

Inquisition

British Columbia

To Wit

} An Inquisition indented
taken at Keithley Creek -

British Columbia the nineteenth day
of August - One thousand eight hundred
and seventy four - in the thirty eighth
year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady -
Victoria, before me Oliver Hare, one of
the Coroners for our Lady the Queen
for the district of Forks of Ducomelle -
upon view of the remains of the body
of "Ah Lung" a Chinese Miner of Keithley
Creek aforesaid (there and within the
jurisdiction of the said Coroner) lying dead
upon the Oaths of William Holmes; John
Manks; Robert Pritchard; Robert Young;
Andrew Birrell, and Patrick Howley - good
and lawful men of the district aforesaid,
who being now here sworn and charged
to inquire, on the part of our said Lady
the Queen when, where, how, and after
what manner the said "Ah Lung" came
to his death, do say upon their oath
that the following evidences have been
attended to by them and the remains examined.

Ah Lung - Sworn - Chinese Interpreter -

Ah Hat - Sworn - Says - I lived in the house
with deceased - saw him alive on Monday
last at five o'clock in the evening - I went
out to cut some grass, and on my
return

return about half an hour afterwards
found the deceased "Ah Lung" hanging
from a rafter in the Cabin - I took
him down and found he was dead,
I do not know what could have induced
him to hang himself, except that he had
been suffering from a bad fever which
gave him great pain, and at times
made him crazy -

By the Coroner - Was any person with
you when you found him
hanging?

Ans - No! I ran out and called
An Going - who came to me
at once -

An Going - Sworn - Says I lived in the Cabin
with the deceased "Ah Lung"
saw him alive a short time
before 5 o'clock on Monday evening
last - I then went to my work
and about half an hour after
wards Ah Hat told me Ah Lung
had hung himself - I ran to the
Cabin found deceased lying
on the floor quite dead -
Deceased was about 35 years
of age - I have known him
nine years - He has not
owned in any claim for a
year, and has been living
on charity from my cousin

Remarks by a juror }
Robert Pritchard } Last Saturday night
between eleven and twelve
o'clock I heard some loud
talking among the Chinamen
I went out and found "Ah Lung"
the

deceased in the creek with his head
under water - I believe he was attempting
to drown himself - I helped pull him
out - My belief at the time was, his
pain in the face had made him crazy.

Verdict:

We find that the deceased "Ah Lung"
came to his death by hanging himself
while under a fit of Temporary Insanity.

S.H.

Foreman = William Holmes L.S.

John Marks L.S.

Robert Pritchard L.S.

Robert Young L.S.

Andrew Birrell L.S.

Patrick Howley L.S.

Coroner = Oliver Hare L.S.

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