

MURDERED IN HIS OWN HOME

CHARLES FREEDMAN
SHOT LAST NIGHT

Perpetrator of Crime Escaped
From House After Fatally
Wounding Victim.

(From Tuesday's Daily).
One of the most deliberate and cold-blooded murders which have ever occurred in the city of Victoria took place last night, shortly before midnight, at 1402 Stanley avenue. The name of the murdered man is Charles Freedman, and he has been a resident in the city for a good part of the time since the year 1888. There is not a person in the sporting circles either in Victoria or in Dawson City to whom the name of Freedman is not known. As one of his friends stated to a reporter of the Times this morning:

"Charles was an expert."
Freedman had had an adventurous career. After running a music hall in Dawson City, where he met his wife, he came back to Victoria and was for a time the manager of the Savoy theatre. Mrs. Freedman was a vaudeville actress, and when she was appearing at the music hall at Dawson City, her husband, the courtship was short and they were married within a few months of the time when they first

met. Since Mr. and Mrs. Freedman have come back to the city of Victoria, Mr. Freedman has followed a sportsman's career. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Freedman went to the Grand theatre and in due course returned home in company with a Miss Hagenback, who has been living in the house for a little over a year. Miss Hagenback went upstairs almost as soon as they got into the house, and Mr. and Mrs. Freedman stayed below for a few moments. They were on the point of going to rest when Mr. Freedman entered the kitchen for the purpose of obtaining a glass of water. The electric light was turned on in the dining-room and as Mr. Freedman went into that room he was confronted by a man with a loaded revolver. Evidently the murderer was not a stranger to him, for without a second's delay he cried out to his wife:

"Phone to the police."

Then he endeavored to shut the door, but he was unable to do so. His wife rushed to the telephone and almost as she took down the receiver, she heard a shot. The murderer made a speedy escape through the window of the dining-room, although momentarily he was wounded through the lungs, started in pursuit. He reached the front gate, some ten yards from the spot where he had been shot.

"Marion, I am shot, I am done for," he gasped, as the blood from his wounded lung welled up internally. There was a slight choking noise, a shudder and Charles Freedman was a dead man.

The murderer leaped over the fence and disappeared into the darkness, making towards Spring Ridge. Miss Hagenback watched his progress from one of the upstairs windows, but was naturally helpless to arrest his course. Very shortly after the murder had been committed the police arrived at the house, and a little later Dr. Frank Hall and Dr. Ernest Hall made an examination of the dead man. It did not take medical aid more than a few moments to discover that life was extinct. According to the statement of Miss Hagenback the assassin was dressed in a dark overcoat and cap and was wearing a shawl. Blood was sprinkled on the floor of the dining-room and a dark stain of blood by the front gate shows where Freedman fell.

The motive of the murder and his identity are both matters of surmise at the time of writing. The theory of burglary has been advanced, and while it may have been the motive those who are conversant with the facts of the case seem inclined to the opinion that there was perhaps some standing grudge which was sought to be satisfied by the murder. The deliberation shown helped to bear out this theory.

The police are watching every person who leaves the house and are satisfied that no one who even remotely resembles the description of the murderer left for Seattle on the Princess Royal this morning. The chief of police and other officers made a very minute examination of the house and of the garden to-day and carried some clouds of turf upon which were footprints. Mrs. Freedman and Miss Hagenback stayed at one of the hotels in the city last night, but returned to the house about 10 o'clock this morning, when the heart-

broken news was received to recall the history of the crime. She knew it for the benefit of the police. With the one exception that she did not actually see the shot fired, Mrs. Freedman is able to give a succinct and vivid story. Although suffering intensely from the effects of the shock, she is bearing up well.

In connection with the case several were on the spot almost immediately after the shooting. Only one person in addition to the victim and the murderer is known to have seen the actual deed committed. This was Mrs. W. T. Andrews, who lives next door to the house occupied by the Freedmans.

