

Medical Expert Says Drugs Caused Death of Patient

By EDDY GILMORE
LONDON (AP) — An eminent medical man staggered Dr. John Bodkin Adams Wednesday by branding the physician's treatment of a rich patient as a deliberate effort to kill her.

Asked for his opinion of the massive doses of heroin and morphine Adams prescribed for Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, Dr. Arthur H. Douthwaite replied:

"The only conclusion I can come to is—that the intention was to terminate her life."

This damaging evidence, given in a soft-spoken, bedside manner on the eighth day of Adams' trial on charges of drugging to death a rich widow, produced an electric effect in the packed courtroom.

Adams' wide mouth flopped open as red-robed Mr. Justice Devlin leaned forward a counsel for the accused physician looked stunned.

Attorney-General Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller asked Dr. Douthwaite what effect continued injections of morphine and heroin had on Mrs. Morrell.

MADE HER ADDICTED
"Addiction," replied Dr. Douthwaite. "It made her addicted to those drugs. It created a craving on her part for them."

Dr. Douthwaite is senior physician at London's famed Guy's Hospital and former president of the London Medical Society.

Dr. Douthwaite said he based his conclusions on the day-to-day nurses' records of the drugs they gave Mrs. Morrell from the summer of 1948 to her death Nov. 13, 1950.

Defence counsel have emphasized these records are the "true records" of the treatment of the eccentric widow who left an estate of more than \$400,000.

"Having considered all the evidence," asked the attorney-general, "can you think of any legitimate reason for the prescriptions of the amounts from Nov. 8 onwards of heroin and morphine?"

"No," said the medical expert, ADAMS STUCCOED
Adams, a huge man in an old-fashioned stiff collar, stared at the ceiling from his straight-backed chair in the prisoner's dock. His face was flushed crimson and a vein stood out on his broad forehead.

"Were the amounts prescribed from Nov. 8 to 12 sufficient to cause her death?" inquired the attorney-general.

"Yes," said Dr. Douthwaite. The crown prosecutor called Dr. Douthwaite's attention to the nurses' report for Nov. 12. This, he said, showed two grains of morphine and 3 1/2 grains of heroin.

"What effect would these massive doses of drugs have on a semi-paralyzed lady of 81?" asked Sir Reginald.

"I believe they would have produced jerky spasms or convulsions—and ultimate death," replied Dr. Douthwaite.

Nurse Caroline Randall earlier testified that Mrs. Morrell suffered such violent spasms a few hours before her death that they almost jerked her out of bed.

RECALLS DOSES
The attorney-general recalled two huge (5 c.c.) doses of paraldehyde that nurse Randall said Dr. Adams ordered her to give Mrs. Morrell on the last night of her life.

"What effect would those two injections—coming on top of heroin and morphine—have on her?"

"It would have made death even more certain than it already was," answered Dr. Douthwaite.

The crown prosecutor produced a copy of Mrs. Morrell's death certificate signed by Adams in which he said she died from cerebral thrombosis.

"Are there any signs at all—in the nurse's report which justify this conclusion?"

"No, sir," said Dr. Douthwaite. "Supposing there had been any signs of cerebral thrombosis,

would there be any justification for the administration of all this heroin?"

"No, certainly not," said the medical expert.

ENDS TESTIMONY
"That's all, doctor," said the attorney-general softly.

The 61-year-old medical man, who had been called by the prosecution as an expert witness, raised his eyebrows slightly and turned his blue eyes on defence counsel Geoffrey Lawrence.

Lawrence sat motionless. There was an awkward silence.

Finally, the grey-wigged barrister slowly got to his feet.

"My lord," he said to the judge, "this evidence (Dr. Douthwaite's) is of a very serious character."

He paused.

"My lord, I wonder if it would be possible for me to defer my cross-examination of Dr. Douthwaite? The truth is, my lord, I am not prepared to cross-examine him at this time."

"I understand," said the attorney-general. "I do not oppose the request."

It was obvious that Lawrence wanted to consult medical experts for the defence before he began questioning Dr. Douthwaite.

Mr. Justice Devlin said the case was already lengthy.

"Can the prosecution finish this week?" he asked.

"We (the prosecution) shall certainly finish this week," said Manningham-Buller.

"How long is the defence's case?" asked the judge.

Once again, Lawrence hesitated before replying.

Dr. Douthwaite's devastating testimony—based on nursing records that the defence had produced—had shaken Adams' lawyers.

