THE HOLTON MURDER!

ARE THE DETECTIVES ON THE RIGHT TRACK?

THE EVIDENCE TAKEN AT THE EXAMINATION.

On Thursday the examination into the Holton murder case was proceeded with before P. M. Houston. Mr. Wm. Douglas appeared for the Crown; Messrs. McHugh, Windsor, and Pegley, Chatham, for prisoner, Todd Quick. He was arraigned, warned and pleaded not guilty. Mr. Pegley asked to have the witnesses excluded, which was done.

Dr. D. D. Ellis was the first witness. He testified to holding a post mortem. He found all the organs healthy. Found a bullet wound, 2½ to 3 inches to the left of the median line, near the umbilicus, which was traced downwards and backwards. The bullet wound caused death.

To Mr. Pegley, witness said he did not find the bullet because he did not look in the right place; searched for it over 2½ hours; did not ask the detectives for it; no detectives were there; traced the bullet to the margin of the sacrum; death would supervene from shock and hemorhage. Witness described healthy condition of organs. Did not examine brain. Was with deceased five hours before death and there was no indication of brain disease, nothing could have occurred in the interm as I was with with him till his death, about 5 o'clock in the morning.

Dr. J. C. Bell: Had examined the body of deceased to find the bullet after last witness made post mortem; cause of death was internal hemorhage and shock produced by the bullet. Have no doubt as to the cause of death.

To Mr. Pegley: I put in my probe and followed it. (Showed the probable direction the pistol must have had). I looked for the bullet in the right side; it was not a likely wound to be self-inflicted; it would be possible; I found the bullet in the right hip, having penetrated through the second order of the sacrum.

Thos. Maris testified to hearing shots and a few minutes after the deceased coming naked to his house; to seeing his wound and of his death. His evidence has already been before our readers.

Jas. Mulder, sworn: Live in Colchester; on July 15th last I was working for James Drummond, at Harrow; he kept a livery stable; I know the prisoner.

Q—Is he any relation of Drummonds? A—Related to him by marriage.

Q—What was it? A—They married sisters.

Q—Where is prisoner's home? A—It's out on what they call the Pot Leg Road.

Q—Where is that? A—Out near the village—about 2 miles from Harrow.

Witness said prisoner came to the barn for a horse and buggy on July 15th; on a Saturday he ordered it, to be ready for Sunday night, at which time he got it from witness.

Q—At what hour? A—Oh, it was late in the night.

Q—How late? A—I presume about 11 o'clock

Q—What sort of horse and buggy? Describe it to His Worship? A—Black mare; red-geared buggy; two boots on mare's hind feet.

Q—How high was she? A—She was a big, tall, rangy mare.

Q—A black mare? A—Yes, sir.

Q—Anything happen to her that spring? —She had lost her colt.

Q—Any other marks about her? A—She had a glass eye.

Q—Which eye? A—I think it was her right eye.

Q—Any other mark? A—Star in her forehead.

Q—What sort of harness was it? A—Oldish, kind of silver mounted harness.

Q—Anything else peculiar about it? A—A net on it.

Q—Yes; what was the color of the net? A—It was a white—a dirty-looking color.

Q—Anything peculiar about it? A—Tassels around it.

Witness said the buggy was got about 11 o'clock, by prisoner, who was dressed in a brown check suit and wore a light colored, narrow-rimmed felt hat with a black band round it; think it was a soft hat. In the buggy was a rubber overcoat and a brown knit jacket; prisoner drove east about 12 rods and then turned north on the road to Gesto; did not say where he was going.

Q—When did you next meet him? A—Tuesday morning.

Q—Do you remember what day of the month that was? A—17th.

Q—What time in the morning did you see him? A—About 4 o'clock.

Q—Who was with prisoner when he got back? A—He was alone.

He woke me up; I had told him where I slept the night before he left; he asked me; did not see him returning; it was just getting light. There was a white goat robe put into the buggy when he got got it; it had black lining, I think. Mr. McKee came afterward to examine the buggy. Mr. A. Hodgkins was with him.

Q—Did you have any conversation with this prisoner after that? A—Yes, sir.

Q—Just give us the conversation respecting the horse and buggy you have been describing? A—He just wanted to know if anybody was down there looking at the horse and buggy.

Q—What did you reply? A—I told him there were.

