

Re: Julien LALONDE, Driftpile, Alta.--
Murder. (Sec.263)C.C.of C.

....this rumour.

(VIII) Julien Lalonde, accused herein, bears a good reputation. He is very well liked by both Indians, and Whites in the surrounding district. He has apparently never been suspected of any crime.

(IX) Deceased bore a good reputation, but he had just previously been convicted of an infraction of the Prairie Fires Act, and was to pay a fine at an early date. According to Const. Skead, he had shown signs of being very depressed, as he was having difficulty in raising said fine, coupled with the fact that he had left his wife, and he was wondering what would become of his children. The file Re: Victor Cardinal, (Treaty) Sucker Creek, Alta.--Accidental Death, discloses that it was he who had tracked Deceased in that instance, and located the body.

(X) Rosalie Williar bears a poor moral reputation, and is second only to Jean. She is of strong character, and it is rumoured that she can influence her husband to a great degree.

(XI) Albert Williar bears a good reputation, but is considered soft, and under his wife's thumb, although he is well liked in the surrounding district, by both Indians and whites.

(XII) On the other hand, in support of the suicide theory, we have the following:-

(I) The last statements made to me by Albert Williar and his wife. It is true that they have now made three different statements, but I do not give them credit for being sharp enough to make these statements which dovetail so naturally, on a fabrication, especially when one considers that they could not have foreseen the experiments with 22 rifle conducted by us, therefore would not have thought of variation in sound of reports made by the 22 rifle when fired during the time they were conversing, and when they were listening. I am therefore giving them credit for a lot of truth, if not all the truth, in these statements.

(II) According to the above statements, Albert Willier, his wife, Jean Williar, and Julien Lalonde were in the house when the shots were fired.

(III) It is definitely established that Julien Lalonde hid behind two trees, and he has his rifle with him at that time. When he Jean went out ostensibly to go to the toilet, he met her by the house and followed her in. He had left his rifle to the left hand side of the door outside before coming in. This rifle could have been seen in the light of the lamp and as one entered the house. This was possible. He had words with his wife, then left. He could have taken the rifle as he went. He loaded the same whilst on what they call the short-cut (Foot-path where body was found) as a live cartridge was found there, not far from the body. He could have held the rifle to his head and fired the first shot, which merely went through his cap and grazed his scalp. (Dr. Wood states this was not enough to stun him) He could have moved forward and reloaded. (The cap could have been blown three feet away with the force of the explosion and the force of the bullet) He could then have placed his rifle to his head, and fired the fatal shot. Dr. Wood states death must have been instantaneous. Deceased would necessarily fall on his face, possibly with the rifle under the upper part of his body. He would likely have fallen face down at Blood-Spot No.1. He must have layed there for a half hour. (Dr. Wood states that it would take about that time for a considerable amount of blood to penetrate the snow and ice to the ground, all depending of course on the flow of blood). It is believed that Spot No.1 was made by nose-bleed. He would have struck his nose in falling. (Dr. Wood stated that there was clotted blood in the nose of Deceased when he first saw it.) Clot No.2 would be just where blood P.T.O.