

'We Murdered James,' Mystery Letter Reads

Goderich, Nov. 6 (CP). — Termed "mysterious and astonishing" by Crown Prosecutor W. B. Common, an unsigned letter was introduced today at the trial of Samuel Dodge, 41-year-old Indian charged with the murder of James Kilpatrick.

Kilpatrick, 67, a carpenter who was employed by Dodge, was slain with an axe last June 20. His body was found in the Dodge home near Exeter.

Mrs. William Carrick, who resides two miles west of the Dodge home, testified she found the letter buried in wet sand in her laneway Aug. 7. She said she saw two strange men in an old automobile parked in a laneway shortly after Kilpatrick was slain.

The letter, read in court, said:

"Dear Friend: Say Dan, the people will never know if we don't tell anybody about this. Say, it's a damn good job if the police don't find my finger-prints on the axe-handle. I told you that we shouldn't stop there. Now we murdered James Kilpatrick. Say, never tell my wife about this. Well the old — dead. He will never make any trouble for anybody again.

"I tried to keep this myself, but these poor little children and his wife, the Indian he was so drunk he didn't know what was going on. Say, I wonder if that was his wife coming down the road with the two children. I have been wondering if she didn't get our license number. That's why I told you to hurry up and get in the car.

"Please destroy this letter."

The letter was admitted by consent of Defense Counsel Frank Curran of London.

Earlier today, Dr. M. C. Fletcher testified Kilpatrick died of head injuries caused by the sharp edge of a heavy instrument "such as an axe." He said Kilpatrick's arms were lacerated and bruised, as if he had been in a fight.

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The Crown rested its case tonight and the defense will proceed in the

Fourth Soldier Isolated In Scarlet Fever Fight

Guelph, Nov. 6 (Special). — A fourth member of the 41402nd Battery was admitted to the Guelph Isolation Hospital today as the unit remained under quarantine following an outbreak of scarlet fever. Three men, taken to hospital yesterday, were found to be suffering from a mild type of the disease, while the fourth is under observation. The unit is carrying out regular drills, but the troops are confined to barracks following the day's routine and special entertainment is provided each evening in the winter fair barracks. The quarantine applies to officers of the battery who are living in quarters outside the barracks.

morning. It is believed a verdict will be reached Thursday.

Effects of wine on Indians are more severe than on white people, Capt. Dr. T. R. McLeod, former Muncey Indian Reserve physician, testified.

"The Indian favors cheap wine which has a more lasting effect," said Captain McLeod, whose opinion was based on nine years' experience with Indians.

Kilpatrick was intoxicated when he died, Dr. E. R. Frankish, medico-legal expert, testified in telling of his examination of the dead man's stomach and brain. Kilpatrick might have been friendly and affable, or ugly and abusive, he said. Cheap Canadian wine was described by Dr. Frankish as "jungle" or "whoopie" stuff.

"It is a terrible drink to give an Indian," he said. "The degree of drunkenness produced by cheap wine is different from that produced by good liquor. In the case of wine you cannot tell when a man will recover."