The Slow Poisoning Case

Spectators Packed in the Court Room.

LIZZIE STEWART ON THE STAND.

What She Says About The Matter.

HOW SHE ESCAPED FROM TOWN.

A Tall Man in the Case.

Through Ways that are Dark.

WHERE HER HAIR WAS CLIPPED.

The Elements Interfere to Prevent Her Escape to Boston.

THERE was a great throng of spectators at and about the City Hall this forenoon. The Magistrate's Courtroom was full to overflowing long before the hour at which the investigation was to be resumed. But Mrs. Weeks was half an hour late in arriving. She looked decidedly better and seemed to be much stronger than she did on the occasion of her last appearance in public. Lizzie Stewart was brought into Court soon after, looking none the worse for all her adventures. In face, figure and manner she compares more than favorably with the average girl of her class. She is *petite*, rosy and intelligent; and there is an honest look in her eyes which would justify a less gallant gentleman than Mr. Malcolm McLeod from placing confidence in her promise. Her demeanor, while being examined and cross-examined, was good.

The Counsel present were Messrs. McLeod and Morson for the Crown, Mr. Peters for the prisoner, and Hodgson, Q.C., for Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland was not present. His Worship the Mayor occupied a seat at the left of the Magistrate.

ELIZABETH STEWART (sworn)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—My name is Lizzie Stewart. Our home is two miles from Peake's Station. I was living in town at one time. I went first to service at Mr. Sutherland's. I came into town in the summer. That was three years ago. After I left there I went home. I was not a month there. When I came to town again I hired at the Hotel Davies, and was there about a week. That was a year ago last fall. After leaving Davies' I went to Mrs Weeks'. My sister Annie was there. She was there four or five years. I stayed with her till I got another place. That was at Judge Palmer's. I left Judge Palmer's last May (1889). Then I went to live with Mrs. May in my sister's place. After I left Mrs. May I went home, and was home all summer. I stayed at Mrs. Weeks' about two weeks. I was not there as a servant. I got acquainted with everyone in the house. Mrs Sutherland and Mrs. Weeks had a falling out about that time. They had some words. I heard Mrs. Weeks talking to Annie about it. I was in your office with my mother and made a statement to you and Mr. Morson. I was upstairs when Mrs. Weeks talked to me about Mr. Sutherland. It was in the front bed-room. We could see Mr. Sutherland's house from the window. I heard Mrs. Weeks say that Mrs. Sutherland was not well on that day. Mrs. Sutherland's bed room blinds were down. Mrs. Weeks asked me what I would take to poison Mrs. Sutherland. I didn't agree to do it. Nothing took place about that. I didn't say anything. I didn't think she was in earnest. I asked her if she was in earnest. Mrs. Weeks didn't make any answer. She only laughed, and said she guessed "you wouldn't do that." Nothing was said about payment. I didn't say I wouldn't do it. That was the only talk I had with her about the poisoning. Mrs. Weeks said to me, "I guess you wouldn't be paid to do it." That was to do the poisoning, I suppose. I had another talk with Mrs. Weeks. It was down stairs in the kitchen. Annie was present. Mrs. Weeks said that she went in through Mr. Sutherland's kitchen window at night and up stairs, and into the bedrooms, and that she took some papers out of Mr. Sutherland's pockets. I don't know whether she said that she took the papers out when she was up-stairs. She also said that she took a bottle of whiskey out of the pantry and then went out and went home. She said that Sutherland's people did not see her. The people of the house were asleep and she had gone in without being seen or heard. She said that going in through the window she got her hand stuck in some dough that Sutherland's people had set for bread. She told us this herself. She told me and Annie. I know Brown. I could'nt say what time Mrs. Weeks said she went in except that it was the night time. It was while she was living where she is now. She said that she went in to see what room Mr. Sutherland slept in, and that she found out the room. She said that he was asleep, but that she did'nt wake him up. She said she was not heard going in or coming out. The talk she had with me about the poisoning took place after the falling out between Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Weeks. She didn't say how many bedrooms she went into. She said that she knew the house