

EARLY EDITION NEWS BRIEF

AN UNSPEAKABLE BARBARY COMMITTED IN OUR SLEEPING VILLAGE

HEIR TO WHICHBRAKE MANSE FOUND MURDERED

BEADLERIE AND DEACONS INVESTIGATING

The residents of our village of Roode were this morning awoken by news of a most stunning and evil character which this writer fairly quails to recount, and is only fortified in so doing by a true knowledge that the discipline of the journalist is not to hearken after the base callings of one's own passion but to inquire most fearlessly into all iniquity and in so doing serve the hand of providence and grace.

It was relayed to the offices of this paper upon their opening this morning at half seven, that one Master Wenwood Hintersee esq., lately adopted headchild and heir apparent of the Hintersee family of Whichbrake Manse had been found slain in the most cruel and violent manner to be imagined. Mstr. Wenwood will be well known to all of the district as a bright and cheerful young man, little indisposed by the sad infirmity of the body which had since birth restricted his movement.

It was further relayed that the young master had been found not in his own chamber but in an outbuilding of the estate proper, itself used only by servants of the lowest sort. Much has been speculated upon in regard to these bare facts by idle gossips in the village and further afield, but such malicious confections shall not be relayed by your noble writers and editors herein.

It is, however, noted that the beadlerie despatched to attend the case, though much disgusted by the manner of the unfortunate young man's slaying, have been surpassing active in their pursuit of numerous 'leads' of inquiry, all of which, should they be energetically followed, will certainly bring about a rapid closure to this most harrowing episode. It is understood that the services of a specialist deacon of inquiry, from Lemons Hill, as well as the expertise of independent criminologists, have been called for. This is said to be due to a number of singular connections related to those lines of inquiry currently being pursued, which might be said to fall rather beyond the purview of the rusticated beadlerie of our district.

Whichbrake Manse has been praced under an official Lee of Inquiry, pending the resolution of the case, meaning movement within the estate, and upon the Soir highroad which passes through it, has been much disrupted. Given the current ripeness of the estate's rice crop, this has been the cause of much vexation in the district and a shortfall in the harvest is widely feared. It is duly noted that the restrictions on labourers' movement which have attended the injunctions upon the actions of friendly societies in this division have already been the cause of much confusion in this year's working calendar and any further irritations to the steady progress of agriculture are much to be regretted. A letter to this effect has been passed into the company of this paper by Mme. Du Fries, of Kees Hollow, Upper Roode, and into the hands of the Chief Investigating Officer of the beadlerie.

An updated register of the progress of this inquiry shall be relayed in the evening edition of this paper.

From the Mail and Globe.