This was shortly after McKee and the other man were there; cannot remember the time.

Q—What did he say then? A—He told me not to tell them who had the horse and buggy.

Q—Did he say anything further? A—He said he would make it all right with me if I would not tell them.

Q—What did you say to that? A—I told him I would not tell.

Was working for Drummond then; saw prisoner often; he came to the barn; just asked the same question over. He always wanted to know if they had been down again.

Q—Well, then; when did anything else take place between you? A—He came there one night and gave me $3.

Q—For what? A—For not telling and keeping my mouth about the horse and buggy.

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S. A. Jubilee and Presentation.

The American Salvation Army Jubilated on Monday. Col. Brown, Gen. Moore and other notables were present. The banquet in Tetrault's building was largely attended and was a first-class spread. The meeting at the barracks at night had a big crowd the barracks being packed. A part of the ceremony was the presentation of colors by Gen. Moore to Adjt. Park, of the local corps. General good order prevailed and the address of Gen. Moore was eloquent and touching.

Blenheim.

Mr. Knivett, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, has been promoted to a position in Toronto. He is succeeded here by Mr. Saunders, of Jarvis..... Mr. P. W. Blake, who is well known to Blenheimites, has been home from Australia on a visit. He will return.... Complaints of street obstruction because of the weigh scales are made..... A series of assemblies are being held in the rink.....The electric light poles are being placed.....St. Andrew's supper realized $121.50.....The vote on the town hall by-law will be taken on January 9th.

Crowded out last week.

Mrs. W. R. Fellows, wife of the esteemed Harwich Clerk, is quite ill. ....Miss Jessie Flater is sick ....Two of Mr. Hillman's children have fever. ....Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Black's sad bereavement in losing their little son, Percy, calls out deep and general sympathy.....Our Band does not forget us. Does the town properly appreciate them?....Mrs. J. F. Titus is recovering from her recent severe illness..... Messrs. Ed. and James VanVelsor have been in town for some days.....Mrs. McKerrall, Chatham, has been visiting Blenheim friends.....The electric light scheme is to be carried out by Messrs. Telfer & Nutbrown, White withdrawing.....Mr. White purposes building an Opera House, a building very much needed in Blenheim.....We are to have a vote taken on the question of building a $10,000 town hall.....How about *hauling* the obstructions off our streets? ....Our debating club has decided that the Negro has suffered more at the hands of the white man than has the Indian.....Thos. Haynes, who had his leg broken by falling from a load of wood one day last week, is doing well. ....Duncan McMillan lost a valuable horse, on Saturday of last week, by colliding with runaway "Dolly Bell." The collision took place in the dark and a shaft pierced the McMillan horse's breast, causing death soon after..... Mr. Walter Morgan has been quite ill with pleurisy, but is recovering..... Mrs. Stimers died of fever on Friday last.....Our St. Andrew's entertainment was a great success.

Mr. Murray on the King St. School.

Mr. Editor,—Kindly allow me space in your columns in reply to the letter of Mr. J. Donovan, which appeared in your report of the doings of the Public School Board at their last meeting, re hire of principal of the King St. school.

A Civil Outrage.—Before doing so, however, it may not be inopportune for me to say that the King St. school is a civil outrage, and as now carried on by its present principal it is simply adding insult to injury. I say it is a civil outrage, because the rights of colored children are clearly set forth in the Public School Act. By reference to sec. 113, R. S. O., '87, we find that it is the duty of the Board of Public School Trustees to provide adequate accommodation for, not white, but all children between the ages of five and twenty-one years.

We learn, also, from sub-section 4 that it is the duty of the Board to determine the number, kind, grade and description of school. From these sections of the Act it is clear that the accommodation for all children of school age irrespective of color must be ample, and their flagrant violation by the School Board is a plain usurpation of civil rights. Nor do I forget the privilege of a Trustee Board to divide a town into districts; but that privilege gives them no right to discriminate against the residents of one ward as compared with another. But such discrimination is made, and it is against the patrons of the King St. school that this discrimination is hurled contrary to all moral or legal rights.

