

Lawyer And Physician In Wrangle At Murder Trial

By EDDY GILMORE
LONDON (AP)—A brilliant lawyer and an eminent physician wrangled for four hours and 22 minutes in court Thursday over whether Dr. John Bodkin Adams murdered a rich patient.

Dr. Arthur Douthwaite, a distinguished expert on narcotics, found himself in a dilemma as time as he sought to back up his diagnosis that Adams drugged his patient, Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, to death.

Called by the Crown as a medical witness, Dr. Douthwaite said that on the basis of the nursing records Adams prescribed lethal doses for his patient.

After a long day of relentless cross-examination by defence counsel Geoffrey Lawrence, Dr. Douthwaite clung to his opinion, but the lawyer had shaken him.

WIDE AFTER EVENT

"You see, Dr. Douthwaite," said Lawrence with a triumphant smile near the end of the day's hearing, "it is very easy in a case like this to be wise after the event."

Douthwaite, a tall, grey-haired man in formal black jacket and striped pants, started across the crowded Criminal Court of London's Old Bailey and replied:

"Yes."

Lawrence, who resembles an eager ferret with a talented brain, chuckled to himself. Then, he looked up at the red-faced and bulky Adams in the prisoner's dock.

Adams, a society physician who practised among rich patients at the fashionable English Channel resort of Eastbourne, flashed his first smile in days.

DOCTOR ON SPOT

From one doctor's dilemma the other had a good day.

Lawrence began his relentless

cross-examination of Dr. Douthwaite by placing him nearly on the spot.

"You are saying that he (Adams) formed the intention on Nov. 8 to terminate her life and carried that intention into effect over the next five days?"

"Yes," replied Dr. Douthwaite without a moment's hesitation.

Lawrence put his next question slowly:

"A specialist profession is a responsible one, no doubt, but I hardly suppose you have ever expressed a graver or more fateful opinion on a matter of medicine than that?"

"No," said the witness.

Lawrence led the medical man along slowly.

ALL RELEVANT EVIDENCE

"Before going into the witness box and expressing that view on oath, you satisfied yourself you had every piece of relevant evidence before you on which to judge?"

"Yes," snapped Dr. Douthwaite.

Lawrence swooped on his briefcase and came up with a handful of typewritten pages.

"Now," said Lawrence, "I shall show you unswerving records of Mrs. Morrell's case before Dr. Adams ever treated her."

Spectators gasped. It was the second time in the nine days of the trial that the defence counsel had produced documents to confound the Crown.

"When you gave your evidence," he said with a snarl at Dr. Douthwaite, "you were entirely in ignorance of what her treatment was before she became Dr. Adams' patient?"

"Yes."

The defence counsel then showed how Mrs. Morrell suffered a stroke

in 1948 and another doctor gave her injections of morphine to help her recover.

Dr. Douthwaite earlier testified that Dr. Adams made a drug addict of Mrs. Morrell by giving her morphine, heroin and other narcotics.

Faced with this evidence, Dr. Douthwaite studied the nine-year-old nursing records and then repeated that he believed morphine was wrong for Mrs. Morrell.

"She had it for only nine days," he added, "that would hardly have made her an addict."

Adams treated Mrs. Morrell for 1½ years until her death in 1950.

"Does the field of condemnation that you are spreading from this witness box include Dr. Turner, the man who gave her the morphine after her stroke?" asked Lawrence with a heavy note of sarcasm.

"If that treatment was for the stroke, then — yes," said Dr. Douthwaite.

"Good gracious me," exclaimed Lawrence.

From that point on he asked Dr. Douthwaite several hundred questions, many of them couched in acid tones of sarcasm.

As counsel for the defence it was his duty to try to discredit this medical witness for the Crown.

Lawrence put on an exhibition that time and again drew smiles of admiration from bewigged barristers who had come to watch him.

Mr. Justice Devlin warned Lawrence that he was "going too far" in merciless cross-examination of the distinguished medical man, author of textbooks and senior physician at Guy's Hospital.

Dr. Douthwaite's ordeal will continue today when he goes back into the witness box before Lawrence.

PUBLIC FORUM

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gone up 15 per cent during the past year.

It is such exaggerated statements of this nature that nullify the effects of farm leaders and farm organizations to obtain a square deal for the farmers. If he had used the word "that" instead of "but" in the first sentence of the above quotation, it would have been more clearly correct.

