

[CORONER.]



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INQUISITION.

An Inquisition indented taken at *Nanaimo Province of*
British Columbia, the *21st* day of *November* in the *Fiftieth*
year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before me, *Henry Barry.*

Raycraft, gentleman, one of the Coroners for our Lady the Queen, for
the *Province* aforesaid, upon the view of the body of *Trs Guinness*
In Duck & Guang Su. then and there and within the jurisdiction of the
said Coroner, lying dead, upon the oaths of *Richard M. Gray,*
Jacob Corb, *James William,*
Lawrence Borden, *Patrick Cairns*
Thomas Fitzgibbon

good and lawful men of *Nanaimo* aforesaid, in the said *Province*
of British Columbia, 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 *In Duck*
and Guang Su. came to ~~the~~ death, do say upon their oath, that *In Duck.*

And I pray for the soul of the aforesaid
for Christ's sake that his death, caused
by accident and misfortune and not
otherwise.

IN WITNESS whereof, as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to this

Inquisition put their seals, on the day and year and at the place first above-mentioned.

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J. V. Sorell
James



James Williams



Richard McLary



Thomas Fitzgerald



Patrick J. Cunningham
Jury



Lawrence J. Fadden
Jury

Richard
McLary



J. B. Reynolds - Coroner.



Canada,
Province of
British Columbia
To wit

Information of Witnesses
generally taken and acknowledged
on behalf of our Sovereign
Her Majesty the Queen, touching the
death of two Chinese men and
two women.

taken at Vancouver on the twenty fourth
day of November in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty
six, before our Henry Percy Raycroft
Esq. one of Her Majesty's Coroners
for the said Province on an inquisition
then and there taken on view of the bodies
of the said Chinese men and two women,
then and there lying dead, as follows
to wit.

William Miller of the City of Vancouver
in the said Province of British Columbia
and being being sworn with Oath
working in the mine of No. 1 and
Level Vancouver and being at Vancouver
on Monday the twenty second of Nov^r
about 1/4 to eight P.M. went down the
road over what was keeping the
Chinamen to hang with the ropes,
as it went down Sweet then with an
empty box, the two Chinamen
stopped the box where the rock fell,
they went into Mr. Ellis place for a
full box, one Chinaman brought in
an empty box to Ellis, the other went
off with a full box & returned with
an empty, when about ten yards
from the end of the rock fell and
killed them, and one was killed outright

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The other shouted for a few minutes
and stopped, I do not know their
names.

I have passed the same place half
a dozen times.

About six or seven bars fell.

According to my idea it was
properly supported.

One of the posts was knocked
out whether by the Chinamen I
do not know.

I saw one when I saw them half
an hour after warpt they were
both dead.

The Chinamen I have seen to day dead
are the first ^{fallen in the} ~~fallen~~ ^{at the} ~~at the~~

Walter Miller

Taken upon oath and acknowledged
this twenty fourth day of November
in the year of our Lord and thousand
eight hundred and eighty six before me

St. B. Kupperst
Coroner

Recorder of British Columbia

David Ellis of the City of Kaniama
in the San Francisco Coal Miner
mine on a Sunday
night the 22nd Nov. I was working
in the shaft at the Fairview Coal Mine
at Kaniama. I saw two Chinamen
falling in a hop so they were
falling it down the shaft, the rock
fell down, both men were killed.
I was working around that spot
for some weeks the hop was supported
with props, I considered it was
always safe, I was under it many
times. I believe the fall was occasioned
by some slide
then I saw them they were both
dead.

Part of the props was knocked out,
whether by the hop used by the
Chinamen I do not know.
If the prop had not been disturbed
I think it quite possible that the
hop would have stayed for a
long time.

I have searched for a long time
and consider every thing has been
done to protect human life, I do
not know of any coal mines
by the Foreman and

The prop was a simple prop with
a cap on it.

The hop, was the car used for
carrying coal.

I do not know whether the car
pumped the rock or not.

My Coram. I there had not seen
any fall of pack that day
in the place before the accident

No reports had been made
concerning the roof at that place.

I do not know the names
of the two Chinamen.

David Ellis

Taken upon oath and acknowledged
this twenty fourth day of November
in the year of our Lord and thousand
eight hundred and eighty six before
me.

J. B. Raycraft
Coram for the Province of British Columbia

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I should like to visit the City
of Danvers in the State of
Vermont, being crossed south, I saw the
of Danvers on Sunday evening last
the 22nd it was reported that there was
an accident in Danvers Coal Mine.
Shaft No. 1, on the next morning
I went. I examined all the places. There
was quite a large pile of rock dropped
down about two feet and a half thick.
The way I consider the fall of rock
was, by a smooth slip, it fell off a
smooth slip, this slip extends ^{from} ~~from~~
along one side and around the end,
where the slip was running there was
a row of props, and ^{on} ~~at~~ those props
a small cap in each prop, the slip
was so close to the prop that it broke
the end of the cap and left the prop
standing on the other side of the slip.
I ^{could} ~~could~~ see on the other
side of the end there was a prop
and this prop was close to the car
the car was under the prop.
I examined the place and considered
it well proped. The accident was
at a switch which is under ~~where~~
the props an account of falling
another road into a shaft. These
slips are not easily detected in
the props.
When I last visited that mine
I considered it was properly
proped,
I do not think there was any

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neglect by the proper person
in charge of the inclosure for the
Safety of human life.

The names of the Chinamen I do
not know unless their numbers,
258 and 376.

Archibald Dick

Taken upon oath and acknowledged
this twenty fourth day of November
in the Year of Our Lord and Saviour
Eight Hundred and Eighty six

J. B. Kaycraft
Crown for the Province of British Columbia