

On October 6th the Inquest was opened and a statement by McDade's sister was read, she being 74 years of age and too ill to attend. This statement disclosed that after supper on May 29th, her brother Wesley had left home for the purpose of going fishing, carrying a fishing rod, a pack containing food, and cooking utensils. His health at the time was fairly good, although he was shaky and very thin. This was the last time she had seen her brother alive. As previously stated, Miss McDade had seen the clothing found, which she identified as her brother's. She also identified the chain and charm found as belonging to her brother.

Evidence was also given at the Inquest as to the finding of the skeleton; that it was fully exposed to the sun although lying under a small shrub, surrounded by other shrubs and bracken.

Another witness testified that he had known Wesley McDade for forty years and that on May 30th, 1937, he, McDade, had a meal with him, leaving immediately after. At that time deceased was roughly dressed and was wearing a cap similar to the one picked up. When leaving he had walked across the field in the direction of the Old Brophy Road, which road is in the direction of Beaver Lake and was used to bring the skeleton out. Witness stated that McDade had a fishing rod and a pack with him and said that he intended putting up in a shelter along the Old Brophy Road. This shelter, on examination, showed signs of fairly recent occupation.

The Provincial Pathologist in his evidence stated that while he had no experience in judging the age of bones, he was of the opinion that those forming the skeleton were over a year old. He came to this conclusion by the absence of all flesh and by the polish and bleaching. He quoted an authority (unnamed) who had satisfied himself that complete decartilagization did not take place until nine years after death. The Pathologist described the deceased as having been about five feet tall, and at some time during his life had suffered from an injury which had left two of the vertebrae fused. He added that he had sawed one of the bones and found it to be free from all marrow fat; also that the bones weighed about half as much as ordinary bones. The jury brought in a verdict that the remains were of an unknown person and that the time and cause of death were also unknown.

During the course of the investigation it was ascertained that the watch found with the remains was still in working order, although it was a cheap one and very susceptible to dampness. There was no trace of rust on it, except that the nickel had been roughened.

Enquiries made at the office of the Rock City Tobacco Company in Moncton, the distributors of "Bagpipe" revealed the fact that this tobacco had been introduced between two and three years ago.

The Coroner stated that the remains had been examined by twenty-seven physicians, who were convinced that death had taken place some four years previously. In view of this evidence, at the end of the proceedings he issued a burial certificate for "an unidentified man", stating that he was unable to come to the conclusion that the remains produced were those of Wesley McDade.

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A Constable stationed at St. Paul, Alberta, when returning to Barracks at night noticed three men in a car behaving in a suspicious manner in the