

location of the crimes if it had not already been divulged by Fournier.

Now the long journey "home" began. Welsh, Rook and Labelle left Wadsworth late September 1, arriving in Sacramento, Cal., at 8 the following morning. They transferred trains and headed north for Portland and Seattle, reaching that point early September 4. The party stayed over there for 3½ days.

It was back in Seattle that Detective Welsh cleared up the feeling of uneasiness he had had shortly before arresting Labelle, and in doing so, he uncovered a strange coincidence.

In making his inquiries in Seattle during the greater part of August, Welsh had actually received information concerning two different men named Edward Labelle. After arresting Labelle in Wadsworth, the detective learned from the prisoner that he had never been in Chicago, and Welsh, inclined to believe this, naturally concluded that several of his contacts had deliberately set him on the wrong track. However, it will be recalled that prior to leaving Seattle on August 26, he had wired the Chief of Police in Chicago for a photo of Edward Labelle who was supposedly known in that city. And now back at the West Coast centre, he found the picture had arrived and in viewing it, observed that it was a different man entirely. Still even more strange, both Labelles had been associated with Peter or Victor Fournier.

Also, Welsh learned from Labelle the various places he had been since leaving the Yukon after the crimes and realized that he had not been too far from the trail since arriving in Seattle. Labelle related that he and Fournier had remained in Dawson only a few days in the latter part of June after the murders, and from there, they went on down river as far as Eagle City in Alaska. Then they returned to Dawson July 19 and when they heard at the wharf that a body had been found in the river, Labelle said he became frightened, and unknown to Fournier, left Dawson July 22 on the

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