

# THE McARTHUR INQUEST WAS OPENED LAST NIGHT

## Turnkey Cunningham and Dr. James Christie Examined--Turnkey Tells of Food and Routine in Jail Life, while Dr. Christie Expresses Opinion that Food Given Prisoners is not Sufficiently Varied.

The inquest into the death of Wm. McArthur, Jr., was commenced last night in the police court before Coroner D. E. Berryman. On Saturday night last the young man took suddenly ill in the county jail and died in the hospital about four hours after being removed from jail.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the deceased's parents, while J. King Kelley, county secretary and Councilor Jeremiah Donovan were present in the interests of the jail officials.

William J. Cunningham, a turnkey of the city and county jail, was the first witness and gave evidence that he had charge of the late Wm. McArthur while he was in jail, he having been committed on Jan. 19, 1911, on a fine of \$8 or two months' jail with hard labor, for being drunk on Dock street. Another commitment was produced by witnesses showing that on the 7th of January McArthur was sentenced to a fine of \$20 or two months in jail at hard labor for assaulting George Donaghy, his sentence going into effect at the expiration of the previous sentence. Witness said that McArthur's hard labor consisted of being sent out to work. Prisoners are sent out handcuffed together. The last day that McArthur went out to work was on April 12th. When McArthur returned from work he took a weak spell in the hall. Witness was not there at the time, but believed that Turnkey Clifford was there. It is not an unusual thing for prisoners to faint on their return from work, sometimes some of them lag back.

The first month that McArthur went out to work he complained of being ill and he was kept in and was given a tonic by the doctor at one time. Witness never felt that McArthur was unfit to go out to work.

The report presented by the guards on April 12th when McArthur was last returned from work stated that on Wednesday 12th they took 16 prisoners to Cradle Hill to work and returned with them with no complaints. Handcuffed to a Post.

A report of March 22nd showed that McArthur was handcuffed to a post because he refused to work. He worked every day from March 22nd to 23rd of April and he was always able to eat. Witness never heard of McArthur interfering with another prisoner.

If the prisoners had a complaint to make regarding beds or food, the complaints would be made to the turnkey.

The beds are made of ticking filled with straw, and new beds are made every week or as often as needed.

There is always grumbling. Witness said the best beds the municipality could afford were given to prisoners. If there is a man in jail who does not keep himself clean, his bed is thrown out and the blanket is put in pickle. Witness never saw any vermin in the jail.

After McArthur fainted he was taken off the gang. His clothes were not wet, at least witness said he was not there when McArthur came in. If the prisoners came in wet there were ratlers for them to put their clothing on to dry. The prisoners are never sent out in the rain.

What the Prisoners Eat.  
The prisoners on the chain gang get roast beef, bread and tea for dinner one day, and corned beef and bread for the second day's dinner. For breakfast they receive a half loaf of bread with a pint of tea sweetened with molasses and for supper a quarter loaf of bread with a half pint of tea. At times they receive soup and vegetables.

To Mr. Mullin witness said that McArthur was not out on suspended sentence. He was received in jail on Jan. 4th for drunkenness and then on the 7th of January he was taken to police court and sentenced to two months more for an assault. The commitment showed that the assault took place on Jan. 4th and at this time McArthur was in jail.

Guards Allowed to Punish.  
Witness thought the law would carry the guards out in inflicting punishment such as handcuffing prisoners to the post. He would not advise the guards to do such.

Witness could not affirm that the day was not stormy but he would not swear that it was not stormy while McArthur was tied up to the post. He did not inquire how long he had been tied up. Witness did not inquire particularly that night regarding the prisoner's condition. Witness said that the blanket was washed when it was found to be dirty, it might be washed once a month, witness could tell when they are dirty by the class of man who occupied the cell. Lots of the blankets are washed once a week. Sometimes prisoners are put in the black hole. Prisoners, if they make a complaint, are not threatened with the black hole. Witness said the jail officials did not imagine McArthur's condition was serious, and didn't send any word to the prisoner's parents.

While McArthur was sick he was visited by the doctor every second day. Witness saw him on Saturday evening last, walking about laughing and talking. He had too much to eat that night, witness thought.

Food and Clothing Sent In.  
When deceased's father called at the jail Saturday evening he left a box of food for his son.

Witness said that shortly after the young man arrived in jail his father brought him some clothing and threw the bundle to him saying, "put these on and keep yourself from freezing." There are bath tubs in the jail, and prisoners may take a bath or not. Bathing is entirely optional with the prisoners, and there is no change of clothing for them.

To the coroner witness said that where medicine is prescribed the bottle is left to a rational prisoner, to take as prescribed.

To Mr. Kelly witness said that the blankets are warm and the jail is claimed to be the most comfortable building in the city. If they report a blanket dirty they can get another. There have been as many as 71 prisoners in the jail at one time this winter. If Mr. McArthur had gone to the magistrate and claimed his son was ill he would have probably allowed him to leave the jail. The prisoner never complained of wet clothing. A basket of food was brought to O'Brien on the night that McArthur was taken seriously ill, the two men occupied the same cell. The food was composed of fresh pork, pot, pickles and cigarettes.

