

CORONER BEGINS INQUEST.

Three Witnesses Testify Regarding Catsburg Mine Disaster—Hearing Adjourned Until Tuesday.

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MONONGAHELA, Pa., March 13.—Coroner Fitzpatrick came to Monongahela this afternoon and started the inquest on the death of the five men in the Catsburg mine disaster. The jury was sworn in, Mayor J. C. Neill, of this city, being made foreman. The first case taken up was that of Isaac Eastwood. The other cases will be heard jointly with Eastwood's.

William Gelder, a brother of John Gelder, of Charleroi, was the first witness called. He stated that only five days before the death of his brother he had received his legal papers as mine foreman. He was employed at Millesville, but had been employed by Superintendent William Sedden to come to Catsburg.

Fred Eastwood was the second witness. He stated that he had identified his father's remains.

John Neill was the third witness. He had identified the remains of William McFarland. He said he saw McFarland alive last at 5:30 on the morning of the explosion, and said he told McFarland not to go into the Catsburg mine, as it was considered dangerous, and it was hardly necessary to risk his life, but McFarland had replied that the mine was safe. At this point the coroner adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the morning.