"I hope you will forgive me," said Lawrence, "but I'm not in a position to reply right now."

If the case goes into next week, it is almost sure to do, it will be the longest murder trial in the history of the Old Bailey.



STUDYING TO BE CANADIANS

These three girls are studying hard at their English lessons so that when they come to Canada they'll know how to ask for ice cream cones. They are part of the largest Hungarian family to be admitted to Canada since the

revolt against Russia, and they are now at a Red Cross camp at transportation with their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Imre Sorban, and four brothers and sisters. Their names are Anna, Elizabeth, and Kathleen.

ing with the Teachers Federation the authority of granting temporary licenses and permits might bring some improvement in that situation.

SALARY QUESTION
In discussing the question of salaries the Federation brief says there does not appear to be sufficient premium, salary-wise, based upon the services of the efficient, and it recommends that salary schedules be so adjusted as to materially encourage the competent and to encourage those with lower classes of licenses to further qualify themselves.

The brief also expressed the Federation belief that normal training in this province should recognize the fact that rural teachers should acquire a reasonably broad knowledge of the rural situation and economy. They suggest as a possibility the use of Farm Radio Forum by the normal training class to acquaint students with the social and economic problems affecting agriculture.

A definite recommendation is contained in the statement that in view of the fact that applicants for licenses may be appearing from institutions other than Prince of Wales College and in some cases from outside the Province, the time would appear opportune for the setting up of a Certification Board which should include representation from the Teachers Federation.

The brief did not advocate teaching practical agriculture at the elementary level but did suggest consideration be given at the high school level to including in the curriculum studies to suit the particular needs of those boys and girls who will become the future rural residents of Prince Edward Island.

B.C. EXAMPLE
It asked the Committee to give special consideration to needs of the rising farm population and

that the work of this committee will be incomplete should it not concern itself with the field of adult education. They felt the Province and its rural people need a co-ordinated program of adult education which would have an effect on the economic position through the development of human resources and they strongly urged the appointment of a director.

Discuss Forest Fire Problems

MONTREAL (CP) — The most important problem in forest fires remains getting to them, a foresters' panel discussion agreed Wednesday.

But a growing network of forest roads is aiding in the fight to prevent and put out woodland blazes.

The five-man panel was held at the annual meeting of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association's woodlands section to review a menace which annually destroys 200,000,000 cubic feet of growing timber in Canada.

Despite better transport facilities, the panel said, many fires still start in remote areas where they gain headway and rage out of control before they can be tackled.

Operation of Quebec's six forest protective associations was outlined in a paper dealing with co-operation between the government and producers in training and operating skilled fire brigades.

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FUNERAL TUESDAY — The funeral of the late Frank L. Coyle took place on Tuesday morning, St. Mary's Church, Montague, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. J.W. McCardie. Seated in the Sanctuary were Rev. F.L. Mullally and Rev. Owen Kiggins. Pall bearers were Michael J. Connolly, Danny MacKenzie, Cecil Rice, Claude Dewar, William Naddie and Dan Condon. The Legion grave-side service by the Montague Branch of the Canadian Legion was conducted by Comrade J. S. DesRoches. The firing party from the 17th Recce Regiment was under the command of Sgt.-Maj. Malcolm MacKenzie, and Lt. Poole and Revellie were sounded by Comrade George Boudreau. Interment was in the Church Cemetery.

PERSONALS

Mr. Doug Sorrie was a visitor to Charlottetown on Monday night.

Mr. Ernest Shaw, Gaspereaux was a recent visitor to Montague.

Miss Murna Kemp spent the week end at her home in Sturgeon.

Mrs. Jamie MacLure, Murray Harbor was a recent visitor to Montague.

The many friends of Miss Jean Knox are sorry to hear she is confined to her home with a slight illness.

Address For Mrs. D. A. MacPherson
Mrs. D. A. MacPherson of Bellevue was pleasantly surprised on the evening of Feb. 25th, when several institute members and friends gathered together at her home to celebrate her 81st birthday.

Mrs. MacPherson is the oldest member of the institute and is still quite active in its work. She was presented with a suitable gift and a birthday cake. The following address was read to her by Mrs. A. J. MacPherson:

Dear Mrs. MacPherson:
We your fellow institute members are gathered here tonight on the happy occasion of your birthday and as we have already wished you a happy birthday we also hope you have many more happy, healthy ones with the company of those you love around you. As one of our few charter members you have been both a faithful and valued member all these years.

