

# 4 Nurses Testify At U.K. Preliminary Murder Case

By JOHN DUDMAN  
EASTBOURNE, England (Reuters)—Four nurses Tuesday built up a picture of the relations between Dr. John Bodkin Adams, fashionable family doctor, and a wealthy, temperamental old widow, one of his three alleged poison victims.

The nurses, all of whom tended Mrs. Edith Morrell, 81, until her death six years ago, were the first witnesses to testify at the hearing at which five magistrates will decide whether to commit the 57-year-old doctor for trial. He is charged with the murder of Mrs. Morrell, one of the three people whom the prosecution says he poisoned.

These points emerged from their evidence:

Mrs. Morrell, widow of a food importer, was "difficult." She used to have outbursts of bad temper for no reason.

Once she was annoyed when Adams went to Scotland to Scotland without telling her. She told

a nurse she would cut him out of her will. Then she spoke to him by telephone and made him come back to Eastbourne.

WOULDN'T TELL TREATMENT  
Adams would not tell the nurses what drugs he was injecting in the old woman. When one witness, nurse Annie Mason - Ellis, asked him to tell her it was "something for the patient's good and it was not necessary for her to know exactly what it was."

The chubby little bachelor doctor was left a Rolls Royce limousine and a chest of valuable silver cutlery in Mrs. Morrell's will.

The prosecution on Monday alleged he also murdered Alfred Hewitt, 71, wealthy insurance underwriter and Mrs. Hullett, 50, who also lived in this seaside resort of the retired rich.

The motive was greed, according to the prosecution, for the doctor knew all three patients would leave him bequests. It is alleged he turned his victims into drug addicts before their deaths.

HAD SEVERE SPASMS  
Two of the witnesses — Brenda Hughes, a pert, honey-blond, and grey-haired Caroline Randall — said Mrs. Morrell died in a coma suffering severe spasms.

"They nearly jerked her out of her bed. I had not seen spasms so severe in a patient in a coma," Nurse Randall said.

She and two other nurses said Adams never told them the type of injections which he gave Mrs. Morrell in the last months of her life.

The night before she died Adams gave her an injection from a five c.c. hypodermic syringe.

"I thought it was a large dose," Nurse Hughes said.

Dr. Herbert John Walter, an official of the crematorium where Mrs. Morrell was cremated, said death was certified by Dr. Adams as due to cerebral thrombosis. An independent ruling by another doctor, who examined the body externally, gave the same cause, he said.



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## Accreditation Plan For Canadian Nursing Schools

The Canadian Nurses' Association is sponsoring an evaluation program to include twenty Nursing Schools across Canada. According to information released recently by the local branch of this organization. This initial study called the "pilot study" is expected to lead to a full program of accreditation of Canadian Nursing Schools in the near future.

Within the last week a letter was received by three Island School of Nursing requesting

## Judge Likely To Head Commission

OTTAWA (CP)—A judge of the Supreme Court of Canada likely will head the three-judge commission to investigate use of firemen in railway freight and yard service. Establishment of the body was part of a settlement of the strike by firemen against the CPR last week.

Two men mentioned as possible heads of the commission are Mr. Justice I. C. Rand and Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock. Mr. Justice Kellock acted as arbitrator in the 1950 rail dispute between non-operating unions and the two railways, the CPR and CNR.

Mr. Justice Vincent Macdonald, of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court also may be a member of the commission. He was a member of the war labor board and is formerly dean of Dalhousie University's Law School.

There were unconfirmed reports that the third member may be a Quebec judge.

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MONTREAL (CP)—Treatment of cancer with the cobalt bomb is giving encouraging results, a panel of specialists said Tuesday in reviewing the results of a five-year survey.

The experts said it is too early to say whether cobalt treatments will produce more cancer cures than other types of radiation. But in the case of cancer of the mouth, larynx, gullet and bladder the trend toward more cures was

"exceptionally favorable," provided the disease was detected and treated early.

The results of the five-year survey were given to the annual scientific meeting of the Canadian Association of Radiologists. The main findings were reviewed at a press conference by six x-ray treatment specialists, all of them doctors.

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## AGRICULTURAL NEWS

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**AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK**  
This is the time of year when the Economist and other agricultural magazines look into the future and attempt to determine expected conditions in agriculture. Many factors influence markets, production and all phases of agricultural activities. The following articles recently published in the "Agricultural Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada" should give some interesting background material of the Agricultural Outlook for 1957.

The Agricultural trade situation. The current high level of economic activity in the industrialized countries of the world seems likely to continue well into 1957. There are indications that the effects of anti-inflationary measures taken by many countries are being felt which should ease the strain on world economy into better balance. Nevertheless, demand is expected to remain strong throughout most countries of the world, which will keep production and investment at a high level. This should have a supporting influence on the demand of agricultural products. It appears that the decline in agricultural prices of the past few years may have leveled off in the latter months of 1956 and it seems unlikely that there will be further decline in the general level of farm prices in 1957.

