

JUSTIFIABLE SELF-DEFENSE SAYS THE JURY SYMPATHY APPEARS VERY STRONG FOR MRS. SCOTT

Evidence Heard at the Inquest Into Death of Harvey Scott.

AGED MAN BEAT WOMAN'S DOG

And a Row Started—Verdict Comes as a Surprise—The Testimony Last Night.

"That Harvey Scott came to his death on Sept. 13, 1909, by a shot fired from a revolver in the hands of Mrs. Wesley Scott in justifiable defense."

After being out for nearly 45 minutes, the jury which, under Coroner Dr. Hughes, at Thorndale last night, investigated the death of Harvey Scott brought in the above verdict.

There was no question right from the start as to the feelings of the jury in the matter, and for about 40 out of the 45 minutes that they were out they were considering the best way to word their verdict.

A Surprise.

But their decision came distinctly as a surprise in view of the fact that absolutely no evidence was offered to show that Mrs. Wesley Scott had been in any way attacked or assaulted by her father-in-law on Monday morning last.

The nearest suggestion to anything of this nature was the quarrel which resulted when old Harvey Scott was beating the woman's dog, but there was absolutely no evidence offered that he had raised a hand to strike Mrs. Wesley Scott.

The Preliminary Hearing.

Mrs. Scott will come up before Squire Chittick on Monday afternoon for a preliminary hearing, and will probably be sent for trial at the October sessions.

Quite a large crowd gathered at the Thorndale station last night for the hope of seeing Mrs. Wesley Scott, but when she did not come they went on down to the town hall, where the inquest was to be held.

The Jury.

Crown Attorney McKillop conducted the examination of the witnesses, and Mr. Ed. Meredith, counsel for the defense, cross-examined them. The jury was composed of E. Nicholson (foreman), John McFarlane, Chas. Lee, Matthew Barber, Samuel Mabon, E. Vining, R. Murrell, James Thompson, Robt. Woods, John Taylor, Bert Logan and W. McMurray.

The Evidence.

Wesley Scott was first called, and stated that he lived on lot 12, concession 6, of West Nissour.

"The farm was owned by your father," asked Crown Attorney McKillop, A.—Yes.

Q.—How far is your house away? A.—About 30 or 34 rods.

Q.—Who are your family? A.—My wife, my daughter Clara and myself.

Q.—Did you own a revolver? A.—Yes.

Q.—For how many years? A.—For twelve or thirteen years.

Q.—Where was it usually kept? A.—In a drawer in a bedroom.

Q.—Were there two bedrooms? A.—Yes.

Q.—Was it kept in a cupboard drawer? A.—A bureau drawer.

Q.—Where was the revolver last Monday morning? A.—In the drawer.

Q.—Are you sure? A.—Yes.

A Big Revolver.

Q.—What kind of revolver was it? A.—Thirty-two calibre.

Q.—Was it loaded last Monday? A.—Yes.

Q.—How long had it been loaded? A.—Generally kept it loaded, but it had only been used once or twice.

Q.—Who used it? A.—I did.

Q.—Did your wife? A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—What time did you leave home last Monday morning? A.—About 6:45.

Q.—And went where? A.—To a threshing at Albert Morrell's.

Q.—Who was at home when you went away? A.—My wife.

Q.—Had your daughter been home? A.—No.

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BURGLARS AT TARA

Enter Several Places and Carry Off Some Small Change.

Tara, Ont., Sept. 17.—The VanDusen drygoods and bookstores, and the office of the Leamington, were entered by burglars on Wednesday night. A small quantity of cash was all the thieves secured. There is no clue to the robbers.

Popular Railwayman Hurt.

Mr. Alex. Dowdell, a motorman on the London street railway, who resides at 308 Simcoe street, had the misfortune to fall from his car last night and fracture two of the small bones in his leg. He was removed to his home, where Dr. Stevenson dressed the injuries. Mr. Dowdell is one of the most popular and efficient men in the services of the company.

WILD DRIVE WITH A FAST TEAM ABE JOHNSON ON THE WARPATH

Was Behind Span of Pacers in a Race at the Western Fair When the Judges Seeing He Was Intoxicated Ordered Him Down—Johnson Refused to Comply and Drove Out of the Grounds at Terrific Clip.

