

# INTEREST CENTRES ABOUT JOSEPH MONTGOMERY IN THE MADOC TOWNSHIP MURDER MYSTERY

**Brother of Victim Listened to Evidence at Inquest Yesterday—Joseph to Go on Stand—Irons Found Marked With Stains of Blood—Brothers Not on Cordial Terms—Mind of Murdered Man May Have Been Affected Once—Protestations of Innocence by Joseph—Nothing Found on His Premises—Dr. Dafeo Gives Results of Postmortem.**

(By The Ontario's Own Reporter)

On Monday a charge of murdering his brother Walter Montgomery was laid against Joseph Montgomery at Madoc village and today he was arraigned before Magistrate Casement and remanded for one week pending the inquest into the tragedy.

Coroner Captain Dr. W. S. Harper, yesterday afternoon opened the inquest at Hart's School House into the murder of Walter Montgomery, the eccentric farmer who was found dead in his drive house on Thursday morning last. The old fashioned building was packed to the door. Automobiles carried crowds from all the concessions. The jury were crowded into one corner of the building, the spectators using the school seats. Evidence was taken in the afternoon from three o'clock until five-thirty and in the evening from 7.30 to 8.30.

**Joe to Go on the Stand**

Crown Attorney Wm. Carnew conducted the examination of witnesses and announced in the evening that Inspector Harry Reburn who has been working on the case, had further evidence and a further enlargement would be required. "I intend to call Joe Montgomery as a witness and I desire him to have all the benefit of hearing all the evidence."

The inquest was adjourned until Thursday, October 12th at 2.30 p.m. at the town hall, Madoc Village.

**Constable Produced Irons**

Chas. St. Charles, constable, the first witness testified that on Thursday after the murder he found an iron bar and an old spade in the drive shed. The bar lay alongside the dead man parallel with the body and near the feet. The spade was near the body a foot or two from the bar, farther down towards the feet. Two links of iron were clutched in the right hand of the dead man. The constable also produced a drag tooth found near the body. "I brought these away because I thought they were the things that killed him."

With these were exhibited the cash box, and a strap which was still around the dead man's neck when found. The strap bore evidence of having been cut. "We went upstairs and found a trunk, the lock was forced." In the trunk was a tin box which was still locked, but was cut on three sides of the bottom. Nothing that would indicate that it had been used for cutting the tin could be found. It was thought there were papers in the box. A paper with blood on had been found by the dead man's head. The box had been put back in the trunk and the lid was down.

**Axe with Blood Stain**

On Sunday witness found an axe standing alongside a wood pile. There were marks of blood on the edge. A gambie stick was discovered near the body the first day. The edge of the body lay right on it. On the stick were a few hairs pretty well towards one end. The hairs were near the end. The hair was a sort of reddish, resembling that of the dead man.

**Two Terrible Fractures**

Dr. Wm. Allan Dafeo, Madoc, made a postmortem on Thursday on the remains at the drive house. Dr. Harper was present at the time. Witness saw the man lying on the floor, blood was running from the ears and mouth. The man could not have been dead over 48 hours. Rigor mortis was well marked.

**Walter Probably Had Mental Trouble**

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trouble with the family. Walter suspected Joseph was the cause of this mischief.

On Thursday morning, the coroner, witness and others visited the scene of the murder. One trunk was upstairs in the house. Down stairs was a new trunk locked and not interfered with. It was opened by the party and some insurance papers were found in it. This trunk was left at the house as not throwing any light on the tragedy.

**"I'm an Innocent Man."**

"When did you have your first talk with Joseph?" Friday evening in the neighborhood of five o'clock. With him were his sister and a man named Smith. St. Charles said he asked Joseph if he would not go back to Walter's and look after the stock.

Joe said he might go over there. He did not like to go back again. "There is a suspicion," he said, "and I'm an innocent man and I don't know as I'll go." That's the way he expressed it.

**How Reporter Got Story**

Smith went to St. Charles' place and represented himself as detective and then as reporter. He claimed he had been working on some bad cases in the west. He did not represent himself as an officer of justice or of a staff of any department. He did not produce any credential. He said he was sent out to track the case.

**Joseph Placed Under Arrest**

Constable St. Charles received a warrant on Saturday morning to apprehend Joseph. Witness met him near Walter's place between five and six o'clock in the evening. He met him at the point the nearest way to his home, although it was not the best or usual road. Inspector Reburn and Constable St. Charles arrested him. Joseph was in a buggy with his brother-in-law, Mr. Campbell, of Belleville. After being warned, Joe said "No, I'm not guilty." He wanted to know what he was being arrested for, witness told him that the people blamed him for the murder.

