

PRISONER'S STATEMENT

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I came home. My wife said to me, 'What trouble are you getting into now?' I told the wife that it was this fellow I was with. Then Jim McGonnell came in. They would not listen to me. McGonnell came nearly down to Mullins with me. He would not go in. He stayed outside. I went inside and lifted Mr. Mullins hand up and I came out and I told Jim, 'Something must have happened.' It was very dark. I lit a match. He was lying on the floor. Then I came out and met Jim. And went home and told my wife that I was coming up here to report. It must have been ten o'clock at night when we were at Mullins place. I don't know how I got the scratches on my face. I might have fell.

(Signed) William H. Weeks. Witness: C. W. MacArthur, A. J. Lund. The statement was introduced by the Crown with the consent of the prisoner's counsel. The Crown was represented by Attorney General W. E. Darby K. C. and Deputy Attorney General J. O. C. Campbell, K.C.; the accused by Mr. R. R. Bell, K.C.

Morning Session

The first witness to take the stand yesterday morning was William Howatt Jr., 11 Alley Street, who was cross examined by Mr. Bell.

Witness stated he had known the prisoner for some time, and said he had lived on Douglas Street before he moved to his present home on Gerald Street. Witness said he had been at prisoner's home before December 4 helping him work around the house. He stated the house had been in bad shape when it was bought by Weeks but was in much better shape in December.

In answer to questions by Mr. Bell, the witness testified he did not know that Weeks had a bottle of wine in the morning, and did not see any to drink after he arrived at their home at approximately noon. He had a cup of tea with them and stayed until after prisoner had left saying he was going to work.

Questioned in regard to the effects of drinking "shako," the witness said he had had a number of drinks of it at different times. After drinking it on December 4 he had become sick. He said he had seen the prisoner sick from drinking it at different times, and he had seen him fall down at one time from "a sort of bad turn" but did not think it was a fit.

He continued by saying that after drinking the bottle of wine with a friend on Prince Street, near P. J. MacDonald's store, he had gone to a house near MacLean's Funeral Home where he had a cup of tea. He denied having a bottle of bay rum in his pocket when he arrived at Weeks' home in the evening and did not remember having trouble with Mrs. Weeks because she objected to him drinking bay rum in her home.

The witness did not remember Mrs. Steele being there at all. He had been asleep all evening on the couch in the front room, downstairs, and awoke and went home at approximately 11 p.m. He denied meeting Mrs. Steele and the prisoner and his wife on Prince Street

in the evening. When he returned to the Weeks' home shortly before midnight the witness said he found the prisoner rather queer, and not normal. He said he had a glassy look in his eyes and was pacing the floor saying he had killed a man.

James McGonnell's Evidence

James McGonnell, a former farmer at North Wiltshire, was the next witness to be called by the prosecution, and said he had been present at his sister's home on Upper Queen Street at the time. He said that Mrs. Stanley Steele was also a sister.

Witness stated he had known the prisoner for some four or five years and his testimony followed closely that given by William Howatt up to the arrival of the prisoner, Howatt, and the witness at the home of Collins in the afternoon.

He said that shortly after midnight he had been at his sister's home on Alley Street, talking with his nieces Roma and Dianna Steele when someone knocked on the door. Howatt was at the door and the three of them accompanied him back to the home of the prisoner.

When he walked in Mrs. Weeks was crying and the prisoner was walking up and down. Mrs. Weeks told him Billy had come home and said he had killed a man. Witness asked prisoner about it and he said it was true, he had killed him. Witness asked him who he had killed but he would not tell him but said to ask his wife. She would not say who it was either and told witness to ask Billie.

Later he passed the prisoner a cup of tea and then a cigarette, both of which were thrown on the floor. The prisoner kept pacing the floor and sometime later said he had killed Jim Mullins. Witness asked him if it was on the street and the prisoner said it was not. He then asked Weeks if he would show him and he said "Sure". Prisoner then asked witness if he would go to the Police Station and report it.

Witness had gone with the prisoner to Douglas Street to see if the man was dead. He stayed near the house while Weeks went in. About five minutes later prisoner came out and said it was true, he was dead. He asked Weeks to go to the station with him but he would not, and he walked back with the prisoner to his home.

