

tives in the Force in later years, was dispatched to the McQueston district; Det. W. H. Welsh, one-time detective in the north-western United States, and who had a wide knowledge of the criminal element around Seattle, Wash., was instructed by Assistant Commissioner Wood to see what he could dig up in Whitehorse and Skagway and even go "outside" if necessary, and Detective Falconer was sent to the Forty Mile District, north-west of Dawson and closer to the Alaska border.

Detective Welsh, armed with a photograph of boat 3744, first looked up Constable Curry in Whitehorse when he arrived there July 31 and the latter had no trouble definitely identifying the boat and the registration number he had painted on it. Constable Curry recalled that two of the men who had left Whitehorse in that boat had been in the area for several days, and that on June 16, they had met three others who had arrived by train from Skagway. He could not supply any more information except that the five left Whitehorse in boat 3744 later the same evening.

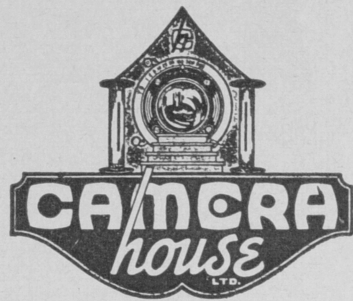
Detective Welsh then went on to Skagway where he found information to substantiate Constable Curry's recollection that the five had not travelled into Whitehorse together but that two had been apparently waiting there for the others to arrive. The passenger list of the S.S. *Amur* for June 16 bore only the names of three of the party—the murdered man Bouthillette, Constantin and Beaudoin. Welsh relayed this news to Dawson and on August 2, he boarded the S.S. *Dolphin* bound for Vancouver.

While Detective Welsh was heading back to "civilization", another grisly find in the Yukon considerably changed the course of investigations. On July 30, Cst. Garnet Graham of Ogilvie Detachment was told by a prospector named Forest that he had found a body in a slough seven miles above Ogilvie. Constable Graham went to have a look and it only took that one look to convince him that

despite the fact the body appeared to have been in the water a considerable time there was no doubt the man had met with foul play. He wired Dawson headquarters and from there, orders were sent to Selkirk to Insp. A. M. Jarvis, CMG, and Asst. Surgeon G. H. Madore to go immediately to Ogilvie.

It looked as if part of the victim's head had been blown off by gun shot and so Inspector Jarvis and the Surgeon brought the corpse into Dawson for a post-mortem examination. An inquest was also held and a murder verdict returned. When the body was found, it was noted a rope had been tied with slip knots between the ankles and arms. Two water-soaked \$5 bills were found in the pockets, one marked Banque Nationale, Quebec, and the other, Eastern Townships Bank.

When Dominion Police Constable Marcoux had been making inquiries in that province for the NWMP, he had obtained careful descriptions and photo-



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