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INQUEST INTO G. ELTON MERRITHEW'S DROWNING RESUMES NEXT MONDAY

In Meantime R. C. M. P. Search for Unknown Woman Who is Known to Have Accompanied Deceased in Canoe Paddle on Nashwaaksis on Sunday, June 14—Nine Witnesses Heard.

After hearing nine witnesses in the inquest into the death of G. Elton Merrithew, Dr. Charles MacKay, coroner, adjourned the inquest for one week. Summing up the evidence at the conclusion of the taking of evidence on Monday night, Dr. MacKay broached the matter of an unknown woman, the evidence brought out, was paddling with the late Mr. Merrithew on the Nashwaaksis river on the Sunday afternoon he disappeared.

Said Dr. MacKay, "It is regrettable that this lady hasn't come forward." He said that he would insist that she come forward to tell what she knows of the case. "It is certain," said Dr. MacKay, "that she will be found sooner or later. There was even the possibility, the coroner said, that this lady may herself have been drowned since there is no way of knowing what became of her. 'We cannot now doubt that there was a woman with the late G. Elton Merrithew on the Sunday afternoon in question.'"

The resumption of the inquest will take place on Monday evening next, commencing at eight o'clock.

The R.C.M.P. reported here last night that so far the missing woman has not been located. A search for her is being made and it will be endeavored to have her present on Monday night next to give her testimony.

Three witnesses at the inquest on Monday evening gave definite testimony that they had seen the late Elton Merrithew in a canoe on the Nashwaaksis river, accompanied by an unknown woman. The three witnesses were C. E. Nash and Cyril S. Barnes of this city, and Arthur H. Staples of Nashwaaksis. The woman they described as a large woman, with dark hair. "Mature and fairly bulky," was the way C. E. Nash described her.

The nine witnesses were Mrs. Grace Bebbington, of this city, sister of the deceased; T. Bert Atherton, who keeps a canoe livery; Charles G. Foster of this city; Royden Gill of Nashwaaksis; Arthur H. Staples, fish warden; Garnet McGibbon, of Douglas; E. Ernest Nash of this city, Cyril S. Barnes of this city; and George E. Crawford of North Devon.

The inquest was held up for a few minutes by the absence of one of the jurymen, Harold Sanson, but the inquest was proceeded with the coroner stating that his presence wasn't needed in order to proceed. The jury was composed as follows: P. S. Watson, Guy Miles, Wilbur Elliott, Samuel Lean, Edward Hanson, Gerald Ashfield and Fred Kierstead.

Coroner MacKay said that drowning had been established as the cause of death.

Mrs. John Bebbington

Mrs. John Bebbington, sister of the late G. Elton Merrithew, was the first witness called. The witness said her brother had been staying with her since last fall. She usually knew where her brother was. He had not been in the habit of going on the river. Deceased had asked for a lunch on Sunday, June 14, between 1 o'clock and 1.30 p.m. He had been laughing and joking. Her brother's health had been very good. To knowledge of the witness deceased had not been despondent or melancholy. She missed deceased about midnight. She was worried on Monday and Tuesday called George Bliss, telling him Elton was missing. Mr. Merrithew had not gone out with any ladies, to witness' knowledge.

Bert Atherton

Bert Atherton, the next witness, was asked questions through a phone, being deaf. He told of letting deceased have a canoe on Sunday. The time was between 11 and 12 o'clock. Witness had given deceased a canoe, which the deceased had used three or four times during the summer. He didn't know of any occasion when the late Mr. Merrithew had had any one

with him.

Charles Foster

Charles Foster, the next witness, told of working for Mr. Atherton. Mr. Merrithew had asked him for a canoe. Deceased had appeared cheerful at the time he took out the canoe. Mr. Merrithew had seemed to be perfectly capable of handling the canoe.

Royden E. Gill

Royden E. Gill of Nashwaaksis told of finding Mr. Merrithew's coat on Tuesday. He found it 200 yards in from the mouth of the creek. Witness just picked it up and gave it to the police. Witness identified the coat.