Her bedroom window looks directly into the windows of the Freedman house. She heard the Freedmans return to their home and about ten minutes later heard loud talking in the house. She was disturbed by it to such an extent that she got up and going to the open window of her room had a view of the Freedman house. She heard scuffling and then saw a flash of the firearm. At the time the one who fired was in the pantry which opened off the kitchen. The victim was in the kitchen. Following that the person jumped out of the window right in front of her eyes. Mrs. Andrews was so dazed for the time being, however, that she is not able to describe the man. She says she can recollect nothing as to his appearance.

Following the shot she heard Mr. Freedman say, "My dear, you ought to have known you could do nothing." One of the first on the scene was Hubert McIntyre, son of R. L. McIntyre, who lives directly opposite. He heard a shout for help and immediately afterwards a shot. Quickly rushing to the spot, he heard Mrs. Freedman shouting for someone to telephone for a doctor. He returned to his own home and telephoned for the doctors. R. S. McIntyre was early on the scene also and A. B. McNeill, who was returning home, also joined in aiding to make the victim as comfortable as possible.

A few living on Stanley avenue who were awakened by the outcry, looked out of their houses in time to see the person supposed to have committed the crime rush down the street. In nearly every case the description furnished by them is not very minute and of little advantage to the police.

Earlier in the evening Mrs. Andrews, while in her kitchen, heard a noise outside her dwelling which she took for some one passing around the side of the building. She was a little disturbed at the time, but soon forgot it.

As the two houses, that of Mrs. Andrews and the one occupied by the Freedmans are exactly alike, it is possible that the person may have mistaken and upon discovering it left and went to the other house. This is on the presumption that the assailant was seeking the house of Mr. Freedman.

The police are working assiduously on the case. They are proceeding along three or four theories so as to preclude any possibility of being thrown off the scent.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.
(From Wednesday's Daily).

There have been no further developments in connection with the murder of Charles Freedman, at least there has been no substantial manifestation of the way of arrests made by the police. At the same time the detective department and the police as a whole are working steadily on the case. There are some clews which the police are working upon which they are not saying much about, but which may yet result in solving the mystery.

This afternoon the inquest opened before the coroner, Dr. Hart, and a jury which was composed of the following gentlemen: E. B. Leason, Ed. Greenshaw, John H. Freeman, T. C. Grant, C. S. Brown and W. H. Adams. After the jury had been sworn in they proceeded to the undertaking parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, and viewed the body of the deceased.

The first witness who was called was Mrs. Freedman. She said that she arrived home about 11:30, and she at once went to the bedroom after taking off her outer wraps. She then went into the dining room with Mr. Freedman and Miss Hagenback, from the dining room she went into the kitchen for a glass of water. She returned to the dining room and they all had some fruit. Mr. Freedman got up and went into the kitchen. She heard him holler and ran into the kitchen.

Her husband was holding the pantry door against the burglar. All I could see was his arm outside the door. In his hand was the gun. Mr. Freedman told her to telephone for the police. She said she couldn't get central to answer, so she ran outside the door. She saw the burglar. She shouted for help and then came back and Mr. Freedman came running and said he was shot. He fell first at the front door. Then he picked himself up and walked outside again.

Witness said she did not hear any shots. That was all Mrs. Freedman said she knew.

The coroner: "Where was Miss Hagenback?"
Witness: "She was upstairs. She went up before I did."

In reply to a question she said the pantry door opened into the kitchen. "All I saw was the man through the partially closed door, and I saw him running down the street afterwards. He was in the front of the house. He reached the sidewalk by jumping over the fence, so Miss Hagenback said, and reached the road in that way."

In answer to the coroner: "The man got away before anyone came over." The chief continuing his examination, asked whether there were any lights in the house. The witness replied that there were not.

On the day following the murder the witness said she missed a nugget of several smaller things. She does not know that my husband had any fear of anybody," she said. "The name of my husband's father was Daniel."

