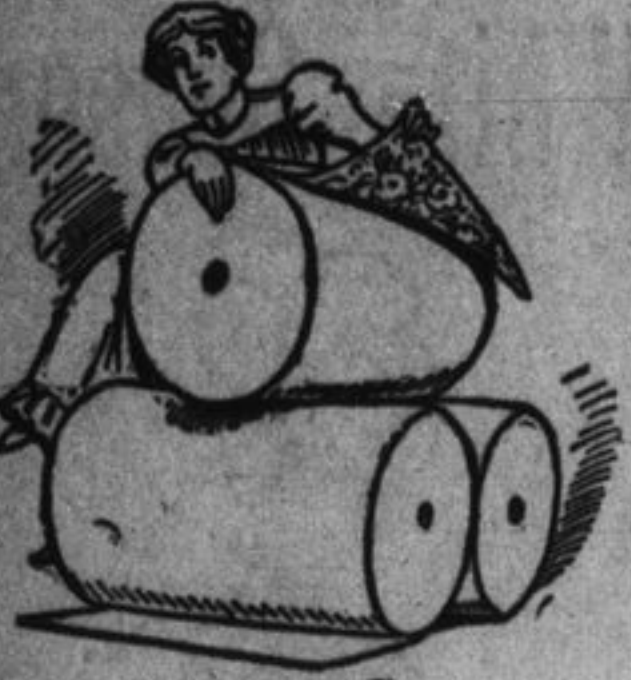




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Coroner Mundell Took the Evidence of Witnesses and the Jury Rendered a Verdict—Second Inquest Also Held on Dead Woman.



The Home of the Woods.

Provoked to a point beyond further endurance and crazed by jealousy, or other uncontrollable passions, John Joyce shot his father-in-law, murdered his wife, and then put an end to his own existence, escaping the penalty of his crime by cutting his own throat.

inquest. A jury was empaneled late Saturday night and bonded to appear Monday afternoon at two o'clock and listen to the evidence submitted.

conveyed from the gathering. The constable, a South African veteran, called the court to order and the taking of evidence was proceeded with.

Hearing Witnesses. William McAuley, a farmer living at Raiton and in whose employ Joyce had been, previous to his unhappy ending, and on whose farm the cabin, formerly occupied by Joyce and his wife, is situated, was the first witness.

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Stephen Knight, of the township of Storrington, next took the oath. "I met Joyce on the Friday evening and we stopped and chatted about going to camp. He had been a member of my company in the 47th Regiment. He asked me if I had any of the Snider ammunition. I told him I had. He said he would call for it. I told him he had better not, for probably Mrs. Knight would not give it to him and I would send it over on the stage or bring it to him. He did not get the rifle from me. We parted then. I did not know what he wanted ammunition for, and he did not say. Shown the rifle, witness identified it as an old Snider. "The curse of the country," he added.

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 small plain, black felt hat. She carried a satchel in her hand. She testified that she had seen Joyce on the morning of the crime was thus: "John Joyce came to my father-in-law's and asked his wife to go back. She said she would not go near him nor the house. He stood around the house talking. He wanted her to go outside as he had a few words to say. He did not appear angry. She would not and said whatever he had to say to say it before the rest of us. He said all right. He then went around the house and across the fields and about ten minutes later I went to the bedroom window and looked out. I saw him at the foot of a rifle. I came out and told the rest of them. Mr. Wood went out in front of the house and we fastened the house up. He stood around the house as we were afraid he would shoot. He stood talking to Mr. Wood and Wood we only a few feet apart when the shooting occurred. Wood had no knife and did not make any attack on Joyce." Shown the razor witness had never seen it before.

What time had your brothers-in-law left? "After he shot Wood, Joyce broke into the door and ran across the fields. He was carrying a satchel in his hand. 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-house."

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Never Saw Razor Before. William Smith was the next to testify. He stated that he was rather hasty in kissing the Bible, thus necessitating the coroner's repeating the oath a second time. He and the preceding witness are uncles of the murdered woman. He knew little of the tragedy, as he was over at William Corey's on Saturday morning. Never saw the razor nor heard of terms of any kind.

Angus Wood, husband of Annie May, proved an intelligent witness, but knew little of the case. He had not seen Joyce the morning of the tragedy and had not expected any trouble would result by his sister's marriage at his father's place. Joyce had been cruel to his wife. He had whipped her Friday morning because she wanted to go down to her father's. "You must stay here and not go down and have any truck with the dirty gang," he said to her. She said she would, and he hugged her; then she left. Joyce had not been kind to his wife. Knew nothing of the shooting, as he was at Peter's, two miles away, when he

heard of the tragedy. Could not identify the razor, but said it was not his nor his father's. Like the former witness, he could not write.