It would be interesting to know how many farmers bought their tractors through the Farm Improvement Loan Policy, and still owe the Banks for them. In making this statement I am casting no reflection on the farmer who has done so, as it was for this purpose that legislation was enacted, and due to the force of circumstances, the farmer is compelled to follow the trend of the times by turning to mechanization.

He, Mr. MacKay, also dilates on the number of cars and trucks owned by the farmers. There is no doubt that the farmer would like to know just how many are financed through the companies engaged in this work. And as a car or a truck for the farmer is no longer a luxury, but a necessity, he is compelled to purchase whether he considers he can afford it or not.

As for the statement that farmers have increased their savings deposits by 15 per cent, there are so many factors that enter into this statement, that I, for one, accept it with a great deal of reservation. A number of farmers have as a source of income additional fields of endeavor other than farming, but they are still classed as farmers. But to give the impression that this is true of the rank and file of farmers is to my mind a gross misrepresentation, and I think I am just as well informed on this subject as Mr. MacKay or the bank manager in question.

I can well understand his zeal to paint as rosy a picture as possible of the financial status of the Province under a Liberal Government, but there is nothing to be gained by imitating the ostrich. In this province the declining farm population and the exodus of our young people from the farms is a problem that is attaining serious proportions. I doubt that, if one were to go into the schools of the Province today and ask the young boys how many intend to remain on the farm or take up farming, there would be one voice raised in the affirmative.

This problem is far more serious than appears on the surface, and is one that will have to be faced sooner or later — and the sooner the better. It will take the ablest and keenest minds in the country to find a solution. Unless this is done it will only be a matter of time before one of the Three Horsemen of the Apocalypse will be riding throughout the land.

The number of vacant homes, and neglected or abandoned farms that one sees throughout our Province (and this is general in every province of Canada) is nothing short of appalling. For any man in public life to gloss over a situation of this nature is not only doing the farmer a disservice, but also doing a disservice to the country as a whole.

In conclusion may I quote from an article on this subject written by a leading economist who was dealing with this threatening trend:

"Most farmers are limited not only by the physical boundaries of their farms and their limited credit, but even more by the natural conservation of this environment and advancing years. The average farmer on our unspecialized family-size farms, no matter how fertile, is feeling a definite economic pinch, and is destined to degenerate through the years into bankruptcy; nothing could be more certain."

I am Sir, etc.,
FARMER,
Alberton, P.E.I.

ARTIFICIAL SOIL

Sir,—I fully agree with the conclusion in that "Electronic Farming" item on your editorial page, crediting your St. Thomas Times-Journal contemporary as saying that "The Agriculture industry is becoming more modern but also a trifle more complicated for old-time farmers."

On the other hand, it seems to me that there is still a mighty wide chasm between a laboratory experiment, under which radiation "beams" of high intensity electron beam of nine million volts to kill all bacteria and fungi in a sample soil," and the St. Thomas writer's closing note that "artificial soil will be coming faster than you think?"

I am not saying that it can't be done; but I feel on safe ground in suggesting that the achievement (?) would create far more problems than it would solve. In this latter respect, I go to your "Editorial Notes" feature on that same page, to articulate my thought:

"A report from the International Wheat Council shows that the United States leads all exporting countries, having as customers 32 of the 42 importing nations, which participate in the IWA. Canada comes next with 26 customers. Australia is in third place with 9."

I think your average speedy urban reader would be surprised to learn that a deal more cash accrues to Canada for its export wheat tonnage than flows to our Washington friends, occupying the No. 1 spot in the above export wheat picture? I would not blame him for being unaware of the giveaway mechanism under which U.S. surplus wheat is moving, these days; or that the technique is do-

ing grave damage to other exporters, like ourselves, unable to compete with the U.S. Treasury?

In closing, I would like to send the following pattern, brought forward by the organized wheat farmers West of Winnipeg recently, to the spotlight: "Sales of Canadian grain to export markets are still vital to our national progress and welfare. For example, in the biggest surplus disposal deal in history, the U.S. government is moving to India, in an involved three-year give away program, 130,000,000 bushels of wheat, along with other farm products, worth a total of \$360,000,000 at current world prices. These commodities actually cost nearly twice this total under U.S. price supports. The U.S. accepts payment of the \$360,000,000 in Indian currency; loans 85 per cent of the proceeds back to India for economic development; spends the remaining 15 per cent in India; and pays \$54,000,000 for shipping the commodities to India. U.S. offers the loan at 3 per cent for 25 years, India seeks a lower interest rate and 40-year term." (From Annual Report, Canadian Wheat Pool, 1955-56).

