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CORONER'S INQUEST

Held Over the Remains of the Late Col. John Hewitson.

STARTLING FACTS BROUGHT OUT IN EVIDENCE.

Hewitson's Death Caused by Excessive Drinking and Exposure.

NEWTON LEE SEVERELY CENSURED BY THE CORONER'S JURY.

The inquest on the body of the late Col. John Hewitson was held by Coroner Seery and a jury at his office on Carleton street last evening. The jury was composed of R H Boone, (foreman) D J Stockford, John C Harding, Joseph Phillips, J W Farjot, Chas Scully and J H Smith.

Mrs. Mary Hewitson.

widow of the deceased, was the first witness sworn. She said her husband left home on the morning of Thursday, April 25th, with the object of coming to the city to pay his taxes. He was in apparent good health at the time and his health had been good all winter. He said he would remain in town until Saturday morning and see some of his friends. He had in his pocket fifty dollars in bank notes; witness was positive of that, and he also had some change. After her husband left witness heard nothing more from him until he was brought home on Saturday night about half past eleven. He was accompanied by a colored man named McIntyre and two neighbors. They carried him in and laid him on a bed. Witness then examined him and found that he was dead; his hands and feet were cold, but his body was warm. Witness examined his pockets and could find no paper except the bill for taxes but no receipt. His pocket book, containing \$10, and an old receipt, was found in one of his pockets. The money was all in one bill.

To Jury Scully—Did not know that witness had paid his taxes, and had not heard that he had paid any bills. My husband was not breathing when he reached home. The tax bill was not received.

John Gerow

on being sworn said he was manager of Macpherson's livery stable. Was at the stable on Saturday evening about 9.30 o'clock when John Johnson came in and asked what witness would take for a team and driver for two or three hours. Witness replied that he could not tell until he knew what would be required of the horse. Johnson stated that Newton Lee wanted to send old man Hewitson out home, that he was sick and not able to walk. Witness went around and saw Mr Lee, who said that Hewitson wanted to go home, and asked what witness would charge to take him out. His reply was that he would send him home for two dollars. Lee agreed to this and gave witness two dollars out of his own pocket. The team was got in readiness and sent with Silas McIntyre to Lee's house. McIntyre drove the team into the yard and witness entered by the front door. He met Johnson inside and told him that the team was at the back door and asked him where the man was. Both then walked into the back room and found Hewitson lying on a table, with a mattress or some kind of clothing under him and apparently asleep. Johnson went over and shook Hewitson to wake him up, and witness kept right along and out of the back door to the wagon. Soon afterwards Lee brought Hewitson out in his arms and deposited him in the wagon. Witness was sure that Hewitson was then alive, because he heard him moaning. He did not think that there was anything the matter with Hewitson other than drunkenness. Johnson said he would be better in the open air and witness thought so too. He followed the wagon out as far as the stable on King street and heard Hewitson groan several times. He seemed entirely helpless from the effects of liquor when placed in the wagon.

Silas McIntyre

was the third witness sworn. He said he was employed at John Macpherson's livery stable, and remembered the night of Saturday April 27th. Was preparing

to leave for home about 9.30 o'clock when he was asked by Mr. Gerow to drive Mr. Hewitson home from Mr. Lee's place. The horse was put in the wagon and witness drove around to Lee's back door. Hewitson was brought out by Lee and Johnston and placed in the wagon. Did not notice anything strange about Hewitson other than he seemed to be drunk. Never heard him speak or make any noise. He seemed to witness to be totally unconscious at the time. During the drive down witness held his arm around Hewitson's shoulder and kept him propped up. Did not hear him breathe or notice him make the least move. Did not speak to him on the way out, and did not realize that the man was dead, but thought there was life in him. Did not notice any change come over him during the drive down. Hewitson did not fall out of the wagon on the way down or even change his position. Witness did not know that he was dead until he got him home. Would not swear that Hewitson was dead when he was placed in the buggy, nor would he swear that he was alive at that time. Did not know that the man was dead until he was taken into the house and placed on the bed. The two sons of the deceased assisted witness to remove Hewitson from the wagon.

John Johnston.