**TRADE BALANCE**  
Economic developments in the past year are encouraging to the outlook for trade in agricultural products. There has been a general improvement in the international balance of payments situation and a number of countries have increased their gold and dollar holdings. Another encouraging factor has been the introduction in various countries of more flexible fiscal and monetary policies. Western Europe has introduced some measures liberalizing trade with the dollar area.

Under the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade, Canada obtained concessions in the United States tariff on several agricultural products. In the Commonwealth countries, a number of changes have taken place in import restrictions providing Canada with more favorable trading conditions, particularly in the British West Indies.

Canada's total commodity exports for the period January to September 1956 were valued at \$5.6 billion as against \$3.2 billion in the similar period of last year. Agricultural exports accounted for \$897 million of this total in 1956, compared with \$737 million in the first nine months of 1955. Total imports for this period were \$4.2 billion as against \$3.4 billion in the same period of last year.

As of September, 1956 Canada's trade deficit had reached \$991 million. A main contributing factor has been the heavy imports of capital equipment which are being employed in the further development of natural resources and in the expansion and diversification of the secondary industry. Much of this expansion should lead to an expansion of Canadian exports.

For the Canadian economy 1956 was another year of substantial growth. The rise in the physical national product was close to the record increase of nine per cent achieved in 1955. The creation of new capital facilities proceeded on a broader scale than ever before and also increased more rapidly than in any previous postwar year. The general attitude of business is one of sustained confidence for 1957.

**GENEALLY buoyant activity,** more employment, higher wages, large dividend disbursements and better returns to farmers brought a steady increase in personal income levels. Continuing strength is expected for 1957 in the financial position of the Canadian farmer.

**Economic conditions in Canada** and the rest of the world in 1957 should be favourable to Canadian agriculture. Farm cash income will probably be maintained at the 1956 level; this will depend not so much on the size of the crop as on exports and the availability of elevator space for grain deliveries approximating those of 1956 from the large stock presently stored on farms.

Cash income from the sale of livestock is expected to remain at the 1956 level. The output of eggs may be greater but prices are likely to be lower. Cash incomes from dairy products is expected to increase. Total farm operating expenses and depreciation charges may not differ very significantly from the 1956 estimates. Any change in farm net income from farming operations will depend largely on the size of the western grain crop in 1957.

The Agricultural Prices Support Act 1944. The annual report of the Agricultural Prices Support Board to the Minister which covers its operations up to March 31, 1956, indicates a net cost up to that time of \$89,196,061.31. This amount includes approximately \$70,000,000 written off as loss with respect to the hog and cattle programs attributable to the foot and mouth disease emergency in 1952 as well as a little over \$10,000,000 for various programs since 1946 for apples, potatoes, dried white beans, extracted money, dry skimmed milk, cheddar cheese, creamery butter and shell eggs.

On March 31, 1956, inventories of 1955 make butter of slightly more than 50 million pounds were held by the Board for future disposal. During 1956 the Board is carrying out or has completed support programs relating to apples, potatoes, creamery butter, eggs and hogs. The programs for apples, potatoes related to the 1955 crops and the cost was approximately \$4,000 in the case of potatoes and approximately \$181,000 in the case of apples. Financial results for the program relating to creamery butter and eggs will not be known until the program period is completed and final disposal is arranged. However, there will be some loss in respect to creamery butter mainly relating to the fact that the Board has absorbed the handling charges throughout the year.

**APPLES**  
On January 5, with amendment on March 29, 1956 the Board was authorized to make up the difference between the average price received by growers for apples of fancy grade or better delivered warehouse in Nova Scotia and one cent per pound on the basis of six varieties as follows: Gravenstein, McIntosh, Cortland, Wagner, Spy and King. It was indicated that if any other province could show that their growers received an average price for a number of dessert varieties, the government would consider authorization for support to those provinces. The total cost of this support for 1955 was approximately \$181,000.

On January 5, 1956, the Board was authorized to make up the difference between the price paid by starch factories and \$1 per barrel for Canada No. 1 potatoes (by amendment dated March 15, 1956, including up to 12 per cent Canada No. 1 Small). Potato prices firm from the time this program was put into effect and there were few deliveries under the program. The total cost of this program for 1955 potatoes was approximately \$8,000.

Some 29,442 cases of eggs were oiled and stored in the spring and early summer of 1956 in accordance with the Board's specifications. The Board called these eggs for delivery by the end of June but received no eggs. Therefore, there was no cost on this part of the program.

The egg price support program is still in effect till December 31, 1956, and there may or may not be some cost involved in supporting eggs during the month of December.

**On March 22, 1956,** the Board was authorized to offer to purchase Canada First Grade creamery butter from May 1, 1956 through April 30, 1956, on a basis of 58 cents per pound. This is the same price as had been in effect for the previous few years but was now extended for a two year period.

