

TERRIBLE MURDER COMMITTED NEAR SOUTHPORT

Alex. Stewart, Lot 48 Killed at Midnight by his Hired Man, Jos. Carver.

THE GUARDIAN FIRST ON THE SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY

Interviews the Sole Spectator of the Awful Deed. The Coroner's Inquest Brings in a Verdict of Murder. The Murderer is Captured and Taken to Jail. No Apparent Motive for the Deed.

Charlottetown was horrified yesterday when the news became known throughout the City that one of the most prosperous and respected residents of Lot 48 in the person of Alexander Stewart had been shot dead in cold blood, shortly after midnight, by Joseph Carver, a man who had been employed with him during the past winter as a servant.

Carver after visiting the house for the third time during the night had drawn the unfortunate man in pursuit to the stable door and there in sight of the horror-stricken wife had hurled him into eternity without a moment's warning.

The contents of one barrel of a double barreled gun consisting of duck shot had entered the groin severing the femoral artery and leaving a gaping wound to the bone two inches square through which his life blood poured.

Mrs. Stewart, who had accompanied her husband to the kitchen door rushed to the spot about twenty yards distant but was only able to catch him as he fell back into her arms dead.

The fiendish murderer, when asked for assistance said nothing but left and walked to a neighbor's where he told with apparent unconcern the dreadful story. The children summoned those who lived near by while their mother held her dead husband till they arrived.

The first intimation of the tragedy was received in the city by telephone from Southport about half past five this morning. The message came to the brother of the deceased, Bruce Stewart of Bruce Stewart & Co.

The marshal received the word at half past seven and he immediately notified the Attorney General and at the eight o'clock boat Sergeant Bradley, Officer Hooper and Constable Kiggins crossed.

The undertaker, Dudley Wright and the Coroner, Dr. Roderick McNeill, also went over at eight o'clock and the inquest was held at ten. A report of which appears below.

THE HUNT FOR THE MURDERER.

The officers drove at once to the scene of the tragedy and consulted with these present as to the whereabouts of the murderer. Learning that he had procured the gun from Charles Pippy they started north towards his house. On the way they were informed that Carver had gone to the Five Mile House where he usually lived. They started for the latter place but on the way were overtaken by a messenger on horseback who told the officers he had met Carver on the Lot 49 road going to John Stewart's, better known as Jack the Sailor. The search party however proceeded through to Alexandra by the new road recently made and then turned towards Tea Hill and Southport. Arriving at Stewart's, which is about two miles from Southport, they found the murderer in the barn talking to Stewart. He had apparently just arrived. When the officers approached he walked out and surrendered without resistance.

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HOW THE PRISONER ACTED.

The perpetrator of the awful deed did not seem to realize the crime that he had committed. He was taken to the Coroner who was then holding the inquest at the home of the murdered man. As he saw the crowds at the house he remarked to the officers—

"You will not let them beat me." When asked by the Coroner what he meant by committing the terrible act, he replied—

"I don't know." After remaining at the house for a short time the party left for the city and reached the Police Station about half past twelve, noon.

The trip to the city, over the roads that are the worst for many years, was uneventful. The prisoner was reluctant but at one time remarked:

"I suppose I will hang for this." On the road to the city he told Sergeant Bradley how he had spent the night.

WHAT HE DID AFTER THE MURDER.

After leaving William Pippy's where he had gone after the shooting he took the road through to the Five Mile House in Alexandra. When he reached there he found all in bed and so slept in the barn for the night. In the morning he started for Stewart's to see more of what he had done. On the way he met a man who told him his victim had died instantly. He then continued as quickly as possible on to Stewart's whose place he had reached shortly before the officers arrived.

ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

At two o'clock the prisoner was arraigned before H. James Palmer, Stipendiary Magistrate for Queen's County. The Police Court room was crowded and many were on the streets eager to get a glimpse of the murderer. When asked if he would be ready for trial on Thursday he replied "I suppose so." He was then remanded to jail till Thursday at ten o'clock when the preliminary investigation will be held. During the afternoon he asked the official to send word to John Stewart to procure counsel for him. An endeavor will probably be made to retain J. J. Johnston on his behalf.

THE GUARDIAN VISITS THE SCENE.