Arthur Staples

Arthur H. Staples of Nashwaaksis stated that he found the paddle on Monday at 11 a.m. among the pulpwood on the St. John river. He said he saw a "small man of dark complexion." He was not alone. He was with a big girl, quite fat, with a white handkerchief tied over her hair. "A good-sized quite a fat woman." Witness thought he would recognize this woman if he saw her again. This was on the Nashwaaksis, about "half way up the creek." A man named Bill Staples was camping in that vicinity. The man in the boat went over and talked to Staples, witness said. "I saw him talking to Staples," witness said. Witness said the man he saw wore a white shirt. He would not recognize if the trousers exhibited were the same color.

Garnet McGibbon, the next witness, is a fish warden living at Devon. Witness found the canoe on Monday morning. It was afloat, lying against the pulp. The canoe had drifted, he thought. It had cigarette papers, an egg, a meat sandwich, collar and tie and some gum, handkerchief and a blanket. He found these things at 7 o'clock in the morning. The cigarette paper and tobacco were on the seat. It would not be possible for the canoe to tip and right itself with the articles in it. It was possible for the canoe to come out of the Nashwaaksis river and drift as it had done. The witness left the boat where he found it and the police took charge of it.

C. E. Nash

C. E. Nash told of seeing Mr. Merrithew on Sunday afternoon, 300 or 400 yards up the Nashwaaksis at about 3 or 4 o'clock. Mr. Merrithew was accompanied by a woman when he saw him. The woman was mature and fairly bulky. Witness thought she was bareheaded. The woman was medium in complexion. It would be "quite useless" for witness to identify this woman.

Cyril S. Barnes

Cyril S. Barnes of this city knew the late Mr. Merrithew by sight. Witness saw the late Mr. Merrithew in the Nashwaaksis river on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Merrithew was not alone. He was with a woman. She was sitting in the bottom of the canoe. Witness could not recognize her. One of the woman's arms appeared quite plump as it lay over the side of the canoe.

George E. Crawford of North Devon told of finding the late Mr. Merrithew's body between 2.45 and 3.30 on Saturday. He had been out in a boat and was preparing to dive. He saw the body as a big wave went past the boat he was in. Witness told of notifying the police. The body was drifting slowly at the time.

Woman Was With Him

Dr. Charles MacKay, the coroner, on summing up the evidence, said it was established quite definitely that the deceased was accompanied by a woman. An examination of the body showed no violence had been committed. Drowning had been established as the cause of death.

Dr. MacKay said it was "regrettable" that the lady had not come forward. He suggested that she may have become panicky. Concluding

IN THE STUDIOS

High Cost of Political Orations to Be Real Break for Listeners, But More Comedy Would Also Help

NEW YORK, June 24—When the gavel has fallen for the last time and the delegates at the coming political conventions have left the halls, the free and easy attitude of the networks ceases. From that day on to the November election it will cost real money to broadcast the attributes of the candidates and the principles they stand for. Although both party treasuries have earmarked plenty of cash for radio and will probably overspend it, the change from liberality to a policy of money or no microphones will be a break for the listener.

During the past six months almost any one with a knowledge of the ropes could wangle fifteen free minutes from the coast to coast chain. As a result listeners have been fed with more second rate wordage than they could or would absorb. But with every post-convention word costing the party at least \$4, if national coverage is sought, campaign directors are expected to select their speakers with extreme care, to ascertain that sentences scan and to be more or less sure that facts agree with facts.

Yet despite the high hopes of reaching prospective voters only a few of the orators are likely to command general attention.

It was so four years ago and none of the political bureaus has since shown any trace of a better understanding of microphone technique. If they were as wise as they think themselves to be they would imitate the programme moguls of today and frost their less interesting offerings with the dazzle of radio's headlines. Kate Smith has proved herself a real campaigner for worthy projects; the orchestras of a Waring, a Vallee, or a Whiteman, could remove the curse of statistics and lighten the monotony of "the man who" phrases. Even the comedians, many of them, will be free for the summer and might be drafted for the occasion providing the proper remuneration could be arranged. Such a combination of high comedy and low comedy in the right proportion would be more likely to put the listener in the receptive mood so highly desired by the professors of politics.

New Announcers for A. N. A.

