

THE SLOW POISONING CASE.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Before the Stipendiary Magistrate.

THE EVIDENCE OBTAINED.

Dr. Taylor's Testimony Continued.

EVIDENCE OF DR. MACLEOD.

INTEREST in the investigation is still maintained. On cross-examination yesterday, Dr. Taylor asserted the right of witnesses to courteous treatment, ruffling for a short time the dignified calm of the judicial proceedings, but producing, before the end was reached, a very good understanding between himself and the learned counsel. This morning several of those who are taking part in the investigation were again a little late, which caused the Magistrate to remark that he would like to begin punctually.

DR. TAYLOR'S EVIDENCE CONTINUED.

I had about two hours conversation with Mrs. Sutherland on the 6th of February. I think the conversation was in Dr. Johnson's presence. She told me her symptoms.

Mr. Peters objected to Dr. Taylor's introducing as evidence any conversation he had with Mrs. Sutherland, as to her symptoms from Oct. 6th to the present time. Mrs. Sutherland herself could be placed on the stand and tell her symptoms to the court. He had no objection, whatever, to Dr. Taylor's telling what he knew from personal observation.

Mr. McLeod argued that the evidence was admissible; that it was perfectly right that the symptoms of the patient, as told by her to her doctor, should be related in court.

The Magistrate permitted the investigation to proceed as to the patient's symptoms.

Dr. Taylor then proceeded to describe the patient's symptoms as detailed to him by Mrs. Sutherland: So far as it was necessary for me, as a physician, to enquire into Mrs. Sutherland's state of health, she informed me that a few days before Christmas there was some remission of her previous symptoms, that she went down stairs, by advice, with difficulty, owing to stiffness of the leaders of the leg and ankle, and dropping of the left foot; that while sitting she became very weak and was obliged to be supported, and was obliged to lie down; that on Monday and Tuesday before Christmas she was very sick; that on Tuesday night before Christmas she began taking medicine and whiskey and milk; that she became very feverish and remained so all night; toward morning had excessive burning and thirst, diarrhoea set in, great and general distress, headache which continued on Christmas, sense of fullness of the eyes; the doctor called on Christmas; the doctor came back at ten the same night, when she was somewhat better; about that time she took some medicine and whiskey. Sometimes when she would omit something, Dr. Johnson would mention it; then I would turn to her and ask her if it were so, and she would say "Yes"; then I would take it down. About Christmas, after the above acute attack, the limb symptoms became worse, viz., pains, more tingling and greater loss of sensation and motion, especially the motion of the foot and ankle. She had so much pain she could not sleep at night without medicine. After that she began to improve, and she is improving still. When I first saw her she had some cough, and I thought there was some loss of power in the base of the right lung. She is now getting stronger. Her appetite is better. She still has the sensation of cramps and pains. The arms are improving quite notably, and the feet and legs are improving some—but as yet not much. She can't walk. But she is stronger and in very good spirits. Her general health is improving. She has no pains in the stomach, does not vomit, has no thirst and her eyes are fairly well. She told me, a few days after I first saw her, that the skin had all peeled off her feet and toes like the fleece off a sheep. I fancy that there is now some discoloration of the skin—but I am not sure on that point. The color of the skin has improved since I saw her first. I am now going to see her every other day. I don't think she is fit to come to court. She is fit to be examined at home. She is a woman of a calm temperament, has a good memory and will answer the questions well. I would advise to have her examined in her own house. I heard Dr. Johnson describe the symptoms. From the facts detailed by Dr. Johnson my opinion is as follows: Eyes;—severe conjunctivitis, puffiness of the eyelids, sometimes being obliged to lift up the eyelid with her own fingers, on account of the thickening of it; intolerance of light; copious flow of tears; nerve symptoms,—peripheral paralysis of the lower part of the lower limbs and upper limbs, commencing in the legs and becoming complete in the legs, accompanied by loss of sensation in the arms, gradually becoming complete in the legs; also painful sensations of these limbs beginning with tingling and numbness; this though no tactile power remains; skin,—brown appearance of the skin, branny exfoliation of the cuticle, dryness of the skin and heat; gastro-intestinal symptoms,—spells of severe nausea and vomiting, excessive thirst, continuing after the vomiting, moist mouth; apparent moderate salivation, white silvery coating of the tongue; severe pain in epigastrium; diarrhoea occasionally; painful or uneasy sensations in the throat; occasional high fever, temperature occasionally 104; rapid weak pulse; head symptoms,—mental faculties not impaired, violent head ache; absence of tremors; violent gastro-intestinal symptoms preceding the nerve symptoms; also the history of repeated attacks,—from all these, acting in the same way as if I were at the bedside of a patient showing these symptoms, and forming my diagnosis with a view to treat, I should say that she was suffering from arsenical poisoning. The principal treatment must be adopted,—after consultation between Dr. McLeod, Johnson and myself,—is to restore sensation by means of electricity, and to improve the general health. I know from my own experience that arsenic would have to be boiled several hours before it

would be dissolved in water—even with acid added. If a person had taken what was in the bottle it would have killed, as a matter of course. It would be very dangerous if shaken up.

