

THE SLOW POISONING CASE.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Before the Stipendiary Magistrate.

LITTLE progress was made in the investigation to-day. Mrs. Weeks was conferring with her counsel until about a quarter past eleven, and then the depositions of the witnesses of the preceding days were read over and signed. At the conclusion of Bella Stewart's evidence, given below, Mr. Peters requested that the Court take recess at one o'clock instead of at half-past one. Mr. McLeod then said that the Crown desired an adjournment until Wednesday in order to have time to prepare for the further development of the case. There was, however, one witness present whom he would like to have examined before recess. The Magistrate assenting to this, the examination was about to proceed when Mrs. Weeks became so ill that she was obliged to leave the Court at once. The Court was then adjourned until Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

MRS. MARION SUTHERLAND'S EXAMINATION CONTINUED.

Dr. Taylor was called in about the end of January. Mrs. Sutherland was recommended by Dr. Johnson to call in another doctor. I also told her that if she wanted another doctor to call in on, so that she might know what was the matter. I don't know that any one recommended her to call another doctor except Dr. Johnson and myself.

MARION SUTHERLAND (SWORN)—Examined by Mr. Malcolm McLeod—My mother was very sick about Christmas time, but she was able to come down stairs on Christmas eve. My sister Ella mostly attended to my mother. I did not sleep with her at all. I was frequently in her room every day. Mother has been taking doctor's medicine for some time past. Sometimes the medicine bottles were down stairs and sometimes upstairs—mostly upstairs on the table right beside her bed. She was sick during all the fall. Sometimes she would get up some-thing in the day—generally in the afternoon. The days she would get up, she would have her medicine downstairs. When she was sick and downstairs it would be in the cupboard of the sideboard. When she was well, she would have it in the pantry. The pantry is next the storeroom off the hall. The one immediately opposite the dining room is an open pantry used for dishes. The other—the one nearest the kitchen—is the one in which she kept the medicines. The drawer in the sideboard was not kept locked. The storeroom in which the medicines were when she was well was mostly kept locked when she was well; but since she went to bed steadily, it has not been kept locked. It was used for the milk. The case of whiskey was put into it. Mrs. Weeks has been a neighbor of ours. She used to come here pretty often at one time. She has been in the kitchen and through the hall, and she knew where the pantries are. She was very friendly and kind to me. I think she knew us well enough to come in without knocking. I think sometimes she has come in without ringing the bell. Some-times she would come in without her hat on. When I went to see her I would knock sometimes. We were quite friendly, back-wards and forwards. Mrs. Weeks did not come to ask after my mother that I know of since mother became ill. I do not know whether she talked to William Brown since she came back from Moncton. I never saw her come into our yard to get into the horse. Brown does not sleep here. He comes in the morning. He at-tends to the furnace. My mother had no servant for some time before Bella Stewart came. The man made the fire in the kitchen before Bella came, and since. The fire is made on before Bella is up. I saw the bottle with the sedi-ment in it. I think I saw it first on the same day on which I carried it to the doctor. The first I knew of it was when she sent me down stairs for another bottle. I came and got another bottle and took it up to her. I got the other bottle in the store-room. It was still in the case in which it came home. I think it was the last one that was in the case. It was on the morning of the day on which I went to the doctor's that I took the other bottle up to my mother. I used to speak to Mrs. Weeks when I met her, but I never went to see her after she ceased to visit here. I al-ways spoke to her when I met her—but did not meet her very often. I was at her house last summer. I was always on speak-ing terms with her, but have not lately spoken to her at the door of our house.

ELLA SUTHERLAND (SWORN)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—When my mother was sick I used to sleep with her every night. Before Christmas she was sick, but would be sometimes up stairs and some-times down stairs. When she was very sick the medicine was kept mostly on the table beside her bed. When she was up the medicine would be kept sometimes in the pantry and sometimes in the sideboard cupboard. I remember when the first bottle of whiskey was obtained. I went for it in the sleigh with Brown. But I did not come back with him in the sleigh. That was the day before Christmas. I went down in the afternoon, and it was about half-past six when I came back. Only the girl and grandma were in the house while I was away. The girl had put the bottle of whiskey in the pantry, and when I came back I took it up to my mother's room. She had been up in the daytime, but was then in bed. My mother took some of the whiskey that same evening. I think she drew the cork herself. I do not remember whether or not she mixed the dose. The bottle had no tinfoil on it—only a cork. My mother ate very little. I do not re-mem-ber what she took on Christmas eve. I know Mrs. Weeks. She was living across the street. I remember when she went to Moncton and when she came back. She spoke to me after she came back from Moncton. I used to speak to her and she used to speak to me. I did not go over to her house since she came back from Moncton. I do not remember that she asked me how my ma was. She used to come into the house at one time. I do not remember seeing her come in at the back door. I saw the sediment in the bottom of the bottle. The day Marion took the bottle to the doctor's was the day on which I saw it. The doctor was here that day. I was not in the room

