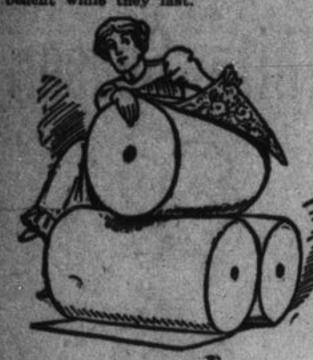


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Coroner Mundell Took the Evi-Jury Rendered a Verdict Second Inquest Also Held on Dead Woman.

Provoked to a point beyond further lurance and erazed by jealousy, or other uncontrollable passions, John Joyce shot his father-in-law, murdered his crime by cutting his own throat. Such in brief is the awful tragedy which has stirred the surrounding days. Following the legal demands day and everybody was out, is about the best way to decide the impression Coroner Mundell proceeded with the

was carried out as the law required

but one astonishing feature happened

accordance with expectations. The

man who committed the awful crime

was dead. The jury were to ascertain

the cause of his death and, of course,

had to view the remains. This they

did Saturday night, but between that

time and the hour their verdict was

returned it became known that

Joyce's body had been taken away

This culmination of the stirring epi

wildering to the residents round about

than the preceding events. Where the

remains of the friendless suicide should

have disappeared to mystified them

completely and the only solution they

were able to apply was that unknown

Like a fall fair was the neighbor-

the inquest was to be held. Groups of

men were seen discussing the subject

uppermost in everybody's mind, but

any trace of sorrow or sadness was

far from evident, A passerby would

never have dreamed the cause which

had attracted the countryside to the

spot and it was hard for one to im-

agine such awful scenes had been en-

acted within a stone's throw but a

Coroner Mundell arrived from Kings-

ton sharp on the hour and lost

time in swearing the jurors and tak

ing the evidence. The inquest was held

in a barn or rather in a drivehouse

and the surroundings are well worth

the description. The outbuilding was

house in this district. The two large

double doors at the entrance were

cal of a May afternoon, sat Coroner return lately.

tween chairs. Thereon were seated the ple coming.

typical of the modern well-to-do farm a slight defect somewhere."

was closed. With his back toward the a nice whitehandled razor when he first

latter and facing the open doors came to my house," continued the

tiful blue sky and green foliage, typi- ing. " I never saw his razor since his

ed thereon, served as a desk in this never seen it to his knowledge. He

improvised court of justice. In front further stated that Joyce had seemed

officer were long boards stretched be- wife. He seemed opposed to the peo-

Body of Suici de on Ground.

lew hours back.

James O'Brien's residence, for here of the tragedy till noon."

The Only Outbuilding on the Grounds.

parties had secretly removed the

corpse to give it private burial.

in the meanwhile which was hardly

The Home of the Woods'.

Saturday night and bonded to appear | constable, a South African veteran

listen to the evidence submitted. All ing of evidence was proceeded with.

londay afternoon at two o'clock and called the court to order and the tak-

Hearing Witnesses.

had been, previous to his unhappy

formerly occupied by Joyce and his

wife, is situated, was the first wit-

ing story: "On Friday evening as I

was coming home I saw Joyce coming

toward town on the Loughboro road.

He came to the house a few minutes

past seven with a rifle, I asked him

foxes and he said he didn'

know. He said his wife Jeft him

Question .- "Did he work for you!

one and one-half years steady. He

"Was his wife living with him?"

"Apparently lately. His wife left him

was living in a house on my Jarm."

"Had their life been peaceful ?"

after be had been married about

"Was he right or left handed?"

"Until Friday afternoon."

"What was his nature?"

er, trusty, and honest."

would you think ?"

"Not lately, but had for about

he was going to

ending, and on whose farm the cabin,

nquest. A jury was empannelled late | conveyed from the gathering.

jurors, Crowding around on all side and blocking the entrance were the interested spectators. But this was not accommodation enough and places of vantage about the walls and on the rough rafters overhanging were eagerly sought and confiscated. Above the light gleamed through aperatures in roof and all round hung implements typical of the life of a tiller of the soil. Finally overhead was stored a the penetrating eye of anxious watchers and was soon occupied by three his wife, and then put an end to his through the growd and gazed on the tendance and listened to the evidence country during, the past couple of throughout. It was apparently a high

