PRELIMINARY HEARING IN THE BURNT CHURCH TRAGEDY

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 6—Prelimin- tound he was not breathing. He was ary hearing in the John M. Ledham lying on his back with his heal on case came up before His Honor Police Magistrate, J. R. Lawlor, this afternoon at 230 p. m. Mr. T. H. whalen, of Newcastle, is attorney for dam and getting him to bring a landar and getting him to bring a land the Crown and George McDade, of Chatham, has been appointed attorney for the defence. After opening of court Mr. Lawlor asked to be as sured that the witnesses and prisoners understant English sufficiently well to enable proceedings to be carried on in English, without an i ter-preter as the prisoners and many of are Indians. After some discussion it was decided to proceel wthout an interpreter as most of the witnesses speak and un-derstand English fairly well.

sworn and examined in that language. He was found to be satisfactory. He said he livel in Burnt Church; knew Peter and Fran. Mitchell. First of the row stricted at the house of one Charles Mitchell. They then left the house of Martin and went home. Later they returned for J.hn D.d.m's hat and coat. We got the coat and hat and started to go to his aunts across the bridge when they met a fing he could not speak much English. After some talk on with some him in his hand. Frank mit him hand.

ed and sworn gave straight forward evidence. He said, I know Peter and Frank M tchell. Sunday night, Nov. my brother fe'll as I was afraid. I 28th I started home quietly and did went from Noel Delam's to Jim not hear anything outside the house atter 9 o'clock. Shortly after, abut yard where my brother was. I met woodp'le on t'e other side of the to my brother's body. Many people path. I thought perhaps asleep, perhaps drunk? Went over to see and until Tue day at 3 p. m.

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one side. I think I saw blood.

tern to see the man in the yard. He found it to be John M. Dedam. We saw blood on the shirt but did not mo e the body.

When a kel if there was any reason why Peter Dedam should leave his brother in the yard and go furthe for help, witnes; said no.

Stanley Swanson was called an sworn but such difficulty was exper ienced in obtaining answers that he

Peter Dedham, first witness call-tioned by his Honor and co.nsel for crown he said in answer to questions that the quarrel started between he and one Charles Muchell in the house of Charles Martin. Peter Dedham was recalled. Ques answer a ing he could not speak much English. After some talk on the natter he vas taken down stairs by Chief of Police Ashford until his memory returned.

About 1 the speak mitthely, letter at uck my brother with something in his hand. Frank Mitchell then threw a rock at me and drew a revolver with the oath, 'I am going to kill you." We ran away the speak of Mitchell Domin. Mitchell Dominique was then call and in the yard of Mitchell Domin

fifteen minutes, I went outside the John N. Dedham's scn, Noel De'ha n house and saw a man lying near the He said John is kil ed. I then went

Newcastle, Dec. 7—Preliminary hearing of witnesses in the John Dedham murder case was continued this afternoon before Police Magist ate Lawlor. Peter Dedham, witness for the Crown, was cross examined by

ir. McDade, counsel for the defence. icus points of events of the night of Nov. 28th, also woods used by Peter and Frank Dedham just before the Barnaby act as interpreter. He was s'abbing was said to have occurred.

on the fact that witne ses on oath part: said that it was a bright moonlight night, yet at a distance of three feet be could not distinguish the nature to the hard of Feta at the moonlight of Feta at the moonligh of the weap n in the hand of Feter

Much difficulty was experienced in answers to questions, nevertheless he was subjected to severe and the rough examination during which he grew at times quite i rital le.

When asked why he did not go to M. tchell Domingue's for help instead of continuing en to Noel Deiham's said he heard the men coming up the read swearing and making a noise

and he was frightened. Further questioned he said he could not see any one. It was about en minutes after nine when he arrived at the house of Noel Dedham. He told Noel Dedham that John o killed. He could not tell if his prother was killed when he fell. He He showed how he saw him fall face

Again asked why he could not tell what weapon was used, he did not

The Crown resumed examination with questions relative to the fight between the Mitchells and DeJhams at the house of Charles Martin Noth

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ing new was brought forward and witness was allowed to leave the stand.