when he was looking at the sediment. I remember when the case of whiskey came home. Pa brought it in and put it in the pantry. I held the light while he opened it. That was after dinner. He took a bottle out of it and took it up stairs. I did not go up stairs with him, and was not present when the cork was taken out of the bottle. To Mr. Peters—I saw him open the case. I think that he opened it with his fingers. I do not remember hearing him asking for glasses or water. I was nursing mother on the day the bottle came, and the day after. Sometimes I would be in the room and sometimes I would be out. I was not there when the doctor looked at the sediment. To Mr. McLeod—I do not think I saw Mrs. Weeks in our yard or at the window. Court adjourned till 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

ARTHUR JOHNSON (SWORN)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod—My father got a second bottle of whiskey from Mrs. Sutherland. He kept the bottle in his own office. Mr. Best made a test of it on last Monday afternoon. I was with him. I followed the test and found no reaction of arsenic. The whiskey is of the "Ivanhoe" brand. JAMES FITZPATRICK (SWORN)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod—I am employed at Robins' livery stable. I received the tele- phone message not to send the horse to Mrs. Sutherland on the day of Mr. Davies' party. The message I received was not to send the horse for Mrs. Sutherland. In consequence of this I did not send the horse and carriage. I received only one message. A. H. McPHERSON (SWORN)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—Wednesday, the 22d January, was the day on which the civic election was held. ISABELLA STEWART (SWORN)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—I am a servant at Mr. Sutherland's. I will have been there four months the 10th of this month. There was no servant in the house when I went there. There were no strangers living in the house at that time. The first stranger who came was the old lady, Mrs. Sutherland. She came a little before Christmas. Mrs. Sutherland was going around the day I came, and doing the household work. By and bye she be-came ill. She was in bed some days, and other days she would be up. When up she would be in the kitchen superintending and helping with the cooking. When she was sick I cooked. I never made any beds. I used to go to the bed-rooms, and knew that Mrs. Sutherland was sick. I took up the water to wash with, and carried out the slops. I never changed the sheets, but have dusted sometimes and washed out the dishes. When she took food, I pre- pared it for her, and the little girls would carry it up. I have carried up some food to her. She was very sick at Christmas. She was taking medicine from the doctors. It was, I think, usually sent up and de-livered at the front door. I do not re-mem-ber having taken a parcel from the doctors. If Mr. Sutherland's daughters were about they would go to the door; if not, I went. I can't remember that I re- ceived any of the medicine. The parcels would be received by the little girls or by me. I have seen the boy coming with it, and know that the girls took it from him. I never handled the bottles at all—never mixed any medicine or handled any of it. I never opened a parcel of medicine. I am clear of any of the harm that might have been going on. I think Mrs. Sutherland was down stairs on Christmas Eve—yes, she was down stairs. I brought the slippers home between 9 and 10. The little girls did not, I think, get home before me on that night. I can't say whether Dr. Johnson's man brought the medicine up on that day or not. I was in the house until 8 o'clock. Mrs. Sutherland was ailing. I don't remember whether she was down to breakfast or not, or to dinner, and I could not say that she sat down to tea. She was in the dining room when I came back. The old lady was with her, and was there when I went to bed. I did not notice that she was any worse when I went to bed. She was not up on Christmas Day, though between 10 and 11 on Christmas Eve she was pretty well. William Brown brought home a bottle on Christmas Eve, and sat it on the table. I put it in the pantry without open- ing it. Ella asked me if I had seen it. I told her I had. I gave Ella the bottle. Af-terwards I saw it in the bedroom. I knew that it was for Mrs. Sutherland's medicine. I know that a case of whiskey came in. I saw the box in the pantry. It had been opened when I saw it. When I saw it the bottles were where all out. I don't re-mem-ber whether or not Mrs. Sutherland was in bed between Christmas Day and the night on which the case of whiskey came. I don't know anything about the sediment. I never had the bottle in my hands at all—to my knowledge. There is no doubt it. I didn't put anything in the bottle. I know Mrs. Weeks and have been in her house once. She was home and spoke to me. I think that Annie Gillespie was her servant. She spoke to me on another occasion—one evening while I was going down town. I didn't know at first who she was when she spoke to me. I think she wanted to see my sister. She asked me might she walk down to the Morell house with me. We went down, but my sister was out. I went into the Morell house, and didn't see Mrs. Weeks again that night. I think that she wanted my sister to live with her. I asked my sister if she would go back with her. She said no, that she could not leave her place. After she left the Morell House she came to stay at Mr. Sutherland's, and remained there till last Monday. I have not been over to Mrs. Weeks' since she came back. I think that Annie Gillespie is with Mrs. Weeks now. My sister had been up to see me—she was there twice or three times the first week that I was at Mr. Sutherland's, but not after, until she came to stay with me. I did not hear my sister say when she came to stay at Mr. Sutherland's that she intended to go home the next Wednesday. Mr. Sutherland was in the kitchen, and spoke to her. I could not say that she told Mr. Sutherland that her intention was to go home. She did not go to a place that week. She stayed at Sutherland's three weeks. Mr. Sutherland did not go to see Mrs. Weeks, to my know- ledge. I do not know whether Mr. Sutherland knew Mrs. Weeks at all. I did not see him go there. I saw Brown go there. I do not know how often. I did not wish to keep count. No one spoke to me about what evidence I was to give here. I saw Brown sweeping Mrs. Weeks' platform. That is all I know. I am sure that he comes in in the forenoon. He comes

