INVESTIGATING MINE HORROR.

The inquisition to inquire into the causes leading up to the mine disaster at Luke Fidler colliery last Saturday, was held in the Council chamber at Shamokin last evening by the following jurymen who were selected by the Coroner to sit on the inquest. Miles Dougherty, Peter Brusky, John J. Williams, H. T. Crone, William Hemingray, Sr., and Thomas O'Connor.

Among the witnesses who gave testimony were Mine Inspector Edward Brennan, Inside Foreman Michael Readdy, Assistant Inside Foreman Michael Dugan, Fireboss John Clark, Miners John T. Williams, Charles Koppenhaver and other workmen who were employed the shaft in workings when the explosion occurred.

Much interest was centered upon the testimony of Charles Koppenhaver, who worked with his brother Jesse in the breast where the explosion occurred and where the young man met with fatal injuries. The bottom part of a safety lamp found in the breast was submitted as mute evidence of the alleged cause of disaster. The jury have not as yet arrived at a verdict.

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