

MURDER, NOT SUICIDE,

So Says Doctor Who Made Post-mortem on Thomas Wooden.

Body Examined and New Inquest Held - Dr. Dundas Examines Wounds and Says They Could Not Have Been Self-inflicted - Searching for Poison - Mrs. Wooden's Testimony.

Pursuant to instructions issued by the attorney general, a full investigation into the circumstances of the death of Thomas Wooden, which occurred under suspicious circumstances in January last, was begun at Taylor's Corner, Sundry county, yesterday.

Such action had been made imperative by the widespread dissatisfaction upon them as there was no regular coroner in the vicinity. A few days ago a letter was printed in the Sun from Magistrate Murphy, who contended that such was the case, while the facts are that Coroner H. B. Fride, of Fredericton Junction was regularly appointed and sworn in some time before.

At the first inquest no post-mortem examination was held and the principal witnesses were the widow and a young son of her's, upon whose evidence the jury decided that the deceased had committed suicide.

Dissatisfaction at the conduct of the proceedings grew into strong suspicion against the widow, which was accentuated when an elder son of the deceased returned from the lumber woods and openly expressed his conviction of his step-mother's guilt.

He began to move for a renewal of the inquiry, with the result seen yesterday, when the eight months' buried body of Thomas Wooden was exhumed, and a new inquest held, with results startling though incomplete, as it was found necessary to postpone the inquiry pending an analysis of the contents of the digestive organs of the deceased with a view of deciding if the use of poison, as suspected, had any part in his taking off.

The opinion regarding poison was first excited by a letter previously mentioned in the Sun, which Mrs. Wooden produced a month or so ago, purporting to be written by her husband, announcing his intention of committing suicide by this and other means if necessary.

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On the other hand witnesses testified to apparently uniformly pleasant relations between her and her husband, and nothing was adduced to show any motive for such a deed, as she stood to lose rather than to gain by Mr. Wooden's death.

One witness yesterday swore that John Wooden, the son of the deceased by the present Mrs. Wooden, had told her that the night before his father's death he had heard him screaming in agony all through the night.

Mrs. Wooden declared that she had noticed no unusually distressing symptoms in her husband at that time.

Whatever was the present jury decides enough has been adduced to confirm the Sun's contention that this new investigation was in the interests of justice necessarily.

THE POST-MORTEM.

The body of Thomas Wooden was exhumed from its resting place in Blissville cemetery at ten o'clock yesterday morning and a post-mortem examination was then performed by Dr. M. G. Dundas, the local medical practitioner.

Considering the eight months' interval the remains were in a good state of preservation. They were those of a man of medium height, slim, with thin greyish hair, brownish grey moustache and pointed beard of the same color.

The body was placed upon the up-turned casket and the doctor did his gruesome work in full view of a crowd of men and small boys who clustered with careful attention around the scene.

Within the cavity of the skull and imbedded on the brain tissue two dentated 25 calibre revolver bullets were found, one of which was penetrated from the right temple and the other upward through all the lower bones of the skull from under the jaw.

These were kept for evidence and the stomach, liver, kidneys and parts of the intestines were bottled carefully and will be sent to Official Analyst M. V. Padlock of St. John for chemical examination.

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MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

Of a Powder Magazine on Governor's Island, Boston.

One Man Killed outright, and Several Others Seriously Injured - Miraculous Escape of Several Hundred Sunday Pleasure Seekers.

BOSTON, Sept. 7. - One of the government powder magazines at Old Fort Winthrop on Governor's Island, before Boston harbor, blew up shortly before 8 o'clock this evening with a detonation that was forcibly apparent all over the city and which was heard at points 20 miles away.

The powder that exploded consisted of about six tons and was stored in one of the numerous casemates that were built underground around the citadel and which of late had been used as a powder magazine.

The other casemates were empty. Each of these apartments was built with concrete walls 25 feet thick and covered with earth and masonry to the depth of 35 feet. This leaves the cause of the explosion entirely unexplained.

It is estimated that during the afternoon there were three or four hundred pleasure seekers on the island, and of that number fully 125 were within a radius of 200 yards of the fort.

All were covered with dirt and other debris and many were thrown to the ground by the terrific concussion and that all of them were killed is considered almost miraculous.

Negotiations have been pending some time for the release of the island by the government to the city as a part of the latter's park system, and although the transfer has not been formally completed the guard over the island has been somewhat relaxed of late, and as a result numerous clubs and pleasure parties have made use of it, especially on Sunday, the government's only representative there being an ordinance sergeant, who has to maintain a watch over the entire island.

There are several old ramshackle wooden buildings at the southern end of the island, but the fort itself, only a little of which is visible above ground, is of stone, some of the granite blocks being of immense size.

The tremendous force of today's explosion is shown by the fact that some of these great blocks were hurled several hundred yards, while one of the largest was sent into the air and came down through the citadel in the center of the fort, making a hole large enough to drive a team of horses through.

All over the island the effects of the explosion are visible, while in East Boston, South Boston and other parts of the city the concussion was severe enough to break windows and shake buildings to their foundations.

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