I am Sir, etc.,
ONTARIO READER.

MISNAMED TEMPERANCE

Sir,—Some of the statements in Hon. J. A. Bernard's letter in Saturday's Guardian are open to correction. To begin with he advocates greater availability of what he calls "alcoholic stimulants". Anyone with even a meager knowledge of physiology knows that alcohol is not a stimulant but the very opposite, namely a dangerous narcotic.

Then he seems to take credit in some way, or other for the passage of our so-called "Temperance Legislation," under which our citizens, in the name of temperance, are supposed to drink themselves into prosperity. Mr. Bernard may have approved of the measure; that would be neither here nor there, as once it was passed by the Legislature no other course would be open to him in this official capacity as representative of the Crown but to assent to the measure, so that letters pro or con to which he refers would have very little meaning.

I am sure the credit (or discredit) for hoodwinking the Temperance people of P.E.I. into believing they were getting a Temperance measure must go elsewhere. How they could be brought to believe that by giving the Government power to open liquor shops throughout the Island they would induce temperance in our citizens is difficult to understand. Shades of Soviet Russia! When the Russians wish to invade and domin-

ate any territory they pretend to "liberate" it.

I think it is high time the Government of this Province "liberated" our people from the insult to their intelligence implied in the term "Temperance Commission" and began calling a liquor Commission — "Liquor Commission".

There is something terribly wrong when a poor Province which cannot afford a decent standard of education can spend over \$3,000,000 on something injurious to health and morals and conducive to many traffic fatalities.

As for tourists enjoying themselves — our citizens enjoy living, which privilege is frequently taken from them by drunken drivers;

SYNGMAN RHEE

SEOUL (AP)—President Syngman Rhee marked his 82nd birthday Tuesday with a cryptic act which observers interpreted as naming his successor. A Rhee spokesman announced the president and his wife had adopted the 20-year-old son of Lee Ki Poong, chairman of the national assembly. Korean and American observers interpreted this as Rhee's way of designating 60-year-old Lee to fill his shoes.

and we do not need to import for the purpose.

I am Sir, etc.,
ABSTAINER,
Borden, P.E.I.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

MOUNT STEWART Pastoral Charge. Rev. B. V. MacLean, B.A., Minister. Mt. Stewart 11 a.m., Bristol 7 p.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada. St. John's, Belfast, Services on the Lord's Day 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. All are welcomed. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada. Services for Sunday, March 31st. Murray Harbour North 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m. Peters Road, 2.30 p.m. Everyone welcomed. Rev. M. Carl Currie, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada. Services Wood Islands Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 31 at 3 p.m. Rev. Donald Nicholson Interim Moderator will conduct the Services.

OBITUARY—In the recent obituary of the late John D.H. MacDonald the names of Mr. and Mrs. D.T. McEachern and family of Rock Barra, P.E.I. were inadvertently omitted in the list of masses.

UNITED Baptist Church, Montague Charge, Sunday 31st. Montague 11 a.m.; Sturgeon 3 p.m.; Murray Harbour, 7.30 p.m. with Song Service at 7.15. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper at the close of the evening Service. Rev. A.M. Rogerson, Minister.

THE regular meeting of the Ladies Auxillary of the Montague Hospital will be held at the home of Mrs. L.H. Fogel at 9.00 p.m., March 29th instead of April 5th. Slides of Europe will be shown. Each member is asked to bring a guest.

DUNDAS — ANNANDALE United Church Circuit, Sunday, March 24th. S. A. Custance, Pastor. Morning Worship 11 a.m. At Annandale, Dundas afternoon Worship 2.30 p.m. Subject "The Needle's Eye."

SOURIS — BAY Fortune Pastoral Charge. The United Church of Canada, Sunday, March 31st. Souris 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7 p.m. Service. Bay Fortune 3 p.m. Service. Rev. Donald A. Sharpe, Minister.

