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INQUISITION.

Canada
Province of British Columbia
District or County of *Kanaimo*

In Inquisition indented taken at *Wellington*,
British Columbia, the *First* day of *November* in the *eighty*th
year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before me, *Daniel Clunes*

gentleman, one of the Coroners for our Lady the Queen, for
the *District* aforesaid, upon the view of the body of

Ah Quong (Chinaman) then and there and within the jurisdiction of the
said Coroner, lying dead, upon the oaths of

Edmond Thomas, (foreman)
Alexander Mc Kenzie
Phillip Mc Lellan
A. E. Delarme
Thomas Mahoney
Handalfalto Francisco

good and lawful men of *District* aforesaid, 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 *Ah Quong*

(Chinaman) came to his death, do say upon their oath, that *the deceased*

Mr Luong came to his death by his own
negligence in not coupling the seventh car
to the other six.

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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.

Almond Thomas
A. E. De. Jours


Alexander McKee
Thomas his
mark X Makoney

Witness to mark of J. Makoney
by Thomas

Phillip McLennan
Sandolfo his
Francisco X
mark

Witness to mark of H. Francisco
by Thomas



 D. Lewis
Coroner.

First Witnesses:

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David Moffat - sworn deposed - I am a Miner; saw the deceased Mr. Luong come into the switch in a car about 3 p. m. on October 30th in the North Wellington Mine; asked him where he was hurt; he put his hands on his privates and said he was hurt there most; asked deceased how it happened and he said he forgot to put in the spraggs; he said the car came two feet and he jumped.

By Mr. Rydlen, Manager - There were six cars in the train and the train was drawn by a mule; they put the spraggs in instead of a brake when the cars are going down an incline;

By Coroner - think he jumped in a narrow part of the road and got jammed between the cars and the pillar.

By Inspector - On the other side from where he jumped there is from seven to ten feet of room all along the gangway; think if deceased had remained in the car that he would not have been injured; from information received I believe that deceased placed the sprag in the seventh car and that the seventh car was not coupled to the other six; think that the accident was caused by the seventh or spragged box not being coupled to the other six; the spragged car was found standing on the switch afterwards; it had two spraggs in the wheels; two is the number generally used;

By Coroner - It was the duty of the deceased to have

completed the cars: David Moffat

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Coroner

Second Witness

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Ah Chung, sworn deposed - said he works in the slope at the North Wellington Mine; heard a Chinaman calling out, went to see what was the matter; saw deceased lying ^{down} ~~to~~ the track; he told me that the boxes came down too quick; the deceased was too sore to speak; the boxes had gone passed; the fourth car was off the track; deceased did not tell me what injured him; helped to take deceased home with Ah Him and Ling Ah; carried him on a board. I told Ah Him's brother and went back to my work;

By Mr. Bryden - I don't know why the boxes came so quick; the inside mule driver will know

By Foreman - The deceased was not dead when I left him; took him home at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and he died at three o'clock on Wednesday morning; as was told Dr. Jones attended deceased.

Ah Chung,
witness

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D. Curran M.D.
Coroner.

Third Witness:

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Ah Hin (Chinaman) sworn, deposed -
work in the Slope North Wellington Mine;
saw the deceased lying alongside the track;
the deceased did not speak to him because
he was too sore; deceased said he was
too sore to talk; deceased was shouting out
all the time; the fourth car was off the
track;

By Mr Bryden - Did not go to the switch to see any
car there; did not go beyond where deceased
was lying.

By Coroner: Helped to bring the deceased to the
surface.

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D. Cluett M.D.
Coroner.

Fourth Witness:

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Ling Ah (Chinaman) sworn deposed -
am a mule driver in the North Wellington
mine; did not see the deceased jump off
the horses; the deceased went in with seven
horses he thinks; Ah & Loney went in to tell
me to stop my cars; I then came outside;
saw deceased lying on the ground alongside
the track; deceased said he was too much
sore and did not want to talk much; asked
deceased how he got hurt and deceased would
not tell him;

By Mr Bryden - Deceased said he put in three "locher"
(sprags) in the last car and he did not
couple the last car to the others.

By Coroner - If deceased coupled the cars they
would come down too quick and the deceased
would not have got hurt.

By Inspector - Saw one horse stop on the inside with
three locher (sprags) in it;

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Ling Ah
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Edmund J. [Signature]

Coroner