. The following jurymen were sworn: Percy Donnelly, Burt Clark, Burrell Campbell, Gordon Abbott, Talmage Foster, Marshall Donnelly and Elias Foster.

Leslie Stockford, sworn: "I reside in Parish of Peel. I know Douglas Rideout; Douglas Rideout and I have been living together. I was yesterday moving away my stuff from Rideout's house to Bannan. I went up stairs and Douglas Rideout came up with an axe and said he was going to put an end to this thing and to hell I go with it. I grabbed the axe and took it away from him and threw it away from him and he said he wouldn't harm me. He threw a stone through the window; went down stairs and got the axe and went to chopping out the windows; destroyed a barrel of flour and some meal and threw oil all over the floor and set fire to it. He went to the barn and took out horse and harness. The last I saw of him he was going from barn to house."

Cross-examined by jury: "What were you doing when Rideout came up stairs with the axe?" "Getting my own stuff out and there was no dispute about the ownership of the property. I was removing. The last I saw of Mr. Rideout he was going in the house about sun-down. Mr. Rideout and I had no row."

Martha Hamilton, sworn: "I reside in Parish of Peel and live handy to Douglas Rideout. I saw Stockford moving his stuff away and tearing boards off the little barn about 4.45 p. m. I saw Mr. Stockford and wife getting team on load to go away and fire broke out in barn. I whooped 'fire' three times. Mr. Stockford went in barn and led out his horse. I then started up and got about half way and met Stockford and wife coming away. I asked them how it happened. They said Rideout was crazy and had set buildings on fire. As Stockford was leaving Rideout came from barn to the house. I noticed fire first in barn. When Stockford was tearing boards from barn I heard some loud talk."

Frank Rideout, sworn: "I reside in Parish of Peel. I have known Douglas Rideout all my life. When I arrived at Rideout's I found both house and barn alight. I noticed window door was gone from house. Elmer Hamilton and I got there first. I never

heard of Rideout and Stockford having any trouble yesterday. I believe Rideout to be of sane mind."

Eliza Sarfield: "I reside in Parish of Brighton. I know Douglas Rideout. I saw him yesterday. I met Leslie Stockford and wife when leaving Rideout's place and they told me Rideout was crazy, had burned his house and barn and was on his way to hell. Mrs. Stockford told me last summer when she moved away from Rideout's she was going to kerosene the buildings and burn them and put him in them."

Thomas Stockford, sworn: "I reside in Parish of Peel. My husband and I have lived eleven years with Douglas Rideout. Yesterday we were moving to Bannan. We had no trouble yesterday with Mr. Rideout. Yesterday while moving our stuff from Rideout's house he came up stairs with an axe. My husband took hold of axe. Rideout said the axe belonged to him. My husband let go and Rideout began to chop the windows out. Rideout threw a rock out the window; went down stairs chopped out all the windows, broke all his dishes, tore down stove and chopped it, knocked his flour and meal to pieces, cut open an oil can, threw it around over the floor. (Continued on last page)

ANDOVER MAN SUED FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Houlton Girl Alleges He Promised to Wed Her and Married Another

Houlton, Me., Nov. 29.—Many speculations are in the Supreme Court each day this week to hear the evidence in the trial of a suit brought by Miss Stella Beatrice Nightingale, of Port Fairfield, against Charles Leith, a Port Fairfield farmer, to recover \$30,000 in a breach of promise case. Miss Nightingale in her testimony said she was 24 years of age when she met the defendant. She said that while in Andover, Victoria county, N. B., in August, 1918, Leith asked her to marry him and that they decided to be married in the fall.

She testified that jewelry was given her and that the two planned their home and arranged to set up house keeping as soon as the ceremony was performed. While using the telephone one day she heard her father a husband talking endearing to another girl. Miss Nightingale soon began to notice that Leith was paying attention to another, and finally he married the other young woman. Leith is a wealthy young potato producer.

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CHARGE OF KILLING GIRL NOT DENIED

Miss Ida Pelletier and Claude Murphy Tell of Shooting of Miss Phoebe Bell at Grand Falls Last March

Andover, Dec. 2.—The Newman Clark trial still goes on and will continue until tomorrow. All the plea set up by the defense is that of insanity, as it is practically admitted that he killed Phoebe Bell. The Crown finished its case yesterday and the defense had examined half-a-dozen witnesses, and is likely to conclude today. Tomorrow will likely hear the address to jury and their verdict.

Andover, Nov. 30.—The trial of Newman Clark, of Four Falls, charged with the murder of Miss Phoebe Bell at Grand Falls on March 25, began at Andover on Tuesday in the Victoria county court, Judge H. A. Chandler presiding.

During the afternoon session Clark appeared to take no interest in the proceedings. He sat in his chair with his legs crossed and his head on his hand as though asleep.

The crown is represented by Attorney-General J. E. Byrne, K. C., and John Keefe, of Grand Falls, while the prisoner is represented by Hon. W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock.

Miss Ida Pelletier, of Grand Falls, was the first witness called by the crown. She testified that she had a little party at her home on the evening of March 24, which consisted of Miss Bell and Clark, who came together, Leo Gagnon and herself. The evening was spent in singing and dancing, but Clark did not take part. Gagnon left at 9.30, but Clark remained until 10 o'clock, when Phoebe Bell remarked that it was bedtime. Clark asked Miss Bell if she was going to Mrs. Wood's house, where she had made her home. She replied that she was going to stay with the witness for the night.

The following morning Miss Bell left at 9 o'clock to go to Mrs. Wood's home. Claude Murphy arrived at the Pelletier house at noon and Clark came in at 1 o'clock. Clark asked for Phoebe Bell. They told him she was there, to her home. Later he left to (Continued on page 4)

BROAD-KINNEY

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Holmestown, Nov. 15th, when Miss Emma Broad became the wife of Harvey Kinney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. Giberson in the presence of 150 guests. The house was tastefully decorated and the nuptial knot was tied under an arch of white and evergreen. The bride looked very charming in a white crepe de chine costume with bridal veil caught with white roses. The presents were costly and numerous. After the ceremony a beautiful supper was served and all joined in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey.

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