

Mr E. Staves, formerly section
lineman in charge of the Western
Section of the C.P.R. Telephone
System, has enlisted in the 82nd

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Mr and Mrs Tom Crawford
entertained a number of dis-
charged soldiers residing in
Strathmore on Thursday even-
ing. An enjoyable evening was
spent. Among those present
were J. Volk, H. White, S.
Buckley, J. P. Rogers, R. M.
Johnston, J. Mackenzie, W.
Saunders, Geo. Auld, Clarence
Auld, J. H. M. Martin, and Ed.
Staves

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DITCHMAN FINDS BODY OF W. A. STEVENS FLOATING IN LAKE AFTER SEVEN MONTHS

Evidence Clear That Missing Calgary Grain Buyer Was
Accidentally Drowned in Chestermere Lake at Time
Of His Disappearance on October 10, Last Year—The
Body, Fairly Well Preserved, Floats Near Where Car
Was Discovered on Bank.

The body of W. A. Stevens, missing grain buyer, of Calgary, was found in Chestermere lake on Wednesday morning. Teddy Staves, ditch rider, who had been employed to watch the lake for the appearance of the body, noticed it floating on the surface about 150 yards from where the man's automobile was found on October 10, last, three days after he disappeared from his home here. Staves notified the authorities here and the body was brought to the city by the Armstrong ambulance. It has been identified as that of Mr. Stevens.

Calgary Herald, 17 May 1922, page 1, columns 3-4 (excerpt)

E. STAVES VICTIM SHOOTING MISHAP

Found Near Chestermere
Road with .22 Bullet
Through Head

Found lying by the side of the Chestermere road with a bullet through his head, Edwin Staves, a resident of the district, was brought to the General hospital, Wednesday morning and his condition at 2 o'clock was said to be critical.

According to Dr. D. D. McLaren, the shooting was an accident caused when Mr. Staves attempted to take a .22 rifle through a barbed wire fence at the side of the highway.

He sustained lacerations to his left wrist which indicated that the trigger had been touched by the barbed wire.

His son discovered the body about 200 yards from the home.

Little hope was held for his recovery, hospital authorities intimated during the afternoon.

After proceeding with all cases on the court docket, officials decided to wait for Mr. Staves, who was to appear Wednesday morning to answer a charge of reckless driving, under the Vehicle and Highways Traffic Act, as the result of an accident Sunday on the Chestermere road.

According to Arthur Terry, who laid the charge, Staves was attempting to pass him on the highway, when another car, proceeding in the opposite direction, caused Staves to swerve in front of Terry's car.

The right rear bumper of Staves' car was locked with the front bumper of Terry's, complainant told the Herald, and the latter car was dragged more than 150 feet along the road.

Both cars turned completely about, ran into the ditch, and Staves' car crashed into and broke off a post.

"When I questioned him Sunday he appeared to be very irresponsible, and didn't appear to want to answer questions. The only fact he would agree on with the complainant was the place at which the two cars collided." Constable J. W. Stanton, of the R.C.M.P., told the Herald.

TO PROBÉ DEATH SHOOTING VICTIM

An inquest into the death of Edwin Staves, ditch foreman at Chestermere, who was found shot through the head early Wednesday, will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Armstrong funeral parlors, Coroner Dr. George R. Johnson told the Herald Thursday.

It is believed that Staves was fatally shot when he attempted to carry a .22 rifle through a barbed wire fence. He was discovered by his son about 200 yards from the house, near the fence, and the rifle was standing about 5 feet from the body.

Never regaining consciousness, Staves died at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the General Hospital.

Crown Prosecutor M. H. Staples requested that a stay of proceedings be entered in a charge of reckless driving that had been laid against Staves as the result of an accident Sunday. He was to have appeared in court Wednesday morning. Magistrate Davidson withdrew the charge.

Calgary Herald, 10 August 1933, page 9, column 3

EDWARD STAVES

Last rites for the late Edward Staves, irrigation system employe of the Canadian Pacific Railways at Chestermere Lake, who was fatally shot when a rifle he was carrying discharged Wednesday morning, will be held from the Armstrong funeral home, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. J. Bennett. Further arrangements will be announced later.

Calgary Herald, 11 August 1933, page 3 column 5

STAVES FATALITY FOUND ACCIDENTAL

Chestermere Man's Rifle Discharged by Fence Wire, Coroner's Jury Decides

Edward E. Staves, C.P.R. irrigation system employe at Chestermere Lake, met his death accidentally from a bullet wound in the head, received between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, a jury investigating the circumstances of his death under Coroner Dr. George R. Johnson at the Armstrong funeral home decided Friday evening.

Staves died in the General hospital at about 2:28 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from his injuries.

There were no witnesses of the accident, but evidence indicated that a small-bore rifle with a defective trigger Staves was carrying discharged while he was crossing a barbed-wire fence, the bullet entering the left side of the forehead. Staves also suffered severe lacerations of the left wrist, believed to have been received when he stooped to free a trouser-leg which had been caught in the barbs of the fence.

Staves had borrowed his son's rifle, presumably to shoot a muskrat which had been causing damage to the banks of the irrigation canal. The accident occurred about 200 yards from his home at Chestermere Lake.

Seriously injured, Staves was found by his son, Joseph E. Staves, who went to look for him after he had failed to make his morning report by telephone to the watermaster at Dalroy.

According to evidence supplied by Sergeant H. N. Trickey, R.C.M.P. officer who investigated the accident, deceased had completed his morning duties before taking the rifle, the guard of which did not fully protect the trigger, and which could be discharged by a light touch. The trigger, projecting outside the guard, had evidently caught on the fence as he was crossing, discharging the gun. Staves had managed to make his way to a point about 45 feet from the fence before finally collapsing.

Dr. A. H. Maclaren, C.P.R. doctor, called to attend deceased; Edwin A. Bishop, hired man employed by a neighbor upon whom Staves' son called for assistance on discovering the accident; Albert Hems, employe of Starr's ambulance; and Walter Marshall, employe of the C.P.R. irrigation system, also testified.

A jury composed of H. E. Patterson, Gust Maxie, Joseph Hansoul, Rene Byndens, Harry Figsby and Joseph Coykendale was empanelled for the investigation.