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Blow on the Head Caused The Death of "Ted" Owen

The Coroner's Jury After Hearing the Evidence ****************** of Thirteen Witnesses Brought in an Open Verdict-No Evidence to Indicate Foul Play -Walter Tracey Told a Straightforward Story.

A coroner's jury last night, which enquired into the death of "Ted" Owen, who was found dead on King Street early on Tuesday morning with his skull crushed in, returned an open verdict which set forth that the unfortunate man had been killed by a blow on the head but whether the said blow had been due to a fall or due to foul play the jury was unable to determine. Some thirteen witnesses were examined, but there was not a scintilla of evidence to show that the victim of the tragedy calculated to suggest a motive for the crime of murder. It was shown that Owen had been out with his car during the evening preceeding the tragedy and had been accompanied by a young man named Walter Tracey, a native of Calais, who is employed by the Maritime Electric Company. Two young women employed at the Marysville Cotton mill were with them in the car for a short time during the evening, but having refused to go on a joy ride had finally consented to allow Owen to drive them to their homes. One young woman was driven to her home on Aberdeen Street and the other to Marysville.

Thomas Owen, a brother of the was quite in conformity with the

The Post Mortem Dr. A. F. Vanwart on being sworn

said that he had made a post mortem gin. Vincent Boyle and Frank Hughie examination of the body of Owen. to witnesses' swore that they found Owen and He said that he had died from a ten o'clock, Walter Tracey was in Tracey in a car in front of the fractured frontal bone, the fracture the car with Owen at the time

Edgecombe house at 1.30 o'clock in extending down to the right orbet. Miss Minnie Tucker the morning. Both were intoxicated There had been hemorhage on both Miss Minnie Tucker was the and the witnesses being afraid that sides of the brain and there were witness they might be "pinched" had assist- marks on his right knee and the she lived in Marysville and worked ed them into the Edgecombe house. little finger and knuckles of his in the cotton mill. She first saw Two Edgecombe boys swore that right hand as well as marks on both Owen on Monday night in front of hips. He began the autopsy at 6.45 Woolworths. He drove around the modest French actress, bound for film- doings of unhappy Kleig lights in an early hour on Tuesday morning. o'clock in the morning. Deceased block and stopped in front of Edge had a small mark on his left hand combe's store. This was about 9.20 or smoke; her hair was never bobbed. a divorce from David Kirkland, di- clock and found that it was 2.15 which was partially healed. There o'clock. Witness said her companion She blushed when her picture was rector; Billy West, director, was giv- a. m. They afterwards heard some- was a large swelling over his left were asked to go for a drive but taken with Will Hays, and the es- en one from Ethyln Gibson, actress; body climb the stairs, and then heard eye, the lid of which was closed. declined the invitation, Owen then pecially requested that no mention be Kenneth Harlan, actor, testified he footsteps descending. Dr. A. F. Blood was trickling from both nos- offered to drive them to Margaret's made of any charms revealed by would sue three witnesses who in- Vanwart, who conducted an autopsy trils. On his right cheek bone there home, and they got into the car. swore that the wound on Owen's fore was a skin abrasion formed by mov- Her companion left the car at her head may have been caused by a ing over a rough surface. The frac- home and witness was driven to According to a New York expert fall. Police Sergeant Bird testified ture of the frontal bone went Thomas Owen's home on York street. ne men and women took to wearing that he found marks on the window through both tables of the skull. It Ted went into the house and came was an open wound, triangular in out soon afterwards with a sandengaged to take the castor oil for the and then the women got used to in- also on the roof over the verandah. shape, one and a half inches on one wich in his hand. side and two inches on the other. The witness then went on to say

At the widest point of separation it that they were joined by Mrs. measured three quarters of an inch. Thomas Owen and they drove up was some dust or foreign Queen street to Ted's home. There material in the wound. He would not was nobody there when they arrived say the wound was made by a knife, and after remaining two or three The wound could have been made by minutes they proceeded to Marysville see Dickie, but witness told him that something blunt or by the head and witness left the party at her Dickie was away. He heard Owen striking some object. The body was home. Ted was driving the car and talking to Mrs. Edgecombe or one warm when he first saw it. The witness was in back seat. They had wound with the hemorhage of the something in a beer bottle, which that there was no room for him. brain was sufficient to cause death. they drank. Witness was offered a Tracey was still in the car and seem-To the coroner the witness said drink but declined it. The bottle ed to be helpless. Mr. Boyle was that he thought that the wound could was emptied and thrown overboard. called and together they got Tracey

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body who would want to do away

A coat and cap were shown to as belonging to his brother. As for the cap he had never seen him wear

Vincent Boyle.

THE JURY'S VERDICT.

to enquire into the circum-

stances surrounding the death

of Richard B. Owen (Edward)

R. Owen) generally known as 💥

found dead on the sidewalk at

head, either by falling from a

window or some other un-

Harry W. Steen

Edward Hurley

M. D. Patterson

G. H. Young

J. J. Burns

known cause

"Ted" Owen, find that he was

"We" the jury empanelled ?