Bill Hay's absence from the Amos 'n' Andy commercials is only temporary. While radio's veteran pair are travelling Hay is vacationing and Olan Soule announces the daily sketches. After June 8 another announcer not yet selected will do the honors for the summer. Tomorrow marks the sixth anniversary of Fields and Hall, NBC's song and comedy team. Jack Hylton, English importation, returns to London soon for a summer rest. Beth Wilson, torch singer, has joined Enoch Light's Orchestra. After a week on WOR, Enric Madriguera goes to NBC for a network series while Don Bestor moves his musicians to a Chicago spot for the summer.

When the Postman Rings Once

Lucille Manners, with an experienced eye on the survey index, sees the evening of June 15 as the prize period of the season. On that night over three million veterans must be in their homes to receive bonus envelopes from the postman. And while they are waiting, what is more natural than an ear to the radio.

Temperature and Tempo

Leo Reisman and his band have been carrying out a study of the psychology of music in co-operation with Columbia University. One of the facts unearthed was that very slow dance music is bad for the hot months. It raises the temperature of the listener, but so does swing

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music. Psychologists advise the use of simple melodies at a moderate tempo for July and August programmes.

Hats Off

Ted Weem's musicians wear his cast-off hats because hats are an obsession with the band leader and he wears a new one only a few times before another model catches his fancy. One of radio's most realistic features, the "Good Will Court" with its bona fide judge and the original complainants, moves over to WOR on Sunday, June 7. The first appearance of the Radio Theater show from Hollywood on Monday will present Clark Gable and Marlene Dietrich in a version of "The Legionnaire and the Lady." This will also introduce for the first time Cecil de Mille as producer of the show.

The Versatile Rosaline

Rosaline Green, the speaking "Mary Lou" of Show Boat, celebrates her 2,500th radio appearance on Tuesday on the WJZ "Brave Lady" serial. Few artists can equal Miss Green's record of versatility. Since her radio debut on WGY in 1923 she has taken 500 different roles. She has been a ten-year-old girl, a flippant co-ed, a sinister vampire and a ninety-year-old woman. Allen Prescott, who as "The Wife Saver" detours housewives around household drudgery, enters a new series next Wednesday morning on WEAF. The Jack Benny gang keep a record of the quips each one contributes to the programme. So far Johnny Green is tops.

Laughs at Fate

A person less fatalistic than Tom Terriss, active globe trotter and currently a Sunday afternoon broadcaster at WJZ, would be sitting around waiting for a powerful curse to catch up with him. But not Terriss, who was one of the fifteen men at the opening of the tomb of Tut-an-kh-Amen. Year after year he has seen eleven of his co-workers die, but he belittles the legend. To him there is more risk in crossing Sixth avenue to reach his studio on time for the weekly broadcasts.

Receives Call From Colombia

An offer from his native Colombia to return and head the newly formed municipal opera company in Tomaco is being seriously considered by Nano Rodrigo, whose tango orchestra broadcasts from WEAF. Like Peter Van Steeden, Rodrigo studied to be an engineer but switched to music when he had a chance to form and conduct an orchestra.

William Hard, journalist, has a new title. He is to be a "pause interpreter" at the coming political conventions. When action on the floor is slow, Hard will fill the gap and explain why the politicians are silent.

CAUSES OF OBESITY

There are three chief causes of obesity. The first is the most usual—overheating. By that is meant eating more food than is necessary to provide energy to run the body machine. It means that even though a normal diet may be taken you are too inactive to use up as much as you do take in. On the other hand, it may mean that more food is eaten than anyone could possibly need.

The second cause of obesity: abnormal body conditions. In some persons the gland which controls the rate at which energy is used to supply the vital functions of the body is underactive. This means that less fuel is required for body activity than in the normal person and the excess is transformed into body fat.

One more cause, and a good deal of controversy on this, in which an apparently normal person fails to reduce even on a diet which is less than his energy requirement, this person evidently has a highly efficient mechanism for extracting every last bit of value from the food with no waste at all.

City of Fredericton

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

The Assessment Roll for the year 1936, is now in the hands of the City Treasurer, for collection, and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of the respective taxes forthwith to the City Treasurer at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton. A discount of five per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid on or before the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JULY NEXT, after which date interest at the rate of one-half per centum per month will be added and execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided.

Dated at the City Hall, Fredericton, this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 1936.

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