

Homicide At Shuswap

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What looks like deliberate murder was perpetrated at the Halaut reserve at Shuswap last Friday, the crime being the outcome of bad feeling and whiskey. The victim was an Indian named Billy Jules and the man charged with killing him is known as Martin Andrew. Whatever the main motive for the killing may have been, it is stated that a woman and her relations with other men lay at the bottom of it. An Indian seldom kills in these days unless his passions are inflamed and the needed stimulus was provided in this instance by a couple of those despicable creatures who almost make a business of supplying liquor to the natives. The whiskey was there, Alec Duprat and F. MacKenny providing it, and there was a carousal in which half a dozen Indians took part. Under the influence of the liquor Andrew took his rifle and shot Jules, the bullet striking him in the right side, breaking a rib and running

round and in front of the abdomen under the skin, emerged in the mid-line. The shot did not kill, but it disabled the victim. Possibly fearing to fire another shot, or perhaps because he had only the one charge in the rifle, Andrew finished the work he had begun by crushing in Jules' forehead with a large stone.

All the persons implicated in the affair were promptly placed under arrest and the two wretches who supplied the whiskey were summarily dealt with by the magistrates at Shuswap, Duprat being given the full penalty of six months, and MacKenny escaping with a lighter sentence of sixty days.

An inquest was held on Friday at Shuswap by Coroner Clarke and a verdict of murder found.

Provincial Constable Fernie brought the whole party concerned in the affair down to Kamloops and Andrew will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon or tomorrow.

Correctly Adams Lake reserve

ARMED MURDERER IS TAKEN AT GUN'S POINT

Author of Shuswap Crime Captured Within Few Hours of the Killing

Further particulars of the capture of the Indian, Martin Andrew, the murderer of Billy Jules, at Shuswap, have been received by the provincial police department from Chief Constable Fernie, of Kamloops, who rounded up the fugitive within a few hours after the murder had been committed. Jules, also an Indian, was shot and instantly killed on Sept. 4 by Martin after a quarrel, the cause of which is not known. After the killing Andrew fled to the mountains, but now he rests in jail along with four other Indians who participated in the row, and two white men who were tried and heavily sentenced for selling the liquor to the Indians.

The murder was the outcome of a drunken brawl and created great excitement among the natives of the neighborhood. An inquest was held on the body of the dead Indian and before the investigation had been completed word was received by Chief Constable Fernie that the murderer had come down from the mountains and secreted himself in a house in the Indian village which had been deserted by the 100 or more Indians all of whom were attending the inquest or scouring the country after the fugitive. The majority had assembled across the river from the village, but when the news that Andrew had been located became known the Indians, all of whom were armed, became greatly excited and started across the river in their canoes, but when it came to following Constable Fernie to the house they showed no desire to go further and the officer had to proceed alone.

Chief Constable Fernie persuaded Andrew to come out into the open and at the point of his revolver forced the murderer to throw up his hands and after he had been secured he was brought to Shuswap and locked up. Andrew showed the greatest indifference and evidently failed to appreciate the position in which he found himself.

From the time of the murder until the capture of Andrew not more than twenty-four hours elapsed and the prompt work of Chief Constable Fernie is greatly commended by the department.

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