Adding Insult to Injury.—And yet as if all injustice was not enough; as if young colored boys and girls were not sufficiently handicapped in this struggle for an education by being forced to attend a school a mile from their homes in some instances; as if, I repeat, all this was not enough, we must have a man saddled upon us as principal,—save the mark!—who was removed from another school for reasons well known to all; and were the patrons of King St. school not aware also of these causes and of Mr. Donovan's pedigree as a disciplinarian and an instructor, there would be serenity instead of the disquietude which now exists.

But to come, more particularly to Mr. Donovan's wail—yclept letter—with which he has the termerity to rush madly into print. Looking over his letter, its chief characteristics to any one acquainted with facts it attempts to set forth would be the misstatements it contains and some of them, I regret to say, designedly so. I have learned through the assistants of King St. School that it was a custom of Mr. Donovan to make inroad upon their attendance in order to swell his, before pupils were prepared for the promotion. It can be readily seen how such a course would retard the assistant in preparing pupils for legitimate promotion. It can also be seen to what specious methods this model principle had to descend to keep his department up to its abnormal attendance of 3 and 4. Then what becomes of those pupils who entered Mr. Donovan's department without passing through the junior division? There were a number of such; where are they? How comes it they were not retained there? Mr. Shadd has increased his department by four times the number originally; Mr. Donovan has increased his, like Paddy's promotion, downwards.

The truth of the matter is that as soon as pupils were promoted, either legitimately or illegitimately, to the senior division of King St. school they would, with few exceptions, leave that school and go to W. E. Institute. This brings me to the statements Mr. Donovan has concerning that institution; and also marks plain the motive which inspired him. The attendance of the W. E. Institute has never yet reached the reduced limit of the King St. school. Scane & Co. are its treasurers. No teacher get hired has remained in the employ of the Institute for less than three years, with two exceptions, and both of those served for one year. The Institute annually passes pupils into the Collegiate Institute; has furnished successful matriculants and under graduates at Toronto University. Mr. Donovan's statement regarding defamatory reports being circulated to the department of King St. school is just as truthful as his statement that a fee is charged for music at the Institute. He shows in both, a haste to jump at conclusions, which in one so learned, according to his own estimate, is little short of criminal as to his statement concerning the endowments of the school. I need not say anything. Mr. Donovan is but the puppet who dances while some one else, with howls of baffled rage pulls the string. Lastly Mr. Donovan's position in this matter of re-hire is a very humilating one. He does not allow his work to speak for him; he does not let his case be adjudged on its merit. He is found usually engaged interviewing the fatherless and wifeless and children; he is found invoking the assistance of parents whose childless have not been attending the King St. school for eight months; and after the last argument had been advanced, after the last plea had been given, after all his begging for men to come to him in his dire extremity, he received only two whose children attend the school—one of them living outside the corporation. These are the methods adopted by our modern Socrates in encompassing his reappointment. I remember my first visit to the school, Mr. Donovan informed me it was his aim to teach the pupils to read and write, so that when they went from home they would have no need of employing others to do that service for them. After such an admission, and with the evidence before me of an entire lack of discipline, I had no desire whatever to visit the school, where in one department such a hollow mockery at teaching was carried on.

There is a dark chapter connected with this re-hire which is known to the employed and others interested in the school, and it will yet be held up to the light of day and the whole ignoble transaction and the despicable part taken in it by the participants exposed to an intelligent and fairly disposed public.

N. Murray.

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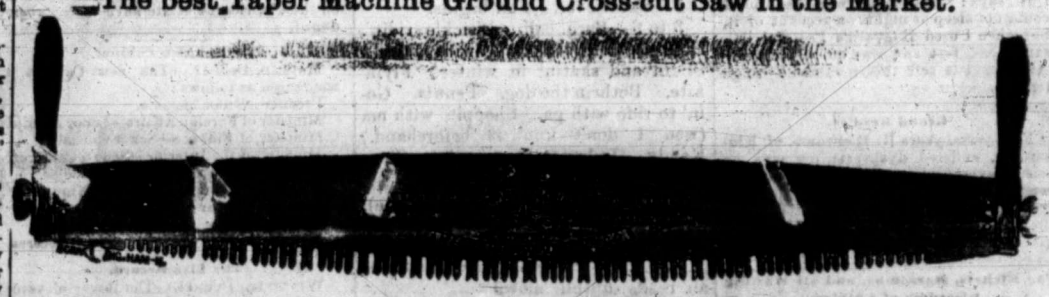

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