This concluded Mrs. Freedman's evidence. Ella Hagenback was then called. She said that she had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Freedman home from the theatre. She arrived at the house about 11:30 p. m. The whole party went into the dining room, where witness took an orange and bade Mr. and Mrs. Freedman good-night. She then went through the kitchen and up to bed. Mrs. Freedman was in the kitchen and there was a light there. "I then went up-stairs," she said, "and prepared to go to bed when I heard agonized groans downstairs and I also heard a rush to the front. I went to my window in the front of the house in time to see a man run across the lawn and jump the fence. I then hollered for help. The man crossed the street before he went down Stanley avenue."

"At this time Mr. and Mrs. Freedman were just going down the steps. I saw this I had heard Mrs. Freedman holler for help. I went outside and asked somebody to help myself and Mrs. Freedman to take Freedman into the house. There was a gentleman and lady coming down the street and they helped us to bring him in."

Mr. Freedman was all over blood when he was taken into the house. He asked Mrs. Freedman to take his coat off. I do not know whether she did so. I went for some hot water."

Dr. George Hall stated that he had made a postmortem examination of the body of Charles Freedman. When he first saw the body, Freedman had no coat on, and his shirt was bloodstained. There were a few slight abrasions on the head, and a slight abrasion on the right knee. There was a bullet wound on the left breast in the front. The direction of the bullet wound was slightly upwards toward the bullet having passed through the left centre of the heart to the pericardium. The bullet was found lodged in the pericardium.

The bullet was produced in court. The doctor went on to say that all the organs of the dead man were in a healthy condition. The death occurred from the wound, from the hemorrhage which occurred in the region of the heart, following the effects of the shot. It was possible that a person might live for some minutes after receiving a wound of this nature.

The inquest was in progress at the time of going to press.

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returned the following verdict: "We find that Charles Freedman met his death through wilful murder by some person or persons unknown. We also wish to add this rider: "That in our opinion the proper steps should be taken for the increase of the police force in the residential districts throughout the city."

THE PROCEEDINGS THEN TERMINATED.

BODY OF C. FREEDMAN
WAS LAID AT REST

Funeral of Murdered Man
Took Place To-day—No
Arrests Yet Made.

(From Thursday's Daily).
A large number of persons collected on Government street this afternoon when the body of Charles Freedman, who was murdered on Monday, was taken from the B. C. Funeral parlors for burial at the Jewish cemetery. There was a large attendance at the funeral.

Beautiful floral tributes in the way of wreaths, sprays and pillows to the number of over 50 were placed on the grave. The ceremony was conducted by J. Lancaster.

The pallbearers were: Paul Fleming, Max Leiser, H. Howard, Capt. Jackman, C. K. Murray and Alex. W. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, who are intimate friends of the widow, and who live in Seattle, came over last night specially for the purpose of attending the funeral.

Although the police are putting forth every effort, they have not arrested any person in connection with the crime up to the time of going to press. It is recognized that the police have a very arduous task in connection with the tracing of the murderer.

IMPROVEMENTS OF
C. P. R. IN PROVINCE.

Huge Expenditure in Renovating
Track Between Nelson
and Midway.

(Special Correspondence).

Grand Forks, March 10.—The general public are in utter ignorance as to the amount of money that the C. P. R. is expending at present in improving its track between Nelson and Midway. During the next twelve months fully one million dollars will be paid out for the work. The full length of the big bridge at Cascade alone will cost fully half a million dollars. Besides this two large extra gangs and two work trains are now at work at Wade station repairing railroads.

It is stated on authority that the combined pay rolls from the various railway camps in this district, will in the next twelve months exceed the Granby smelter pay roll.

NEW STORE FOR COQUITLAM.

Coquitlam, March 11.—A large general store is the latest prospect for Coquitlam, the project being pushed by a resident of Manitoba, who has been in the city for some time. He is convinced that Coquitlam is good enough for him. He has it in mind to deal in nearly everything that the country will sell or buy, and expects to do business on an extensive scale. He has secured a good site close to the station, having bought a couple of acres from Mr. Hines, on which he has a small building at present. The new man proposes to build in a few months, putting up a fine dwelling for his family as well as store premises with ample space.