In the winter season the prisoners are supplied with overhauls, jumpers, mitts and socks.

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## HARNESS RACING CIRCUIT FOR MARITIME PROVINCES

The Moosepath Park management at St. John has expressed a wish to open the season, and with Dominion day falling on Saturday, which is always St. John's best race day, it is believed that the winter port will likely take the opener. Then St. Stephen, Woodstock, Fredericton, Chatham and Moncton are expected to agree to follow in the order named. That would take up all the time until along in August, and with the Cape-Breton tracks and New Glasgow to come in before the Halifax exhibition races. After that the exhibitions at Chatham, St. Stephen and Fredericton in New Brunswick, and Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island, will wind up the season.

The Fredericton Park Association will give three days racing during the Fredericton Exhibition. The racing days decided on are September 19th, 20th and 21st. The racing programme of probably eight or nine races will be announced next week, and will include three or four early closing stakes.

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## BOWLERS PLAYED A GOOD GAME

There was considerable excitement on Black's alley last night when T. McAvity and Sons' team tied with the C. P. R. with a total pinfall of 1273. The hardware men had two points on the railroads and in a roll-off for the third point they won. This puts McAvity tie with the I. C. R. for first place in the league race with Brock and Paterson a close second. Last night's score was as follows:

T. McAvity and Sons.  
Forshaw . . . 101 91 82 274-91 1-3  
Littlejohn . . . 79 79 78 228-76  
O'Brien . . . 91 82 89 262-81 1-3  
Foohy . . . 79 84 97 260-86 2-3  
Harrison . . . 85 81 83 249-82

C. P. R.  
Griffith . . . 81 100 87 264-88  
Baillie . . . 84 78 86 248-82 2-3  
Johnston . . . 79 75 85 238-79 2-3  
Jack . . . 82 90 89 241-87  
McKean . . . 92 88 81 261-87

418 431 424 1272

Tonight's Games  
The commercial league match on Black's tonight will be between M. R. and A. and Emmerson and Fisher.

## HALIFAX TO HAVE SEVEN DAYS RACES

The Halifax Recorder has the following announcement:  
There will again be seven days' racing at the Halifax Exhibition with \$400 in purses. Entries close in stakes May 26th (when horses must be eligible), in all other classes August 12th, with M. McF. Hall, secretary. With the exception of the 240 trot, Maritime Province bred, events are open to everybody. The programme is as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 30th.  
240 Trot (Maritime bred) Stake \$400  
217 Trot and Pace . . . . . 400  
Thursday Aug. 31st.  
2-year-old and under (trot), Stake \$300  
218 Trot . . . . . 400  
Free-for-all (trot and pace) . . . . . 400

Friday, Sept. 1st.  
240 Pace . . . . . 400  
239 Trot . . . . . 400

Saturday, Sept. 2nd.  
225 Trot and Pace, Stake . . . . . 400  
239 Trot . . . . . 400  
215 Trot and Pace . . . . . 400

Monday, Sept. 4th (Labor Day).  
3-year-old and under trot, Stake . . . \$300  
222 Trot and Pace . . . . . 400  
Free-for-all Trot and Pace . . . . . 400

## RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

National League.  
At New York: . . . 130910000-5 8 2  
New York . . . 50113020x-12 9 3  
Batteries: Brown, Parson and Graham; Margard, Crandall and Myers.  
Wilson, Umpires: Klem and Doyle. Time 2 hours.

At Cincinnati: . . . 04900000x-4 7 1  
Chicago . . . 029000000-2 10 4  
Batteries: Caspar and Clarke; Pfeister and Kling. Umpires: O'Day and Bressan. Time 2 1/2.

At Philadelphia: . . . 110001001-4 7 1  
Brooklyn . . . 009011000-2 4 1  
Batteries: Beebe and Dootz; Kueber and Bergen. Umpires: Eason and Johnstone. Time 1 1/2.

American League.  
At Boston: . . . 620000000-3 4 3  
New York . . . 130000010-4 4 4  
Batteries: C. Smith, Hall and Carrigan; Ford and Sweeney. Umpires: Evans and Egan. Time 2 1/2.

At Cleveland: . . . 000011001-3 11 5  
Detroit . . . 018002003-6 9 9  
Batteries: Dyer and Ladd; Mullin and Stange. Umpires: Dineen and O'Loughlin. Time 2 1/2.

At Chicago: . . . 10001122x-14 18 1  
Chicago . . . 016000021-4 9 1  
St. Louis . . . 016000021-4 9 1  
Batteries: Walsh, Baker and Sullivan; Block, Powell, Pfeiffer and Clarke. Umpires: Ferrine and Shoen. Time 1 1/2.

At Philadelphia: . . . 00101031-6 10 3  
Washington . . . 10000080x-9 14 2  
Batteries: Oxy, Walker, Gray and Street; Morgan, Krump and Livingston, Thomas. Umpires: Connolly and Mullin. Time 2 1/2.

At Newark--Score:  
Newark . . . 000210001001-5 9 6  
Rochester . . . 12000001002-6 9 2  
Batteries: Cleary, Flater, Lee and Cady; Dessau, Holmes and Jackitsch.

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