Stanley Swanson was called. As he could neit er speak nor under-tand English, an interpreter was In McDade, counsel for the defence, saked for. One Feter Sewell (or in answer to questions witness save his estimate as to the distante the members of the Indian council between the two M tchell brethers but owing to the fact that the per and John De ham and witness at var-son sending for the interpreter was accordingly swo n as such and cath Considerable emphasis was laid up-administered to witness who said in

c clock. I slept at Peter Mitchell's. I went to Charlie Mitchell's to see how he was a ter the beating. I am no rel tive of the Mitchell's; some talk with Feter and Fran't Mit chell that n'ght Peter said he struck John Delham with a but he knie and touched him on the shoul went to sleep. I saw nothing of the row at Martin's house.

He gave evidence as to location of louses at Charles and Peter Mitchell in relation to the bridge.

Who got up first? Objected to by Counsel for Defen-

Answer. "When I got up all the others were up. I stayed for a while"
Peter Mitchell said "The first time I see the Dedhams I am going to fight them." Frank Mitchell said "You couldn't stand John.' I did not stay te breakfast. I work on the bridge. The Mitche'ls were working on the bridge before John Dedham was kul-

Questions by Crown: "Did the Ifit he'ls go to work that morning?' Question sustained by His Honor

Answer: "They did not go to work on the bridge; they worked source place else. I did not see them work-I I've at home with my brother Anthony and his wife, near Peter Dedham's.

Court here adjourned until Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Newcast e, Dec. 8—The prelimin-ary hearing in the case of Peter Mit-chell and Frank Mitchell, charged with the murder of John Dedham was concluded here today before Judge R. A. Lawler. Both the accused were sent up for trial before the higher court at the next secsion to be held

anuary 4th, Newcastie, Dec. 8—The pre'imin ary hearing was continued on Wed-nesday morning before Justice Law-lor. Evidence given by Mitchell Domnque and Peter Dedham was read to

hem and signed. Evidence given by Stanley Swanso

Evidence given by Stanley Swanson to course! for crown read by interpreter and asserte! to by witness.

Cross-examination of witness by Mr. McDade gave in substance the following —I am nineteen years of age; do not know what an oath is; have sworn on Bible before. Was never in Court before yesterday. No one told me to come to Court. A man told me to come up to be witness. All the fellows who came up told me to come. They were Feter Delham, John N. Dedham and Mitchell Dominique. They said they going up no more. First man who eated me to come up was policeman from up here.

I heard of Fetar Dedham a remarks

Liberals Lead In **British Columbia**

Vancouver, Dec. 2-There have been few election changes during the day, and tonight the standing of the parties as the result of yesterday's voting was:

Liberals, 24; Conservatives, 15; Labor, 3; Independents, 4. doubtful. The Liberals, however are claiming the seat.

Returns so far received from the northern riding give Kernigan, Liberal, a lead over his opponents. Major R. B. Burde, Independent, has been elected in Albernie over Brig-General Money, Conservative, by 123. Until late today it was thought that Money would be elected. Ann. Thomas Keen, late speaker of the legislature reported elected in Kaslo, has been defeated by Colonel Lister, Conservative, by 36. Prince George is placed in the Liberal column, Perry, Liberal having a good lead over Cocker, Com servative, but with a number of polls still to report. In Omineca, the election of Manson, Liberal, is conceded

There are a number votes in many of the ridings which may change the result in some cases In Vancouver alone there are more than 2,000 of these to be counted, A minister elected to legislature is Rev. J. Menzies in Comox, nomines of the Peoples' party. Another cler gyman elected is Rev. Canon Hinch l ne. Conservative, in Victoria.

Hon. John Oliver, premier and Lib eral leader, in a statement today on the result of the election declared hat he "believed the election would go down in history as the cleanest that ever was held in British Columbia, in so far as the operation of the election He expressed the ops concerned." inion that the government's majority would be sufficient to carry on without bargaining for support in the egislature.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, leader of the Conservatives, declared that had it been a straight fight between the wo major parties, the Conservatives would have won.

Latest figures are as follows: Grand Forks-Final: McKie, Comrvative, 334; Hennigar, Liberal, 330

McKie's majority, four. Slocan-Final: Hunter, Conservative, tive, 522; Nelson, Independent-Liberal, 428; Smith, Liberal, 268. Hun-

ter's majority, 94, Trail-Final: Schofield, Conserva tive, 1,156; Deschamps, Liberal, 754. Schofield's majority, 402.

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