We have always enjoyed your jolly company at our meetings and many a good laugh we had at your humorous readings and jests to answer to roll call and programs. We want you to accept this very small gift not for its size or value but as a token of the high esteem and love we all feel for you as a neighbour and friend and again we all say happy birthday.

Mrs. W. W. Lavers Passes At 83

The death occurred in Georgetown, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N.W. Hansen of Mrs. Florence Lavers in the early hours of Wednesday morning, March 27th, following a lengthy illness. The deceased was in her 83rd year.

She was born Laura Florence Skinner at Madame Island, Cape Breton and moved to Georgetown in 1911. She was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Her husband, the late William Wallace Lavers predeceased her in 1931.

She leaves to mourn, one daughter Isable (Mrs. N.W. Hansen) Georgetown; and two sons, J. W. Lavers of Georgetown and Stewart of Sackville. N.B. also two sisters, Miss Beatrice Skinner of Georgetown and Mrs. R. S. Gilden of Nantucket, Mass.

The funeral will be held from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Georgetown on Friday, March 29th at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the Church Cemetery.

St. Andrew W.M.S. Held March Meeting

The March meeting of the women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, was held at the home of Mrs. A.D. MacLure.

The devotional program was led by Mrs. A.F. MacKenzie, and the meeting opened with the call to worship, Psalm 100, and the hymn "Awake My Soul, in Joyful Layns." The scripture lesson, Acts 28:1-28, was read, followed by prayer and the Bible exposition by the leader.

The president, Mrs. D.A. Campbell, presided during the business of the meeting. There were 15 members present and roll call was answered with a verse of scripture containing the word "Grace." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the correspondence was read and discussed. An interesting letter was read from the Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Malcolm, Canadian missionaries at Taiwan.

Mrs. Campbell gave a splendid report of the activities of the Mission Band. She stated that the children were using the mission band study book "Second Son," and that the group had packed a box for the port worker at Halifax.

Mrs. A.D. MacLure was in charge of the study period. She gave a very comprehensive summary of the proceedings of the 80th annual meeting of the W.M.S. (E.D) presbytery which was held in Summerside in September.

A number of sick calls and visits to shut-ins were reported. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. H.E. Nelson. Plans were discussed for packing a box of small articles at the next meeting to be forwarded to the port worker at Halifax.

Mrs. Nelson was appointed as devotional leader for April. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. William MacEchtern and Mrs. James Lowrey.

Farm People

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Federal Government is deeply involved in education right now with the Department of Mines and Resources employing more teachers for education of Indians than this province has. And it adds more—over 100 P.E.I. can and thus becomes morally at least partly to a glaring discrimination educationally.

The Federation also said that this province for years has been educating persons who are today in the service of the government at Ottawa. "It would appear self-evident that a province such as this cannot indefinitely sustain the entire cost of educating personnel for the service of the Federal authority."

ANTICIPATED SYSTEM

In dealing with school administration the brief states that in many respects this Province is handicapped by its lack of government at the municipal level and says with our present system of autonomous trustee boards for each school district "the wonder is not that the system works as well as it does but that it works at all."

In points out that the pattern of land settlement, division into rural districts and transportation facilities imposed upon the Province in a pioneer era still continue to influence our thinking in school organizations.

There should be an educational program directed towards rural people to acquaint them with the possibilities and advantages of the system of larger units of administration for schools and that active steps should be taken to establish experimental or pilot units as an approach to developing a system of administration for larger units.

"Eventually consideration must be given to reorganization of our one room schools and to the possibility of setting up larger schools for the higher grades at certain centres. A system of larger units of administration would appear to be one of the first steps necessary if communities are to group themselves in a united way to improve their educational facilities." But the brief says that leadership is required, leadership which would originate with the government of the Province through the Department of Education.

TEACHER PROBLEM

In dealing with the recruiting and retaining of teachers the Federation felt that attention must be given directly to solving the problem of obtaining more better trained teachers and said "The policy of issuing permits to persons lacking not only in academic attainments but also in maturity of mind, if pursued indefinitely, can only result in degrading the status of all teachers." And it said there can well be grounds for belief that at times more harm is done by keeping the school open with an inefficient teacher than if it were closed.

"So long as the schools are kept open regardless of the quality of the teacher, our people will be lulled into a false sense of satisfaction when in actual practice their children are receiving instruction at the hands of totally unqualified people."

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