CRUELTY TO CHICKENS.

New Westminster, March 11.—The city police are after a resident of Chilwaik who was responsible for the death of a number of chickens through crowding too many in one box. The box was discovered by the police at the train office and already three of the chickens were dead. The box was consigned from the up-river town to Wing Mow, the well-known chicken dealer. He will be asked to appear in police court and give the name of the shipper or assume the responsibility for the death of the chickens.

DIED FULL OF YEARS.

Hesper, Ont., March 12.—Lewis Kribbs, one of Hesper's best known citizens, 79 years. He leaves eight children, six daughters and two sons, one of the sons being William A. Kribbs, M. L. A.

4 HOSPITALS FAILED

James Heard, of Morton Park, Ont., says: "While employed at the Speciality Works of Newmarket, 6 or 7 years ago, I bruised my ankle, but through neglect this bruise turned to an ulcerated or burning sore which caused me a great deal of suffering. I tried a great many remedies, but failed to get better. I was in the hospital four times. I tried almost everything, but nothing did me any good. I could not sleep at night with the scalding pain. I was in the hospital in the first application of Zam-Buk I never lost any sleep, and felt nothing more of it than if I hadn't had any sore at all. It healed and I gave my word to the doctor. Shortly after this I was getting on a street car, my foot slipped and I came with all my might down the edge of the step and gave my foot a terrible bruise. This made it far worse than ever, but I started again with Zam-Buk, and it did the same work over again as it did at first, and I am now as sound and well as ever it was. I cannot speak too highly of Zam-Buk."

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After a short deliberation the jury

MUNICIPALITY OF
NORTH SAANICH
Council Rescinds Reduction in
School Board's Estimate
—Routine Business.

(Special Correspondence).

Sidney, March 10.—All the council board were present at the meeting last night. After the adoption of the previous meeting's minutes, communications were received from Hon. J. S. Helmecken referring to the action of last year's council in granting permission to the Sidney Brick and Tile Company to open up a road on his property, and also offering the council five acres of land, provided the owner of the adjoining property gave a like amount. This would increase the width of the road from 30 to 40 feet. The hon. gentleman will be thanked for his offer and informed that the council do not wish to increase the width of the road. The revenue and councillor Julius Brethour, delegates to the convention of the Union of British Columbia municipalities at Nanaimo, reported a very successful convention. The report was adopted.

The council decided to subscribe \$30 in aid of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society and they also nominated Dr. W. G. Cumming, medical health officer, as a governing member of the society.

The school board wrote the council informing them that they would not accept the reduction in the estimates and referred them to section 32 of the School Act.

Councillor McDonald moved, seconded by Councillor Herber, that the motion at the last meeting of the council regarding the school board's estimate for a janitor's services from \$100 to \$75, be rescinded and that the board be notified that the council accepts the estimates at present.

Dr. W. G. Cumming wrote that he and other parties interested had graded the continuation of Third street and asked the council to take over the street and pass on the work done, and requesting the council to gravel the same. The road was taken over and the doctor will be informed that the road will be gravelled as soon as weather permits.

The revenue tax by-law was next taken up and upon motion of Councillor H. Brethour, seconded by Councillor McDonald, it was referred back again to committee for further consideration.

The revenue by-law amendment by-law, 1908, was reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed.

Councillor H. Brethour, seconded by Councillor Julius Brethour, moved that the resolution at the last meeting fixing the total estimated expenditure at \$3,000 be rescinded and that further consideration of the matter be laid over until the assessment roll is returned. The motion carried, the revenue dissenting.

The committee having in hand the drafting of a local improvement by-law was adopted and the by-law drafted was read a first time, and will be taken up in committee at a special meeting on Saturday, the 14th inst.

Councillor Herber introduced his pound by-law, which prohibits all domestic animals from running at large at any time. It received its first and second reading and was also left to be further dealt with at the special meeting.

Councillor Julius Brethour asked that repairs be made on the east road from Reay's bridge north to the Methodist church. The work will be proceeded with under the councillor's supervision.

