

JOE MONTGOMERY, ALLEGED FRATRICIDE, DIED. IN THE HOSPITAL OF SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS

Remained Conscious During Night—No Statement Left By Madoc Suicide—Loss of Blood Caused Death—Wounds Not in Themselves Dangerous—Had Been Two Gashes—Needle Taken From Joseph on Thursday Night—Walter Reported to Have Had Deposit in Madoc Bank—Inquest Opened by Coroner Yeomans.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Joseph Montgomery, who was to receive his preliminary hearing tomorrow afternoon in Madoc before Magistrate Casement, on the charge of murdering his brother Walter, will not be called in any earthly court, for he has gone to attend the Last Assize. Death came to him on Sunday morning at twenty minutes to seven in Belleville Hospital to which he was admitted on Saturday afternoon on the arrival of the train from Madoc. While he had lost a great quantity of blood as a result of the gashes he inflicted in his throat, it was thought he had a good chance to live. The wounds themselves would not have been fatal had not so much blood escaped before his discovery.

Sensation has crowded upon sensation in the Madoc murder mystery and never before has the county been so worked up over a crime. Two tragedies have already been enacted, one a murder, the other a suicide, the house of the alleged fratricide burned and the disappearance of money and title deeds to the lands of the murdered victim, and the mysterious habits of the brothers, have made this case unique in the criminal annals of Hastings county. In ten short days have been concentrated the discovery of the murder on Oct. 5th; the arrest of the brother on Oct. 7th, inquest on Oct. 9th and 12th, destruction by fire of Joseph's farm house, Oct. 10, attempted suicide Oct. 14th and the death of alleged fratricide Oct. 15th.

Inquest at Belleville.

Coroner Dr. H. A. Yeomans had an inquest jury empaneled. They met at 10.30 on Sunday morning at the hospital and viewed the remains of the suicide. Dr. A. E. MacColl removed the bandages from the throat of the deceased. The jury were shown the gaping wound about two and a half inches in length and nearly two inches deep in the left side. The physician pointed out that there were two distinct cuts, showing the determination of the alleged murderer to end his existence. Miss Morrison, head nurse at the institution, gave formal evidence of identification, certifying that the body viewed by the jury was that of the man who was received on Saturday afternoon. The inquest was adjourned until 7.30 p.m. Friday in the Belleville police court room. The jury is composed of Raymond Zuffelt, foreman, James Thompson, B. R. Quincey, Bert McCoy, John Lafferty, W. T. Fleming, P. Harrison and T. E. Wilson. Officer Arthur Harman is the coroner's constable.

Dr. A. E. MacColl and W. J. Gibson performed the autopsy on the remains. The remains were later removed to Messrs. Tickell and Sons' morgue, for preparation for burial. Mr. Archie D. Campbell of Hillier Township, brother-in-law of the Montgomery brothers and administrator of Walter's estate and Mrs. Campbell arrived in Belleville in the afternoon to make funeral arrangements. The body will be shipped to Madoc on Tuesday afternoon for interment in Lake Cemetery near the remains of the brother Walter.

Was Conscious During Saturday Night.

At six o'clock on Saturday night, Mr. W. C. Mikel, counsel for the accused, visited Montgomery at the hospital and found that Joseph recognized him. Mr. L. Soule, a county constable, was on guard over the alleged assassin and would-be suicide all night. Dr. A. E. MacColl who attended him, dressed the wounds on Saturday evening. Montgomery although having suffered a great loss of blood, was not thought to be in a particularly dangerous state. The main cause of anxiety was that he might do himself further injury. In the early part of the night he was very restless, tossing and throwing himself about with great force. He called for his brother-in-law, Frank McFullen and Archie Campbell, at times, and the nurses and guard were kept busy attending to the man. He drank large quantities of water and said he felt as if he could keep on drinking glass after glass. At times he was able to raise himself up to a sitting posture but could not remain in that position. He was a well developed man and possessed great strength. About three o'clock in the morning he began to fade away and to all his demises seemed only a matter of a few hours. He became more quiet and yet seemed fully conscious. Shortly before death

he became a little more active. In a few minutes all was over. He is not known to have made any statement relative to the crime of which he was accused. He was a man of indomitable will and expressed no regret for taking his own life. During the night his talk seemed quite rational.

Arrival at Belleville Jail.

The transfer of the alleged fratricide to Belleville hospital caused deep local interest in the case. On Saturday afternoon at 3.20 Montgomery was placed aboard the train at Madoc and brought to Belleville in charge of Dr. W. S. Harper and Constable St. Charles. The local ambulance was in waiting and the accused man was taken off on a stretcher and put in the hospital wagon and driven to the court house where he was met by Sheriff M. B. Morrison, to whom the Madoc constable gave the remand papers, and by Dr. J. J. Farley, the jail physician. The stretcher was taken inside again after the injured man had been gazed upon by the authorities. Montgomery looked very pale and his neck was heavily bandaged. The vehicle was driven to the hospital those accompanying it being Sheriff Morrison, Dr. Harper, Dr. Farley, Mr. L. Soule and Mr. J. Orr, the latter two special guards to watch the injured man so that no further harm might be done.

