

1 - Brown paper package

Received from Mr. W. P. Nichols,  
Provincial Deputy Fire Warden  
of Fernie, B.C.

at 10.30 A.M., Thursday,  
April 18/40..

package contains Hammer  
from Greenwood, B.C.

Sorry for the delay, but was out of town  
when your wire arrived.

G.E.



Recd from Deputy Fire Marshall W.P. Nichols

April 18/40 - 10.30 am

One Cordwood Box wrapped in Brown  
Paper -

7515 J - Brown Wrapping - wrapped  
around Cordwood Box and  
sealed with gummed Paper  
Straps -

Writing on Paper -

From BC Police - Greenwood BC.

To - The Deputy Fire Marshall  
823 Vancouver Block  
Vancouver BC.

Fragile  
Canadian Pacific Express

Canadian Pacific Express	
From Greenwood -	
April 16/40	
Waybill No 138	
Collect -	45
Weights -	8-



7514 D

= One Corbboard Box  
Plus Smoke Tobacco

(15' x 10" x 10") = Size of Box

Corbboard box Cautans —

Hose & Connection = 7462 D

Halting Iron = 7463 D

{ Old ragso Sacking & kumpaper  
used as packing for above

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Kumpaper in Box

Vacuum Duds, pressure

Aug 9/39-

address to = J. A. Dodd

Box 400

Freewood BC.



In connection with the piece of fire hose and metal connection received from Deputy Fire Marshall W. Percy Nicholls on October 16th, 1939 at 10:30 A.M. the metal connection is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches inside diameter, total length of piece of hose and connection is  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The part of connection received is the male half.

In my opinion the metal part of the hose has been struck with a hammer. The hammer used has depressions on the face and had been used to strike two of the exposed threads and part of the collar. There are three visible threads on the connection. The stroke of the hammer has been from behind the connection on the slant and again downwards. A ~~coarse~~<sup>medium</sup> file has been used to obliterate the marks left by the hammer face. The marks on the threads are not in direct line with the mark on the collar, but would indicate that the person stood behind the connection and to the right of it. The under part of the metal connection was placed on a rough, hard surface containing a red pigment. There is no indication of emery powder or gravel where the hammer marks appear on the thread and collar.

*PS only the two former threads are  
damaged - the thread near the collar  
is only slightly touched and would not  
interfer with coupling the hose -  
the two former threads on flange  
filed*



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Inside diameter of metal connector  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

These a Connector  $12\frac{1}{2}$ "

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I gave to Hutchalls a verbal report in my office - and he had with him a Mr. Ward - John J. Underhill's associate.

I stated that a hammer was used by a right handed man - the marks are angled to the right hand - the strikes were from behind the metal connector -

A man could easily have held the hose by his left hand on a red painted hydrant and with a pitted faced hammer (round) he struck the ~~two~~ hose connections and then used a medium course file to obliterate the



raised raised marks by 3 the fore 2 the  
hammer - the fore marks are up & down  
from hose to connector - not running with  
the thread the small holes from the hammer  
face are raised marks on the metal connector  
like o o o - Below the hammer marks are  
heavy marks with red paint found in pits  
showing that a heavy resistant substance with  
red material on it took the blows under head  
the connector - The hose metal connector  
exhibits dust adhering to threads which would  
indicate the hose thread had not been used for  
a long time - There was evidence of faint  
filings on thread below blow marks - but  
there was no evidence of gravel Rock or emery  
powder -

Noted that I had removed the red  
pigment from the metal - and am keeping it in  
the lab for future reference - It is hose & J. on  
metal - I stated that I would give a written  
report as later date should case develop -