

THE SLOW POISONING CASE.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Before the Stipendiary Magistrate.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.

Mrs. John Williams on the Stand.

The Proceedings Delayed.

WEDNESDAY, March 12.

The preliminary examination was resumed this forenoon at 11.15 o'clock. In the absence of the Attorney-General, Mr. McLeon appeared for the Crown in conjunction with Mr. Malcolm McLeod, Q. C. Mrs. Weeks seemed to be in better health, though still weak. After Mr. McKay had given his additional evidence, the proceedings were delayed for nearly an hour while a sleigh was being sent for Mrs. John Williams, who was reported as too unwell to walk to the Court. Again, after recess, the examination was delayed for a considerable time, the girl, Effie Munroe, not appearing promptly on her subpoena.

The Court again adjourned until Friday next, at 11 o'clock, one of the witnesses subpoenaed not having appeared.

W. D. McKay (sworn)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—I am Secretary and Manager of the Charlottetown Woolen Factory. Mr. Sutherland is President. He is a shareholder, and has been connected with the factory almost since the beginning. He came into my office on the evening of the election. I then told him about the poisoning case. He did not let on that he had heard of it before. I don't remember that he did. The \$200 was with the rest of the cash in the shop.

To the Magistrate—He had not heard of the case—the way it was related to me by Dr. Johnson. He had not heard of anything of the kind—as far as I could understand from him.

ARTHUR JOHNSON (re-called)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—There were seven medicine bottles given me by my father, which came from Mr. Sutherland's house. They were made up for Mrs. Sutherland. (Bottles produced.) The first one was sent on Dec. 17th. The prescription was not injurious to health. We tested it for arsenic and there was no reaction. The next was sent on Dec. 23rd. It contained salicine. I did not test it for arsenic. The next was sent on Dec. 25. I did not test it. The next was sent on Dec. 26th. It contained Beef, Iron and Wine. I tested it and there was no reaction. The next was sent on Dec. 29th. It contained salicine. I did not test it. The next was sent on Jan. 12th—a black draught. I did not test it. The next was sent on Jan. 19th. It was not tested.

Mr. McKay then again came forward and gave the following additional testimony:—

On my way down town on the night that Mrs. Weeks left, fearing that there was not enough money in the safe, I called into Mr. Ewan McDougall's and got a hundred dollars from him. Part of that I gave to Mrs. Weeks. I returned the whole amount to Mr. McDougall next morning. The money I returned was my own. I do not know that I made up my mind how much Mrs. Weeks would need. I swear that I had \$100 in the till that night. I believe that there was nearly \$200. The cash book will show it.

Mr. McLeod asked witness to produce cash book.

I returned the money sometime next day. When I went to McDougall's, McDougall was in bed. I told him that I wanted \$100, and he gave it to me. I know that the money was debited to me. I don't know whether it was on Saturday or Monday. I might or might not have overdrawn my account. I don't think that that's anybody's business. I won't say whether I did or not. Before Mrs. Weeks went away, I consulted with several of Mr. Sutherland's best friends, and they expressed their willingness to provide money in any reasonable amount to get her off the island. When I met Mr. Sutherland, on Friday, I had consulted with Mr. Sutherland's friends. The consultation was held two or three days before. I didn't tell Mr. Sutherland that night that his friends had been consulting about sending Mrs. Weeks away. I did not tell him about the consultation until after she had left the island.

DR. JOHNSON (re-called)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—(Seven bottles were produced and shown the witness.) I brought all these bottles from Mr. Sutherland's house.