Previous to this time the witness said he had asked the prisoner how he did it and he said with his fingers. He had also asked him if anyone had been with him at the time and the prisoner said he had been alone. After taking Weeks home, the witness said he had gone to the Police Station and met two officers, and another man there and he went with them to Mullins' home. He saw the deceased, clothed in pants and underwear, lying on a pile of junk.

Cross examined by Mr. Bell, the witness said his mother had been buried just previous to December 4, and he had been staying at his sister's until December 5 when he was to leave for Picou. He had known Weeks for some time and had always found him to be a gentleman, and easy to get along with.

On the night of Dec. 4 he did not think Weeks was acting normally although he could walk. Witness

said he found it difficult to believe what the prisoner was saying, and had heard no mention in the Weeks' home of a Frenchman.

Asked by Justice Tweedy why he had not gone into Mullins' home, the witness said he did not want to get mixed up in it. Justice Tweedy then suggested to the Attorney General it might be a good idea to obtain expert testimony as to the results of the drinking of Shako, as the testimony given on this subject by the witness was not conclusive.

Afternoon Session

Roma Steele, 21, 15 Alley Street, was the first witness to be called in the afternoon. She said she had returned to her home at 10:45 that evening, with her sister Dianna and McGonnell was there with her mother. Her mother and father had later retired. Witness opened the door after hearing a knock shortly after midnight and William Howatt was there. The four of them went to the Weeks' home and witness entered the house first. She found Mrs. Weeks and the prisoner both crying, and Mrs. Weeks said Billy was going on and saying he had killed a man. She told Mrs. Weeks not to listen to him. Prisoner was sitting in a chair with his head bowed and he looked up and said, "It's true." Prisoner had appeared strange and no-one believed what he was saying.

A little later witness said she was in the parlor alone with the prisoner, both of them sitting down, and she asked him to tell his wife the truth. He said it was the truth and that he had done it with those holding out his fingers. Witness said she did not know at that time who was killed. She had stayed until the prisoner and McGonnell had returned from Mullins' home and then McGonnell had walked to her home with her.

Under cross examination the witness said the prisoner did not appear sober and acted strangely when she had seen him at his home. He had paced the floor and kept running his hands through his hair. She said she had heard he was subject to turns or fits. She stated she had been in the parlor with him for about ten minutes and no one else had come in.

Asked about the actions of her mother during the evening witness said she had been there when she (the witness) had left at nine o'clock, and was there when she returned at about a quarter to eleven. Her mother had not been out in the afternoon, as far as she knew, and had been home for supper.

Dianna Steele, 18, sister of the previous witness, was then heard and bore out her sister's testimony. She said Mrs. Weeks had told her her husband would have her crazy if he did not stop it, and that he kept going on saying he killed a man. The prisoner told this witness it was true.

Cross examined by Mr. Bell, the witness said during the time her sister was in the parlor her Uncle Jim (James McGonnell) had asked her to make some tea. The fire was out at the time. Witness said she had visited her aunt in the afternoon and her mother was home when she returned.

She said she had always found the prisoner well behaved and he visited her home quite often. She had also visited the Weeks' and

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you couldn't go into a nicer place. Witness stated she had heard Mrs. Weeks say her husband was subject to fits that epilepsy or something like that. When she had arrived there during the night of December 4 she had found the prisoner acting quite strangely and thought there was something wrong with him as he was not acting as usual.

Describes Prisoner's Condition Mrs. Mary Acorn who lived at 43 Douglas Street on December 4 was called, and said she had lived with her husband in an upstairs apartment, the lower half of the house being occupied by Mr. Henry Murnaghan and his wife and family. On Dec. 4 the Murnaghans were out and two girls were baby sitting for them.

The girls came up at about 10:45 p.m. and asked her to go down with them as the prisoner was there and they did not want to be alone with him. She had gone down and the prisoner had asked her to open a bottle of coke, which was on the table, for him. The prisoner then asked for a cigarette and sat and talked while he smoked. He talked mainly about his family.

The prisoner spoke alright and was quiet, but the witness had thought he was drunk because he staggered a bit. His face was dirty and he had a spot of blood on the side of his nose.

Cross-examined, the witness said she had known the prisoner for some time and found him very friendly when he visited the Murnaghans at different times. She noticed nothing unusual about his appearance during the evening of Dec. 4. He stayed approximately fifteen minutes and when he left asked them to tell Henry he called.