To Mr. Peters—I did not read the evidence in the Maybrick case. If I had stood by the bedside, I should have said: arsenical poisoning, and nothing else. I would say that I cannot think of any other hypothesis. Worms would not account for the gastro-intestinal symptoms in Mrs. Sutherland's case. I formed my opinion from the symptoms, but it was a little bit strengthened by the fact that arsenic was found in a bottle by the bedside. My opinion is she had a dose of arsenic three or four times; that she was poisoned off and on ever since the 10th of October. Doctor Johnson is a good doctor. The hair did not fall off in this case, that I know of. Up to a week after the taking of arsenic, traces of it might be found in the urine.

Court adjourned.

DR. MACLEOD'S EVIDENCE.

FRIDAY, Feb. 28.

JAMES MACLEOD, M. D., (sworn)—Examined by the Attorney-General.—I was called in on the 5th of February by Mr. Sutherland and Dr. Johnson. Dr. Johnson accompanied me to the bedside. I found Mrs. Sutherland in bed with a pulse of 120 and one degree of fever. I noticed a peculiar discoloration of her forehead, and drew the patient's attention to it. She smiled and said, "if you had seen it some time ago, it was as dark as that wood," pointing to a piece of walnut furniture. She had a cough. On examining her lungs I found that she showed some signs of bronchitis, from which she has made a good recovery. I then examined the hands and feet and legs for evidence of the extent and kind of paralysis. Her hands were weak of grasp, but the numbness was the most characteristic symptom. On the 10th I gave her a pin and asked her if she would kindly pin my shirt sleeve. I found that she could not tell the point from the head of the pin without looking. She was not able to pin my shirt sleeve, though she tried once or twice. The sense of feeling and touch was gone, and, evidently there was a great loss of muscular power. Going back to the 5th Feb. I tested for sensations in the leg. I found when I applied a very hot piece of cloth to the leg, that it was a considerable time before she felt it. After a time she said it was warm. I should have said that it was hot. I then tried a cloth dipped in hot water with the same result. Her sense of heat and cold was gone. The perception of heat and cold may be present when the perception of touch is not. With regard to the touch, she could not distinguish between a sharp and blunt instrument in contact with her leg, nor which leg I was applying it to. The sense of touch was well-nigh obliterated—in some muscles it was completely gone. The feet were as limp and dead as if they had no muscles at all. We made all the usual tests, and found that the paralysis was peripheral neuritis, or inflammation of the nerve, and confined to the leg itself from the knee down. We noticed the eyes. I asked her if she had been crying. She smiled and said "no." I then said "your eyes look as though you had been at a fire last night." They looked as if they had been exposed to smoke. Then she told me that some time ago I could not have seen more than half of the eye-ball. On the 6th we made an examination, testing arms and feet by electricity which confirmed beyond doubt the opinion I formed on the previous day that the case was a peripheral-neuritis. On the 10th I saw the patient again with the intention of applying electricity medicinally as a cure. On that day we thought the room was too cold. We went in the afternoon of the 11th and made a thorough application of electricity as one of the means of restoring her sense of feeling in the limbs. We found the slightest indication of improvement in one or two muscles—(this was in response to the electrical current)—and also that she had a return of the power to move the feet. Then I bade the patient "good bye." I saw her again at the request of Dr. Johnson on the 19th of February. I found a gradual improvement. She could push the ball of the foot gently against my hand and then she could draw the toes up again. She could extend and flex the foot. The pulse was much better—it was 94—and her general state of health seemed to be considerably improved. I noticed a slight improvement in the color of the forehead. I looked at the chest and portions of the body, and the color of the parts was very slightly abnormal. The discoloration was not striking. The patient did not describe her past symptoms to me. I went there simply to diagnose and treat. I had a history of the case from Dr. Johnson, and also heard Dr. Johnson's evidence in court. The symptoms, taken as a whole, would appear to me to indicate arsenical poisoning. I tried by the process of exclusion every disease that it could be taken for, so far as I am aware of, and I found that no other disease known to me will have the same chain of symptoms—other than arsenical poisoning. Arsenical poisoning would account for all the symptoms on Dec. 10th and 25th. The symptoms on the 25th Oct. indicated arsenical poisoning, but might be those of other diseases. From the bedside clinical picture presented by this case from beginning to end, I know of nothing that would produce it except arsenic.