I did not know what he wanted amenergetics, who, from their lofty pe- munition for, and he did not say, made by the right hand and was very destal, were thus able to view the Shown the rifle, witness identified it as deep. Before he fell Joyce probably proceedings unmolested. To overlook an old Snider, "The curse of the the occasional dog which struggled country," he added. Q. (from juror)-"Could you say own existence, escaping the penalty of unaccustomed scene would be to fail where he got the rifle?" to add the finishing touch to the "I was told be got it from Joseph blood on the step and on the knife. scene. Several women were also in at ! Dougherty ?" The Sister's Testimony. Annie May Wood was then called. She is a fair complexioned maid, of

rather pleasing appearance, attired in a plaid calico dress, green jacket, and plain, black felt hat. She carried a handkerchief in her hand. Her recital of the crime was thus: "John Joyce came to my father-in-law's and red. He had never seen the razor nor asked his wife to go back. She said beard of the said beard of t she would not go near him nor the house. He stood around in the house talking. He wanted her to go out- mark to his evidence. side as he had a few words to say. He did not appear angry. She would minutes to six on Saturday morning. not and said whatever he had to say to say it before the rest of us. He him Friday, but was not speaking. said all right. He then went around Never saw the razor before. The cross the house and across the fields and also had to be substituted for his sign about ten minutes later I went to the bedroom window and looked out. The coroner read the deathbed declar-I saw him at the fence with a rifle, I ations of Rose Joyce and of Cornelius came out and told the rest of them. Wood which has already appeared in Mr. Wood went out in front of the the Whig. After reviewing the evidence house and we fastened the house up, and instructing the jury, the coroner We would look out and then step back | bade the spectators step outside the as we were afraid he would shoot. He building, going out himself, leaving stood talking to Mr. Wood and ask- the jurymen to come to a conclusion ed him why his wife wouldn't come It was only a short time before the back and Mr. Wood said because he verdict was ready and read: "That had choked her. With that he shot John Joyce came to his death from a Mr. Wood once and then he loaded up wound in the throat inflicted by his and shot him again. Jovce and Wood own hand. were only a few feet apart when the | It was a foregone conclusion that shooting occurred. Wood had no this would be the result and the foreknife and did not make any attack on man's words were received without Joyce." Shown the razor witness comment by the listeners. had never seen it before. Continuing witness said: "After he shot Wood, Joyce broke into the door William McAuley, a farmer living at | and also came through the bedroom Railton and in whose employ Joyce | door. His wife said : 'For God's sake Jack, don't shoot me. He said he would. She came out near the stove

and he shot her. I was right behind. He said nothing but ran out through the back door. I stayed a few minutes and then brought the children over to O'Brien's. When a few feet from the house I saw Joyce lying on the grass near the end of the cook-

O .- "What time had your brothers-A .- "Noah Wood left about five regarding the manner in which Dr.

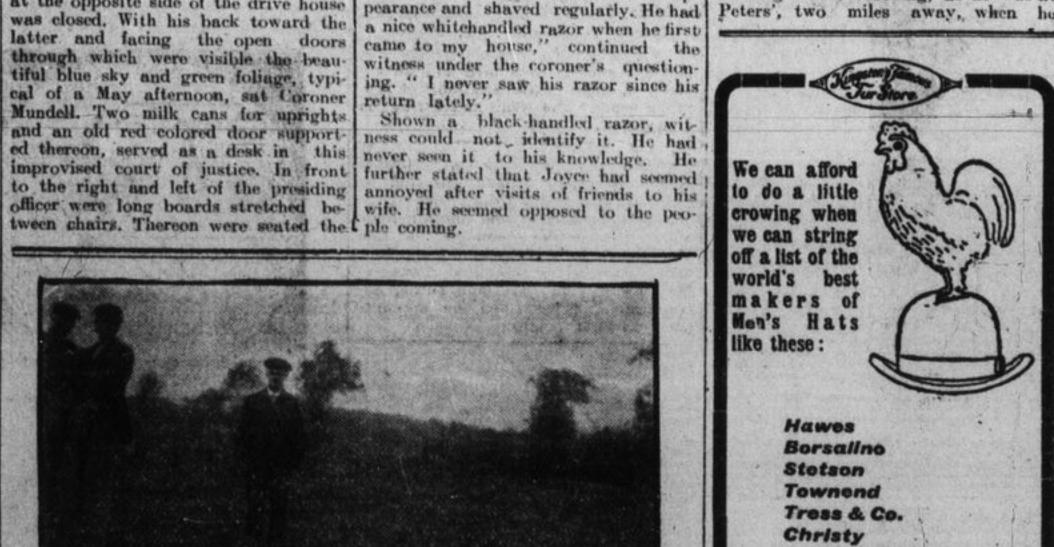
minutes to six, and Angus Wood, my Mundell conducted the enquiry would and two men assisted her away. He brother, left about six. They were go- be in order. Some of the spectators said all he wanted was to get his eyes ing across the fields when Joyce was apparently thought they would hear on her. I advised him not to do anycoming. She told me Joyce had some breezy history regarding the thing rash. He said all he wanted to threatened to shoot her or her father Woods' family history unravelled. The do was to get his eyes on her. I went or brothers, or any man he saw her doctor, however, without putting it hood of the tragedy, as viewed from a distance. Horses and buggies were tied to the fences for some distance was going back to the house and he tied to the fences for some distance. answered me 'After a while.' I saw or a few minutes after when Joyce his death should be asked. This suffic on either side the road in front of him no more and I knew nothing more came first, and it was about seven the ed, and the inquest passed off in a shooting occurred. Never saw the manner reflecting much credit upon rifle before Joyce brought it to the