Mildred Brown, one of the baby sitters, was the next to testify, and said she had arrived with Bernice Gallant at the Murnaghans' home at about 8:45 and returned shortly after eleven. The prisoner had arrived shortly before eleven and they had gone for Mrs. Acorn because they were afraid to stay with him. She also noticed the spot of blood on his face.

Under cross examination, the witness said she had known the prisoner and his family by sight for some time. He had seemed normal and not excited when he arrived at the Murnaghans, but she thought him drunk because he staggered.

Bernice Gallant, 17, 48 1-2 Douglas Street, was then called, and she told of going with Miss Brown to the Murnaghans. Under cross examination she said she had kept house for them before but this was the first time Weeks had called while she was there. He did not seem to be in a hurry.

Gilbert Smith, proprietor of a restaurant on the corner of Upper Queen and Chestnut was then heard as he testified the prisoner had been in his restaurant on the evening of December 4 between eleven and twelve o'clock. He said Weeks ate french fried potatoes, and apple pie with ice cream, and three toffee apples with him. He paid for his purchases with a two dollar bill, and the witness noticed he had a scab on the side of his nose.

Questioned by Mr. Bell, the witness said he could not remember Weeks having been in his restaurant before.

Police Chief's Evidence Chief of Police C. W. MacArthur was called next and told the court he had been called from his home at 5 a.m. on December 5. Prisoner had been in a cell at the station when he arrived. He recalled a small spot of blood on the right side of the prisoner's nose, and a scratch above his right eye. The marks on his forehead did not look fresh but the mark on his

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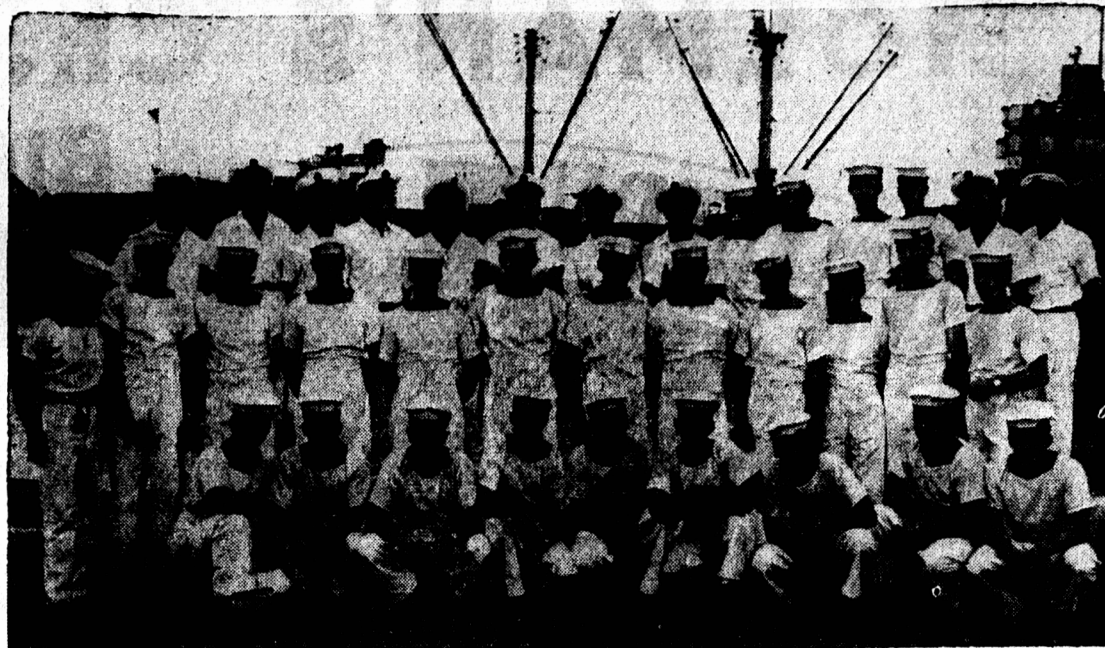
storage plants. The yield exceeded 1,000,000 lbs. and the cash value to pickers alone was approximately \$100,000. Certain areas in this Province were banned from marketing due to infestation of blueberry maggot. We have taken this matter up with the Department of Industry and Natural Resources and they are giving consideration to dusting and burning in order to control and eliminate this maggot. Cranberries were an excellent yield, but the market was dull. The price to pickers was 5-6c per lb. The yield was estimated at 240,000 lbs. and a large quantity was packed into cranberry sauce. The value to the Province was about \$15,000.