A representative of the Guardian was first on the scene of the tragedy and heard the story related by the sole onlooker of the murder. Mrs. Stewart, wife of the deceased, Carver, said she had always been a good man on the farm. On Tuesday he asked Mr. Stewart to go to town for the day. Mr. Stewart asked him if he wanted some money and he replied he would like to purchase some clothes. He did not return again. On Friday Mr. Stewart had met him on the road and asked him why he had not returned. He replied he was sick. Mr. Stewart then told him he might as well be working for him (deceased) as for McGregor, meaning a neighbor. No cross words were exchanged, there was no ill-feeling to her knowledge and Mrs. Stewart could give no reason for the terrible act. Her narration of the murder and subsequent proceedings were similar to that as told in her evidence at the inquest. When Carver came the second time the family were in bed but after Mr. Stewart got up and gave Carver his clothes he had not retired again. When he arrived the third time Mr. Stewart chased him towards the barn and when at the stable door Carver turned and discharged a barrel at close range. Mrs. Stewart rushed out, heedless of danger, and the murderer departed. Yesterday the blood was still to be seen where the deceased fell and five or six feet away a plank leading to the stable where Carver is supposed to have stood. The children, answering the calls of their mother hurried for the neighbors and Alfred Stewart and Henry McKenzie were the first to arrive.

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NO MOTIVE FOR THE DEED.

No apparent motive can be given for the act of the murder. From the evidence of those with whom he had been talking it appears he was not intoxicated and was rational. He crossed to Southport at 6 o'clock Saturday evening and it is reported told several persons he was going to shoot deceased. He talked with Captain McLean of the boat in a friendly manner and though he had some liquor still was quite able to take care of himself. It is reported that he received the first gun from John Stewart on Saturday evening.

THE DECEASED A RESPECTED FARMER.

Alexander Stewart, the murdered man is one of the most respected residents on the southern side of the Hillsboro. He was forty four years of age of medium height and possessed one of the best farms in the section. He was married twice, his first wife being Miss Linkletter of Summerside and the second Mrs. McGregor. Six children; three boys and three girls, the oldest nineteen and the youngest seven are left to mourn.

He leaves three brothers; Bruce and George in Charlottetown and Albert in Boston. Another brother Dan in Seattle was accidentally killed on a bridge of which he was contractor some years ago. There are two sisters abroad.

Mr. Stewart was in town on Saturday and made about \$100 worth of purchases in seeds, farm implements, etc. His residence is about three and a half miles from Southport on the Old Georgetown Road.

THE HISTORY OF THE MURDERER.

Joseph Carver, the murderer, is thirty five years of age. He has resided, for a number of years, when home, with his uncle, John Carver, Five Mile house. His mother's name is Kate Carver and she resides at the same place. He is a medium sized man with a dark mustache, though an occasional drinker he was not habitually drunk. He came to the deceased's about four months ago and Mr. Stewart frequently referred to him as a good farm hand.

THE INQUEST HELD.

The inquest was held during the forenoon by Coroner McNeill who summoned the jury from the ear by neighbors. The following is the evidence.

Euphemia Stewart, the wife of the deceased, testified that Joseph Carver was hired as farm servant for four months. He came to our house at 10 last night. He wanted to get in. He was cursing and swearing. He did not get in. He threatened my husband and said he would have his heart's blood before Monday. He went away and came back at 20 minutes to 12. He had a gun. Broke a pane of glass in kitchen window. My husband went out to give him his clothes and took the gun from him, told him to leave and take his clothes. He started threatening him again. He returned again about 12.30 with a double barreled gun. My husband went out again thinking to pacify him. He followed him to near the stable door and he (Carver) fired at him. I saw him fall. There were no men around. I asked him (Carver) to help me carry him in but he would not and went away. I sent for the neighbors and Dr. Dewar. He stopped breathing in about five minutes time. There was no quarrel when he stopped with us. I did not think he was drunk. He was a good worker and gave every satisfaction. I heard my husband say he was overpaid. My husband told him to come back and put in his time—that he hired him for a year and he had only worked four months.

William McGregor, a neighboring farmer testified that last Friday Carver had said to him, he and the deceased had a few words about his leaving. I did not hear him making any threats at that time. Some time ago I heard him say he would have deceased's heart blood, but I thought he was in liquor then. He went to town yesterday with me. I thought I smelt liquor off him, but he appeared rational and in his usual manner. About midnight last night he came to my house. I was asleep. I came down, doors were open though locked when I went to bed. I could not see him so went back to bed. I was again aroused and went down

again. I unlocked the door and Carver came in. He had a bundle of clothes. He said he went after his clothes but deceased would not give them but he took the gun and went to shoot him so got clothes. He said deceased took gun and broke it. He left my place saying he was going to get another gun to shoot the deceased. I urged him to stay. "Let me out, let me out," "I am going to shoot him," he said. I did not think he was in earnest. He returned again. In going down stairs I fell and hurt myself. Went up again and saw him coming through field. He came into the house and said "I shot him." He did not bring in the gun but I think hid it outside.