KATIE WILLIAMS (sworn)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod.—I know Mrs. Weeks. I have known her for about twelve years. She is living in our neighborhood. We have latterly been intimate with her. She was very kind to me when I was ill. I knew of her going away. She went on Saturday. I was at her house on Friday evening. I went between 8 and 9 o'clock and left between 11 and 12. Mr. McKay came for me about midnight—perhaps after midnight. He said that Mrs. Weeks wanted me. He didn't say why. I didn't expect the message, but I was not altogether surprised to get it. I didn't guess what I was wanted for. My husband went with me. He came to the door with me. Mrs. Weeks told me that she was going away—I understood that she was going off the island. She told me that she was going right off that night. She had before told me on different occasions that she was going off the island—going to the States to keep boarding house. She did not tell me what part of the States she was going to. She had not made up her mind to go when I left her on Friday night. I think that she said she might go to stop scandal. She said that her neighbors were not very charitable; but I did not understand that she had any idea of going that night. She had had a letter on the day the doctors were holding the consultation. I read the letter. I read it twice. It was signed "A Friend." She showed it to me on the same day that she received it. Mrs. Weeks told me that she did not know about the consul-

tation until she had got this letter. The letter gave her warning to leave by 12 o'clock next day, or she would be arrested. The letter referred to the poisoning of Mrs. Sutherland. Mrs. Weeks said that she had been threatened about the poisoning. That was the first I heard about it. She took no account of the letter. She made up her mind to go away very suddenly. I suppose that the poisoning, or at least the scandal about it, caused her to go away. She told me that she was not afraid of anything about the poisoning—that she was not afraid of anything but the scandal. She never told me that she was scared of being arrested. I saw her going away at midnight, but I did not ask her what she was going away for. I knew it was to stop the scandal about this poisoning case. Mr. Sutherland was in the house when I got there on Saturday morning; also my husband. There was no one else except the servant and two children. Mrs. Weeks was gathering her clothes. I understood that Mr. David McKay was one of those who persuaded her to go away and that Mr. Donald Farquharson was another. I saw Mr. Sutherland in the house after she left that night. Mr. Sutherland said nothing to me. I heard him speak to Mrs. Weeks. He told her that he did not accuse her; that he believed she was innocent; and that he did not believe that his wife was poisoned. He said that he had never asked her to go away. This was said to Mrs. Weeks. Mr. Sutherland did not tell her not to go. I knew Mr. Sutherland and Mrs. Weeks were acquaintances, and that they were neighbors. She said nothing to me about money. The first I saw of the money, it was lying on the table. I didn't hear that night who gave her the money. Mrs. Weeks handed the money to Mr. Sutherland to count, he wouldn't have anything to do with it, so she handed it to me. I got as far as \$80 and lost my count, and didn't try it again. I couldn't say when the money was placed on the table. The valises were packed downstairs. I cannot say that I heard every word that passed between Mr. Sutherland and Mrs. Weeks. They would be in the dining room together for a few minutes. He could have persuaded her not to go if he chose. He said that he didn't ask her to go. Mr. Sutherland was there before I got there. As far as I know, Mr. Sutherland was there as a friend. Mrs. Weeks told me that she sent for him. I supposed that Mr. Sutherland was there as an executor to her late husband's will. I supposed that she was making some provision for her children. She told me that there was money for them. I saw her giving him two or three little bills and telling him to pay them. I think one of them was Perkins & Sterns. She wished him to pay them when her money came due. I did not go to Mr. Sutherland when the Sheriff came on Wednesday. She did not take all her clothing with her. She took just what was needful. She had two valises and only took enough clothing for her journey. I understood she was going to stay permanently. She left me in charge of the house. I was to take the children down to old Mrs. Weeks and ask her to take care of them until she sent for them. We didn't wake the servant to help to pack the clothing. She did not know Mrs. Weeks had gone till next morning. I remained in the house most of Saturday. Annie Gillispie came in. I went for her. She lives by Boyle's Tannery. Mrs. Weeks told me to go for Annie Gillispie because she was kind to the children. The Weeks' came for the children on Tuesday or Wednesday. I did not go to them with the message; they came and took the children away. Annie was there till the children were taken away. Nothing was removed from the house, so far as I know, except the children's clothing and bedding and some empty liquor bottles. My husband took them and put them in our yard. I could not say how many barrels of bottles there were. They were cleaning up the yard. I think that Mrs. Weeks asked him to take the bottles away. The clothing she left was in two trunks. The detective left them scattered all around the room. I was there in the evening and daytime. Mr. Sutherland came to the house on Sunday evening. I was there at my tea at the time. He stayed there a few minutes. He wanted to hire the girl Effie Munroe. He told me so, and the girl told me so. He wanted to see Effie Munroe. He did not talk to her in my presence. She went into the hall and spoke to him, and then came back and told me that Mr. Sutherland wanted to hire her. Mrs. Weeks did not tell me where she was going on the night on which she went away. She told me at other times that she was going to the States. Mrs. Weeks did not tell me that she expected to see Mr. Sutherland again. She did not say that he was going to her. I never told that to anybody. I don't suppose that she would have gone on that night, in that sudden way, if it had not been for the poisoning. I gave my husband the order to drive Mrs. Weeks to the Capes. That was about midnight. Mr. McKay had called and given me the message, and when my husband came home I gave him the order. I did not know that she had gone under the name of Mrs. Miller. As far as I know she was going as Mrs. Weeks. I can't say that I knew that she was going secretly.