Cucumbers Due to masses attributed to low temperature, grub worms, etc. the yield was only about 50 percent of that of 1949. Matthews Wells Company purchased 1,850,000 lbs. Cash value \$47,250. The price to grower next season is increased \$20.00 per ton.

Honey The average yield per colony of 70 lbs. was lower than the previous years and the estimated yield was 55,500 lbs. The quality was good but the percentage of white and extra white was lower than in previous years. The value of this year's honey production we estimate at approximately \$12,000.

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proximately 500 acres and reduction in yield results in an estimated total yield 20 per cent below 1949. Blight in Irish Cobblers and Green Mountain varieties was serious in some fields and caused financial loss to many growers. The continued dry period the last week of August and September can be credited for controlling this damage and the stock in storage is not showing unusual development. The highest percentage in shrinkage was found to be due to mechanical injury in harvesting and rough handling in storing and grading. The shipments compared with last season are as follows: To December 31, 1949, 1,730 cars to Canadian points, 534 cars ex-

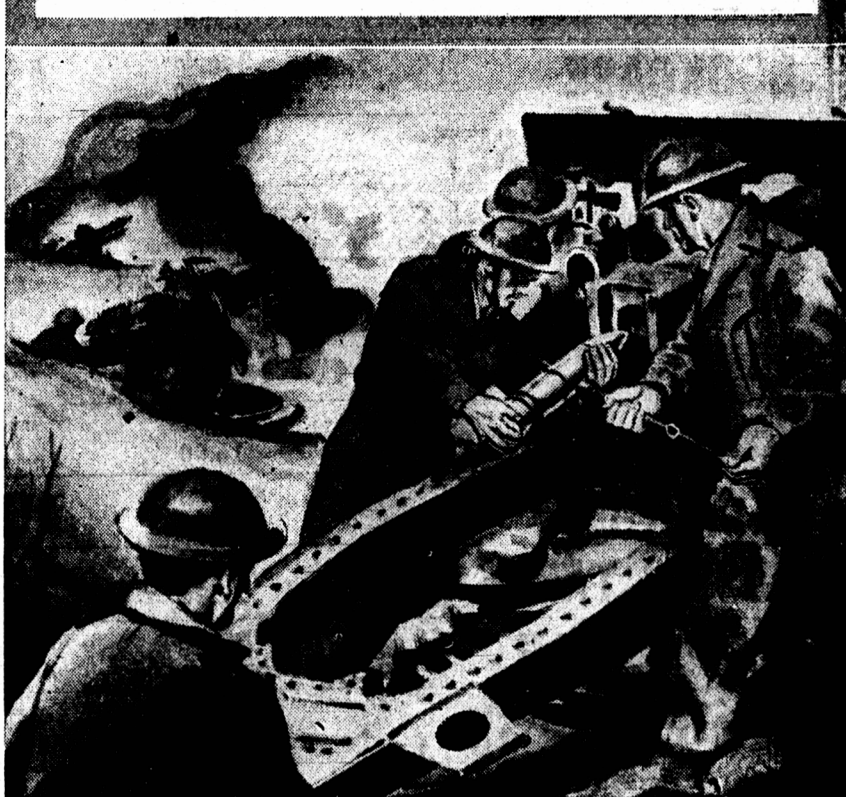
port. Total 2,264 cars. To December 31, 1950, 1,193 cars to Canadian points, 511 cars to export. Total, 1,704 cars. In addition, 223,000 bushels were manufactured into starch. Turnips Encouraged with the higher than usual prices for the 1949 crop, the acreage was increased from 12,200 in 1949 to 12,500 in 1950. The yield was excellent but damage caused by infestation of turnip maggot resulted in financial loss to many growers. The price for first shipments was \$1.00 per bushel, this dropped to 30 cents. The shipments to Dec. 31, 1950, compared with the same period 1949 were as follows: 1949—301 cars to Canadian

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