

THE TUPLIN TRAGEDY.

Millman in The Dock.

THE CLOSING EVIDENCE.

MR. HODGSON'S SPEECH.

A Splendid Effort.

THURSDAY, Feb. 2.

Mrs. BENJAMIN BRYANTON (sworn)—Examined by the Attorney General. I live at Burlington, Lot 18. I remember the night of the 28th June. I know Alexander Thompson. He lives at Malpeque. He was at my place on Tuesday night. He arrived after dark. His daughter was with him. My son James was in the house also. Alexander Bryanton, Ellen Bryanton, and William Bryanton, James was having dinner the whole night. I am positive of that. Thompson appeared in a hurry. My son was there when Thompson left. It was twenty minutes after nine when Thompson left. We had both a clock and a watch in the house. He was there about twenty minutes. Thompson came for cabbage plants. He got them, and told me he paid for them; but when I looked I found that he had given me five cents and two cents instead of the 1-1/2 cent which he had paid for them. Thompson was the one who took them off. Thompson was the one who took them off. Thompson was the one who took them off.

stand here he said he did not know the hour when she left the house. We will prove beyond a doubt that she left after nine o'clock. Tuplin says he left the house twenty minutes after his daughter left. He went to Profit's to see if Mary was there. Profit says he got there about half-past five. Tuplin said it would take him about five minutes to get there.

THIS FIXES THE TIME of Mary's leaving the house some five or ten minutes after nine. According to McKinlay's testimony, the girl had to go down the Mud Road, jumping across seven fences; the murder had to be committed, the stone and rope tied about the body, the boat had to be poled to where the body was found, and the prisoner had to go home across the field—all this had to be done within an hour. This is a draught upon credulity which no reasonable man can swallow. Then there is the poor manner in which the girl was dressed when she is alleged to have gone with Millman. It is not usual for girls when they go to see young men to attire themselves in their poorest clothes. On the contrary, they generally dress in their best clothing. Another circumstance which puzzled him was the alleged fact that Millman went to Tuplin's house but once. If the alleged improper connection took place then, it did not look reasonable for the young man not to return and see the girl afterwards. This conduct he could not at all understand. Then there is the statement as to the time the Millmans got home from the Church meeting. When they got home from the meeting that night the mother went into her room, changed her clothing, and on coming out saw William there, looking as unlike a murderer as it was possible for any man to look. If he had bled upon his soul the young man would never have gone home, taken his boots off, and bidding his father good-night, gone off peacefully to bed. The Crown has told you the crime was the deed.

ACT OF A WEAK MAN. He did not think so. If Millman did the deed he had nerves of steel and a constitution of iron. The penance of a murderer commences with the moment the crime is committed. The spectre of his victim is before him all the time. He could not imagine a boy of 19, brought up in the country, who could commit such an awful crime, and a few minutes afterwards go home and sleep as innocently as if he had done nothing wrong. It has been said that the motive for the commission of the crime was the seduction of the child. The evidence of the doctors as to the age of the child showed clearly that Millman was not the father. Before Mary Tuplin went out on

THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER she had Mrs. Slavin's baby in her arms, and she handed the baby to its mother before she went out. Yet, strange to say, this woman was not produced. They knew her testimony would tend to clear the prisoner, and could have easily produced her. This is not treating you fairly. If her evidence would help the Crown any, they would have had her here; but as it would tend to exonerate the prisoner she was not brought. This circumstance has struck me very forcibly. We have got the girl leaving at the house a few minutes after nine. She goes down to the river, and no doubt the deed was done there. Now what time was it done? Woodside says he got home from the lecture that night at twenty minutes to eleven. He heard a shot fired and also heard

ONE PROLONGED SCREAM. He thought it would take him fifteen or twenty minutes to go home—about a mile and three quarters. Assuming it to be twenty minutes, it makes the time of the firing of the shot twenty minutes after ten. Now there was no possibility of the prisoner doing the deed and being at his own home at the time when his parents got home from the meeting. Edward Warren says he was outside the house about ten o'clock, just before going to bed, and heard the shot fired. He thought it was a gun. He heard no cry or scream; while Woodside, who was driving, heard one shot and also a scream. To his mind, the shot Warren heard was not the shot which killed the girl. The one Woodside heard was evidently the one which killed her, as it was accompanied by the scream. When Woodside heard the shot, where was William Millman? He was at the door smoking when his mother and father got home from the meeting. There was nothing about him to indicate that he had just

COMMITTED A GREAT CRIME. After setting the bread and talking to her husband a spell, the mother went to bed. After she had gone to bed her husband heard the clock strike eleven. It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Millman and the rest of the family perjured themselves. He believed that rather than swear anything contrary to the truth they would see their son and brother go to the gallows. If you think these people have done wrong, and are branded with worse than the mark of Cain on their brow, you will bring in a verdict of guilty. James Somers did not impress him as a truthful young man. The Crown dealt with him in a very delicate manner. He invariably answered before the question was finished. He said Millman had on a brown straw hat; but the brown straw hat which was in the Court at the time was not submitted for his identification. There are four boys mentioned with whom Somers says he had some conversation. The boys never said anything about this conversation in their testimony. The boys say they met

THE DISGUISED MAN on the forks of the Mud Road; and Somers says he met the man on the road between Tuplin's and the Mud Road, before he had met the boys. He had hoped to have seen the distinguished detective, who was imported from Halifax, on the stand; but he was not produced. The detective had measured the tracks in the sand, and had also measured the prisoner's shoes, but had found the two did not agree. This was why he was not placed on the stand. Now, a few more words about Somers and his evidence. He says he saw the man on the roadside, but did not know him then. A few days later he says he saw Millman, and recognized him as the man he saw on the roadside. He could not see how Somers could recognize Millman as the man he saw on the road, when he did not see his face nor figure on the roadside. Unquestionably Millman did borrow a pistol from Power, under the circumstances named. Millman tells me he got five cartridges, and the Crown witnesses have told you what he did with the two shots which were fired. He freely admitted that Millman had asked young Power for his revolver, and that he was being at Payne's line, and would not attempt to conceal the act. This act is

NOT AN ADMISSION OF HIS GUILT. Look at the circumstances of the case. It was reported that he had seduced the girl; that he was with her on Sunday night; and it was said he was mixed up in her disappearance; and even at that time a warrant was out for his arrest for murder. Millman wanted Power to make the statement to get outside the reports in circulation as to his connection with the girl, but it must not be taken as an admission that he was the murderer of the girl. When he says he got the pistol from Power, he says he got the pistol from Power, he says he got the pistol from Power.

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