To Mr. Peters—I found no evidence of tenesmus. I was not told whether or not it had existed. I don't know what I would have done if I were in Dr. Johnson's place. The finding of the bottle, with arsenic in it, rendered him an important clue. The symptoms of distress, indicating arsenic, were not, I think, so clear in the Maybrick case as in this case.

The Attorney-General here remarked that the next witness whom the Crown proposed to call was Mrs. Sutherland. He understood from the medical attendants that she was unable to come to the Court, and from Mr. Sutherland that there would be no objection to the court going to her at her home.

After some conversation, in which Dr. Taylor, Mr. Sutherland, the Counsel and the Magistrate took part, the investigation was adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow forenoon—then to be resumed at the residence of J. M. Sutherland, Esq.

Lord Tennyson makes very slow progress in improvement. He has a persistent and severe cough that so disturbs his sleep as to prevent his getting any satisfactory rest.

Carnival at Victoria.

The carnival in the skating rink at Victoria last night ranks with the most successful held this season. The attendance of skaters was very good, and many of the costumes were well conceived. The attendance of spectators was also large—about fifty being present from the city. The Artillery Band was present and furnished capital music. Below is a list of those in costume so far as the names could be obtained:

- LADIES. Agnes Palmer—Milkmaid. Mrs Chas Doull—Diamond Dyes. Winnie Lea—Gypsy. Renee Lea—Margery Daw. Annie Brien—Silver Shaw. Grace Brien—Christmas Tree. Hilda Smith—Fireflies. Emily Lamun—Fancy Work. Beatrice M Inman—Masonic Emblem. Lucy McDonald—Snowflake. Gertrude A Clark—Queen of the Forest. Bessie Holmes—Rainbow. Lizzie Lord—Coming Through the Rye. Maud Gumbel—All the Rage. Grace Newson—Oddfellow. Lottie Clark—Wild West. Mrs W T Green—Not All Gold That Glitters. Mary Webster—Poppies. Carrie Hudson—"Maud Crossing the Stream. Lizzie Fay—Nurse. Mabel B White—Waitress. Ada M Ince—May Queen. Bertie Lea—Star of the Night. Ella Lord—Beacon Street School Girl. Ella A Murphy—Maid of Kent. Grace Muttart—Wild West. Miss Pentz—Summer. Mrs William A McQuarrie—Snowflake. Paola Howatt—Red, White and Blue. Mrs W H Collett—Good Luck. Anata Clark—Shepherdess. Mrs J S Rogers—Starlight.

- GENTLEMEN. Edgar Clark—Baby. Chas Doull—What Is It? Spurgeon Francis—Boy in Blue. Geo McQuarrie—Midshipman. David McQuarrie—Butterfly Billy. Russel Wright—Little Lord Fauntleroy. Tador R Parsons—Puss in Boots. Frank Webster—Uncle Sam. William Clarke—Free and Easy. Bruce Lane—Santa Claus, Spl. Fred W Ince—Darky Dude. Bradford Webster—Darkey Dude. Artemus Lea—Puss in Boots. James McInnis—Rip Van Winkle. W A Huerta—Athlete. Morley Myers—Spanish Matador. L H Howard—Middy. James A Chisholm—Irish Volunteer. Haywood A Sobey—Corporal. Fred M Clarke—His Satanic Majesty. Jas Mullins—Darkey Dude. Frank Beer—Darkey Dude. Richard McQuarrie—Jockey. Welton Howatt—Bridget. Chas Lord—Go As You Please. Chas H McNeill—Free Trade. Ernest P. Clark—Newsboy. Isaac Clark—Baseball. Henry G. Wadman—Old King Cole. Hammond J. Ince—Freemason. Percy D French—Capes Boatman. John A McNeill—N Y Tailor. Chas A Palmer—Clown. Wallace Stewart—Jack Tar. Boulter, Webster—Indian Chief. Collett, W D—Grit. Clark, Robt—Jessie James. Doyle, Thomas—Cuisinaman. Dawson, Brenton—Cricketer. Fay, Willie—Highland Laddie. Ince, J A—Jack of Diamonds. Myers, Seymour—Robert Burns, in his Golden Hours. McQuarrie, John A—King of Delhigh. McQuarrie, M W A—Just as I am. McPeller, John—Tory. McKenna, Willie—Billy the Kid. Lea, Willie—H M S Herald. Rogers, Albert—Clown. Snow, Chas—Highland Laddie.

Oddfellowship.