Dr. M. Tovell said when he first saw Joyce he was lying a little north-east of the house on his face. One man was under him, and the other at his side. "When I examined him I found a large wound in the neck, made evidently by a sharp instrument. About twenty feet away was a razor and nearby a large patch of blood on the grass. The wound in the throat was very extensive. It was doubtless made by the right hand and was very deep. Before he fell Joyce probably 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 blood on the step and on the knife. This might be explained by the blood from the wound in Wood's arm running 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 the death of Joyce as he was about two miles back of Moscow when it occurred. He had never seen the razor nor heard of threats against the members of the family. He had to make a mark to his evidence. Noah Wood left home about five minutes to six on Saturday morning. Did not see Joyce that morning. Saw him Friday, but was not speaking. Never saw the razor before. The cross also had to be substituted for his signature. This concluded the evidence. The coroner read the death declarations of Rose Joyce and of Corneilus Wood which has already appeared in the Whig. After reviewing the evidence and instructing the jury, the coroner bade the spectators step outside the building, going out himself, leaving the jurymen to come to a conclusion. It was only a short time before the verdict was ready and read: "That John Joyce is held to be the author of a wound in the throat inflicted by his own hand."

It was a foregone conclusion that this would be the result and the foreman's words were received without comment by the listeners.

A Second Inquest. Coroner Mundell quickly proceeded to re-panels the jury for the inquest on the remains of Mrs. Joyce. These were viewed in the same evidence as in the preceding case, a verdict of death from a bullet from a rifle shot by John Joyce, her husband, was recorded.

The final chapter in the awful tragedy was enacted in the awful tragedy. The farmers unhitched their horses and drove back unhitched, the coroner paid off the jury and returned to town. In conclusion a word of praise regarding the manner in which Cor. Mundell conducted the enquiry would be in order. Some of the spectators apparently thought they would hear some breezy history regarding the Woods' family history unraveled, the doctor, however, without putting it in so many words, made it quite plain that only questions pertaining to the manner in which John Joyce reached his death were to be asked. This sufficient, and the inquest passed off in a manner reflecting much credit upon the work of the coroner.

HONORS FOR THE R.M.C. Its Graduates Are Being Put in High Places. Honor has just been bestowed upon another graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston. This is the appointment of Capt. and Brevet Lieut.-Col. W. C. Giffard Heneker, D.S.O., Connaught Rangers, to be deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general of the Orange River Colony. He was graduated from the R.M.C. in 1888 and in September of that year joined the Connaught Rangers as second lieutenant, staying with the regiment until the present time. During his term of service he saw service in the Niger Coast Protectorate on the West African coast, and in the Benin territories expedition, being mentioned in despatches on all of these occasions, and receiving promotion accordingly. He also commanded various columns of the Aro expedition, there also being mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O.

Maj. Arthur Hope Van Straubenzee, R.E., C.R.E., Bermuda, has been appointed to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the regular army, having completed a four years' course at that institution in mission in the West Indies, and promoted to be lieutenant in the Royal Munster Fusiliers in the following July. In the same month he was transferred to the 1st Battalion, and in 1893, he was employed as an instructor at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Quite A Contrast. The last attempt at escape from the penitentiary has called attention to a strange fact, that while the dormitory cells are guarded by heavy stone walls and steel bars in front, they are but a flimsy wall of brick and a half thick. In prison parlance, they are Queen Anne in style in front and very Mary Ann at the back. These brick walls line a passage way, floors with cement, and a man-hole to get from one 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 Army immigration department will receive within a few weeks, some reliable married men, and would like applications for this class of immigrant. Farmers who can accommodate a married man should apply to Brigadier Thomas Howell, 24 Albert street, Toronto, or to Adjutant Jennings, box 48, Peterboro.

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FIRM STAND TAKEN BY THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF QUEEN'S.

The Trustees Board Will Not Have Control of Biological Building—Government Grant Was for Medical Education.

A settlement of some differences that existed between local representatives of Queen's University trustees and the medical faculty has been arranged, the former being obliged to "capitulate," 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 remembrance of the unfair treatment accorded the medical college in years past by the trustee board, in the way of using medical bequests for the university as a whole, and of grabbing certain fees which should have been operating in the medical camp. 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 building, 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 medical faculty was determined that there should be no botany in the biological institution.

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