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NO FOUL PLAY IN CANTWELL'S DEATH

Inquest Concluded Tuesday Night When Dr. Pinault Testified.

THE VERDICT

That James Cantwell came to his death by falling over the Government wharf, and not by any foul means is now concluded by all.

Last week there were many rumors of foul play, but after careful investigation nothing to bear these out could be ascertained.

The unfortunate man had not, as previously reported, drawn his pay, and when the body was recovered twenty cents were still in his pocket.

THE INQUEST

Coroner As Martin, M. D. concluded the inquest, adjourned on Monday the 23, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 1st.

The only evidence taken was that of Dr. L. G. Pinault, who held a post mortem examination of the remains.

His evidence was as follows:—

Dr. Pinault Sworn. "Am medical practitioner for the Town of Campbellton, County of Restigouche, Province of New Brunswick, I was called to hold post-mortem examination on the body of James Cantwell, by order of the Coroner, on the 24th day of September 1912. The body was in the undertaking room of David Graham. The door was securely locked. Mr. Graham let me in. Found the body in a cadaveric rigidity state. Stiffness of muscles. No sign of discoloration. Both ears were discolored and the skin was broken and chafed. The right upper eyelid was also dark and left upper and lower eyelids were also dark and the skin was slightly cut on both eyes. There was a bruise a little larger on left eye than right. On the right elbow the skin was also chafed. I cut through the skin of the eyes and ears at the seat of the discoloration and found some extravagated blood in the skin itself. The skull and brain were normal. The larynx and bronchial tubes and lungs were normal, except that the left lung was adherent to the ribs or chest wall. Between the left lung and ribs there was about eight ounces of bloody serum. Heart normal. Stomach contained about twenty ounces of liquid; a cloudy liquid, containing pieces of meat and potatoes. I could not detect any smell of alcoholic or any other special odor. The liver, bowels and kidneys were normal, also the bladder, which contained about ten ounces of urine."

"I could not detect any blow or wound on the body which would indicate that death was the result of violence."

"According to my examination I came to the conclusion that death was due to drowning by asphyxiation."

"I am sure that discoloration of the skin were caused before drowning, but the scratches on the skin were likely to have been caused after death. The indications are that the man had suffered a blow a few minutes at least before death. The same cause would cause the congestion of the membranes of the eye. Liquid in left pleural cavity. This liquid frequently gathers in the cavity after death and would not be a sign of a blow."

"The state of digestion in stomach showed that deceased died at least three hours after his last meal."

"There was no water in lungs. Was a little chafing on nose and no bone broken."

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PIANO CONTEST NOW UNDER WAY

Young Ladies Named in District No. 2 in Graphic Contest.

ROOM FOR MORE

The Graphic Piano contest in District No. 2, which comprises all the Fay Chaleur country outside the town of Campbellton, is now on, five young ladies having been nominated and no doubt will show good results from week to week.

Those nominated to the present writing are:—

Miss Ruth Donnelly, Jacques River.

Miss Ella Hamilton, Point la Nim

Miss Juleit Cyr, Ruisseau le Blanc

Miss Alice Robertson, New Richmond, P.Q.

Miss Lydia Grenier, New Carlisle, P.Q.

We should have a young lady in Bathurst Village or Bathurst, Gaspe, Bonaventure and Matapedia.

All will have equal chances of winning this fine piano, and those who do not win the piano will get ten per cent commission on every dollar they hand in this contest. This in itself is well worth working for.

Read the rules on another page and then nominate a friend in your district.

Remember no one living in Campbellton can enter this contest.

Fill in a coupon at once and mail it to the contest editor.

Dr. Pinault—"Certainly, there are many such cases. I do not think a man falling could get both eyes blackened and ears injured at the same time."

L. G. PINAULT, M. D.

An inquisition taken for our Sovereign, Lord the King at Campbellton, in the Parish of Addington in the County of Restigouche, Province of New Brunswick, on the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1912 and by adjournment on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1912, before Auguste Martin, M. D., one of the Coroners of our Lord the King for the said County of Restigouche. Upon the oath of James Woods, S. A. Poirier, Alex Lavoie, John McDonald, Jos. Pichette Geo. Wellington and Peter DeGrace, being good and lawful men of the said county duly sworn to inquire for our Lord the King as to the death of James Cantwell, and those of the said jurors whose name hereunto subscribed, on their oath say: "That James Cantwell evidently came to his death from drowning, but the marks on his body would indicate that he had received blows shortly before his death."