When the pattern is sent to the assessment and to return the roll not later than the 21st inst.

The council adjourned to meet again on Saturday, March 14th, at 7.30 p. m.

LIBERALS ACTIVE
IN BELLA COOLA.

Wireless Station Wanted at
Port—Good Salmon Run
in Inlet.

(Special Correspondence).

Bella Coola, March 7.—The Bella Coola Liberal Association held a meeting on Monday, March 2nd. Many matters of great importance were discussed. Among them was the desirability of having the Dominion government install a wireless telegraph station at Bella Coola and also to build a battery at the head of this wonderful Bella Coola district. The Bella Coola fish are exceptionally fine.

Young People's Society.

A young people's society was organized at the McKenzie schoolhouse on Thursday evening, March 5th. There was a large attendance. A constitution was arranged and the election of officers proceeded with the result being the election of the following: J. R. Morrison, president; O. Posbak, vice-president; Miss Leveller, secretary; Miss Gibson, treasurer. A strong committee on entertainment was also appointed.

The little steamer Swann came in late on Thursday night bringing a few passengers who came up to Namu on the Amur. It is considered too bad here that all boats do not call at this important port for passengers, etc.

NEWSIES IN SALOONS.

Vancouver, March 11.—Chief of Police Chamberlain will be asked by the board of license commissioners to instruct the officers to keep newsboys out of saloons. Commissioner Watson Jew the attention of the board to the matter at the regular monthly meeting, stating that newsboys under the age of 18 years were in the habit of hawking their wares in saloons between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock, and in this way were brought into contact with drunken men.

A resolution was passed asking the board of police commissioners to look into the matter.

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WASHOUTS TIED UP
C. P. R. TRAINS

Tracks Snowed in by Slides in
Ashcroft District
on C. P. R.

Vancouver, March 11.—For about ten hours yesterday the main line of the C. P. R. was tied up because of washouts and slides on the Thompson section, to the east and west of Ashcroft. Train No. 96, which left Vancouver yesterday afternoon for Montreal, was held at North Bend, and the west-bound transcontinental express due here at 1 o'clock this afternoon, was halted at Kamloops pending the clearing of the line for traffic. The latter train will not be scheduled to reach Vancouver till 9 o'clock to-night.

The largest washout occurred to the east of Ashcroft, where a section of roadbed 400 feet in length, suffered considerably. A smaller washout occurred a short distance west of Ashcroft, and there was a slide 150 feet long in the same locality. This slide precipitated six feet of mud, rock and snow on the tracks. A Chinook wind, accompanied by heavy rains, caused the trouble.

JAPANESE WRECKER.

Vancouver, March 11.—Deyna Konda, a Japanese, was sent to jail for 12 months by Magistrate Williams to-day. Konda broke into the house of Mrs. Morino, Powell street, early on the day morning, and after assaulting one of the roomers, took an axe and demolished four doors, two windows and a stove. He was arrested while attempting to smash the furniture, J. de B. Farris, who appeared for the prosecution, argued that the accused was guilty of the charge of assault, attempted robbery and burglary, as well as that of damaging property. The court regarded the offence as a very serious one.

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Vancouver Alderman's Up-to-
Date Suggestion Will Be
Considered.

Vancouver, March 11.—"A fire escape that I have not seen in Vancouver, but which has been used successfully in various other Canadian cities, and which has for years been in existence in London, England, has so far escaped attention by the local authorities," said Ald. Prescott yesterday.

"This fire escape," he continued, "is in the form of a canvas chute and resembles a long bag. At the top it is held by a rope running the entire length, and this can be grasped so as to check the speed. The chute is descending, or any one in the street, can seize the bottom of the chute and lift it so as to form a sort of bed in case any excited persons should come down too fast, this action preventing those descending from striking the ground too hard. It is the quickest and safest method of escape I have ever seen."

"I shall introduce this subject at the next meeting of the council, and it will be a wise move to install such escapes to be provided in all tall buildings."

A. O. U. W. IN ROYAL CITY.