

Chief Constable's Office

Police Dept.

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

John Cameron, Esq.,
Chief Constable,
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, Insp. John Vance and Insp. McLeod, my feeling of gratitude for the valuable assistance 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 Insp. Vance could possibly entertain the slightest doubt as to the cause and manner of the young man's death.

I feel this Department has been most fortunate in making the acquaintance of Insp. Vance and in having had the benefit of his expert services and advice, and furthermore I think your Department is most fortunate in having a person of his ability and knowledge on the staff.

I have written personally to Insp. Vance but I should be pleased if you would kindly convey to him my feeling of appreciation of his services, and furthermore I should consider it a favour if you would bring to the attention of your Board of Police Commissioners, the feeling of gratitude of myself and the members of this Department for the services rendered.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Thos. Heatley

Chief Constable.

TH/b