

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Over the Body of Private Robie Harvey.

EVIDENCE SHOWED MEN HAD BEEN DRINKING.

Verdict of Death by Drowning.

The coroner's inquest on the drowning of Private Robie Harvey, of the R.C.R.I., whose body was found in the river Tuesday morning, was held at the office of Coroner F. J. Seery that evening.

The following were the jury summoned: T. S. Wilkinson, foreman; F. H. Clark, E. L. Grant, James Hurley, B. J. Griffiths, J. McCallum and W. V. Wallace.

Henry McCain, of Burton, an employee on the tug Hero was the first witness called. He said that at about six o'clock Monday morning one of the deck hands of the boat called his attention to the body of a man floating in the river. They got into a small boat and rowed toward the body of the man. They found the body leaning forward in the water face downwards. The man was dead but witness could not say how long he had been so. He did not know the man. Deceased had on a linder, pair of pants and shoes. They put the body into a small boat and towed it behind the tug until they got to the wharf.

Pte Henry Vilodeau of No. 4 Co., R. C. R. I., said he was in company with Harvey on Saturday afternoon. At 5.30 p.m. on that day witness in company with Privates Kennicott, Harvey and Reddon went for a sail taking boat from the boat-house opposite the barracks. The boat was a steady open sail boat. Robie Harvey had been drinking, but was able to take care of himself. They went down a short distance below the iron bridge and returned to the wharf at 8.10 o'clock. Nothing unusual occurred except Harvey and Reddon had been drinking from a small bottle when in the boat, but they were all friendly and able to look after themselves. The river was smooth with a nice sailing breeze. At the wharf witness and Kennicott landed and Harvey and Reddon said they were going up river for a little sail. There was no liquor in the boat when it left here after witness got out. Harvey and Reddon had always been good friends.

Norman Tennant who was called stated he remembered seeing Harvey and another man come into his father's store between 8 and 9 o'clock on Saturday evening. They were quite sober, able to walk all right and take good care of themselves. They were in good humor.

They remained at Tennant's ten minutes and went away. They said they were sailing, there was no one else in their company, Reddon had no coat on, could not say about Harvey. Witness could not say that they had any liquor with them going to the boat. They had each got a small glass of ale at the store.

Pte Basil Kennedy of the R.C.R.I. was next called and gave evidence along the same lines as Volideau. He said Harvey and Reddon had always been friendly.

Pte John Needham was the last witness called. He saw Harvey alive last on Saturday afternoon. He saw the remains at the drill shed after they were brought in and recognized it as Harvey's by a ship and three links tattooed on arm.

Shortly after six on Sunday morning witness was standing on balcony of barracks and looking across the river thought he saw the soldier's boat on opposite shore from barracks above bridge. He and Pte Allen went over the bridge and found sail set and tied. It was drifted between two logs heading down river. On board boat found two serge coats which we recognized as Harvey's and Reddon's, also found Harvey's cap, belt and stick; one empty ale bottle and one full one, and one oar. The boat was in good order, no sign of any disturbance. Brought boat over and reported the matter to Sgt. Shaw.

The jury retired about 9.30 o'clock p.m., and after a half hour's deliberation brought in a verdict to the effect that—Robie Harvey came to his death by drowning while sailing on the St. John River on the evening of June 29th 1901.

BLACKVILLE.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

July 1.—A highly amusing and entertaining concert was given by a number of young ladies and gentlemen of Blackville on the evening of the 28th inst, and it is but fair to say, that those who took part in the affair acquitted themselves splendidly, and in the crowded house they drew there was no one who was not delighted with the entertainment. Among the performers special mention should be made of Miss Mabel Steel who

delighted every one with her elocutionary powers and the ease with which she went through with her part. Miss Annie Underwood also carried out her part of the programme with an excellence which is rare with young ladies in their initial appearance on the stage.

Miss Maggie Campbell also showed a remarkable adaptability to her part, and showed she had received careful training.

Miss Ida Barry, besides taking an excellent part in the programme of the play, furnished the accompaniments on the organ to songs rendered by two gentlemen.

In the farces, Pumpkin Ridge and Two of a Kind, the parts were well rendered by Messrs Chas. A. McDougall, Wm. McDonald, Postmaster Grindlay and Howard Harris.

After the concert, strawberries and cream were served upstairs in the hall. The receipts amounted to a very substantial sum which is to be devoted to the equipping of the band.

During the past few weeks a large number have been caught in Hymen's fetters and still the sacrifice goes on. A number are booked for next week.

On one occasion recently the prospective groom failed to materialize at the appointed hour, and faces which a few moments before train time were beaming with smiles, suddenly presented an oblong appearance. The course of the extraordinary occurrence is due to a misunderstanding between the young man and his fair intended about the date of their marriage, but it is not known which made the mistake; at all events the young man expected to claim his fair bride a week later than the date understood by the young lady.

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"And a caricaturist? One's a gymnast and the other's a Tom Nast. Why is a dramatic criticism?"

"Roast Ham. What's the difference between a late winter vegetable and a cup of tea?"

"One is parsnip and the other is ma's nip. When is a corn?"

"Like a harness? When it's on the cob. Why is a pedestrian in a muddy street?"

"Needs a brougham. Why was St. Patrick like Noah's ark? Settled down in 'higher land'."

"Ararats! Why does a cake walk?"

"Tries to keep up when the icing runs. What does an elephant do to pass away the time?"

"Buck the tiger?"

"No; he reads the jungle book."

"He ought to be packing his ivory in his trunk. What's the difference between a building lot?"

"And a giant at a dinner party? One's leased and the other's a big guest. Worst ever. Why is a circus in a tornado?"

"Like calling a bluff? Show down. Hey, Rube? How does a Dutch girl like her apples?"

"In Zuyder, Zee? Why is an order for steak?"

"Little girl holding a seance? Small medium. Who was the first person singular?"

"The original Odd Fellow. Why is a mattress?"

"Shucks! Why is a headsman's block?"

"Oh, chase yourself around it!"

Then the war editor interfered and succeeded, after a protracted effort, in restoring peace between the two.—Chicago Tribune.

Sure of a Visit.

"As a rule," said a prison warden, "a man is in a despondent mood during his first week's imprisonment. There are exceptions, however, as this incident will show:

"One Saturday, after dinner time, I was suddenly accosted by one of the new arrivals, who had served the first week of his sentence.

"I say," he remarked, 'has a lady been asking for me at the gate?'

"I told him that if he had been wanted the governor would have sent for him.

"Oh, very well. Keep cool," he said.

"This is the first time for ten years I've put in a full week's work, and the old woman is sure to be at the gate for my wages."

"And, with a grin, the cheerful one passed on."—London Answers.

Not Going, but Gone.

"Willie is not going one step to the circus tonight," said Mrs. Wrath.

"Has Willie been up to anything?" asked Mr. Wrath.

"I should say he has. He left home right after dinner and did not get back until dark."

"Then he won't mind missing the circus tonight. He went this afternoon."—Indianapolis News.

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