Dr. Dewar, M. D., testified that he was called at one this morning and arrived at ten to two. Found deceased dead with clothing saturated with blood. Found a gunshot wound about two inches below poupart's ligament in the left groin. The wound was two inches each way clear to the bone destroying the femoral artery and surrounding tissues. I found small duck-shot in the wound and flattened on the bone. The bone was laid bare. Gun was fired at close range. I saw one gun which was broken. It was a breech loader. Death would be instantaneous from shock and loss of blood.

Charles Pippy testified that he lived at Mount Herbert with his brother William. Knew deceased and Carver. He came to my room and aou-ou-ed me before midnight. He asked where my gun was. I said in the shop. He said he was going to shoot geese on the marsh. I gave him the key to get gun. He said something about getting his clothes but I did not know what he meant. He returned shortly after and said he shot deceased. He left the gun in kitchen and put the key on the window. He went in and told my brother he shot him dead. He was quite sober at the time and as rational as I ever saw him. He remained ten or fifteen minutes and then left.

Alfred Stewart, adjoining neighbor testified he was aroused by deceased's son. I went over, found deceased outside where he fell dead. I helped to carry him in. I saw Carver at the Post Office Friday last.

William Pippy testified that Carver had come to his house early this morning. After he returned the gun he came to my bedroom and told me he shot the deceased. He said he intended to fire at his legs and did not think he fired so high. He said "You will have to help me out." I don't know what he meant. He said he was going to Carver's at Lot 49. He always made his home there. I did not think he stayed more than five minutes. Cannot account for his motive in doing this deed. I could not say he had any liquor in him. I saw him in town yesterday and we each had a glass of beer at Geo. Offer's, I paid for both.

Henry McKenzie testified he was aroused by the daughter of deceased who said her father was shot by Joseph Carver. I found deceased outside dead and helped to carry him in. Saw Carver in town yesterday. He did not act as if he had been drinking.

VERDICT.

The following was the verdict— That on Sunday morning, April 12, 1903, Alexander McGregor Stewart came to his death by Joseph Carver who feloniously with malice aforethought did with a double barreled gun unlawfully kill him.

JAMES MCCALLUM, foreman. GEORGE MCKENZIE. SAMUEL WOOD. HENRY MCGREGOR. JOHN R. MCGREGOR. JOHN HAMILTON HIGGINS. ALBERT M. LANE. RODERICK MCNEILL, Coroner.

NECESSITY FOR MORAL MUSCLE

The Y. M. C. A. address yesterday was delivered by Rev. J. W. McConnell to a crowded hall. Much was expected from the reverend gentleman and the expectations were fully justified by the admirable address.

Mr. McConnell took for his subject, I Kings 22. "Be strong and show yourself a man."

I understand Moral Muscle to mean the power that a man may have to discharge moral duties. The whole field of Moral Duty, however, is a very large one for it embraces those duties having to do not only with a man himself but also those having to do with his God and with his fellow men. "It is the doom of all men to

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The military authorities have furnished two hundred and seventy tents and have been asked to furnish 2,000 more. The Immigration Department has rented a large building at LeDuc and taken possession of the skating rink at Rosthern which will accommodate 2000 people.

come under these duties and we believe that a man's wellbeing here and his welfare hereafter depend upon his discharge of these even-imposed obligations. The King of Israel is dying. He knows that upon Solomon his son the heaviest moral responsibilities will rest. He calls him to his bedside—reminds him of what he owes to God, to himself and to humanity and then commands him in his parting words to "be strong and show thyself a man."

If you like, you may say that this is a call for the cultivation of moral muscle. This moral robustness or sturdiness is developed—

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1500 KILLED BY EXPLOSION

HONG KONG, April 11.—(Special)—News has been received from Canton of an explosion in the powder factory of the arsenal in which fifteen hundred persons were killed.

In every department of the world's activity the demand is for men of moral muscle. For its business, for its politics, indeed for all its callings it wants men of power, men of profound convictions, men who are lovers of truth, men of decision men who are loyal to Jesus Christ, and to the higher interests of humanity. It is by the moral virtues, the righteous activities, the heavenly spirit, the reverent devotion of men that the national life in its every branch is secured. The men whose names stand out brilliantly upon the pages of history are not the physical giants but the men of mental and moral muscle. In the course of his address Mr. McConnell said that Moral Muscle meant an honest and manly facing of one's foes whether they are concealed in one's own heart or in the world around him. It means loyalty to God's word, constant communion with Jesus Christ, intelligent Christian living and a noble activity in the service of the church. It is not cultivated in Book Shops or Run Shops or in any of the many other dens of iniquity that abound in the day through which we pass. Other growths come to an end but the growth of spiritual power goes on when life's short chapter is closed.

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