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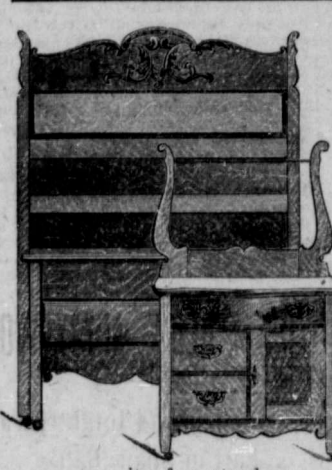
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## A DESPERATE CRIME.

### BOY MURDERED BY A COMPANION IN ALDBOROUGH.

The Murderer Confesses Having Com-  
mitted the Deed When Accused.

The Affair Caused By Jealousy—Evi-  
dence at the Inquest.

The shooting affair in Aldborough  
on Tuesday last week, whereby  
James William Freeman, the adopt-  
ed son of Daniel B. Freeman, who  
resides on Hogg street, three miles  
south-east of Rodney, lost his life,  
has developed into a heinous crime,  
the most serious that can be laid at  
the door of any human being—the  
crime of murder.

Mr. Freeman, who is well ad-  
vanced in years, took from the El-  
gin House of Industry, a child nine  
months of age, for the purpose of  
adoption. For fifteen years he and  
his wife watched over the boy with  
parental affection, gave him their  
name, and looked upon him as their  
support in their declining years.  
Six years ago Mr. Freeman secured  
from the Fagin Home, Toronto, an-  
other boy named Charles King, then  
nineteen years of age, an import-  
ation from the Whitechapel district,  
London. The latter boy was pro-  
cured for the purpose of performing  
the various duties on the farm.  
Naturally Mr. and Mrs. Freeman  
did not hold him in the same es-  
teem in which they did "Willie,"  
as he was familiarly called, which  
aroused the jealous disposition of  
King. The latter, though harbor-  
ing this terrible feeling for years,  
did not manifest it until Tuesday.  
On that morning Mr. Freeman was  
about to leave for West Lorne with  
a load of peaches, which Willie had  
assisted in gathering. King harness-  
ed the horse and procured for Mr.  
Freeman his overcoat. The latter,  
when going down the lane to the  
road, heard a shot in the drive barn,  
but thinking the boys had shot a  
squirrel, for which the gun was  
borrowed from a neighbor several  
weeks before, thought nothing of  
it, and proceeded to the road. In a  
couple of minutes King came out of  
the barn, ran to the house and told  
Mrs. Freeman that Willie had shot  
himself. The screams of Mrs. Free-  
man reached her husband and he  
returned to the barn, and found  
Willie in the loft sitting on a shav-  
ing horse, where he had been making  
a pin for the gate with the drawing  
knife. His head was leaning for-  
ward, his hands by his side, and  
blood trickling from wounds in the  
neighborhood of the right eye. He  
was alive but unconscious.

The neighbors were aroused and  
Dr. Webster was sent for but the  
boy died fifteen minutes after his  
arrival. The doctor, however, was  
suspicious, as the boy could not have  
shot himself from the absence of  
powder stains and burns, and the  
fact that the shot spread over a  
radius of several inches, which  
could not be if the gun was close.  
It was the general opinion at first  
that Willie was handling the gun  
and that it went off, while King re-  
ported that he had found it on the  
floor beside the shaving horse and  
took it back and put it in its usual  
place.

Dr. Webster reported his suspi-  
cions to Coroner Dr. Dorland and  
the latter communicated with D. J.  
Donahue, crown attorney, who or-  
dered an inquest.

The inquest opened at Mr. Free-  
man's house on Wednesday, with  
Dr. Dorland, as coroner, and the  
following jury: D. H. Ritchie, fore-  
man, Charles Martini, D. Mistole,  
A. Gordon, A. Leiber, W. Morris,  
Alf. Patterson, Alex. McCallum, D.  
Patterson, W. McCallum, W. Lusty  
and D. McLean. Two witnesses  
were examined, Charles King and  
Mrs. Freeman, and the inquest ad-  
journed until Monday at Rodney.