**Nothing Found on Joseph's Premises**

Witness received a warrant to inspect Joseph's premises on the 7th. He and Inspector Reburn searched Joseph's house, which is a mile and a half east of Walter's.

**"Nothing."**

"Did you make a careful exhaustive search?" "I did." "Of what?" "Of searched the beds, cupboards and outbuildings. "I did not find anything at all." His mother was there with his two sisters.

A damaged soft black hat was found on the morning of the murder by the body near the head.

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Death was caused as a result of the two blows he received from behind. Dr. Dafeo knew the family. Six

years ago he examined Walter for sanity as he was alleged to have attempted to commit suicide.

"I made a very careful examination and made a report which was handed in to the magistrate." The family withdrew the charge. I considered that he was not sane. He had an idea that everybody was persecuting him. I did not see anything alarming with his actions." But one never can tell how soon a man may become violent.

**Walter Was Morose**

Wm. J. Moorecroft, who lives on the next farm to the deceased, declared that Walter lived alone, and was looked upon as a little odd. Walter did not seem to want to talk. He was morose and despondent. He operated a 150 acre farm. I saw him last alive on Monday morning between seven and eight o'clock at the cheese factory with his milk. I had no chance to talk with him. His appearance did not indicate that anything was wrong with him.

**How Tragedy Was Discovered**

Deceased had six cows. The milk was drawn to the factory by Mr. Call on Tuesday. Wednesday none was drawn. On Thursday morning it was noticed that the milk was not ready and the whey not emptied. John Alexander and witness went down at eight o'clock to the house. The house was locked. They looked through the windows but could not see clearly because of the bright sun. The dog was outside the house. The man looked into the barn to see if the buggy was gone. All was all right there. They went back and witness notified Joseph who was in a field, that there must be something wrong. Joseph went back to his team and said he would come out as quickly as he could. Witness went home and Joseph came up to his place and they with Mr. McMullen went down to Walter's. Joseph wanted to raise the window of the house with an axe but the others said no.

**"He's Done It At Last."**

They went to the drive shed. Joseph looked in and said, "Here he is, he's done it at last."

Witness and McMullen who were some distance away went up to the door. Joseph was still outside the drive house. He had not entered the building. The three entered and looked at Walter. Witness suggested leaving the remains as they were until the authorities were notified. The head was only two feet from the small door to the east. The body was on its face slightly on the left. One hand was under him. The hat was lying at his head.

**There were a few spatters of blood on a bag. Witness saw no other signs of blood.**

**Joseph Took on Quite Bad**

Joseph seemed to take on quite bad—cried and made quite a fuss. He said "Walter, 'Walter, 'Walter." That was about all he said.

Witness knew Walter carried a bag around him but he did not know of any money being in it. His living expenses would not be large. He never took any holidays, but stayed right at home. Witness did not know anything of his financial condition.

He held a few young cattle every spring. Walter was a Presbyterian, but of late years he had not gone much to church. Witness knew of the time when Walter was said to have taken the Paris green. At that time eight or nine years ago, he was living with his mother and sister and perhaps Joseph. Walter went to Guelph sanatorium in charge of witness and Joseph. He remained there about three months. Joseph operated the farm for the period when Walter was in the sanatorium.

The mother laid an information against Walter and that was the time the family separated, the mother and sister going to live with Joseph. Witness had seen the two brothers together. The last time was last fall or a year ago last fall when they were working in witness' barn.

He did not think they were on really good terms.

Walter kept a rifle behind the bedroom door. Witness knew of no extraordinary precautions or protection taken by Walter. He was a close minded man.

Frank McMullen of Elzevir living three miles east of Walter Montgomery, knew Walter for 23 years. Witness is a brother-in-law of deceased. Walter never told of the condition of his affairs. He was looked upon as odd in his business dealings and in his habits. Witness visited at his house until six or seven years ago.

They were not so familiar since, because the mother ceased to live with Walter. Both Walter and Joseph were

very close in their affairs. Witness could not say that the brothers visited in the past few years. Witness was not in the dead man's house for three or four years. He did not know where Walter kept his money. Witness never saw anything that would show that Walter was acting queer. The first witness heard of the tragedy was when Joseph said "They can't find Walter." On McMullen's suggestion Joseph got a horse to drive over to Walter's.

All that Joe said on the way to Walter's was "I wonder where he can be?" McMullen suggested that they get Mr. Moorecroft. They went down then to the Walter Montgomery farm.

Joseph was the first to discover the body and said, "O here he is, he's done it now." He did not say any more but just broke into crying.

