

JAMES HINDS KILLS HIMSELF

AT WINNIPEG, CAN. WAS FORMERLY MANAGER OF J. I. CASE CO. IN THIS CITY.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—James Barber Hinds, for sixteen years a trusted employe of the J. I. Case Co., was found shot to death, a suicide, at noon yesterday in his apartments in the Rouraine block, Ellice avenue.

When the door was burst open at the request of his employers his body was found lying in a Morris chair. In the right hand a 32-calibre revolver was clutched, and a wound which reached from one side of his head to the other gave evidence of the manner in which death had been caused. "Suicide, plain and simple," said the coroner upon his arrival, as he noted the reclining position of the body, the weapon and the injuries.

A financial entanglement which involved him to the extent of many hundred dollars is alleged to have been the motive which prompted Hinds to kill himself.

Although the discovery of the body was not made until almost noon, Coroner Inglis stated that the man had been dead at least twelve to fourteen hours. The blood which had poured from the single bullet wound had clotted and dried on the clothing and the condition of the body substantiated the coroner's statement. For sixteen years Hinds had been connected with the collection department of the J. I. Case Co., and in addition to being one of the oldest was one of the most trusted employes of the firm. Christmas eve he left for Racine, Wis., where his wife was already enjoying her Christmas holidays. From the time he entered the Touraine Monday until yesterday, when he was found dead, he was not seen. A. Fischer, who occupies a suite adjoining that of Hinds, stated that about three o'clock Monday he heard the report of a pistol, but at the time thought nothing of it.

The door of his apartment was locked and bolted, but after some difficulty the janitor removed the door glass. The prostrate man through the gap was seen and the blood stained face informed them that it was a case for the coroner. Two empty chambers were found in the revolver, but the body showed only one wound, and it is thought that the other had been emptied some time ago.

Mrs. Hinds is still at Racine, Wis., and has not been informed of her husband's death. Hinds was about fifty years of age and was with his late employers for many years in the United States.