was the fourth witness sworn. He said he was a laborer and was at present employed by Newton Lee. Saw Mr. Hewitson at Lee's on Thursday morning of last week; he came there on that day about twelve o'clock and remained one or two hours. He had Scotch whiskey during his stay there and witness drank with him. He had been drinking when he came in, and had several drinks before going out. He conversed for a time with Mr. Lee and then went out, saying that he had to go down to settle some little bills. He returned about 6.30 o'clock in the evening and seemed to be all right then as far as witness could tell. He called for whiskey quite often, but took small drinks, and filled the glass up with water. Could not say how many times he drank while there. He left at eight o'clock, and said that he was going for a lunch as he had had nothing to eat since morning. To the best of his knowledge, Hewitson did not return to Lee's again Thursday night. Witness did not see Hewitson again until 7.30 o'clock on Friday morning, when he found him sitting by the stove in Lee's back room. He might have come in by the back way after the shop had been closed for the night, as the back door is never locked. Hewitson remained about the place all day and drank considerable Scotch whiskey. In the afternoon he lay down and remained there until after supper. He seemed to be considerably under the influence of liquor at that time. Did not see the deceased eat anything during the day. When Lee came down stairs after supper Hewitson called for a drink to brace him up and got one. While he was waiting for the drink Hewitson conversed with witness in a rational way, and he could walk fairly straight. Hewitson had frequent drinks during the evening until the placed closed up, which would be about twelve o'clock. When witness went to bed Hewitson was sitting on a chair near the stove. He did not seem at that time to be able to take care of himself. Mr. Lee went up stairs to bed at the same time witness did. There was no fire in the stove at the time and had been none during the day. The furniture in the room consisted of three or four chairs and a table. Did not offer Hewitson a bed as there was none to offer him. He could have left the place by the back door during the night had he desired to do so. When witness came down stairs next morning, Hewitson was still there, but he could not say for certain that he had been there all night. Hewitson passed the time of day to Mr Lee, and after complaining of the cold asked if he could not get something to drink. Lee gave him liquor and he drank frequently from that time up to nine o'clock. Then he said he would like to get something to eat and gave witness 25 cents with which to get an oyster stew. Witness got an oyster stew at Lindsay's and gave it to him. He drank the milk but did not eat the oysters or crackers. Along towards noon Hewitson complained of feeling unwell, and asked for a chance to lay down. Witness got an old tick and placed it on the table in the back room, and he lay down upon this. Witness had to assist him to the table. He remained there for a couple of hours and about two o'clock in the afternoon began to breathe heavily. Witness called in

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Newton Lee.

was the last witness called. His evidence was almost similar to that given by Johnson. He said Hewitson remained in his place about two hours on Thursday morning, and had four or five drinks of Scotch whiskey. He left about 2.30 o'clock and returned at six in the evening. He was then slightly under the influence of liquor. He had a few drinks and left about nine o'clock. Witness did not see him again until next morning at 7.30 o'clock. He was then in the back room and asked for a drink and witness gave him one. Hewitson remained there all day and drank whiskey at intervals. He had nothing to eat all that day so far as witness knew. The witness went to bed at 11.30 o'clock and left Hewitson in the back room down stairs. Hewitson bought half a dozen cigars, and he had in his pocket a half pint flask of whiskey which he had got down town. He was pretty drunk when witness left him, and incapable of taking care of himself. Next morning Hewitson seemed to be kind of sick from the effects of the liquor he had drunk. He got four or five more drinks from witness during the forenoon, and then asked for something to eat. He gave Johnson 25 cents and he went and got him an oyster stew. Shortly before twelve o'clock Hewitson laid down on a table in the back room. About two o'clock he complained of being sick, and witness thought by his looks that he was more sick than drunk. Hewitson thought that he ought to go home and gave witness two dollars with which to hire a team. He endeavored to get a team from the Barker House stables in the afternoon, but was unsuccessful. In the evening, about 9.30 o'clock, a team was procured from Macpherson's. Witness did not summon medical aid during the afternoon, though he was aware that Hewitson was sick, but thought his sickness was from the effects of liquor. About half past four in the afternoon Hewitson became unconscious. On Friday morning witness changed a twenty dollar bill for Hewitson, and he changed a five dollar bill for him on the previous evening. When the twenty dollar bill was changed Friday morning witness gave Hewitson back \$19.75. He spent money quite freely during the day, and the witness thought he had spent at least \$9.75. The witness was questioned quite sharply on this point by Juror Scully, but replied that it was no trouble for a man when drinking and buying oyster stews to get rid of that amount of money in a day.

The jury after about an hour's deliberation, returned the following as their verdict:

"We the jury find that the late John Hewitson came to his death on Saturday, April 27th 1901 from the excessive use of alcohol, exposure, and the want of care at Newton Lee's saloon; and we the jury censure the said Newton Lee for allowing the deceased to remain on his premises without food, bed or bedding and in cold room without fire.

Nothing can be good for everything. Doing one thing well brings success. Doan's Pills do one thing well. They are for sick kidneys. They cure backache and all kidney ills.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Items of Interest Condensed from Herald Exchanges.

The gross earnings of Canadian railways last year were \$70,740,270. The net earnings were \$23,040,472.

Mr Jamieson of Montreal will build a \$300,000 elevator at Port Arthur for the Canadian Northern Railway.

At the time of confederation in 1867 there were 2,278 miles of railway in Canada. In the year 1900 there were 17,657 miles of railway.

An 11-year old boy named Drolet, of St. Malo, Quebec, lies in danger of death from blood poisoning, brought on by the excessive use of cigarettes.

The petition for the repeal of the Dunkin Act in Richmond county, Quebec, contains 1487 signatures, or 640 more than the proportion required by law.

