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# INQUISITION.

British Columbia  
Canada

Victoria B.C.

An Enquisition indented taken at

British Columbia, the

Fifth

day of

January 1891

in the

year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before me,

Richard Morrison

gentleman, one of the Coroners for our Lady the Queen, for

the

Province

aforesaid, upon the view of the body of

Lai Sui

then and there and within the jurisdiction of the

said Coroner, lying dead, upon the oaths of

Freeman L. Dickenson,

James J. M. Hughes, J. E. Shore, Chas. B. McChesney, Henry Noble, and H. A. Pott.

good and lawful men of

British Columbia

said, in the said Province

, who being now here sworn and charged to enquire, on the part of our

said Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and after what manner, the said

Lai Sui

came to his death, do say upon their oath, that

the said Sai his case to his  
death by reason of wound  
inflicted by himself, he being  
at the time of an sound  
mind

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J. M. Hughes  
S. E. Shaw  
John Bull C. C. C. C.  
H. Noble  
H. A. P. M.

(for man)



Richard Harrison, M.D.  
Governor.

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1 And this deponent, Ah Chung,  
2 upon his oath saith:  
3 My name is Ah Chung;  
4 I reside in this city.  
5 I have known Lay Sue for  
6 some time. He lives in next  
7 Cabin to me, at Cornant  
8 Street. I heard him make  
9 a noise on Wednesday last,  
10 the 30th, and I put him  
11 in bed. Next day I  
12 cooked him something to eat,  
13 at about 10 o'clock in the  
14 morning. When I went in I  
15 found him lying down all  
16 covered with blood. Found razor  
17 produced, caused by accident, on  
18 the floor. I then reported  
19 to the police. He was crazy  
20 for two or three days before  
21 his death. He smoked  
22 opium for a long time.

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28 The above deposition was made  
29 before me this Tenth day of  
30 Jany one thousand eight  
31 hundred and ninety one.

32 Richard Morrison M.D.  
33 Coroner

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1 And the deponent, George Lawson  
2 Miles, upon his oath says that  
3 I am a licensed medical  
4 practitioner, and reside in the  
5 City of San Francisco (morning)  
6 was called to see a Chinaman  
7 in a house bet. Cermerant and  
8 Hogue street. I found him  
9 on the floor with his throat  
10 cut. I found several incisions  
11 in the throat, extending about  
12 eight inches in length; that  
13 was the length of the wound  
14 altogether. In front the  
15 wound extended into the  
16 wind pipe; the cricoid cartilage  
17 was divided. At the side  
18 the wound was not deep,  
19 but in front it extended into  
20 the wind pipe & none of the  
21 large vessels of the neck  
22 were divided. He had lost  
23 considerable blood, his hands  
24 and clothing were saturated  
25 with blood. He was able to  
26 speak; he spoke to his friends,  
27 and stated through them  
28 that he had cut his own  
29 throat. He gave no reasons  
30 for the deed to me. I  
31 dressed his wound and  
32 sent him to the Jubilee  
33 Hospital. The wound was sub-  
34 ject to cause death. He lived

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1 until the third or fourth day  
2 after the loss considerable blood,  
3 the wound was not bleeding  
4 when I saw him a Inflammation  
5 which set in was sufficient to  
6 cause death.

J. L. Kihno

11 The above deposition was made  
12 before me this Fifth day of  
13 July of our thousand eight  
14 hundred and ninety one  
15 Richard Morrison M.D.  
16 Coroner

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1 And the deponent Stroud L  
2 Redgrave, upon the oath sayeth  
3 On Tuesday morning, between  
4 10 and 11 o'clock of December  
5 30<sup>th</sup>, from information received  
6 I went to the Cabin occupied  
7 by Luis Pico found him  
8 lying on the floor of the Cabin  
9 with his throat cut. Razor  
10 produced was by his side.  
11 He told me he cut his own  
12 throat; he spoke broken  
13 English & gave no reason for  
14 the deed. There was blood  
15 on his hands and body.  
16 I removed him to the  
17 Jubilee hospital, where he  
18 died Friday. I am  
19 a police Constable of Victoria.  
20 Stroud L Redgrave

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22 The above deposition was made  
23 before me this Fifth day of  
24 July one thousand eight  
25 hundred and ninety one.  
26 Richard Morrison M D  
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1 And the deponent, Robert H Walker  
 2 upon his oath saith: I  
 3 am a police Constable: and  
 4 to the Cabin occupied by  
 5 deceased on the 30th December  
 6 saw deceased lying on the  
 7 floor, in a corner of an  
 8 unoccupied room, with his throat  
 9 cut. On the night previous  
 10 saw the same Chinaman  
 11 between 7:15 and 7:30. He  
 12 was on Chatham street, crying  
 13 and acting very strangely. I  
 14 took him home. Asked  
 15 him what was the matter,  
 16 he replied "Too much opium".  
 17 Saw him removed to the  
 18 hospital; Assisted Officer  
 19 Ridgway to remove the body.  
 20 The body at Storey's was  
 21 taken down to that of  
 22 Layne. He lost a  
 23 quart or more of blood.

27 Robert H Walker

28 The above deposition was made  
 29 before me this 5th day of  
 30 January one thousand eight  
 31 hundred and ninety one  
 32 Richard Morrison M.D  
 33 Coroner  
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