On Saturday evening an extra man was secured by Sheriff Morrison to assist Mr. Soule for the night watch. Mr. Orr was to keep guard on Sunday from 7 a.m.

Scene That Met Constable's Eye.

The determination with which Montgomery tried to end his life was shown by the measures he had taken. He had removed his coat, vest and collar and cut his neck on the left side with the knife, which he placed in the stove. Then he lay down on his left side so that the blood might drip freely. His hands he had clasped between his knees when discovered by Constable St. Charles shortly after seven o'clock. The attempt had likely been made about five o'clock, two hours before. When found he appeared to be dead. The constable did not wait to examine him but rushed off for medical assistance.

The weapon that was used was a harmless looking implement. It was a small pen knife. The large blade being hacked, it is thought the small blade was used. Blood smeared stained the blades and the white bone or celluloid handle. Montgomery lost a great amount of blood, a large pool was found on the floor of the cell.

The Knife Used.

Where the knife came from is a mystery. The prisoner had been searched and nothing of that nature was found on him. He claimed to have found it in the corner of one of the cells. Two Finlanders and a soldier had passed a night last week in the station but they had been examined and no trace of a knife was discovered on them.

Constable St. Charles had treated the accused man with every courtesy seeing that his meals were warm and consulting him as to what he liked or disliked. Montgomery acted a little mean and surly to the constable who was simply doing his duty.

Capt. Dr. Harper and Constable St. Charles returned on Saturday evening to Madoc by the 5.25 train. Montgomery's case not being thought so serious as it really was.

Montgomery was 41 Years Old.

Joseph Montgomery was born in Madoc township in the year 1875 and so was only 41 years of age. He was a Presbyterian in religion and was a farmer. He is believed to have been in good circumstances. He was never married.

Sympathy for the afflicted family is felt throughout the entire township and Madoc in view of the series of troubles which have fallen upon them. The relatives are highly respected.

There is a feeling in some quarters that Joseph should have been permitted to tell his story at the inquest, for many believe he had a straight account to give that would have explained his movements on the tragic day when Walter met his death and the strange sayings attributed to the alleged murderer on the two days following the discovery.

Murder Charge Drops.

The murder charge before Magistrate Casement will now drop, the physician's certificate being sufficient. Twenty-two witnesses had been summoned for tomorrow's hearing.

It had been intended to hold the inquest tonight but this was impossible because of the lack of time to secure witnesses from Madoc. A number will be subpoenaed.

Rev. W. B. Tucker, the Methodist minister at Madoc, had some interviews with Joseph Montgomery on Wednesday last and sat with him at the inquest before Coroner Harper. Whether any statement relative to the death of Walter was made to Mr. Tucker is not known.

Madoc Jail.

Madoc jail, so-called, where Joseph Montgomery scalded his throat on Saturday morning, is in reality not a jail at all. It is what might be termed a lockup or police station. It is composed of a cell room used for prisoners over night but not for men on remand. The station is at the south end of the basement of the town hall building, has four cells and is on a slope which recedes from the street which runs east and west in front of the hall.

Joe Wanted to Stay in Madoc.

Montgomery did not like the projected change to Belleville jail, desiring to be near his home and not liking to make acquaintance with new conditions such as a county jail with its prison inmates would impose upon him. He expressed this to Chief Constable St. Charles and the latter communicated with Crown Attorney Carney who advised that if Joseph liked, he should sign a statement that he preferred to remain in Madoc and thus relieve the authorities of any responsibility incident upon his stay in Madoc lockup.

and feel somewhat disturbed over the action of Sheriff Morrison of Belleville in ordering Coroner Yeomans to hold the inquiry here. They feel that the Sheriff has overstepped his jurisdiction. Owing to the peculiar disposition of the accused slayer, together with the fact that he had been heard to frequently mumble to himself that the extent of the seriousness of the charge hanging over him was too much for him to attempt to survive, a special constable was appointed to watch him at the jail.

A Premeditated Act.

That the prisoner had planned to end his life was evident a few days after he had been in jail. Although carefully searched when placed in custody by Chief Constable St. Charles in the presence of Provincial Inspector Harry Reburn of the Ontario police, Montgomery subsequently procured a darning needle, which he had kept concealed in the lapel of his coat. Special Constable George Johnston, who was watching him, noticed the prisoner examining the needle about midnight on Thursday. He sent for the Chief Constable, who, after a second search, located the darning needle. Montgomery put up a vigorous protest to supply him with a knife to cut tobacco, but was refused.