**Saw Joseph on Wednesday**

"I saw Joseph pretty nearly every day that week. On Wednesday morning, October 4th, he was at my place to make ready for the threshing. He sat down while we were getting ready to go to the fair." Joseph stayed half an hour and he behaved naturally; not one word was said about Walter. Then Joseph went away. Witness did not see him the rest of the day. He saw Joseph on Tuesday, from ten a.m. until 6.30 p.m. They were loading hay. Joseph was not at the home earlier but he was reported to be shipping his cream.

Witness thought Joseph is in good circumstances financially and claimed that he did not know anything of the relationship of the brothers. He never saw them speaking together although he had heard they spoke.

**Tuesday's Whey Still in Can on Thursday**

Nelson Call of Elzevir had resided for three years in the district. He had been drawing Walter's milk for Madoc cheese factory. Call saw Walter on Monday last, but Walter never spoke.

Call found Walter's can on the stand on Tuesday morning. He saw the dog but saw no trace of Walter. He took the can and returned with the whey at eight or nine o'clock. He noticed nothing wrong about the farm. Witness did not draw milk on Wednesday. On his milk route at 6 on Thursday morning he came to Walter's. He looked into the can and saw the whey as it was delivered on Tuesday. Witness made no alarm. He did not see anything stirring about the place. He thought something extraordinary had happened. He informed Mr. Moorecroft and advised him to investigate. Witness saw Walter's cows pasturing on the road opposite the house. He did not make any investigation. He never visited at Walter's house. At Moorecroft's once he saw both brothers working in the mow.

**Joe Hard to Deal With**

Witness never had any trouble with Walter. He found Joe a hard man to get along with. Witness worked a little for Joe. He thought Joe was trying to beat him out of a dollar one but he could not stand for it.

**Walter Seen on Tuesday Morning**

Thos. Thompson, a resident of Madoc village, saw deceased on Tuesday morning on his own lot. Witness was working with a gang on the highway in front of Walter's. This was about 7.30 or 7.45. Walter picked up some bags. He shook one of the empty bags and started off to the barn. That would lead him straight to the drive house. He had a coat on and a hat like that produced.

On his return about a quarter to six o'clock in the evening, there was not a solitary thing moving around the place.

**Walter's Factory Earnings**

Albert Beckwith, cheesemaker at Madoc factory for five years, knew deceased. Walter averaged one hundred pounds of milk. Joseph ceased to be a patron of the factory in May. Walter would draw about one hundred and fifty dollars per year. He was a patron for ten or twelve years. "He has drawn thousands of dollars from that factory in the last ten or twelve years" said Mr. Beckwith.

**Saw Walter Inside Walter's Shirt**

"In the hot weather, he came there with his shirt open so that I could see what appeared to be a leather strap." There seemed to be a sort of canvas pouch as big as witness' hat, which was of fedora variety. Witness never asked what it was, but thought it might be something growing on him until he was told that Walter carried his money in it.

James Feeney, Tweed, saw Walter last on Thursday preceding the murder.

John Alexander, Elzevir, a farmer and thresher, said Joseph Montgomery came on Wednesday, 4th Oct. to Mr. Generoux's at one o'clock in the afternoon. No bargain was made for him to thresh with Joe. There was a difficulty over the price. It is about one mile and a half from Walter's to Generoux's. Witness knew nothing of the relationship between Joseph and Walter.

**Walter's Financial Condition**

A. D. Campbell, a brother-in-law of deceased, and a resident of Hillier township, testified that he had visited Walter about ten years ago and the latter told something of his affairs. Witness could not recollect the nature of this. Walter had showed some papers.

When the father of the family died the daughters got one hundred dollars each.

Witness got the papers from a chest or trunk downstairs in his house. He saw the papers taken out by Walter. The box produced looked like one he saw at Walter's. Apparently the tin box was kept in the trunk. Witness could not say anything about the dead man's money and did not know that Walter kept his money in a bag around his neck, although he heard before the tragedy that that was where he kept it.

"Did you know or hear that the papers are missing?"

"I heard it."

**Frank Thompson, C.N.R. agent at Queensboro, knew Joseph Montgomery and saw him at his office on Tuesday, October 3rd, 1916, he shipped one can of ten gallons of cream to the T. Eaton Co., Toronto. This was in the morning. The cream was taken on the 10.40 a.m. train. It would be some time between eight and ten forty a.m. that Joseph was at the depot. Joseph shipped very often. Previous shipments were on Sept. 26th, Sept. 18, and Sept. 11.**

Patrick Waters, of a road gang, did not know the brothers. He remembered passing Walter Montgomery's place on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. He saw a man there going towards the barn. He had picked up something.

James Blakeley, a young man of Madoc township, remembered having once assisted in threshing at Walter's. That was in 1915. Joseph was there. David Blakeley, brother of witness said Walter did not want Joe there and that he had ordered Joe out of the mow. Joe, Dave and witness all left about the same time.