At May 1, 1956 the Board held approximately 51 million pounds of 1955 make butter. The Board offered this 1955 butter, on a sales agreement basis up to June 6, on the basis of 56 cents per pound while buying 1956 make butter at 58 cents per pound. When this program was completed, the Board held approximately 25 million pounds of 1955 make and the balance of its stocks were of 1956 make. The total 1956 make butter purchased by the Board, including that purchased during the exchange operations, was approximately 66 million pounds making Board owned stocks available for resale in the fall and winter of 1956-57. The board has been offering butter for sale since the end of September at 58 cents per pound and it is estimated that at the end of November will hold about 22 million pounds as compared with about 93 million pounds a year earlier.

The Board has continued to sell butter to approved Canadian institutions on the basis of a discount of 21 cents per pound and a rate of seven million pounds per year to more than 2,000 institutions across Canada. Based on reports from the institutions in February 1956 there would appear to have been an increase of approximately nine per cent in the consumption of butter and by these institutions during the period up to that date.

## WINTER PRECAUTIONS

Cold weather such as we have been experiencing during the last couple of weeks presents several problems as far as farmers are concerned. Extra precautions must be taken in the dairy stable to see that the cows are receiving sufficient oxygen in other words is your ventilating system working efficiently. Frequently the practice is to close the ventilators, doors and windows and consequently the health of the animals is impaired due to the lack of oxygen. If cattle are being turned out, extreme care must be taken so that udders do not become frost bitten and that the animals do not suffer from a chill. Good deep bedding will help in many cases to prevent udders from being chilled and becoming more subject to infection.

In the hen house as in the dairy stable adequate ventilation should be maintained. If at all possible the place should be kept warm. If such is not the case egg production will drop. Frequently colds or respiratory distress follows. Make sure that the water that is available for the hens does not freeze over and remain frozen. The birds will become very thirsty which can result in a lowered egg production and weight losses. A warm-water can be obtained at a very low cost and will keep the water in the henhouse at a good temperature. It is electrically controlled and can be plugged in a 110 line.

The electrical element as above can also be obtained for drinking bowls which you have in loose housing or pole barns. This maintains the water at a sufficient temperature and prevents it from freezing. The cost is very small.

There are only a few of the precautions which should be taken during cold weather. There are many others and possibly in summary the best thing to say is that common sense should be exercised in all instances.

## EARLY MORNING START

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## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING ACT, 1949.

The purpose of the Federal Agricultural Products Marketing Act, as stated in the preamble, indicates that it is desirable to co-operate with the provinces in the enactment of provincial legislation respecting the marketing of agricultural products locally within the provinces, in order that like powers to those which were granted through the provincial marketing legislation may be extended for the purpose of marketing agricultural products in inter-provincial and export trade.

## BOARDS

The following marketing boards or agencies now have certain of their powers extended under the authority of this Act.

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2. The British Columbia Coast Vegetable Marketing Board.
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4. The Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board.
5. The New Brunswick Potato Marketing Board.
6. The New Brunswick Potato Marketing Board.
7. The Ontario Bean Growers Marketing Board.
8. The Nova Scotia Marketing Board with respect to wool.
9. The Ontario Cheese Producers Marketing Board.
10. The New Brunswick Hog Marketing Board.
11. The Nova Scotia Marketing Board with respect to hogs.
12. With respect to fresh peaches: The Ontario Fresh Peach Marketing Board, The Ontario Peach Growers' Co-operative.
13. With respect to Ontario: The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board, The Ontario Hog Producers Marketing Board, The Ontario Hog Producers' Co-operative.
14. The Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board and the Ontario Fresh Peach Marketing Board has certain changes made in their authority during 1956.

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## Accreditation Plan For Canadian Nursing Schools

them to signify their willingness to participate in the "pilot study". At least one of these schools will be chosen to participate along with nineteen other schools across the Dominion.

Evaluation and Accreditation of educational programs is not new in the field of education. This system for raising standards in education and improving service to the public obtains in many professional fields. Accreditation services have been organized by Medical Associations for Medical Schools, by Hospital Associations for Hospitals, by general educators for Colleges and High Schools and by nurse educators by the American National League for Nursing.

In addition many other groups such as the Canadian Dental Association, the Canadian Library Association and the Canadian Association for Social Workers are considering seriously programs of accreditation. This is deemed necessary in the public interest to insure that well qualified people are available to give needed services.

## MEETS AT OTTAWA

Miss Bernice Rowland, R.N.B.N. Provincial Chairman of the Nursing Education Committee has attended a national meeting recently in Fredericton, N.B. At this meeting recommendations on Nursing Education, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Nurses Association meets in Ottawa in February at which time there will be further discussion on Nursing Education and Nursing Service.

Nurse educators are aware that a program of accreditation is vitally important to guarantee the best possible nursing care to the public. The ultimate purpose of the program is not accreditation in itself, but rather the improvement of the educational program so that better nursing care will result.

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