Abe Johnson, of Brantford, driver of racehorses, tried to break some world's records yesterday afternoon, and as a result of a somewhat wild drive, he cuddled up last night in the comfortable bunk of the police station.

Johnson had heard undoubtedly of the speed record set by his Senegambian namesake, J. Johnson, pugilist, and decided to retain the honors in the family.

He was driving Wilhelmina and Jennie Price in the team race at the Western Fair, and it was noticed in the second heat that Johnson was under the influence of liquor.

Mr. James McCartney, and Mr. H. Horn, owner of Wilhelmina, tried to reason with the man, but it was no use. He started in the second heat, and did fairly well. In the third, he was very bad, and everybody anticipated trouble. He had a narrow escape from going over the fence on one occasion, and the judges decided that he would not drive further owing to the possibility of injuring the horses and other drivers.

Defied the Judges.

They told him to get down, but he defied them, and P. C. Kelly was sent after him. He went into the paddock, but instead of remaining there, he drove through the grounds. In his journey he struck one of the wheels of the sulky against a post, bending the wheel badly.

The police were notified to get the man and Mr. James McCartney, and Mr. Horn started after him with a buggy. He drove through the city, and finally wound up at the Homestead House. The men took charge of the horses, and had them taken back to the stables, where they were cared for.

Placed Under Arrest.

In the meantime, the police were notified where Johnson was, and they arrested him.

The horses were a valuable team, and it was more by good fortune than anything else that they were not seriously injured.

Jennie Price took a record this year of 2:12 1/4 over a half-mile track, and is valued at \$2,300. Wilhelmina is also a valuable mare.

SEQUEL TO BIG BRASS CASE FOUR WRITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED

American Railway Company Seeks to Recover Certain Goods Which Were Purchased by Harris & Co. of This City Some Months Ago.

Four writs have been issued in the county court against Dora Harris, trading under the name of J. Harris & Co., junk dealers, to recover the value of certain brasses held by the defendant.

Some time ago Mr. Harris bought a car of brass from a firm in Hamilton. After the purchase detectives arrived from the other side, claiming that the brass had been stolen from several American railroads.

The case came up in the local police court, but was held over, pending the action of the railway companies.

The Writs.

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LICENSE INSPECTOR ARRESTED MR. GALPIN IN A NEW ROLE

Tried to Force His Way Into Fair Grounds, But the Gate Man Had His Orders and Kept to Them—Lively Row at the King Street Gate.

Inspector Galpin was the storm centre of a very interesting little mix-up at the Fair Grounds yesterday. He appeared at the King street gate and asked for admission.

The gate-keepers refused, and he was sent to the pass gate.

As Mr. Galpin did not have a ticket or a pass, the gatekeeper refused to allow him to pass through, as his instructions were that no person should enter without a ticket or a pass.

The inspector insisted on going in, as his badge of office, he said, entitled him to entrance.

Inspector Arrested.

The gateman was firm, and as the inspector attempted to pass through he was seized by a couple of guards, and for a minute there was quite a struggle.

Then Mr. Galpin was taken in charge by a couple of special officers and landed in the little jail on the grounds.

A messenger was sent for Sergeant Birrell, and the inspector was liberated after spending twenty minutes or more in the detention ward.

"It was rather unpleasant," said Inspector Galpin. "I am sorry it happened. I told them who I was, showed them my badge, but they would not allow me to pass. It is too bad there is not a better system. A policeman in uniform could not get in. There is no question about my right to go in, but it was not necessary to hold me up like that."

The gateman was acting, however, on the instructions of his superior officer, and he could not allow the inspector in without authority.

A. SCOTT'S BOY THE FAVORITE GETS H. SCOTT'S BIG FARM

With All the Stock, Etc.—Will of the Man Alleged to Have Been Murdered at Thorndale Has Come to Light—Life of the Scotts Appears to Have Been Unhappy.

The verdict in last night's inquest at Thorndale tells, perhaps, better than anything else could, the deep story which the people all through the district feel for Mrs. Wesley Scott.

For many years her neighbors knew that her life was an unhappy one, but little by little things that they never knew before on account of the manner in which the Scotts kept to themselves.

Firece Quarrels.

It was well known among those who lived near Harvey Scott and his sons that there were often fierce quarrels, and particularly between the old man and Mrs. Wesley Scott, whom, according to his wife's testimony last night, he never liked to live.

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