well. She said that she knew where all the rooms were. It was before the quarrel that Mrs. Weeks went into the house. I don't know how long before. The quarrel took place the evening I went there. I saw Brown (Sutherland's man) about Mrs. Weeks' house. He used to do Mrs. Weeks' marketing and take Mr. Sutherland's lunch down to the office. He took the lunch from Mrs. Weeks'. The lunches were prepared at Mrs. Weeks' about one o'clock every day. Mrs. Weeks told me that the reason why she sent the lunches was that she could do it better than Mrs. Sutherland. While I was in the house I saw a cat poisoned. The poison was kept in a bottle. Mrs. Weeks kept it. It was in a little small bottle. The poison was white. I don't know whether the bottle of poison was in the house when Mrs. Weeks asked me if I would poison Mrs. Sutherland. I saw the cat dead in the kitchen. I think she poisoned the cat before she spoke to me about poisoning Mrs. Sutherland. I don't know who gave the poison to the cat. I was out at the time. The cat was dying in the kitchen when I came back. Mrs. Weeks was in the house, and my sister Annie. I saw the bottle of poison they were using for the cat. It was after that that she had the talk with me about poisoning Mrs. Sutherland. I did not see any poison in a paper. I was at Mrs. Weeks' one evening since—about a couple of days before I left. My sister Annie was leaving that evening. I have not been there since. I know Mr. Sutherland. He visited Mrs. Weeks sometimes. I don't know, I'm sure, how often. He would be there pretty often—at night. I don't know what hour he would leave. He would not leave before I went to bed. I went to bed about ten or a little after. Annie went to bed about the same time. Mrs. Weeks would be up. Sometimes her brother would be there while Mr. Sutherland was in. I always saw Mr. Sutherland come in the front way. I don't know that he came in by the pantry window. I came into town with Mr. Bradley on Thursday. I intended to come to court next day. But I did not come. I intended to stay at Doyle's that night, but I slept at Brown's, near Robin's livery stable. My sister Maggie was with me. We stayed there all night. We left Curran and went into Brown's. Maggie took me there. I stayed at Brown's until about eleven o'clock next day. Mrs. Brown received me when I went in. It was after eleven o'clock. I never saw either Mr. or Mrs. Brown before. I had breakfast up in the bed-room. Mrs. Brown brought it to me. After leaving Brown's I went to McKenna's, on Queen Street, opposite Watson's. We walked there. A man took me there. He went to the bed-room for me. I never saw him before nor since. We went in the back lane. Three women were three. One of them was dumb. I did not pay for my board at Brown's. I was not asked to pay anything. I would know the man who took me to McKenna's if I saw him. He was a tall, dark-haired man. He had an overcoat on. It was black. He told me to follow him. We left McKenna's that evening. While there we were up stairs in the front room. It was nine o'clock when we left there. Mr. Wesley Myers took us from there. We got to Myers' about two o'clock at night. We stayed at Myers' till Bradley found us again. I didn't pay anything at McKenna's. Neither did Maggie. We were on the way to Boston, but we had no money. We went into the sleigh in Mr. McKenna's back lane. I never saw Myers before. He was in the room a few minutes before we left. He said that he was going to take us away. I didn't know where he lived. Maggie told me I was to go away, and not go to court. Richard Curran was with her. We made up our minds to run away when at Richard Curran's. Mrs. Curran and Maggie were there. That was before I went to Doyle's. I went from Doyle's with Richard Curran. Wesley Myers was sober when he drove us up. He knew what he was doing. We left one night to cross by the capes. That was Saturday night. Mr. Myers' son drove us We went about three miles. It was after one o'clock. There were Wesley Myers, Morley Myers, and Maggie and me in the sleigh. We put back because it rained. I had no tickets. Wesley Myers was to get the tickets. Mr. Myers said that he had the money. I don't know that he had any more money than would pay for the tickets. The Myers were strangers to me. I was to cross with my own clothes on me. My hair was cut at Myers'. Maggie's hair was also cut there. We waited for a chance to go across. We were afraid to go too soon for fear we would be caught. Mr. Myers made the arrangement for us to go on Sunday. I paid no board at Mr. Myers'. I don't know where my sister Maggie is now. She was going to Boston.

