

POLICE MAKE AN ARREST.

Mrs. Susan Briggs, a Charwoman, in Jail Charged With Infanticide.

SUPPOSED BODY FOUND ON CITY HALL DUMP WAS THAT OF HER CHILD.

Extreme Poverty Thought to Have Driven Her to Crime.

AN INQUEST COMMENCED BY CORONER McEWEN AT YORK HOTEL

A Startling Story Told by a Neighbor of the Suspected Woman.

Mrs. Sarah Briggs, a widow about forty years of age, who makes her home in the Scott's barracks on Regent street, and who was an ex-convict as a charwoman, was arrested by Police Sergeant Phillips Wednesday afternoon, on a warrant, charging her with having caused the death of her infant child. The arrest was made at a hotel where Mrs. Briggs was employed to do a job of scrubbing. She was at once taken before Col. Marsh and remanded to jail until Saturday morning, when the examination will commence.

The suspected woman is the widow of the late Mr. David Briggs, who prior to his death about three years ago, was employed as fireman at Morrison's mill. She has a family of seven children, four of whom are quite small. For the past year she has made her home in Mrs. Lipsett's tenement house on York street, but on Monday of last week was ordered out by her landlady and moved to the Scott's barracks, on Regent street. It was at the Lipsett house where the crime for which she is now under arrest is supposed to have been committed. The unfortunate woman has always borne a very good name, and those who know her declare that if she made way with her child it was poverty drove her to it.

The Inquest.

An inquest was commenced at the York Hotel Wednesday evening by Coroner McEwen, and a jury composed of Ald. Mitchell, A. B. Kitchen, Joseph Walker, A. K. Limerick, Edward Berry, Dell Gunter and Alonzo Staples. Mr. J. H. Barry, K. C., was present on behalf of the crown and conducted the examination of witnesses. Those who gave evidence were Dr. J. W. Bridges, Dr. W. H. Irvine, William Darlington, Harry Bolter, Miss Nellie Briggs, George W. Adams and Mrs. Samuel Dykeman. The evidence of the latter had the most important bearing on the case and disclosed a condition of affairs rather shocking to say the least.

DR. J. W. BRIDGES.

The first witness called, swore that he had made a partial autopsy of the child's body found on the city hall dump. It was a female child newly born. He thought from the condition of the cord that it had died on the day of its birth. The body weighed nine pounds and was in an advanced state of putrefaction. He would judge that it had been dead at least a week.

The condition of the lungs showed that the child had lived, the heart contained no blood. There were no signs of violence discernible, but on account of the advanced state of putrefaction it was difficult to arrive at a definite conclusion. As to the cause of death it might have been from fatal bleeding from the cord; from suffocation such as might have been done by a pillow of something pressed over the throat, mouth and nose, or from exposure or neglect.

To Mr. Barry witness said that he did not examine the stomach of the child. The absence of blood from the heart would strengthen the theory of death from loss of blood from the cord. He saw nothing in the nose or mouth to indicate strangulation except a flattened condition of the nose, which might have happened after death.

DR. W. H. IRVINE

was the next witness called and sworn. He said he was a physician practising in the city of Fredericton; had been practicing since 1893. He had seen the body of the infant found on the city hall dump, and made a superficial examination of it. The body was wrapped in a piece of cotton, the lower portion being exposed. It was a female child. The body was somewhat decomposed and distended with gas. Witness again saw the body at George W. Adams undertaking rooms. It measured twenty-three inches and weighed nine pounds. The cord had not been tied, but was torn about eight inches from the body. Decomposition was so advanced that a superficial examination did not disclose evidence of strangulation. The child was apparently normally developed in every respect. He would judge that it had been dead about seventy-two hours. He did not think that any medical man had attended the child's birth.

WILLIAM DARLINGTON.

was called and sworn, said he was fifteen years of age and resided with his parents here. Visited the city hall dump Tuesday in company with Harry

Bolter. They found an old piece of carpet which seemed to have something inside of it. The bundle was found near the new bay scales and was tied with a piece of tarred rope. The carpet was considerably worn and full of holes. Witness dragged the carpet along the dump and as he did so the rope came off exposing the bundle. He thought at first that there was a dog wrapped up in the bundle, as he had often found them on the dump hidden in that way. He removed the cotton covering and found the body of a child. It was wrapped in what looked like a pillow-slip and also a piece of bed-ticking. Witness notified Mr. A. H. Vanwart of his find, and was directed by him to Coroner McEwen. A piece of the carpet found wrapped around the body was shown to the witness and identified by him.

HARRY BOLTER

was called and corroborated the evidence of the last witness. He told about finding the bundle, containing the child's body, and described the cloth covering. He said the pillow-slip was not long enough to cover the body and part of the head was exposed.