The police have two theories as to how he obtained the knife with which he slashed his throat. One is that he got it from a soldier of the 155th Battalion, who had been apprehended at Madoc for desertion, and who occupied the cell next to Montgomery on Thursday evening. The other theory is that someone threw the knife to him from outside through a small grating over the lock-up door.

The Murdered Man's Estate.

A few days after Montgomery had been arrested he sent for Provincial Inspector Reburn and told him that he was desirous of having the affairs of the estate of his brother settled as speedily as possible. Subsequently Archie Campbell, a brother-in-law, living at Wellington, was appointed executor of the estate. The selection of Campbell was agreeable to Montgomery and all the other members of the family. After the executor had engaged Mr. W. Cross, solicitor of Madoc, to administer the estate, Montgomery sent for the Rev. Mr. Tucker, Methodist clergyman, to talk the situation over with him and ascertain whether or not he had acted wisely in selecting a brother-in-law as executor. The matter had worried him for a few days. He also sent for Inspector Reburn for advice along similar lines, and the latter told him that he believed he had chosen a capable executor.

"I am fully satisfied now," said Montgomery, "because I want to see my aged mother and sister share well in the estate, because they may not have me long to assist them."

Although the police officers interviewed Montgomery on several occasions, he never showed any desire to discuss the murder of his brother, except to say that he was innocent.

Money in Bank at Madoc.

When seen Saturday night Inspector Reburn, who was to have returned to Madoc for the preliminary trial, stated that when Chief Constable St. Charles searched Montgomery all he found on him was a bank book and a couple of other trinkets. He had warned the police against visitors being allowed to see the prisoner. The Inspector believed that Montgomery must have procured the knife from the soldier who had been detained at the jail over night.

The Inspector says that Mr. Cross, who is administering the affairs of the estate of the murdered man, informed him by long-distance telephone yesterday that the Manager of the Dominion bank at Madoc had told him that there was a deposit in the bank to the amount of \$1,400 standing to the credit of Walter Montgomery, the victim of the murder. Montgomery's mother was not aware of this account. In fact she was doubtful if her son had the amount of money he was supposed to have saved during the past ten or twelve years, and which was supposed to have been extracted from a canvas pouch which he had concealed on him after the murder.

PRESENTATION TO NEWLY WEDS.

A delegation of the boys representing the teachers and students of the Belleville High School, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Clarke, last evening and presented them with a beautiful cut glass fruit service. This kind remembrance shows the high esteem in which Mr. Clarke, as teacher in the Belleville High School is held by the staff and students. Mr. Clarke thanked the fellows for their kind remembrance of Mrs. Clarke and himself. From present indications other delegations will have to go out on similar errands in behalf of some other dispensers of knowledge at the B. H. S.

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LAMENTED DEATH OF CAPT. HUDSON

Belleville Officer Pays the Supreme Price in France.

Captain William Henry Hudson has fallen in action, a brief telegram from Ottawa which was received yesterday afternoon by Miss Hattie Hudson, his sister, announcing that he had been killed on Sunday, October 8th. He is believed to have been a victim of the battle of Somme in which so many gallant Canadians fell. This was the action in which the Dominion troops penetrated to a depth of 500 yards on the enemy's front of 3000 yards but were met by a withering machine gun fire. The Canadians captured their objectives but savage counter attacks were launched by the Germans and the Canadians were compelled to withdraw almost to the point from which they started. An Ontario battalion was engaged, likely that of which Captain Hudson was an officer.

William Henry Hudson was born at Roslin thirty-two years ago, the only son of the late William P. Hudson, at one time Conservative member for East Hastings in the Ontario Legislature. His parents and family removed to Belleville while he was a child and took up their residence on West Bridge street. He attended No. 2 or Octavia Street Public School and the Belleville High School. As a school boy he was a leader and his popularity among the boys never ebbed. He left the High School to enter railroading and was located at Deseronto and Montreal. In the latter place he held an important position in the Grand Trunk offices. A number of years ago owing to the ill-health of his father he returned to Belleville and became a partner with his father in the insurance business.

Early in life Captain Hudson joined the 15th Battalion, A.L.I. and soon secured his commission. He was for years a lieutenant in command of the bugle band company. In 1912 he was gazetted captain. An active soldier his heart and soul were bound up in the 15th Regiment. He was beloved by his men.