before breakfast, and makes the fire in the cellar and in the kitchen. He gets into the cellar through an outside hatch.

To Mr. Peters—I was generally in the kitchen, and cannot see Mrs. Weeks' house. I could not say at what time I went to see Mrs. Weeks. The only business I had with Mrs. Weeks was about Mary going there as a servant. I never carried any messages or anything between Mrs. Sutherland's and Mrs. Weeks. Mrs. Weeks was never in Sutherland's house so far as I know. Mrs. Weeks told me that Annie Gillespie's mother was sick and that she wanted my sister to go back. I did not put any poison in what I cooked. The children helped and generally took Mrs. Sutherland's food to her room. Sometimes she would have the same things to eat as were eaten at the table. If there were poison in the food, they were all eating poison. Just enough would be sent up for Mrs. Sutherland, and what she didn't eat would be thrown away. The children would cut the meat off, and take it upstairs them-selves. She drank tea. I used to make it. Sometimes I poured it out and sometimes the girls would pour it out. All the food that Mrs. Sutherland got was simply the food taken by everyone else in the house. I do not remember what Mrs. Sutherland had to eat on Christmas day. I could not say that she had only a bowl of gruel. To Mr. M. McLeod—I didn't prepare any special dishes for her. Gruel was made for her. The rest of the family would have the same. She used to have oysters some-times. I don't eat any oysters myself. But some others in the family would have them. I don't remember that gruel was made be-tween meals—except when she was going to bed. To Mr. Peters—The children are ex-ceddingly fond of gruel—Ella in particular. Mrs. Sutherland got oysters before she took to her bed, and all hands were getting them. I got some beef tea for her. It came from her sister—Miss Maggie Hen-derson. I couldn't say when. That was after Christmas. So far as I know, that was all the food that came from outside.

Silken Cords.

A gay party was that which assembled a few evenings ago to witness the marriage of Miss Emma Sanderson and Mr. Robert Battersby, both of Midgell. Never has it been our happy lot to mingle with a more pleasant, intelligent or sociable company, or under a more hospitable or make-over-self-at-home roof, than that convened on this occasion at the home of our young friends; and I am sure the writer only expresses the feelings of all those present in quoting: "Care, with all its pains, was for that charming moment wiped away. The knot was impressively, and, I ween, securely tied by the Rev. E. Slackford, as-sisted by Rev. J. McKenzie. The bride looked her best. She was dressed becom-ingly in old rose, and was attended by Miss Melvina Sanderson, of Midgell, and Miss Alice Houle, of Charlottetown. She was given away by her uncle, Henry Sanderson, Esq. The groom was supported by Mr. Havelock Sanderson. The presents were numerous and handsome, and betokened the high esteem in which the objects of their bestowal are held by their friends. Noticeable among them was an elegant gold watch—the groom's present to the bride. The evening, occupied with current amusements and pastimes, and in partaking of the refreshments provided with exquisite skill and taste, passed like a fairy dream; and it was the flight of time, and not weariness, that at length com-pelled us to take leave of the happy couple who had thus afforded us a few hours of such real enjoyment. We here renew our verbal congratulations, and hope when they celebrate their golden wedding, we may be there to see."

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10 boxes Cheese.
25 boxes Soda Biscuits.
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