Eli Smith, laborer, swore: "I did not hear of the tragedy till three o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Was . Its Graduates Are Being Put in at Frank Keeley's at the time it happened, having been there all Friday night. Never saw the razor. Joyce another graduate of the Royal Milihad told persons that if ever he saw | tary College, Kingston. This is in me after dark he would lay me out. the appointment of Capt. and Brevet I do not know whether he meant it | Lieut.-Col. W. C. Giffard Heneker, D. or not. The only reason for this was | S.O., Connaught Rangers, to be dethat Joyce's wife and me went to- puty assistant adjutant and quartergether a few times before the marriage | master-general of the Orange River and he was jealous." Smith had a Colony. He graduated from the R.M. marked impediment in his speech and C. in 1888 and in September of that was unable to sign his name to his year joined the Connaught Rangers to close up on Saturdays at 7 p.s

Never Saw Razor Before.

tify. He stuttered and was rather Benin territories expedition, being to the granting of the licenses for hasty in kissing the Bible, thus neces- mentioned in despatches on all of sitating the coroner's repeating the these occasions, and receiving prooath a second time. He and the pre- motion accordingly. He also comceding witness are uncles of the mur- manded various columns of the Aro dered woman. He knew little of the expedition, there also being mentiontragedy, as he was over at William ed in despatches and awarded the D. Corey's on Saturday morning. Never | S.O. saw the razor nor heard threats of any | Maj. Arthur Hope Van Straubenzee,

Angus Wood, husband of Annie May, appointed to the rank of lieutenant proved an intelligent witness, but colonel, is the senior graduate of the knew little of the case. He had not R.M.C., Canada, serving in the re month. I never saw any fights among seen Joyce the morning of the tragedy gular army, having completed a four and had not expected any trouble years' course at that institution in would result by his sister residing at 1880. In February, 1881, he was com-"He was kind, I never knew him to his father's place. Joyce had been missioned in the 101st Regiment, and be intemperate. He was a good work- cruel to his wife. He had whipped her promoted to be lieutenant in the Friday morning because she wanted to Royal Munster Fusiliers in the follow-"Was he of absolute sound mind go down to her father's. "You must ing July. In the same month he was stay here and not go down and have transferred to the Sappers as a lieu-"No, he was not I think there was any truck with the dirty gang," he tenant, and after that, up to as late and because it costs less than the said to her. She said she would, and as 1893, he was employed as an in others. 25c., at Wade's. Money back he cuffed her; then she left. Joyce had structor at the Royal Military Col. if not satisfactory. "He was both and could use an axe not been kind to his wife. Knew lege, Kingston. wide open. The one large swing door with either hand. He was neat in ap- nothing of the shooting, as he was at at the opposite side of the drive house pearance and shaved regularly, He had Peters', two miles away, when he



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Stephen Knight, of the township of heard of the tragedy. Storrington, next took the oath. "I | tify the razor, but said it was not met Joyce on the Friday evening and his nor his father's. Like the former we stopped and chatted about going witness, he could not write.

my company in the 47th Regiment. Joyce he was lying a little north-east asked me if I had any of the Sni- of the house on his face. One arm der ammunition. I told him I had. was under him, and the other at his He said he would call for it. I told | side. "When I examined him I found him he had better not, for probably a large wound in the neck, made evi-Mrs. Knight would not give it to him | dently by a sharp instrument. About and I would send it over on the twenty feet away was a razor and stage or bring it to him. He did not nearby a large patch of blood on the get the rifle from me. We parted then, grass. The wound in the throat was very extensive. It was doubtless staggered a few feet toward the house. A man could certainly cut his own throat in the manner this was done. Saw a knife lying near the door and This might be explained by the blood from the wound in Wood's arm run-

ning down onto the knife." In answer to a juror. Some persons had been at the scene before the witness arrived, and thrown a covering over the body. Ernest Wood knew nothing of th

death of Joyce as he was about two miles back of Moscow when it occurheard of threats against the members of the family. He had to make a

Noah Wood left home about five nature. This concluded the evidence.