The next witness was Vincent Boyle, who said he was a meat cutter * and resided on King street. Witness had entered the Waverley Hotel of. * fice at one o'clock. There was a man there fooling with a German police dog and witness went out and took a seat in a chair in front of the hotel. Frank Hughie came over and sat down beside him. Soon afterwards they went up King street and turned out Carleton to Willliams 537 King street, Fredericton, % restaurant where they had a lunch N. B., on the morning of May # On leaving they went down King 22nd, 1928, and he came to # street. Near the Dairy Depot they his death by a blow on the % found Ted Owen asleep in a car. Hughie took him from the car and % led him to the steps of the Edge-* combe dwelling, they then discover-(Sgd.) Alex. Murray, foreman 💥 ed Tracey in the car and he was apparently helplessly drunk. They tried to arouse him but it was rather difficult work as he seemed dead to * the world. Hughie thought if they * left him where he was the police would come along and pinch him ※※※※※※※※※※※※※※ After a while they got Tracey from

> of the building and was facing west He did not think that the lights were turned on. He was positive that it was around two o'clock when witness

> > Frank Hughie's Evidence

Frank Hughie, was the next witness. He said that he first saw Owen at one o'clock. He was then in front of the Edgecombe building and was sitting on the bumper of his car Jpon returning from the restaurant at 1.30 o'clock, Owen was still there Witness woke him and he got into he car and tried to start it. Wit car. Owen then entered Mrs. Edge combe's house, he said he wanted to of the boys. He heard somebody say

up the stairs

benefits all," we suggest someone be clothes to protect them from insects sill of the Edgecombe house and

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Los Angeles, May 23-One day's Owen had entered their room at dom is with us. She does not drink court; Ann Page, screen actress, got When he left they consulted the

unfortunate man, was also out in the evidence. car for a short time and admitted that he was given two drinks of

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falling from a height. A fall of drinking but the car was not driven house and started fourteen feet could cause a fractured fast. She had not heard Owen or Witness, warned them against falling skull. The neck of the deceased Tracey say that they had been but Owen replied that he knew the was not fractured and there were quarreling. Witness said that they place better than did witness. Ted no bones broken except in the skull. reached Marysville about a quarter helpepd Tracey up the stairs and He had not bled externally, to any to eleven and after talking to the witness then left. Both men had two men about five minutes she been drinking but witness saw no great extent.

Policeman Hartt.

Dell Hartt, city policeman was the quite a while to reach Marysville Edward Edgecombe, who was next next witness examined. He said that the witness said that Owen had stop- called and sworn. He said that he he found the body of Owen lying on ped the car on Brunswick street resided in King street. He said that the sidewalk on King street. He and had entered a house to enquire he was awakened at two o'clock and examined it and made sure that the for his wife but had not found her. found Ted Owen and Hughie in his man was dead. He then telephoned She was quite sure it was quarter to room. He told them there was no for the doctor and Chief of Police eleven when she reached home and room for them and they had better and remained with the body until left the car. Owen and Tracey left go out. They left soon afterwards they arrived. He made the find immediately for the city.

about ten minutes to five o'clock.

went into the house.

He had previously passed the spot at three o'clock. The body was lying A brother of the deceased was the on its right side when he found it next witness. He said he resided in with the head pointing westward. York street and worked for the Mari-There was a wound on the head time Electric Company. He saw his which was bleeding a little. He did brother last night at eight o'clock. not think that the wound could have Tracey was then with him. Witness been made by a knife.

scene of the tragedy when he passed from a pop bottle. They returned at three o'clock, but was there when to the city and drove up the hill. the body was found. The car was Witness was given another drink and about four feet from the curb and was then taken to his home. Ted the lights were not turned on. and Tracey returned shortly before

Margaret McDonald.

Margaret McDonald who was next Tucker. Witness was then having a examined said that she resided in lunch and Ted and Tracey joined Aberdeen street and worked in the them. He and his wife were invited Marysville cotton mill. She had seen to accompany them to Marysville Ted Owen on Monday night about but declined the invitation. They had nine o'clock. He was in a car and taken drives with Ted on previous asked witness to go for a drive and occasions. He was not sure that it she refused. He then offered to was gin they gave him to drink as drive her home and she permitted he did not see the label. Neither him to do so, Minnie Tucker was in Tracey or Ted seemed to be worse the company of witness. They got for ilquor, although he thought they into the back seat and were driven had been drinking. He knew of no(Continued on Page S'x.)

Edward Edgecombe

liquor in their possession.

Thomas Owen.

Asked if it had not taken the car

got into the car and drove over the To juror Patterson witness said river with them. On the way over that Owen's car was not near the they treated him to a drink of gin

ten o'clock accompanied by Miss