To Mr. Peters—I am twenty-one. When I first went to Sutherland's, I stayed about a fortnight or three weeks. I knew Mrs. Weeks before that. I was at her house before that for a couple of days. I was staying with my sister. I went to Sutherland's in the month of August, three years ago. That is right. Mrs. Weeks was then living down in Judge Alley's house. When I was at Sutherland's, at service, Mrs. Weeks was away part of the time. I guess she wasn't a week away when I went home. I went home about the last of August. I think Mrs. Weeks was up in Bedeque. Mattie Sutherland was away with her. I think I was at Sutherland's about two weeks when Mattie went away. I don't know where she was. Mrs. Weeks was gone from home about a week before I left. Mrs. Weeks used to be at Sutherland's when I lived there. She often talked to me. I think she was there more than twice. I don't know how often she was there. When I came back to town, I stayed at Mrs. Weeks' about two weeks. That was a year ago last fall. It was about a month before Christmas. From there I went to the Hotel Davies. I suppose that the people at the Hotel Davies can fix the date on which I went there. I do not know how long I was at Mrs. Weeks' when she spoke to me about the poisoning of Mrs. Sutherland. I knew Mrs. Weeks well before that. I spoke to her often before. I don't know what she knew about me. Mrs. Weeks was in her bedroom sewing when she spoke to me The two children were there. There was no one else. I couldn't tell the first thing that was said when I went into the room. I don't know what was said before that. I can't say what she said, except about the poisoning. Mrs. Weeks was sewing at the window, and Mrs. Sutherland's blinds were down. She said she guessed Mrs. Sutherland was sick. Then she said, "How much will you take and poison her?" She spoke loud enough for me to hear her. I don't know whether the children were in then. I didn't think she was in earnest. On another occasion, she told me she went into Mr. Sutherland's kitchen by the window and went into some bedrooms, and into Mr. Sutherland's bedroom, and took some papers out of his pocket and then took a bottle of whiskey out of the pantry. This was after she spoke about the poisoning. I know it was after. I am certain of it. My sister Annie was present and no one else. Annie is now in Boston. I had'nt the poison for the cats in my hand. I saw the cat when she was dying on the kitchen floor. I did'nt see any poison before the cat was poisoned. The poison was white. I left the Hotel Davies in about a week, having first been paid my wages, and went back to Mrs. Weeks' where I stayed a day or two. I did'nt see the quarrel between Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Weeks. Mrs. Weeks told me about it. It was something about the children. I don't know whether or not it was a serious row. She was telling Annie about it, and I heard what she said. Mrs Sutherland had blamed Mrs. Weeks' children for saying something. I don't remember what else she said. I was never served with a subpœna. I saw a paper but I did'nt know what it was. I did not know that I was arrested when I came to town with Bradley. I didn't see or converse with Mrs. Weeks after I came to town with Bradley. Mrs. Weeks said she was not heard when she went into the house. I am certain of that. Annie was there at the time and had as good a chance of hearing her as I had. I don't know how the story began. I didn't tell the story to anyone in the country, that I remember of, except to mother. I don't know how they found out about it. I think I told the story to my mother last summer, long before the poisoning case came up. I was home at the time. There was nothing to make me tell my mother about it. I didn't send word about it to anyone in Fort Augustus. I told mother about the poisoning, but I can't remember that I told her about Mrs. Weeks going into Sutherland's house. I didn't want to go to Boston last summer.

Court took recess.

Court resumed at 3 p. m.

ELIZABETH STEWART'S examination continued by M. McLeod—Officer Bradley first found me at McClarey's at Sturgeon. He took me out of bed and made me his prisoner. He had a paper with him but I don't know what it was. He took me from McClarey's to Georgetown, and from that place to town. I was released from custody by order of you on my promise and that of my mother that I would be in Court next day and testify. Brown's house was not pointed out to me on the night I stopped there. I went in with Maggie. Richard Curran was with Maggie at the time.

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K. D. C. For Everybody.

K. D. C.—What is It?

The House, Yesterday.

