

investigate all and every criminal event, and communicate the result of their investigation to a magistrate which is called in France "*juge d'instruction*." This enables the latter to hold a preliminary investigation which is so perfect that it leaves little chance of escape to a guilty prisoner.

However, with our coroner's court, and our judiciary system, we may, in cases where murder has been committed, be able to obtain a result just as satisfactory as that obtained in France, and at a much lower cost.

How are we to obtain such satisfactory results with our own system?

By impressing upon the coroners the importance of their functions and of the necessity of understanding the nature of the duties they are called upon to perform.

The question suggests itself as to where they are to find this information. In our statutes? No, because these make no reference to the most important part of a coroner's duties, namely: the manner of proceeding so as to obtain the best result from an investigation.