To Mr. Peters—Mrs. Weeks paid no attention to the anonymous letter. She had no fear whatever about the poisoning. I slept with her on the night she received the letter, and she slept well. She said that she was afraid that the matter would bring out scandal, which would ruin her father in a new place. That was the reason she gave me—the only reason—for her going away. She said that people hadn't been charitable about her, and what would they say if they had any "sight" to talk. When Mr. Sutherland said that he didn't ask her to go, Mrs. Weeks told him that she was going to save his reputation,—that he had won his election, and that Mr. Louis Davies had threatened to dissolve partnership with him; and that, if it would save his reputation, she would go. She told me that she would go to the States to her brothers, that her brothers and their friends would board with her—and that she thought she would do very well. Effie Munroe had been with Mrs. Weeks about three weeks. She had never been with Mrs. Weeks before. I don't think that Mr. Sutherland said anything in reply when Mrs. Weeks spoke to him about dissolving with Mr. Davies. Mrs. Weeks said it would make no difference—she might as well go then as a few months later.

To Mr. McLeod—I took no stock in the scandal. I never did take stock in scandal. Court took recess.

Court resumed at 3.50. WILLIAM BROWN (sworn)—Examined by Mr. M. McLeod—I am a servant with Mr. Sutherland. I have been there about five years and six months. Mrs. Weeks has been living across the street from us about two years. I knew her to see her before she came to live there. I am acquainted with her, but I don't know anything about her. I speak to her when I see her. I see her in court now. I have attended on her at her own place. I have cleaned the yard for her. I was not her servant, but Mr. Sutherland's. I had his consent to do this work. I also went errands for her and drove her about with Mr. Sutherland's horse and wagon. About two years ago Mr. Sutherland told me to do this work for Mrs. Weeks, and I have been doing it ever since. He first told me to work for her when she came up there to live. The Sutherlands and Mrs. Weeks were quite friendly then. I used to shovel snow, clean the yard and cut the lawn for Mrs. Weeks whenever it was necessary to do so. I sometimes did the marketing for her. I have also carried parcels for her from the stores. I carried them for her from the London House, James Paton & Co's., Perkins & Sterns, J. D. McLeod's and John Joy's. I have not seen her over at Sutherland's for about 18 months. I continued to work for her and she was kind to me. Mrs. Sutherland was sick all the fall. I did not hear that she was very ill at Christmas. I asked how she was several times and was told that she was better. I have seen Mr. Sutherland enter Mrs. Weeks' house in the daytime, but have never seen him come out. I did not watch him, as I had something else to do. I heard that Mrs. Weeks went away on Saturday. I first heard that Mrs. Sutherland was poisoned and paralyzed on the Monday after the election—not before. I never heard the poisoning mentioned in Mr. Sutherland's house twice in my life. I heard no one blamed for it, and I do not know who did it. I did not do it. There is no ladder against the house—but there are three against the stable. There is a ladder against the house when the double windows are put up. I have seen Mrs. Weeks in the yard when they were putting up Mr. Sutherland's new house—but not since. Bella Stewart is a servant at Mr. Sutherland's now. I never talked with her or Mr. Sutherland about the matter. I told Mr. Sutherland I was subpoenaed as a witness when I got the summons. I once took a music book from Mrs. Weeks' house to Mrs. Sutherland's. I