Adelbert Hay, son of the Secretary of State, has resigned his post as United States Consul-General at Pretoria. His successor has not yet been selected.

News comes from Suffolk, Va., of two women, who were disorderly characters, having been sentenced to twenty lashes each on the bare back, the sentence being carried out by the chief of police.

Private Herbert Morgans of the Royal Canadian Regiment who died at Halifax last week, was the son of Sergeant-Major Morgans, the famous swordsman, who is travelling with Buffalo Bills, show in the States.

Miss Ella G Brewer, has brought suit against the trustees of Roosevelt Hospital, New York, for a large sum, said to be \$100,000, asserting that she was not properly treated when a patient and that she is crippled for life.

Hon David Mills informed Senator Perley in the Senate Friday afternoon that the Government would appoint a Chief Justice for the Northwest Territories as soon as the bill relating to the Judges, now before the Commons, became law.

Herbert Spencer, whose health is most feeble, spent his eighty-first birthday at Brighton Saturday, virtually in solitude. His autobiography has received its final touches, but he is unable to do any sustained work, or even converse with visitors.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Canadian Salt Company, with a capital stock of \$800,000. This is the company which has obtained an option on the salt wells of Ontario, and includes among its directors Sir W C Van Horne and Mr G R R Cockburn of Toronto.

Millions are starving in the province of Shan Si, China, as will be seen by the following cablegram from Li Hung Chang to the Christian Herald: "Very serious famine spreads over the whole province of Shan Si. Over 11,000,000 people are affected. Urgent relief necessary. Conditions warrant immediate appeal.

It will be surprising to many to know that White's Corner, Kings Co., N S, can boast of three families who will make quite a number when enumerated in the census. Three brothers, namely Patrick, John and Cornelius Coleman, who married sisters, daughters of Nathan Foote, have had in all forty-three children, of whom all but six are living.

Justice William Travers Jerome, of New York, with several private detectives descended upon a gambling-house at No. 52 Broad Street Saturday afternoon. The gambling-house, handsomely furnished, contained about fifty men, among them bankers and brokers, lawyers and clerks. So suddenly was the raid made that the gamblers had not time to conceal the least bit of evidence against them.

Archibald Blue, chief census commissioner, desires it to be generally known that reports have reached the Minister of Agriculture that brokers are endeavouring to buy up the claims of the census enumerators against the department. The reports state that the brokers, especially in Montreal, are buying up these claims for 60 per cent, of their value. In order to protect the enumerators, Mr Fisher has issued an order that all cheques shall be issued at the earliest possible time, and that they shall be payable to the enumerators, and the enumerators only. No other endorsement will be recognized.

Advices have reached Paris to the effect that a band of Arabs swooped down upon the village of Marguerite, near Algiers, and slaughtered 300 of the inhabitants. They killed or wounded the French officials and gendarmes, looted the village, cut the telegraph lines, set fire to the post office, and murdered the post-mistress, when a small relief force from Miliiana arrived, and compelled the Arabs to withdraw.

A grain of sand in the eye can cause excruciating agony. A grain of pepper in place of the grain of sand intensifies the torment. The pain is not confined to the organs affected. The whole body feels the shock of that little irritating particle. It is so when there is any derangement or disorder of the delicate womanly organs. The disorder may seem trivial but the whole body feels it. The nervous system is disordered. There are fretfulness, irritability, sullenness and depression of spirits. The general health of woman depends on the local health of the organs peculiarly feminine. Remove the drains, ulcerations, bearing down pains, and other afflictions of woman, and the whole body feels the benefit. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a specific for the diseases that undermine the strength of women. It is free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics, poisons which enter into many other preparations for woman's use. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

An interesting report on the success attained by the army sanitary officers of Havana in warding off yellow fever and smallpox, shows in substance that the general death rate for March, 26.28, is lower than at any time since 1889. Dr Gorgas, chief sanitary officer there, thinks the war upon mosquitoes has brought about this state of affairs.

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reaches every affected part. Such a remedy is Catarrhazone, which is inhaled into all portions of the throat, lungs and nasal passages, which it kills the germs, and cures the disease. Catarrhazone is pleasant, safe, and absolutely sure to cure. It relieves the distressed feeling in the head, clears the throat and nostrils in one breath. Positive proof of cure is found in the words of Mr Kirk, of Kingston, Ont., who says: "I suffered for fifteen years from Catarrh of the nose and throat, used hundreds of remedies, consulted specialists, but was not permanently benefitted. Having personally witnessed a cure of thirty years standing, effected by Catarrhazone, I bought an outfit and used it for a month. It cured me, and I am now no more liable to Catarrh than if I never had it." This is most convincing testimony from one of Kingston's best known and most highly respected business. It proves beyond question that Catarrhazone absolutely cures Catarrh. It never fails; never harms; guaranteed to cure. Price \$1.00; small size 25 cents. Druggists or Poison & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S.

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