MISS NELLIE BRIGGS

was called as the next witness. She said that she was seventeen years of age and lived in Fredericton. She had not lived with her mother for two years, but worked out at service. She usually visited home about two or three times a week, but never remained over night. As present she was working at the Queen Hotel. Her father had been dead about three years. She was the second in the family, an elder sister being away in the states. There were four boys and one girl younger than witness. She did not know that her mother had given birth to a child lately as she had said nothing to her about it. She did not know that her mother had been sick lately. At any rate, she had never seen her in bed. Witness visited home a week ago Saturday night and remained until ten o'clock; also visited home the following Sunday afternoon. Her mother was well, as usual, and was sitting in a chair. There were three families living in the house occupied by witness' mother. Mr. Samuel Dykeman lived down stairs on one side and Mrs. Palmer on the other. The house belonged to Miss Lipsett, and was located on York Street. On Monday the family moved to Mr. Shannon's house on the corner of Regent and Charlotte Streets. Witness visited home Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of last week. Did not know that her mother had been confined and did not believe that such was the case. On being shown the piece of carpet found around the child's body, the witness could not identify it. She said that the pillow cases used in her home were dark yellow.

GEORGE W. ADAMS

testified that he had seen the body at the dump before it was removed to his undertaking establishment. It was lying on a piece of cotton and was all exposed. Could not distinguish any marks of violence while preparing the body for burial. The cotton on the body looked as though it were torn from a pillow slip or sheet. He noticed a piece of white string tied around the body and thought that it had been used to keep on the cotton. He thought the child had been dead three or four days.

MRS. SAMUEL DYKEMAN

was next called and sworn. She said that she resided with her husband in Miss Lipsett's house on York Street. Two other families resided in the same house until quite recently. Mrs. Briggs lived up stairs, but moved out last Monday. Witness saw Mrs. Briggs almost every day, and was often in her apartment. She was aware that Mrs. Briggs was enceinte. On Saturday Mrs. Palmer told witness that Mrs. Briggs was sick and without food. Witness took some food and went up to see her. Mrs. Briggs was quite sick and witness made up her mind that she was suffering from the pains of labor. She gave her a cup of ginger tea, and went down stairs to finish her washing. Mrs. Briggs told witness that she had a severe cold and was freezing to death. She was lying upon a sofa and complaining that she had a backache. Witness saw her again at seven o'clock and she was still complaining. She did not see Mrs. Briggs again until Sunday morning, when she came down stairs. It was witness' opinion that between the hours of seven o'clock Saturday night and nine o'clock Sunday morning she had given birth

to a child. She, witness, thought that all of the neighbor's knew of Mrs. Briggs' condition, but on being questioned by Mr. Barry, she was unable to give the names of any possible knowledge. Mrs. Briggs told her that she had Dr. Weaver two or three days afterwards. Witness did not hear any noise that sounded like a baby crying nor did she see anything of the baby. Witness was acquainted with Mrs. Briggs' boys, but did not see them take any bundle from the house. She was told by Mrs. Briggs that the boys were going to take some old piles of carpet to the dump. Mrs. Briggs had asked her (witness) if she had any old bag that she could put some carpet clippings into. Witness was unable to comply with her request, and nothing more was said about the matter.

The witness was next interrogated by Mr. Barry in regard to the kind of carpets in use in Mrs. Briggs' house. She said that the carpets were Brussels and tapestry and were considerably worn. The piece of carpet found on the child's body was shown to the witness, but she could not positively identify it. Witness never noticed what kind of pillow casings Mrs. Briggs used. Witness was informed by Mrs. Briggs' daughters that they knew nothing of their mother's condition and they denied having called in Dr. Weaver. On Saturday evening last saw Mrs. Briggs standing in the front door. Witness asked if she was coming in and her reply was that she had sent the children with the cart for a load of groceries and was waiting for their return. Witness saw the children drawing a small cart on several occasions. Mrs. Briggs' reason for moving was because she had been ordered out of the house by Miss Lipsett.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Dykeman's evidence, Coroner McEwen postponed the inquiry until Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock.

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Ottawa, Oct. 11.—The drinkers and smokers of Canada last year contributed to the Dominion exchequer in customs and excise duties a sum which amounts to \$3.09 for every man, woman and child in the Dominion. The returns of the Inland Revenue Department show the consumption of spirits last year to have been 1,031 gallons per head of population. This is an increase over the year before, when the consumption was \$52 per capita. However, the consumption of spirits is slightly on the decrease, as in the 'seventies it was frequently above a gallon and a half per head, and in later years it has generally run below a gallon. The consumption of beer is increasing. Last year it was 4.822 gallons per head, about the same as the year before. The average since sixty-nine has been 3.231 gallons. In the 'seventies the consumption averaged about two gallons per head. The wine consumption last year was .09 gallon per head, the average since 'sixty-nine is .122 gallon. Tobacco was last year consumed to the extent of 2.686 pounds per head. The year before it was 2.765, and the average since 'sixty-nine is 2.184 pounds. The statement of quantity and excise and customs payment last year per head is—

	Amount.	Customs, and excise.
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To the east of Tamagning, two islands, one called Yawoshwa, the other Shihouah, distant about twenty miles from Woosung, have suffered much from the typhoon, nearly all the inhabitants having been swept away. The islands have been inhabited for only a short time, comparatively speaking, as they are of recent formation and are not much above high water mark. It is reported that nearly ten thousand people have been drowned on these two islands and the smaller islands adjacent. Tamagning itself has not suffered much, being well above the high water mark.

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