

was shown to the Coroner of the District, who ordered that it be taken to the Provincial Pathologist, being of the opinion that it was fully a year since death had taken place. There was no flesh on the bones and one foot was covered by a sticky substance. The main part of the skeleton was in the original position, but many of the smaller bones had been disturbed by rodents, with the result that they were some distance from the body. There were no insects present and very little odor.

With the skeleton were found the following articles of clothing:

A cap; a vest; fleece-lined combinations; strong cotton trousers; one grey sock; one leather belt; a medallion of religious significance. In the pockets of the clothing were a watch with fine chain attached; a tailor's thimble; a portion of a comb; a portion of a tobacco pouch with the name "Bagpipe" printed on it. Thirty feet away a grey flannel shirt was located.

The remains and clothing were taken to the city.

An investigation was conducted as to missing persons and it was ascertained that one, Wesley McDade, aged 72 years, had disappeared from Saint John on May 29th, 1937. A sister of McDade, with whom he had resided for the past twenty years, was interviewed and, on examining the clothing, she positively identified the garments as belonging to her brother. One of the articles found, namely, the leather belt, was readily identified as McDade had twice mended his belt and the one found was identical in this particular. Miss McDade also stated that her brother had been in possession of a cheap watch, attached to which was a fine chain and a medallion. However she was unable to positively identify the watch found with the remains. As Miss McDade was satisfied the remains were those of her brother, she made arrangements for his burial in the family vault.

A witness was found who stated that he had known McDade for many years and positively identified the clothing as his, particularly the trousers, as these had a patch sewn on the inside of the cuff and the witness had been present when deceased repaired them.

A clock repairer stated he had cleaned a Westclock watch for Wesley McDade and upon being shown the one found with the remains was able to identify it due to the fact that a peculiar marking had been made on the case by the application of oil.

A friend of McDade's positively identified the watch chain and medallions found on the remains, stating that he had given these articles to deceased just prior to his death.

The above facts were placed before the Coroner, who stated that over twenty physicians had examined the skull and that each one was prepared to state it had been exposed to the elements for at least four years. He, therefore, was not prepared to sign a Death Certificate in the name of McDade and arrangements were accordingly made for further examination. Later, the Coroner advised that the bones of the skeleton had been examined by the pathologist, who found that they were dry, free from all fats, brittle, and weighed about half as much as ordinary bones, and from the examination could not be identified as McDade's as it would have taken a long time for them to be reduced to their present condition.