

## VERDICT No. 1.

We the Jurors, of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, who have been empanelled to ascertain and to enquire into the cause, how and by what means A. F. Mickle and child, came to their death.

1. Do say, That his *death* was caused by fire accidentally, casually, and by misfortune, originating in the north-west corner of his dwelling, and that he, desirous of saving his family, fell a victim to the devouring element.

2. We the Jurors, also say, that from the evidence adduced, we believe that the fire was not the work of an incendiary, but resulted by accident, *cause unknown*.

3. We also would recommend that some immediate steps be taken to organise an efficient force, both as regards machinery and *corps* for the suppression of fire.

J. H. MOONEY, *Foreman*.

(Verdict on the 12th March, 1858.)

Jurymen,—W. Oliver; John McDermott; James McNally; Charles Dogherty; Francis Flynn; Alex. Springour; Robert Heal; C. Chapman; Edward Nixon; John Coad; Wm. J. Craig; James Sullivan; John Smyth; Thomas Towers.—15.

## No. 2.

The verdict of the Jury is, That the late fire which destroyed the houses of Messrs. Dent and Vansickle, together with the Post Office, and the residence of the late Mr. Mickle, also, the house of Mr. Thomas Stoney, was the result of accident, the cause of such accident being to the Jury unknown.

That the fire originated in the addition built by Vansickle and Hobson to their main building,—and, that no evidence came before the Jury which would lead them to believe that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

Stratford, March 16, 1858.

JOHN LYNCH, *Foreman*.

Jurymen,—John McWatters; Wm. Rooney; R. S. Service; Geo. Hay; James Craigie; W. W. Fortune; James J. Lowndes; Henry Walters; Thos. Lawson; Wm. Conry; John Waddell; Robert Johnson; John Forbes.—14.

## No. 3.

Jessie Wood, of Stratford, late servant of late Mr. Mickle being sworn, saith,

About three o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst, I was roused by Mr. Dent calling fire, I got up and perceived the fire rushing from Mr. Mickle's kitchen to the room where I slept—I slept in the room next the kitchen which was separated by a partition and staircase. There were two