A Second Inquest.

Coroner Mundell quickly proceeded to re-empanel the jury for the inquest on the remains of Mrs. Jovce. These were viewed and the same evidence as in the proceeding case sufficing, a verdiet of death from a bullet from a rifle shot by John Joyce, her husband, was cal faculty was determined that there. Thus the final chapter in the awful institution.

ragedy was enacted. The farmers unhitched their horses and drove back homewards, the coronthe work of the coroner.

HONORS FOR THE R.M.C.

High Places. Honor has just been bestowed upon

as second lieutenant, staying with and other nights of the week at eleven that regiment until the present time, o'clock. However, as the licenses for During his term of service he saw ser- the ensuing year have been granted, vice in the Niger Coast Protectorate, no definite step toward a new regula-William Smith was the next to test on the West African coast, and in the tion can be made until ust previous

R.E., C.R.E., Bermuda, who has been

Quite A Contrast.

The last attempt at escape from the penitentiary has called attention it is said, desertion, was caught, last to a strange fact, that while the week, by the military authorities and dormitory cells are guarded by heavy stone walls and steel bars in front the back is but a flimsy wall of a brick and a half thick. In prison to buy them from is Gibson's Red parlance, they are Queen Anne in Cross Drug Store, phone 230. style in front and very Mary Ann at the back. These brick walls line a passage way, floored with cement, and a man-hole to get from an upper floor to a lower one was left open. The convict must have known this encouraging circumstance, but an iron grating will soon, no doubt, be introduced into the opening to discourage imitators.

Ready For Application. Adjutant Jennings, returned from England, stated that the Salvation

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to camp. He had been a member of Dr. M. Tovell said when he first saw BY THE MEDICAL FACULTY

OF QUEEN'S.

The Trustee Board Will Not Have | Also An Excellent Hair Restorer Control of Biological Building -Government Grant Was for Medical Education.

of Queen's University trustees and the Propr's., St. John N.B., and Chelm the former being obliged to "capituate," as it were. The differences arose over the grant of \$50,000 by the Ontario legislature "to Queen's medical faculty for the purpose of medical education." The trustee board representatives wanted to control the expenditure of the grant and plan what the building should contain. The medical faculty, however, were bound to maintain their rights, in view of the fact that the grant was made direct to them for the purposes of medical education, and had been secured mainly through the efforts of Dr. J. C. Connell (the dean) and Dr. Ryan. Dean Connell, in fact, inaugurated the movement for the grant, when the Ontario legislature last year decided to vote such a large sum to the Toronto General Hospital for the benefit of medical education in the west.

The medical faculty had vivid recorded the medical college in years past by the trustee board, in the wa of using medical bequests for the university as a whole, and of grabbing certain fees which should have been the possession of the medical school, Right up to the present time, the medical faculty has maintained that it should have received more generous financial treatment at the hands of the university trustees. So, when a grant of \$50,000 was

made for medical education, the faculty was firm in its resolve to spend that money for the purpose for which it was voted, and for none other. What medical education at Queen's most needed was a biological building. and to erect and equip such a build ing, the medical faculty decided that the \$50,000 would be spent, and that they would do the spending. It is understood that the university authorities had counted upon having the department of botany in the new building, but as botany does not constitute a part of medical education, the medishould be no botany in the biological

The trustee representatives pointed out that the medical faculty was not a corporation and could not hold proer paid off the jury and returned to perty, but that did not worry the town. In conclusion a word of praise medical faculty, which intimated that the trustee board could own the building when it was crected, but that

they would not run it. So, the university representatives had to concede. The building will beboard. It will be devoted to the sub-

WHAT MAY HAPPEN To Secure the Early Closing of

Pool Rooms. The movement to have the pool rooms placed under the same closing regulations as the liquor shops meets with much favor. The youths who frequent the pool rooms are in quite a few cases, under the age regulation. The police, however, claim that it is almost impossible to absolutely determine this, as when the young lads are caught they assert they are old enough and the constables are in no position to disprove the assertion. The proposal is to have all pool establishments under rigid requirement next year.

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