

brow of a hill on George S Wilkes' land. He climbed over the fence for that purpose. I went as far as Kerby's hill with Over and Moor, and got to the door of my house as the clock struck twelve. I never heard a word from Over or Moor, before that night, of any intention to rob the mail. Over promised faithfully not to kill the man, and Moor urged him also not to do so; had I thought he would, I would have returned. I saw the single-barrelled gun at Over's house on Thursday night, when we left. Over laid it up in the loft. I have none of the money.

Having been first read over to me, I subscribe my name to this document as being correct in every particular.

JOSEPH A. ARMSTRONG.

It was no sooner made known that Armstrong was making a confession, than the excitement in the town became more intense than it had been at any time subsequent to the first announcement of the murder.

At 6 o'clock the same evening, the three prisoners were brought from the cells to the Town Hall, before the Magistrates, for further examination and committal. The excitement still continued, and in a few minutes the Town Hall was completely filled. Order was at length obtained, and the magistrates seated around the table. Mr. Mathews arose, and addressing the prisoners, said he hoped that Moor and Over would pay particular attention while the Confession of Armstrong was being read in their hearing, after which they could make any statement they wished. Mr. Weyms read the Confession in a distinct and clear voice. The prisoners were then asked what they had to say, and both Moor and Over declared it was false, and protested their innocence. Mr. Mathews then addressed them at some length upon the enormity of their crime; and also referred, in a feeling manner, to the arrest of Mr. Chesbro', who was as innocent as any man in the Court, remarking that, had not the real perpetrators been apprehended and brought to justice, there would always have been some uncharitable enough to have charged him with a knowledge of the crime. The prisoners were then committed for trial.

After this the public mind appeared to be more settled, and but little was heard of the murder, except an occasional expression of gratification at having the guilty parties within the reach of justice.

On Saturday, the 23rd of April, the Coroner's Jury, which had adjourned from time to time, for the purpose of gaining fresh evidence, met in the Town Hall, and, after a few moments' consideration, returned the following

VERDICT

In the opinion of the Jury the said Lancelot Adams came to his death by being shot through the head on the night of Thursday, the 14th day of April inst., on the road leading from Brantford to Paris in the township of Brantford, and County of Brant, by a man known to the Jury as Robert Over, and that the said Over was assisted in the said murder by two other men, named respectively John Moor and Joseph A. Armstrong. The Jury therefore consider it to be their duty on a careful investigation of all the circumstances and evidence laid before them to return a verdict of WILFUL MURDER against ROBERT OVER, JOHN MOOR, and J. A. ARMSTRONG.