

## SOLDIERS DROWNED.

Two Members of the R. C. R. I. Met a Watery Grave.

ROBIE HARVEY AND HARRY REDDON THE VICTIMS.

Fell Out of a Sailboat on Saturday Night.

HARVEY'S BODY RECOVERED AT AN EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING.

The members of the Royal Canadian Regiment are mourning the untimely death of two of their comrades, Privates Robie Harvey and Harry Reddon, who lost their lives by drowning in the river on Saturday evening. Reddon's body has not yet been recovered, but that of Harvey was found by the crew of the tug Hero, a short distance below the railway bridge, at five o'clock this morning.

From what can be learned of the affair it seems that the two unfortunate young men left the barracks about five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, to enjoy a sail on the river in the boat belonging to the men of the corps. They were accompanied by Privates Kennical and Vilodeau, and the party cruised about in front of the city until nearly eight o'clock, when the boat was landed at the Normal school wharf to allow Kennical and Vilodeau to land. Harvey and Reddon had been drinking during the afternoon, and the other two men, being afraid that they might obtain more liquor and not be able to handle the boat, urged them to go ashore, but to no purpose.

After getting rid of their two companions, Harvey and Reddon pushed the boat off and headed up river. This was the last time they were seen alive by any members of the R. C. R. I. It has since been ascertained that they landed their boat below the residence of James Tennant at the upper end of the city, between nine and half past nine o'clock, and made a short call at Mr. Tennant's store on the Woodstock road. After returning to the boat it is supposed that they started for the barracks, and while on the way down one of them, probably Harvey, who is thought to have been steering the craft, lost his balance and fell overboard, and that Reddon lost his life in an attempt to save him. Of course just how the accident occurred will never be known as the lips of the only witnesses to it are sealed forever. Strange to say neither of the men could swim, and the supposition is that they went to the bottom almost immediately, and perhaps without even calling for help.

The failure of the men to return to the barracks created some uneasiness, but no doubt as to their safety was ascertained until the following morning, when the boat was found among some logs on the St. Marys shore just above the highway bridge. In it were found the serge jackets and belts of both men, Harvey's cap, a bottle of ale, an empty liquor bottle and one oar. The boat was recovered by two men from the R. C. R. I., who learned from a resident of St. Marys that it had drifted in about ten o'clock on Saturday night. In the pocket of Reddon's coat was found his watch and the sum of nine dollars, and this dispelled the theory advanced by some that possibly the men may have deserted.

The news caused considerable excitement about the barracks, and immediately on learning of the circumstances connected with the men's disappearance, Major McDougall called out No. 4 Company and divided it into five patrols and instructed them to make a thorough search for the missing men. The patrols were out all Sunday, one taking the boat, and the other four going on foot. They scoured the country on both sides of the river, and searched a well known resort on the Woodstock road, but all to no purpose. Not a trace of the missing men could be found, and whatever doubt may have existed as to their fate was removed. The enquiry was kept up by individual members of the corps all day Monday, and several sensational rumors regarding the men were largely seized upon and investigated only to result in disappointment. Towards evening an absurd report reached town and gained some credence that the men were stranded upon an island above town, but the military authorities took no stock in it.

As above stated, the body of Harvey was found and recovered this morning below the railway bridge. It was brought to the surface by the wash from the steamer's paddles, and after being hauled on deck was landed at the Normal School wharf. The mili-

tary authorities were at once notified, and a detachment of soldiers removed the body to the drill hall and thence to the barracks, where it was prepared for burial by Undertaker Robert B. Adams. The head and face were discolored, the right eye was missing, and blood was oozing from the socket. There were also several bruises about the head, probably caused by contact with rocks at the bed of the river. The body was viewed by Coroner Seery, and he has decided to hold an inquest this evening.

The victims of the melancholy affair were among the most popular members of the corps, and their comrades are overwhelmed with grief. Harvey was 32 years of age and was a native of Advocate, Cumberland Co., N. S., where his mother and several brothers and sisters reside. He enlisted in the corps in 1897, and was a member of the detachment sent to the Yakon the following year. Shortly after his return to Fredericton the South African war broke out, and he was one of the first to offer his services. He enlisted in G Company of the first contingent, and was one of the heroes of Paardeberg, but was afterwards taken ill with fever and invalided home.

Reddon belonged to Windsor, N. S., and was about 23 years of age. He also served in South Africa, being one of the buglers with G. Company of the first contingent and participated in all the important engagements with the regiment of the first contingent. He has been a member of the corps a little more than three years, having lately enlisted for a second term.

Harvey's native place, as shown by the records at the orderly room, is Avondale, Hants County, and he is an adherent of the Church of England faith.

Coroner Seery has empanelled a jury and will hold an inquest at his office this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. The jury is composed of Thomas Wilkinson (foreman), Corp W V Wallace, Corp McCallum, Frank H Clarke, B J Griffiths, James Hurley.

The funeral of Private Harvey took place this afternoon with military honors. The solemn cortege left the barracks at 2.30 o'clock and proceeded to St Ann's church, where services were conducted by Rev Canon Roberts. The casket containing the remains was borne to the church on a maxim gun carriage, drawn by comrades of the deceased, and was preceded by the band of the corps and a firing party composed of thirteen rank and file in command of Corp Miles. The mourners included the officers and men of No. 4 Company and a number of civilians. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery, after the customary three volleys had been fired over the open grave.

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