never carried ale to Mrs. Weeks from Mr. Sutherland's. I have had drinks in Mrs. Weeks' house this fall. I never carried a bottle over. I never told anyone that Mrs. Weeks treated me. I drink whiskey when I can get it. The drink I got was out of a bottle. I think it was brandy. I have drunk ale in Mrs. Weeks' house. I swear positively that I did not carry ale from one house to another. I was sent to the doctor's for medicine one Sunday afternoon—it might be a month ago. Mrs. Sutherland's daughter Ella sent me for the parcel ordered. The doctor had been up to Mrs. Sutherland's before, and I went for the parcel he had ordered for her. It was a little bottle done up in paper. I don't know that Mrs. Sutherland was sick in bed then. I had heard she was ailing. I was working for Mrs. Weeks at that time. I never mentioned Mrs. Sutherland's name or business to Mrs. Weeks. I took the medicine I got at the doctor's into Mr. Sutherland's, but cannot be sure whether I gave it to old Mrs. Sutherland or the girl. I won't swear that I saw Mrs. Weeks on that day. It was the horse that hauled the case of whiskey home. Mr. Sutherland was in the sleigh with me when the case of whiskey was brought home. It was after dark. I think it was after seven before I harnessed the horse. I took the case to the steps, and Mr. Sutherland took it from me there and put it into the house. I saw nothing of it afterwards. From the time the case of whiskey was put into the sleigh until it was taken into the house it was not opened or tampered with.

To Mr. Peters—I have been doing odd jobs for Mrs. Weeks and she was kind to me in return, and gave me a suit of clothes in the bargain. Mrs. Weeks could not have put poison in the bottle of whiskey that I carried to Mr. Sutherland's house.

A Treasured Word.

We clip the following interesting reminiscence of Bishop McIntyre from *The Voice*, of Montreal:—

Many years ago the present Bishop of Charlottetown was parish priest of Iginish, an Acadian settlement in the western part of Prince Edward Island. His mission comprised a large district, which is now divided into many parishes. One of these—the Indian reserve known as Lennox Island—was often visited by Father McIntyre, who offered mass in the little chapel of St. Anne, and, in default of a presbytery, lodged in the home of the Micmac chief, Peter Francis, who was in very comfortable circumstances.

Mrs. Francis, who, like Martha of old, was much engrossed in housewifely duties, and careful for the good Father's comfort, had occasion during one of his visits to punish her little boy Peter, then not much more than a baby. She was very angry and in keen pursuit of the little fellow, who, terribly afraid of the coming chastisement, fled to the priest for protection. Father McIntyre opened his cassock and wrapped it around the trembling baby while he gently reproved the mother for her extreme harshness, saying that she must forgive her son, who would be good henceforth.

"And how do I know he'll be good, Father?" asked the mother.

"I'll answer for him," said the priest; "I'll go security that he will be good."

And so the little boy was reprimanded, and Father McIntyre thought no more of the matter.

Many years after, when he was paying his first pastoral visit to Lennox Island as Bishop of the diocese, a procession in his honor came to meet him at the shore. From the ranks stepped a tall, handsome young man, who, doing homage to his chief pastor, said smilingly that he had come to relieve His Lordship of his bond, and, upon the Bishop wondering what he meant, recalled the incident of the threatened whipping, and said that he was the baby boy for whom His Lordship had gone security so many years before, naively remarking that he had been good ever since.

