

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE

Police Dept.

Victoria, B.C., May 8th, 1933.

Insp. John Vance,  
Police Department,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the investigation which followed the finding of the body of the late Stewart Ashley, in this City, on April 29th last, I wish to express to you my feeling of gratitude for the valuable assistance and co-operation which you rendered this Department.

Although the verdict of the Coroner's Jury was disappointing and left a certain degree of doubt in the minds of some, no one who was present at the inquest and heard the evidence adduced by yourself could possibly entertain the slightest doubt as to the manner and cause of the young man's death.

The remarks I have heard from some of our prominent citizens, including Mr. C. I. Harrison, our City Prosecutor, have been most complimentary to your ability as a Criminologist and Analyst and I feel this Department has been most fortunate in making your acquaintance and in having had the benefit of your expert services and advice, without which we should have been greatly handicapped.

I trust I shall have an opportunity of reciprocating at some future time and also that should the necessity ever again arise we may rely on your valued assistance.

I have written to Chief Cameron asking him to convey my appreciation to other members of the Department who were concerned and requesting him to bring the matter to the attention of your Board of Police Commissioners.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Thos. Heatley

Chief Constable.

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