Peter Davis arrested for Murder.

The shooting of William Emery in the township of Marmora a couple of weeks ago has developed into what is now generally supposed to be a case of deliberate murder.

Soon after the body of the dead man was found, suspicion strongly pointed to a young man named Peter Davis, who was a short time ago in Emery's employ, and who was discharged last winter after a violent row in which the deceased accused him of being on too intimate terms with his (Emery's) wife. Damaging reports have since been in circulation regarding Mrs. Emery and Davis, and the latter was known to have made violent threats against Emery's life. Then the conduct of the supposed guilty woman was looked on as suspicious when she reported to the neighbors that her husband was missing on the night and morning following the shooting. The upshot of the matter was that on Friday morning last Davis was arrested by Constable Ponter of Marmora, on a warrant charging him with the wilful murder of Emery. He was lodged in the County jail at Belleville the same day.

Coroner Sutton, of Madoc, held an inquest on Tuesday, but from what we have learned up to this writing the evidence against the prisoner was of a purely circumstantial character. Some new developments are expected.

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A Case of Accident, Suicide, or Murder.

A painful sensation has been created in the township of Marmora, by the shooting of William Emery, a farmer, who resided on the south half of lot 28, in the sixth concession of that township, as there is a strong suspicion that the dead man has been foully murdered.

It appears that on Thursday morning last, the deceased left his home to cut hay in a beaver meadow some three miles distant, taking with him some food, a scythe, and a rifle.

He failed to return that night, as was expected, so his faithful wife next morning started in search of her missing husband. Her worst fears were more than realized, for, on reaching the spot where he had been working, she found him lying cold in death. A shot from his rifle had penetrated his right breast, and the rifle sticking muzzle downward in the sod was found a few feet from his body. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, leaves a widow and three children; he was a man of good character, and there is nothing known to indicate that he took his own life. It is, of course, possible that the shooting was accidental; but the circumstances are such as to have created a strong suspicion of murder. Public opinion, indeed, points to a man whose name was given to the Chief of Police, Belleville, as Peter Davis, as the murderer, and he is said to have since disappeared. Officer Stoneburg, who knows the people and the locality, says a mistake has probably been made as to the name. An inquest was opened, but adjourned until the first Tuesday in October, when it is hoped the true facts of the case will be brought to light.—*Daily Intelligencer.*

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The Marmora Murder.

A Strange Story by Way of Cobourg.

The following, which is published in the Cobourg *World*, as the statement of Daniel Reid, a neighbor of the Emorys, is given for what it is worth:

It seems that a few days before the murder, Davis found Emory in the marsh, and was going to kill him, but the poor man begged for his life, and promised to go away and let Davis have his wife. On this condition Davis allowed Emory to live, but the unfortunate man afterwards determined to stand his ground, and on the day before the fatal 19th, he made a statement to Daniel Reid. Not having been made in the presence of either of the prisoners, it was not admissible as evidence at the trial. Daniel Reid says:—"Wm. Emory started to go away from my place on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, and I asked him what his hurry was. He said that he had to go away; that Davis had told him (Emory) that he would give him until about the middle of October to leave the place; if not he would shoot him. Emory said he saw Davis in the marsh the day before his (Reid's) "bee," and that Davis was going to shoot him, but he begged for his life of Davis. Davis then told him that if he ever caught him in the marsh again he would shoot him. Emory told me that if anything happened to him to let it be known. Emory said that his wife told him that if he did not get away she would have Davis kill him. Emory cried and shook hands with me and said:—"If anything happens let what I have told you be known, and if there does nothing happen to me keep it to yourself." It is supposed that on the morning of September 19th Emory carried his rifle to the beaver meadow with the determination that he would defend himself to the bitter end in case his avowed enemy should attack him. Davis probably surprised Emory while the latter was engaged in mowing grass, and shot him with his (Emory's) own rifle.

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Condemned Murderers.

SEVERAL CASES IN WHICH THE LAW MUST TAKE ITS COURSE.

OTTAWA, June 2.—There are at present under the consideration of the executive, three cases of persons on whom the death sentence has been passed. But for the recent action of the courts there would have been four. J. B. Morin, the Montmagny murderer, who was sentenced to be hanged on the 14th May, got a respite by the judge until the 6th of June, thus relieving the executive of any further responsibility in the matter. It is also understood that another respite until some time in September has been given by the courts.

Peter Davis, who murdered a man named Emory, in Marmora, and who was sentenced to be hanged on the 20th of June, will suffer the last penalty of the law on that date. His Excellency having reviewed the whole case could find no reason for extending the clemency of the Crown. The condemned man had first secured the affections of Emory's wife and then murdered him.

Henry Smith, who killed his wife in a drunken spree in London, Ont., beating her to death with a poker and afterwards saying she committed the deed herself, will be hanged on the 14th of June. In this case, which was carefully gone into, all the evidence being minutely examined by the Department of Justice in the first place and afterwards by His Excellency the Governor-General the latter has decided that the law will take its course.

The only other case which has not yet been disposed is that of N. R. T. Dubois, who killed his wife, mother-in law, and two children, at the little village of St. Alban, near Quebec. There is every reason to believe that he will share the fate of the others.

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DAVIS TO BE HANGED

FOR THE MURDER OF WILLIAM EMORY OF MARMORA.

June 20 Fixed for the Execution—Mrs. Emory Acquitted by the Jury After They Have Expressed a Belief in Her Guilt.

BELLEVILLE, April 15.—The trial of the Marmora murder case was resumed at 9 o'clock this morning. Coroner Sutton, who held the inquest on William Emory, identified the handwriting of the female prisoner.

Jerome Keene swore that Mrs. Emory said in his hearing that Davis said he would shoot her husband the first chance he had; that she had told him he had better not and that they concluded to live together after a while.

Stephen N. Davis, brother of the male prisoner, testified that prisoner in a conversation about eighteen months ago said Emory had threatened to shoot him, but he would try to get the first bullet in. This would be done if either had to hang for it.

This closed the case for the crown. The defence did not call any witnesses.

William Riddell, on behalf of the crown, made a brief but strong address. Mr. Clute, Q.C., spoke for more than two hours on behalf of the prisoners. His Lordship's charge, in which the evidence was briefly reviewed, occupied an hour.

The jury retired at 1.50 p.m. and after 35 minutes' deliberation returned a verdict of guilty against Davis. As to Mrs. Emory, they believed she had knowledge before the fact and were sent back to pronounce as to her guilt. They returned with a verdict of acquittal.

Davis was sentenced to be hanged on June 20.