MURRAY HARBOUR — Murray River Pastoral Charge. The United Church of Canada, Service Sunday March 31. Murray Harbour, 11 a.m., Little Sands 2.30 p.m., Murray River 7.30 p.m., Rev. L. S. Woolfrey, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada, Services Sunday, Mar. 31st. Montague, Divine Worship 11 a.m., Cardigan, afternoon service 2.30 p.m. Montague Evening Service 7.30 p.m., in the series on knowing Christ and His Cross (3). "The inscription on the Cross"; Montague Sunday School, 10 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Rev. D. A. Campbell, Minister.

CHURCH OF Christ, The Lord's Day, March 31. Montague: 10.00 a.m. Bible School, 11.00 a.m. The Lord's Supper and Preaching. Murray River: 10.00 a.m. Bible School, 11.00 a.m. The Lord's Supper and Preaching by K.T. Morrie Murray Harbour: 6.00 p.m. Bible School and the Lord's Supper. Combined Evangelistic Service at the Montague Church of Christ at 8.00 p.m. Everyone warmly welcomed. Kenneth T. Norris, evangelist.

THE Montague Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada, Rev. J.M. Fraser, Minister, Sunday, March 31st. Lower Montague 9:45 a.m. morning service and Sunday School. Trinity Church, Montague, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Morning Service and Junior Sunday School, theme, "The Cross and the Crown", 7:30 p.m. Evening Service "Two Great Words". A hearty welcome to all.

CATS TAKE TO SILK
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (Reuters)—Two tough cats have been parachuted into a remote jungle fortress in northern Malaya to stem an enemy invasion—hundreds of miles

BEST FOR less, describes quality in price of spring and summer slacks now on display at MacLeod's Tailor shop, Murray River. Easter specials fitted and finished only \$8.90.

Remanded On Rape Complaint

At Magistrate's Court, Georgetown, Wednesday before S. J. Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet, a charge of rape was remanded by consent until April 10th, for preliminary hearing, with bail be-

Curling Club At Montague Has Enjoyable Closing Banquet

A most enjoyable evening was spent last Wednesday by the members of the Montague Ladies' and Men's Clubs when a closing banquet was held at the Bison Restaurant.

Approximately seventy-five members sat down to a sumptuous dinner, after which the chairman, Judge S. DesRoches, proposed a toast to "The Queen".

Judge DesRoches then gave a most comprehensive report on the activities of the Men's club for the past season, giving well deserved praise to the excellent job done by Tom Clair who kept the ice in top form throughout the winter. He extended the club's congratulations to the G.G. Jardine rink, provincial winners of the Legion, Bonsel and the George Nicholour rink, winners of the Central Creameries trophy, prizes and trophies were then presented to the winning men's rinks.

Judge DesRoches then introduced Mary Nicholson, president of the Ladies Club who outlined their activities over the past season and thanked all committees, members and associate members for their great help and co-operation. Trophies and prizes were then distributed to the winning ladies' teams. Notable among the girls presented was a handsomely gilded rubber presented to the president, Mary Nicholson, skip of the team which was victorious in the provincial playdown, winning the coveted "Crockett Trophy".

Mr. Ivor Phillips then took over as master of ceremonies and introduced the "Kings County Cowboys" who delighted everyone with their interpretation of sever-

ing granted. G.R. Foster was counsel for the accused.

Three cases were heard under the Temperance Act: A resident of Alliston was fined \$25.00 and costs or thirty days in the Kings County jail for possession of liquor not purchased at the vendors; and a resident of Lower Montague was fined \$20.00 and costs or thirty days on the same charge; a resident of Carleton Place was fined \$50.00 and cost or thirty days for having care and control of a vehicle while impaired.

A resident of Georgetown, charged under the Fish and Game Act, by the Provincial Game warden, John White, was fined \$10.00 and costs or ten days for the molesting of game birds within one half mile of a baited area.

J.P. Nicholson, Crown prosecutor for Kings represented the Crown in all cases.

al cowboy numbers. The reading by Mr. Phillips, of an original poem, created a great deal of merriment among the members.

The evening was brought to a close with a rousing sing-song and was followed by the singing of "The Queen". Mrs. Ralph Beck was extended the appreciation of the club for acting as pianist, as was Mrs. Sybil MacLean for her original poem.

MIDNIGHT SHOW TONIGHT

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