Patrick Keho, was working the week before last on a straw barn for Joe. The latter was helping him put on the Oshawa shingles. Joe got his hand caught on Wednesday or Thursday of the week before last.

This concluded the evidence taken last night. Some witnesses besides Joseph will be called on Thursday afternoon.

Joseph Montgomery, the man accused of his brother's murder, sat in a seat at the inquest in charge of Constable St. Charles. He is a short man with red hair, his head being bald on top. During most of the examination he sat with his head down, once he stood up and interrupted.

"Excuse me Sir, I'll explain," but he was told to keep silence. He was taken back to the Madoc jail for the night.

Inspector Reburn sat alongside Crown Attorney Carnew and took an active part in seeing that all the information possible was extracted from the witnesses.

The prisoner has declined to make any statement to the Crown officials except to say: "I am not afraid of the outcome of the case because you cannot prove an innocent man guilty."

He refused to allow counsel to represent him at the hearing. Mr. W. Cross, a local solicitor, called on the prisoner yesterday morning to tell him that some of his (Montgomery's) friends had asked him to act for him, but Montgomery stated that he did not require anybody to act for him. During the afternoon proceedings Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C. of Belleville paid a similar visit to the prisoner, but he declined to accept the generous offer of his friends.

Maria Montgomery, sister of the prisoner, who is very deaf, and his aged mother, who is suffering from shock, are not likely to be called to testify at the Coroner's inquest, though they may be called later if the crown ascertains that they alone can tell the movements of the prisoner, covering several hours in the evening especially, which have not yet been accounted for.

The Crown virtually succeeded in establishing the fact that the murder must have been committed some time on Wednesday. Several laborers on the roadway opposite the farm saw Walter Montgomery walking towards the driving shed in which he was slain.

**SOLDIER FALLEN.**

A report is current about the city today that another Belleville boy, Gunner Harold Boyle, younger son of Mr. Chas. Boyle, has been killed in battle on the French front.

It has been learned definitely that Harold Boyle was killed in action on Sept. 27th.

Gunner Boyle although only just about old enough to enlist, and while he was rejected at first by the doctors, was determined to go, and finally was accepted for the 34th battery. He left Belleville for Kingston June 15th, 1915. He is about nineteen years of age and is a brother of Sergeant Major Gordon Boyle.

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### McINTOSH BROS.

## IMPORTANT NEW INDUSTRY COMING TO BELLEVILLE

Some time ago these columns contained a report of the first meeting of the shareholders of the Quinte Produce Ltd., when the following gentlemen were elected Directors of this company—Ira Windover, Belleville; F. Knight, H. R. Hunt and T. Haslip, Sidney; C. A. Palmer and T. E. Elliott, Thurlow; D. Callaghan, Tyrindnaga. Since that time these Directors have held three meetings and considerable business has come before them for discussion and much progress has been made. Among other things passed on by the board was the appointment of Mr. John Hart, former proprietor of the Anglo-American Hotel, this city, to the position of General Manager of the company with Mr. T. E. Elliott of Roslin as assistant manager.

The company was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Hart as he has had considerable experience in branches of this business and is a man who has been successful in anything which he undertook. He will be ably seconded by Mr. Elliott who has also had considerable experience especially in the cattle and hay end of the business, as he in company with Mr. Haslip bought cattle extensively in this district in the spring of 1912 and shipped to Calgary, also he has shipped to Toronto, Montreal, Hull and Ottawa and is thoroughly conversant with this branch of this business and this branch will be well looked after for the farmer shareholders of this company.

Another matter which has been completed by the board is the leasing of the premises known as 302 Front Street and now occupied by Huffman & Bunnet, Machine Agents. Mr. Huffman has leased the premises formerly occupied by the Balmoral Hotel at the corner of Bridge and Front Streets, where he in company with Mr. Simmonds is opening up an automobile saleroom for Studebaker cars and all automobile accessories. It is also reported they are to install a gasoline pump at the corner of Front and Bridge Sts.

The Quinte Produce Co., Limited, are to take part possession of their new premises, Oct. 16th, 1916, and organization and preparations are being rushed so as they can get started doing business by Oct. 23, 1916.

## CONTINGENT HAS ARRIVED SAFELY.

From a cable message received from Lieut. W. S. Nurse telling of his safe arrival in England, it would appear that the whole contingent of troops that left Halifax about the 27th ult. have arrived safely. Lieuts. Fish and Nurse were drafted from the 155th. The Kingston Battalion were also in the same party.

## SOLDIER WAS FIRST OFFENDER.

Inspector Arnott on Saturday afternoon arrested a young Belleville soldier, the first to be found drunk on the street, under the new Ontario Temperance Act. He was allowed to go back to Barriefield.

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