Charles King said he was 25 years  
of age, and lived with Freeman for 6  
years. Continuing, he said: The first  
I knew of anything wrong was on Tues-  
day morning at 10 o'clock, when I  
heard a shot in the drive barn. I was  
then going in at the screen door of the  
woodshed to help Mrs. Freeman to  
churn, and Mr. F. was going to West  
Lorne with the horse for him. I had  
harnessed the horse for him. Freeman  
was near the road when the shot was  
heard. On hearing the shot I ran to the  
drive barn and went upstairs where I  
found the deceased on a shaving horse,  
with his head hanging forward and his  
arms hanging down on each side. The  
gun was lying by his side, close to his  
foot with the muzzle for him. I think  
the butt of the gun was about a foot  
from his foot. His hat was off but I did  
not see it. He was unconscious and  
bleeding from a wound at the right eye.  
I spoke to him but he did not answer.  
I then picked up the gun and took it  
down stairs and put it where it was  
usually kept. I ran to the house and  
told Mrs. F. that Willie had shot him-  
self, and she started screaming. At this  
time her husband was going out of the  
gate at the road. Freeman came back  
to where we were, and being told by his  
wife that Willie had shot himself, told  
me to go to Colin McPherson's to get  
him to go for a doctor. Mrs. F. was up  
looking at the wounded man while her

husband was coming in from the road.  
The witness stated that it was five  
minutes after he heard the shot before  
Mr. F. went up to the wounded boy.  
The deceased was laid on the floor by  
Freeman, Crosby and McPherson. Up  
to this time he was not asked any par-  
ticulars about the shooting or the gun.  
He saw Willie last carrying in peaches,  
and did not know what he was doing up-  
stairs. He (King) shot the gun off once,  
and that was last fall. Willie never  
shot it off as he was afraid of it. Mr.  
Freeman told him (the witness) that he  
loaded the gun in the morning.

Mrs. Freeman said that the deceased  
was an adopted son from the House of  
Industry, and corroborated the last wit-  
ness as to his coming into the house and  
telling her that Willie had shot himself.  
Her husband was twenty feet from the  
barn when she heard the report, but  
King did not tell him what had  
happened.

### KING CONFESSES

The Attorney-General's depart-  
ment was notified of the suspicious  
circumstances attending the shoot-  
ing, and Detective J. W. Murray  
was sent to investigate. On Satur-  
day he arrived on the scene, accom-  
panied by D. J. Donahue, and Drs.  
Webster, Lawrence and Duncombe.  
The body was exhumed and a post  
mortem examination made in the  
cemetery by the doctors. In the  
meantime, Detective Murray and  
Mr. Donahue interviewed King,  
who adhered to his original story.  
On being charged by the detective  
with the crime, King broke down  
and confessed that he murdered his  
companion. He not only confessed  
to the officers, but also to the mem-  
bers of the family, and with a stick  
about as long as the shotgun show-  
ed how when "Willie" Freeman had  
gone up into the loft in the drive-  
house to make a peg for the gate,  
and was seated on the shaving  
horse, he crept quietly up the  
stairs until he could see Freeman,  
who could not see him, raised the  
gun and fired, and then placing the  
gun where it usually was kept, be-  
hind the drivehouse door, before  
giving the alarm. King was then  
arrested and taken to St. Thomas  
jail.

### INQUEST RESUMED.

The inquest was resumed in the  
town hall Rodney, on Monday after-  
noon and excited great interest.  
The hall was filled, while a third  
of the attendance were ladies. D.  
J. Donahue appeared for the Crown,  
and W. L. McLaws for the prisoner.

The prisoner, who sat by his coun-  
sel, appeared to watch the proceed-  
ings with anxiety, while many  
doubted if he really understood the  
serious position he was in. He was  
neatly attired and his peculiar fea-  
tures indicated that he was some-  
what stunted in mind. He main-  
tained perfect silence, except once  
he attempted to contradict a state-  
ment made by Mr. Freeman.

Mrs. Freeman was the first witness  
called and said that in the loft she saw  
a draw knife beside the shaving horse  
close to the deceased. Two days after  
the funeral King came in the house and  
said "They can't do anything with  
me. Donahue has had that fellow up  
two or three times and can do nothing  
to me," referring to a man named Geo.  
Cullen. Witness replied that Donahue  
would ferret it out if he were guilty.  
"On that occasion," continued the wit-  
ness, I said, "Charlie, you said you  
would smash Willie's head." On Satur-  
day D. J. Donahue, Murray and Drs.  
Duncombe and Lawrence were at my  
house, my husband and daughter, Mrs.  
Schleifant, being home. I heard Char-  
lie make a statement when they were  
there. He said, "Will you forgive me  
for what I done? I shot Willie; I aimed  
for his eye." He further stated that he  
was jealous of him because we made  
more of Willie than we did of him. He  
did not expect to get the property, but  
he would take Willie's place. He cried  
when he told it. Willie was always  
treated as our child, but King was  
treated more as a hired man. The day  
before the death King said we were  
humoring Willie too much and let him  
go wherever he wanted to drive. Six  
months ago I heard him say that he  
would smash Willie's head, Willie being  
then teasing him.