The very excellent and exhaustive lecture on the Order of Oddfellows delivered under the auspices of the fraternity at their hall last evening by Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd, himself an Oddfellow, was listened to with marked attention by the large audience present. We regret that our crowded space will not permit of a full report of the lecture, which we think should be published. The subject, of the lecture embraced the objections offered against the Order by the uninitiated, which were met and successfully combated by sound and logical reasoning. The cardinal principles of the Order—Friendship, Love and Truth—were eloquently and forcibly expatiated upon, showing most conclusively that the principles inculcated by the Order were in accord with the brotherhood of man the world over. At the close of this intellectual treat, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the rev. gentleman for his very able and instructive address.

Supreme Court.

GEORGETOWN, Feb. 28, 1890. The court adjourned yesterday, and the Chief Justice, Clerk of the Crown and the counsel in attendance from the city, Messrs. Morson and Stewart, left for town this morning.

In the breach of promise case of Annie Hughes vs James Farrell, the jury estimated the damage to the young lady's heart at \$700.

In the case of White vs. White, an action for work done, materials provided and money lent, a verdict was returned for the plaintiff for \$40.

Joseph Higgins, the youthful burglar whose escapades at Cardigan and Georgetown have been duly chronicled in THE EXAMINER, was sentenced for the three several offences with which he was charged, to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term aggregating seven years. He was given three years for the Grant burglary; two years for the Griffin larceny, and two years for the Jenkins house-breaking.

A correspondent complains that the Rev. Mr. Gordon teaches an undenominational class in the Y. M. C. A., before which, as occasion presents itself, he justifies and teaches the doctrine of "Immersion." The insertion of our correspondent's letter would probably lead to a controversy, for which we have neither space nor inclination at this juncture.

Judge Fraser, of Rochester, N. B., is very ill.

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About eight acres have been planted for an orchard, with the best varieties of apples, plums and pears, which should begin to bear in another year. The buildings consist of a Dwelling House, three Barns, an Implement House, Boiler House and Piggery, and are mostly new. One of the Barns is built on a hillside, with stone wall, frost-proof cellar and cow stable in front. The second contains seven finished box stalls, with dust-proof ceiling, and capacity for 20 tons of hay on the loft. The third contains a horse stable and hay house.

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The Stock consists of 1 bay stallion Machinist, No. 7692, coming 3 yrs., standard-bred and registered, first prize winner at Interprovincial Exhibition, Moncton, and also first prize winner at Provincial Exhibition, Charlottetown, 1889, sired by All Right, 1st dam Nellie Mae by Adallah Messenger, 2nd dam the McKeever Mare by McLean's Pony, 3rd dam by Golden Leaf, he by Saladin; 1 bay Mare, 8 years old, by All Right, 1st dam by Golden in foal by Machinist; 1 bay Mare, 4 years old, by Hernando, 1st dam by Flying Frenchman, 2nd dam by Saladin, in foal by Precceptor; 1 dark bay Mare, 6 years old, by Sir Robert, 1st dam by Flying Frenchman, in foal by Machinist, (Sir Robert was by Richmond's Hambletonian, he by Green's Hambletonian, a full brother of Volunteer, 1st dam Flora Bagnall by Vulcan, he by Saladin); 1 dark bay Filly, coming 3 years, by All Right, dam by Sir Robert, in foal by Precceptor; 1 yearling Colt, dark bay, by All Right, dam by Hernando; 1 Cart Filly, coming 3 years, by Barrister, dam by Challenger, 2nd dam by Gladstone, 3rd dam by Saladin. Also, 13 head of Cattle, Jersey, Shorthorn and Ayrshire grades; 1 pure-bred Jersey Bull Calf, first-prize winner at Provincial Exhibition. Sheep—13 Ewes, Shropshire and Merino. Pigs—6 pure-bred Berkshire Pigs.

Also—1 Muncy Self Binder, 1 Muncy Mower, 1 Hay Rake, 1 Randall Harrow, 1 Iron Harrow, 1 large Roller, 1 Patent Seeder to go in Hay Rake, 2 Ploughs, 2 Carts with iron axles, 1 Double Truck Wagon with pole, 1 Truck, 1 Wood Sleigh with pole, 2 Single Wood Sleighs, 1 set Double Harness, 2 sets Cart Harness, 1 set Driving Harness, Hay Fork, 2 Hay Carriers, Shovels, Hoop Farmer's Boiler, and numerous other Farming Utensils.

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LECTURE.

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SIMON BOLGER, Chairman of Committee.

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17 " Halifax Refined Sugar, 1.00
25 " Rolled Oats, 85
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25 pounds Wheat Germ Meal, 75
5 " Fruit Biscuit, 50
4 " People's Mixed Biscuit, 50
6 " Beans (Baking), 25
5 " Boneless Fish, 25
2 cans Sugar Corn, 25
2 " Tomatoes, 25
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10 " Scrubbing Soap, 25
1 dozen Oranges, 25
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