

R. V. Sumak

Excellence taken on
his tree for number

Regina versus Shumak



Witnesses required by prisoner present.

Seymour Harrison River Indian. I
knew Louis Bee. I saw him about
nine weeks and six days ago at
Killoot Slough. I went up to see
our lines. Louis Bee was a half
breed from Katzie. I went with Louis
Bee from Kato Killoot Slough in a
canoe up Pitt River about two miles
some distance from Railhouse Bridge
saw nothing going up. Found no
bait on our sturgeon lines. We
decided to go and look for bait.
After paddling for a short time
we met Swanitzon and his
wife paddling down stream. We
were going up stream. They came
near each other and Louis Bee
spoke to Swanitzon. After the
other canoe passed we heard a
shot and Louis Bee proposed to go
and see who fired. When we got
near to the place where we heard
the shot I saw a person on the
bank coming towards us. It
was the prisoner. We went near
the shore and Louis asked the
prisoner what he was firing
at. Prisoner did not answer.
Prisoner walked until he
got to the edge of the water
and then he got his gun into
position and fired at Louis.

I was in the stern of the
canoe and Louis in the bow.

The canoe was

Sideways to the shore. After the shot was fired prisoner ran to his own canoe. I thought of jumping out of the canoe - Louis was holding on to the canoe. I jumped out and asked prisoner why he shot Louis. After I got ashore I saw blood on Louis' shoulder. Louis fell into the river after I got ashore. I saw Louis sink in water. Louis said water after he was shot, water three feet deep. I had branches in my canoe, nothing else.

My canoe drifted to Prisoner's canoe was there. Shumak told me he did not want anyone round there. I then ran away because I thought prisoner would shoot me as he was reloading. The gun was a single barreled muzzle loader.

Narcisse Bellefleur - C. E. (Interviewed)
I made this plan of position of Pitt River on the ground. It is correct.

Seymour, resumed.

We were going up the river and prisoner was on left bank. Prisoner was about the elbow of the slough and walked over from prairie. This happened about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. I hid myself and sat down and watched prisoner. I saw

about twenty minutes. The prisoners remained at his own canoe with his gun in his hand. I therefore came down to the bridge and got to my camp at Lillooet Slough.

I went to get my canoe and when I got it I came to New Westminster and told Mr. McTear the Indian Agent at night.

I stayed at Westminister that night. I went up the next day in company with a white man and I showed the place where the man was killed and did not find the body at first as the tide was up but afterwards found it where it fell. I took the body and put it into the canoe and brought it to Westminister.

Louis was what the do he was shot and so was I. Went to prisoners camp in company with Mr. McTear. I saw an eye there. I saw this eye before in Louis' possession. It belonged to him.

X^u I had lived at Lillooet Slough since end of fishing season this year. Have not seen prisoners of war. I don't know how far the prisoners lived from my camp. Deceased lived with me. Also two women and one old man. Louis' wife and mine. I and Louis were fishermen.

I left my camp after midday to go to the lines. Nothing in canoe but cedar shakes and paddles. The axe that I saw and no

bullet & his fist. I don't recollect
telling anyone that we had a bullet
for killing Sturgeon.

(Council reads statement in
which witnesses stated they had a
bullet.)

I crossed the river after
we heard the shot. About a quarter
of a mile away when we heard it.
Only ~~what~~ ^{could} see prisoners head at first about 100
yds from canoe he was on shore, Louis held
pail of canoe after he was shot & then fell
overboard he never attempted to get out of canoe
& jumped out of canoe after Louis was shot &
hid myself in grass-prisoners could not see me
I see out - Band has only a slight rise - none
of the other Indians ever talked about prisoner
I see no pole in canoe.

Richard S. Walker. Phy. & Surgeon

I made a post mortem on Louis Doe 10 Sep: Mr.
Thomson & Mr. Oland present - found the deceased had
received a bullet wound over left shoulder, it had
passed downwards & upwards into chest - thro' left
lung upper part of heart thro' right lung & passed
bullet in right pleural cavity. Examined
stomach partially filled with some cigarette no
indication of alcohol. The lungs were normal
no signs of death by drowning - the woman was
imprisoned during life & was stone of death, the
body ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~found~~ ^{found} - 25 or 30 years old - I think
the prisoner had been dead 2 or 3 days

Charley - Sporn

Kating Lake. I knew Louis Doe, I saw
him when he was killed - he was in water 20
yds from shore - I put body in canoe & took it
to Louis Doe camp & next morning brought it
to Mr. W. W. W. - had a formal gathering
opposite camp - Capt. & Atteridge was at

one time did not see prisoner when I found
body I went with Charles to look for prisoner I
saw him at a distance & he walked away from
me I also went with another constable to look
for prisoner, prisoner ran away - he was about
a mile off

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The wife of deceased asked me to look for Louis'
body - it took me an hour to find it, it was about
10 ft from shore it was high tide the water was
about 5 feet & a wide more in depth. Water was
murky - could not see body - I have a hook when
tide is out water is clear - the first time I saw
prisoner he was out in speaking distance -
Prisoner was at foot of mountain & prisoner had a
gun - he was under shelter of gun on this day
he was cut down - I have known prisoner at
long time but had no conversation with him

Mountain man - Kater

I knew Louis Bell & I saw him up at Pitt River
the first time I saw him alive I think about
noon he had been looking at his lines he was
in a canoe with Seymour they were going up
stream - Louis sang Chahobah Tye - I spoke
& after I had gone some distance I heard
echo of a shot.

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I think has since yet could have known
prisoner many years I lived at Kater &
Prisoner at Pitt River - don't know how many
miles

Robert Anderson man Constable

I went up about a week after the report of the
murder I went with Charles to try to catch
prisoner I was there I caught I was in a canoe

with Indians I saw prisoner on shore - prisoner
was presenting his gun at me & I fired at him
& he jumped into the water. This was in the
neighborhood of camp I saw him at a distance
on another occasion.

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Charlie was with me when
I saw prisoner - he raised his gun & held it
to his shoulder. I fired a round that he took
his gun. I went up once with Charlie.

Old Charley's room

I went up to see prisoner 11 Sep.
I wouldn't find him, I found an axe in his
cabin & looking to Louis & took prisoner's canoe.
Prisoner was believed to fall about 2 weeks ago.

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14 Oct. I attended the Port Martin I saw
the body as Louis Bee I know him well

I went up with several special constables -
went up 2 or 3 times - I went up the lake on
one occasion. I found his tracks & my men saw
him - I know Captain Adams to force him to
surrender. He has known Adams for 15 or 20
years I have known him drunk but no other
change

Leave for Leavenworth closed

Kitty called room.

I am married to Louis Bee 10 years
had another husband before