The gun was borrowed two months  
ago from Mr. Crosby. I always thought  
it was kept loaded and that King knew  
this. It was two or three minutes after  
I heard the report before King gave the  
alarm. He is a good writer and a mem-  
ber of the Epworth League, being a  
leader and also a librarian of the Sun-  
day school, and is capable of doing all  
farm work.

The straw hat worn by the deceased  
was produced and identified by the wit-  
ness. The shot passed through the rim  
only. The peg which he was making  
was also produced, being splattered with  
the victim's blood.

The witness related that four years  
ago King was told to do certain work,  
but he went to the field where he was  
seen standing with an overcoat over  
his head looking for groundhogs. He  
said, "You don't want to get me too  
mad; you don't know how long I might  
stay mad, or what I might do," which  
he repeated. She was somewhat afraid  
of him.

To Mr. McLaws—King was a little  
odd sometimes in a good many ways. I  
saw Detective Murray talking to King  
about 15 minutes before he made the  
confession.

To Mr. Donahue—The statement of  
King's was made voluntarily.

Mr. Crosby, who lives a quarter  
of a mile from Freeman's, told of  
his going to Freeman's on the 9th,  
on account of hearing someone call-  
ing. He met Mr. Freeman at the  
gate, and asked him if he shot his  
hand off, blood being upon his  
hand. He replied that Willie was  
shot but he did not know how it  
was done. He found the deceased  
lying on his back between the stair  
and the shave horse, and King hold-  
ing up his head. He was alive and  
bleeding but not able to speak. He  
did not see the gun. On asking how  
it happened King replied that he  
did not know. The witness went  
after Mr. Hitzel, and sent King to  
tell Mr. McPherson to go for a doc-  
tor. He (the witness) found the  
peg three feet from the shaving  
horse, and also the drawing knife.  
He saw the gun at the foot of the  
stairs but did not see any blood on  
it. King told him and Mr. McPherson  
that he went upstairs and found  
Willie shot, and took the gun down  
and set it by the door. He said he  
did this because he was excited.  
He saw King frequently at work  
and he seemed to be quite intelli-  
gent.

Daniel B. Freeman said that the  
deceased lived with him since he  
was 9 months, and King for six  
years, having procured him from  
the Fagin Home, Toronto. He  
could do all farm work except drive  
a reaper and drill, and got his board,  
clothing and little pocket money.  
Witness related that on the morn-  
ing of the 9th Willie helped him to  
gather the peaches, while King  
hitched the horse, and as he was  
ready to start the latter brought  
him his overcoat. Willie was up-  
stairs in the drive barn. When  
25 feet from the barn he heard the  
shot, but he did not stop. Any  
person standing at the house at the  
time could see him. When he got  
to the gate, about 10 rods from the  
barn, he heard his wife scream. He  
ran back and upstairs and found  
Willie straddle the shaving horse,  
bleeding freely, and Charlie holding  
him. Witness, thinking it to be  
an accident, did not ask King any-  
thing. He did not know of his own  
knowledge who fired the shot. The  
gun was loaded the Friday previous  
and placed down stairs by himself.  
King knew that he kept it loaded.

"If Charles King's statement at  
the inquest," Mr. Freeman told me  
that he had loaded the gun in the  
morning," he was before the inquest  
the boy was shot that I told him," said  
the witness. Before the inquest  
King said he did not know any-  
thing about the shooting.

Mr. Freeman related King's con-  
fession in the house on Saturday,  
and agreed with that told by his  
wife. Willie never used the gun,  
but King liked to use it, although  
forbidden to do so. It was under-  
stood that Willie was to go to the  
London Fair.

Dr. Webster said he saw the de-  
ceased at 11.30 a.m., lying on the  
upper floor of the drive barn. He  
was living but unconscious. The  
wound extended over an area of  
5 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches, the principal  
charge being in the orbit. There  
was no evidence on his face of pow-  
der or burns. He made enquiry  
but did not find out the cause of the  
shooting. The gun was upstairs  
when the doctor went up. (Mr.  
Crosby, recalled, said he took the  
gun up.) He saw no blood marks  
on the gun, although he examined  
it carefully. He made a post mortem  
examination in the cemetery on  
Saturday, and afterwards went to  
Freeman's residence, and heard  
King make a statement which was  
at variance with his testimony at  
the inquest. He (King) took a stick  
representing the gun and went  
partly upstairs and showed Drs.  
Duncombe and Lawrence, Mr.  
Donahue and Detective Murray  
how he shot the boy. At first he  
said he did not mean to let the ham-  
mer down, and afterwards, that he  
did not know it was loaded. He  
also said that the deceased was sit-  
ting astride the shave horse, and  
that his head was down. After  
this he went into the house, but the  
witness did not. He (the witness)  
tried the gun on the first day of the  
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