

PROBING DEATH OF A WELLAND CANAL GUARD

One Man Arrested at Welland
and Another in Toronto—
Came From Buffalo.

Welland, July 31.—The inquest to enquire into the death of Private Leonard Bellamy of the Welland Canal guard was reopened by Dr. Colbeck, coroner. The impression seemed to gain strength that he was the victim of foul play. The inquest was again adjourned until Friday.

The evidence was such as to direct attention to two men, both of whom are now in custody. Both are Americans, who came here from Buffalo, and both have been in trouble since their connection with the canal guard force. They are Harry Kurtz and Benjamin Chase. The latter is alleged to be a dope fiend, and was for some time connected with the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where he is said to have had a good position. He was discharged from the canal guard for firing his rifle over the heads of two officers who were crossing the aqueduct while he was on guard.

The evidence showed that he was seen in Welland on the night of the tragedy, a short time before it occurred, and not since. His arrest was effected in Toronto on Monday, where he is said to have secured drugs from a doctor and later returned to the doctor's office and stole morphine. When arrested for this offence he gave the name of Hamilton, but a military officer from this post went to Toronto and identified the prisoner as Chase. It was shown that he was a close friend of Kurtz. While the motive of Kurtz and Chase may be only a personal one, if any, the fact that they came from a foreign country may have a deeper significance.