THERE was no session of the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon, owing to the unavoidable absence from the city of several members. There was, however, a session last evening. The attendance of members was large, and the number of spectators present, among whom were several ladies, shows that a great many of our people still take an active personal interest in what is being said and done in our legislative halls.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson, on resuming the debate on the address, spoke of the policy of the Government as enunciated in the card published by the leader, and pointed out that the Opposition had no policy. He asserted that the leader of the Opposition was practically silent throughout the entire campaign, and that at the only meeting he attended during that period he made but one attempt to formulate a policy and that was to inform his hearers that "the outs wanted to get in and the ins wanted to stay in." Each Opposition candidate, the hon. gentleman went on to say, formulated a policy of his own—a policy adapted to the locality and to the voter. Race, religious and political issues were used for all they were worth, and the liquor interest was also catered to. While every one thus ran a race of his own, on a policy of his own, all were agreed on one thing, and that was to abuse the Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands. The recent unfortunate defalcations in the Land Office were made to do duty everywhere and under all circumstances, and the most serious charges were laid at the door of the Commissioner in connection therewith. He thought the Opposition should raise a monument to the late Robert A. Strong for furnishing them with material of war. The hon. junior member for Fort Augustus (Mr. Peters) should be particularly thankful to him, for the circumstance, and the use he made of it, was undoubtedly the means of securing his election. That hon. gentleman had, Mr. Ferguson said, no political record—he was not identified with any public movement that could be criticised in the House. True, he had been identified with the celebrated gold mine at Cape Wolf, about which we heard something a few years ago; but he (Mr. Ferguson) would be very sorry to have such an opinion passed upon him as the expert passed upon his hon. colleague at that time. Hon. Mr. Ferguson then took up and considered the recent defalcations and embezzlements in the Land Office. He condemned the cowardly and uncharitable action of the Opposition and its press in connection with the matter, and showed that the Commission, which the junior member for Fort Augustus now contends was altogether unnecessary, was demanded by the Opposition press—which evidently did not know at the time of making the demand that the Government had already moved in the matter. He then proceeded to speak of the *personell* of the Commission, testifying to the ability and attainments of the gentlemen composing it, and said he thought that the people were well satisfied with the Commissioners and their preliminary report. He denied that the report was unfavorable to the Commissioner of Public Lands, and went on to explain the nature of some of the embezzlements which, he showed, could have been made under any system of bookkeeping. He then quoted the law, past and present, dealing with appointments in the Land Office, and clearly showed the absurdity of the Opposition charge that the Commissioner should be held responsible for the recent losses in that office. He spoke also of certain defalcations that had taken place in the Education office in former years, and of a sum of money that had actually been stolen from the House, also of a former defalcation in the Land Office, remarking that in those days it was not deemed right or proper to try to ruin the reputation of the head of a department, or a representative of the people by trying to fasten upon him the guilt of another. It is only in these later days that this mode of procedure is adopted. However, he said, the full report of the Commissioners would be ready shortly. In that report everything would be gone into fully, and, he thought, it would be clearly seen from it that the Commissioner had not in any way taken advantage of his position to benefit himself for any of his friends. He then went on to criticize some other utterances of the hon. junior member for Fort Agustus. That hon. gentleman had seen fit to speak of the barrenness of the Speech because it did not go into every little detail of the Government's policy with reference to agriculture. He thought, however, that the less that hon. gentlemen (Mr. Peters) had to say about agriculture the better for himself. He next spoke about the proposed bridge across the Hillsborough, and censured the hon member for making that matter the subject of an attack upon the Government when it was desired by the people that that question should be kept apart from party politics. The Government, he explained, were moving in the matter of finding out the cost of the proposed bridge, for the benefit of the people. In concluding his remarks he referred to the many unsuccessful efforts made by the Opposition to obtain power, remarking that they seemed to be little nearer the goal of their ambition than they were years ago.

Mr. Farquharson, Mr. McKay and Mr. H. C. Macdonald, continued the debate until eleven o'clock, when the House adjourned.

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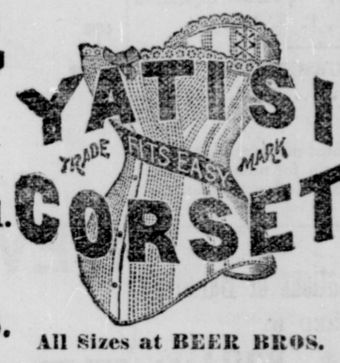

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