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Boston Harbor to be Loaded.

FRIENDS MAY ENTER SAFELY, BUT MINES WILL BE EXPLODED UNDER THE ENEMY—TORPEDOES TO BE LAID IN CHANNELS.

A Washington despatch says: War Department officials are very careful about the information they give out about the operation now in progress in Boston harbor for defending the approaches from the sea with submarine mines. An officer of the engineer corps, in speaking of the subject, said: "It would not do for us to make public the location of the mines or the exact location of the casemates for operating them, for if this was done a foreign nation could provide its fleet with an accurate chart of the harbor, locating the mines and the casemates, and a shot or two planted in the casemates might destroy the whole system."

It is proposed when the system is completed at Boston to have in all 400 mines of fixed torpedoes located in such a way as to make entrance to the harbor absolutely impossible when the mines are loaded. These mines are all to be of the controllable type, connected by electric wires with operating casemates on Long Island and at Fort Warren. The system is so controlled that friendly ships can pass over them unharmed, but when a hostile vessel approaches, the operator connects the mines in that part of the channel with a powerful firing battery so that the moment one of them is struck by the hostile vessel it must explode with tremendous force.

When the plant at Boston is completed, powerful electric search lights will be provided with which the channels can be swept at night, and rapid fire guns will be mounted so as to command the whole expanse of water under which the mines are planted, and make it impossible for small boats to destroy them or injure the electric wire.

A General Riot Feared.

TROUBLE AT A MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN BIDEFORD, ME.—SHERIFFS ARRESTED AND RELEASED BY THE CROWD.

A Biddeford, Me., despatch of the 10th says: There is great excitement here over the municipal election. One hundred special police officers and 25 deputy sheriffs are on duty. The votes of men whose naturalization papers were issued by the municipal court, in alleged violation of United States laws, are being challenged in every ward. In the first half hour after the polls were opened four arrests were made. Special officers are working in sympathy with the men whose right to vote is questioned. Eight sheriffs are arresting men as fast as they are challenged. In one ward two sheriffs arrested a challenged vote, but clubs were drawn and special officers and the crowd liberated the prisoners. In another ward Deputy U. S. Marshal Stackpole drew a revolver when the crowd interfered with the arrest of a prisoner. Stackpole succeeded in holding his man, and also caused the arrest of a special officer who interfered. At ten o'clock warrants were issued for the arrest of sheriffs and ten minutes later the local policemen captured Deputy U. S. Marshal Stackpole and Deputy Sheriff Parker, of North Berwick, and hustled them to the police station followed by a howling mob. A general riot is feared.

IMPORTANT.—Owing to the lack of seating accommodation in St. Patrick's Hall, the lecture to have been delivered there by Dr. Conroy this evening, will be given in the Lyceum instead. Doors open at half-past seven, lecture will begin at eight o'clock. As a full house is expected, it would be well for those desiring good seats to go early.

The opening of an office of the Grand Trunk Railway in Halifax is regarded as a hopeful sign, indicative of a change of policy in favor of the Maritime Provinces, on the part of that great corporation. When, during the regime of the Grits, the Grand Trunk sold to the Intercolonial the road from Riviere du Loup to Levis it was a virtual confession that they did not value the traffic of the Maritime Provinces. But the National Policy has worked a change in the scene, and while there is work for the Intercolonial and the new C. P. R. Short Line, the Grand Trunk sees a chance to enter into the competition for the railway traffic of Eastern Canada. The proposed short line over the Temiscouata Railway, to complete which the gap between Edmundston and Moncton has to be constructed, will give the Grand Trunk direct connection with Halifax by a line somewhat shorter than that of the C. P. R.

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