Owing to the business in which he was engaged he found it impossible to go overseas with the first contingent, but on the outbreak of war he set about arranging his affairs so that he could don the khaki. In the fall of 1914 he was made adjutant of the 15th but on his enlistment at Christmas of that year he resigned because of the press of his other duties. The influence of Captain Hudson's enlistment was felt in increased enlistment. He had the confidence of every man and when he and Lieut. B. K. Allen went overseas with the 39th they had many Belleville boys with them. After a short sojourn in England the Captain went over to France. There he played his part like a hero. He had a word of cheer and encouragement for his men under the most difficult conditions. Until June last he escaped injury, but at the battle of Zillebeke he was wounded in the arm by a shell fragment. A few weeks saw him convalescent and it was not long before he had rejoined his battalion, one of the best known units in the whole Canadian army.

Captain Hudson was a well known member of the Masonic order. He was master of The Belleville Lodge No. 123 A. F. and A. M. and a member of Moira Chapter No. 7 and registrar of King Baldwin Preceptory, No. 6, Knights Templar. On his enlistment he tendered his resignation as registrar but the Knights refused to accept it and he had been re-elected each year since his absence to that office. The Masonic brotherhood deeply mourn the passing of the Captain.

He was secretary-treasurer of the Belleville Cemetery Company since the death of the late John Parker Thomas and was granted leave of absence to enlist.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church loses one of its officials. He had been a member of the Sunday School as a youth and later became a member of the church. On the death of his father he was appointed one of the managers in his father's stead.

Captain Hudson was an active member of the Curling Club and was a lover of good clean sport. He was unselfish and possessed the instinct for popularity.

Miss Annie Hudson nurse of New York and Miss H. Hudson of Belleville are sisters of the deceased young officer. The deepest sympathy will be extended to them in the loss of their only brother.

WAS WITH THE PATS.

Pte. George J. Thompson, who is reported missing since Sept. 15th is a native of Belleville. He is a brother of Mrs. James N. Hudgins, Dunbar street. He was educated in Belleville schools. He went overseas with a London, Ontario Battalion and was transferred to the Princess Patricia's.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction and on the War At Geen's

Mr. Good M. Campbell of Deseronto is in town today.

Mr. W. H. C. Roblin, Ameliasburg was in the city today.

Mr. John A. Mackie is improving after his serious illness.

Robert Cook, M.P.P., North Hastings, was a Belleville visitor today.

Dr. Ray has gone to Bancroft today on his last professional visit.

Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Sanderson, of Campbellford are in town today.

Miss Richards, of Warkworth, is visiting her father, Dr. Richards, of this city.

Mr. E. Guss Porter, M.P. and Mayor Ketcheson have gone on a trip to Halifax.

Mr. E. J. L. Stinson and wife of Stratford are spending a few days with Mrs. John Cook, Alexander St.

Mr. A. H. Watson, editor of the North Hastings Review, Madoc is in town today.

Paymaster Sergeant H. McDonnell and Corporal J. Anderson of the 155th have returned to Barriefield Camp.

Driver F. W. Bateman and Signaller F. W. Davis of the 74th Battery, Potawawa, are home on their last leave.

Five members of the 155th brass band are in town today on leave. The band is being kept in the 3rd Division.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wills and Mr. James Wills motored to Kingston on Saturday to say farewell to Co. Sergt. Major Charles Wills.

Among those who went to Barriefield to say farewell to the troops were Col. Marsh, R. Cook, M.P.P., T. H. Thompson and A. H. Watson, of Madoc.

Mrs. Denis Irwin of Stoco has returned after a couple of weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. A. Burgess, Pinnac street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Owens, Belleville, are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. W. Robson, Carlisle Ave.—Bowmanville Statesman.

Messrs. Will and Harry Tisdale, of Kingston, and Misses Gertrude and Irma Babcock, town, visited in Belleville recently.—Bowmanville Statesman.

Last Sabbath Rev. Mr. Pimlott, of Belleville, had charge of the Thanksgiving Services in the Methodist church of this place.—Colborne Enterprise.

Miss Nina Aselstine of Frankford has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. F. H. Henry, McDonald Ave., during the Teachers' Convention, the past few days.

The chief caretaker of the armouries, Sergeant J. McGlashan and daughter Mrs. A. G. Cooper, Mill St., went to Kingston today to bid farewell to son and brother, Pte. J. McGlashan, 155th battalion. This is the second son of the Sergeant to go overseas, Sergeant A. E. McGlashan, having gone over with the 39th Battalion in June, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Terrell, of Toronto during Aug. travelled to Belleville on their motor-cycle, visiting Peterborough and other places on their way. They spent a few days with Mr. Nure at his camp at Oak Hill Lake and then left for Toronto. On their way home they paid a brief visit to Miss F. Ketcheson, of Sidney. They arrived safely home from their long journey without mishap after enjoying the trip very much. Fred is still engaged at the Massey-Harris works in Toronto.—The Canadian.

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