J. L. McDONALD, S. A. POIRIER, J. O. PICHETTE, A. LAVOIE, J. M. WOODS, G. WELLINGTON, PETER DeGRACE.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Alarm Tuesday Afternoon for Blaze which did Considerable Damage

An alarm of fire was rung in on Tuesday afternoon about 3.30 for a fire in the International Hotel, owned by Sam Frenette, near the International station.

The ell of the building was well afire when discovered, and as the building was constructed of wood throughout it was soon a prey to the flames.

The firemen were promptly on hand, but despite the tons of water poured into the building the fire seemed to gain headway and the building was practically ruined.

The loss is about covered by insurance.

Man Who Was Shot by Employee for Revenge.

Regina, Sask., Oct. 2.—William Parkin, of Grand Coulee, one of the district's prominent farmers, succumbed to a bullet wound alleged to have been inflicted by J. C. Thiel, who has not yet been located by the mounted police and local police officers.

Les Pyrie, who was with Parkin and was also shot, is in hospital here and not expected to recover. Thiel was prosecuted by Parkin, his employer, in the Police Court, and is alleged to have hidden behind a bush on his way home and fired at Parkin and Pyrie as they drove by in a buggy.

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MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY

Offer Made to Owners of Property Required on Rosebury Street.

TO WIDEN STREET

The council held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, His Worship Mayor Murray presiding. Present, Councillors Miller, Sansom, Pinault, Lunam, White and Stewart.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Communication read from Mrs. M. B. Duncan asking reduction of assessments. Letter was referred to Assessments and Appeals Com.

Communication received from Sisters of Charity, Rimouski, advising that Miss Barreault, who had been an inmate of the hospital there since the fire, had left to return to Campbellton. Letter ordered filed.

Communication from McLennan Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd., asking the town to sell them 40 or 50 tons of producer coal. Referred to Electric Light Com.

Councillor Miller submitted report of the Finance Com., recommending payment of accounts amounting to \$2.25. Report received and adopted.

Councillor Sansom submitted report of Public Charities Com., recommending payment of accounts totalling \$110.66. Report received and adopted.

In a further report Coun. Sansom from the Public Charities Committee, recommended that the rent of Joseph Dube for house at Andersonville be paid from July 1st and that of Mrs. Blanchard from August 1st till further notice.

Report was received and adopted.

Discussion was then taken up on the matter of land required by the town for street purposes on Rosebury street, held as leasehold property by S. M. Moires. After the project had been thoroughly gone into, it was moved by Coun. Pinault, seconded by Coun. Lunam, and carried, that the town offer Mr. Moires the sum of 40c per square foot, this being the same basis as was taken by the arbitrators when land required for the I.C.R. subway was taken.

It was moved by Coun. White seconded by Coun. Pinault, that the Electric Light Com. be authorized to supply the different departments of the town with their winter supply of hard coal, credit for same to be given the Electric Light Department. Carried.

Coun. White from Fire Protection Com. submitted prices for steel hose reel shed to be placed somewhere on the I. C. R. property around Gerrard Street.

On motion it was agreed that the committee be authorized to purchase same at the cost of \$110. f.o.b., Oshawa, Ont.

After Mr. S. W. Dimock had been heard before the council against the proposed change in the by-law relative to moving picture shows, it was moved that the matter be referred to the By-law and Legislation Com. for further consideration. Carried.

Council then adjourned.

Parents Arrived too Late to save Little Ones From Burning House.

St. Bernard, Dorchester County, Que., Oct. 2.—Left alone in their home by their parents who went out to a neighbor's to play cards the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gravel of this place were burned to death at a late hour last night. The Gravel home was completely destroyed. The fire is believed to have been due to the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

The dead children, the oldest 16 years and the youngest 16 months, had no chance to escape. The Gravel were startled from their game cards by seeing a bright reflection in the sky. Rushing out of the house in which they were visiting, they discovered that their house was in flames. They had no opportunity to attempt to rescue any of their children for the roof fell in while they were dashing towards the burning building. The bodies of all ten of the children were burned to a crisp.

The dead children are:—Eva 16 years; Desneiges, 15 years; Adelia, 13 years; Romeo, 12 years; Regis, 11 years; Marie Ann, 8 years; Francois, 7 years; Lionel, 5 years; Mary Louise, 3 years; Simon, 16 months.

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