

## THE EVIDENCE AGAINST ITALIANS GROWING STRONGER EACH DAY

Guns Found on Trail After the Murder Similar to Those Owned by the Prisoners Charged With the Shooting of "Paddy" Green--Boots They Wore Would Make Imprints Similar to Those Seen in the Snow at the Scene of the Crime--Some Witnesses Said to Have Been Paid to Keep Away From the Trial.

Perth Junction, N. B., March 3.—Perth is to-day the scene of a great influx of visitors from the surrounding country and the influx of visitors has overcrowded the hotels in both Perth Junction and Andover village. At both, sessions of the murder trial to-day there was standing room only and particularly in the afternoon, when more than 700 were in attendance.

In the afternoon over 200 women viewed the proceedings from the balcony of the court room. Children from infancy to the teens were permitted to be present and no discrimination whatever was practiced. The crying of babies prevented perfect order in the court and interruptions of this nature were frequent.

Excellent progress is being made with the case and it was announced at the conclusion of this afternoon's session that the crown would possibly complete its case to-morrow unless unforeseen developments arise.

Shirley Tibbitts reported this afternoon that William Boyd, an important witness, and George Tibbitts, a minor witness, were not within his reach and apparently out of the province. It is rumored that both men were influenced to remain in concealment until the completion of the trial and that countrymen of the accused Italians have disbursed the monetary inducements.

### Tampering With Witnesses?

It is further asserted that an attempt was made to tamper with at least one of the witnesses brought from the scene of the shooting by providing him with liquor and endeavoring to persuade him to entrain for Mars Hill, in Aroostook county, in company with an Italian who has been working secretly on behalf of the men.

Counsel for the defence narrowly lost the opportunity of cross-examining Alexander J. Lewis, a Jew, imbricated of the ardent and at midnight on Tuesday demanded that George Dionne drive him out of the village of Perth, but he was rebuffed. Judge Langtry, lawyers and jury have been unable to comprehend the intricacies of the ground camps in the vicinity of the shooting. None of the witnesses have been equal to the task of drawing a rough plan of the territory and the various railroad construction camps and thoroughfares included in it.

Since the opening of the trial Seppell has remained unaffected and apparently unable to realize that his life, in particular, is in jeopardy.

Arosha sits wide-eyed throughout digesting every word of each witness, whilst Seppell languidly surveys the spectators unconcernedly and smiles at the crucial moments when he is gradually enmeshed link by link in a chain of testimony that may send him to the gallows. Only once has Arosha smiled and that when he was instructed to throw his feet in the air to enable Albion Foster to identify the shoes he wore. The humorous point in this phase of the case was that the "smokers" he wore were not on his feet when he was arrested in the Amiel Johnson camp, he having been provided with the footwear by the county authorities themselves.

### Prisoners Owned Guns.

Frank Niell, an Italian, said he had known the prisoners for several months. He worked with them for two months at the Amiel Johnson camp. They had guns like the two in court. Seppell had the shotgun and Arosha the rifle. Fifteen days before the murder four men passed on the right of way with guns. Seppell and Arosha had the only guns in the camp. The men left camp on Dec. 18. James Harth, father of little Andrew Harth, said he worked in the same camp with the prisoners. They worked for a month or slightly more. They had guns all the time similar to the guns displayed in court. Seppell had a shotgun and Arosha a rifle. They left at noon on Dec. 8 for lack of bread. He was lying down ill when the men returned on Monday to the camp and arriving again on Saturday and departing early Sunday morning. They came on Monday after dinner. They left on Sunday two hours before daylight and told him they were going toward Plaster Rock for mail. He was asleep when they came to the camp on Monday and did not know they were there. He had no conversation with them. He and his boy worked with the prisoners at St. Anne, Madawaska county, and removed to the Amiel Johnson camp on Nov. 1.

### Heard Three Shots.

Leslie Young was at his home, Beaver Brook, on Dec. 20. He saw Parnasky lying exhausted on the residency platform and he was bare-headed. George Tibbitts and he went on horseback to Green's body which was lying across some logs with his case slung on his shoulder and articles strewn in the vicinity. The logs were on the left side of the right of way. He also found two pairs of mittens, one pair behind the logs and the other on the right of way. He identified the mittens. Footprints on the snow indicated that the men had remained around the scene for some time. He also picked up a pasteboard gun wad on the right of way. The logs were thirty feet from the right of way. He saw the tracks of about two men into the bushes and returned to

the residency. The logs were a couple of logs high. He heard three shots fired at about 9 a. m. on Sunday quite rapidly, two shots were consecutive and the other was slightly later.

Cross-examined—There was a foot of snow around the logs. A number of men would make more steps than those perceived.

### Bernard Walsh.

Bernard Walsh, timekeeper at Residency No. 16, testified he was there on Sunday, the day of the murder. Parnasky informed them of the shooting and was exhausted when he reached the residency after his run. He drove to the body with others and it was his belief that the man was shot while strolling along the right of way. He saw the footprints of two men and tracks to the right into the woods. The logs were at the edge of the forest. He saw a rectangular mark in the snow behind the logs likely to have been formed by Green's jewelry case. He later found the case with the trays and watches scattered 100 yards from the logs in the woods. James Dennison was ahead slightly of the party when the case was discovered. Some of the jewelry was in the snow. He identified a screw driver and knife found in the case. The valise was found almost torn apart four or five feet from the case. He saw a wallet two feet from the case without the usual elastic bands. He saw Dennison bring a shotgun back from the woods which resembled the one in court. Eight or nine were in the party, including John McDonald, Fred McKinnon and Harry Kennedy. He recognized the wallet by its oddity.

Sandy Murray, recalled, said, one pair of leather mittens looked like his. He left them at his work before the prisoners left one-quarter mile toward the residency from Amiel Johnson's camp. In order to reach the spot of the shooting the men would have to pass the lost mittens. A search for the mittens failed to reveal them.

### James Dennison.

James Dennison testified he was coming over the right of way of the D. G. T. P. between 9 and 10 in the morning. The camp he worked at was east of residency 16 and Moore & Stubbs were the contractors. It was nine miles from the residency. He reached Residency 16 at 11 a. m. and heard a peddler was murdered. An engineer and he looked through the farmer's glasses. Two people were around the body then. He did not know them. The men were moving about on the ground near the right of way. He could not say whether the two were searchers or not. The witness went with a party to the body. He saw crumpled bread, paper and footprints of two persons behind the logs. He also saw the form of the case in the snow a short distance down the track. He saw where the men halted at an old windfall tree, off the track, and then resumed their flight. In his search he next encountered the case. There was no money in the wallet when opened. He identified the valise, case and wallet as those found in the snow. The articles appeared as if discarded hurriedly on the track. The men travelled in the shrubbery where they would be concealed from view. He found the gun, which was loaded. After examination he concluded that the gun in court was the one he found. The footprints were that of a shoe back without a heel and the other had boots. He followed the track that afternoon for two and a half miles and circled once in the tracks of the fugitives. At dark the search was discontinued. The men followed a brook at one interval and afterward entered the woods again. He positively stated that the shot gun in court was the one he found.

### Albion Foster.

Albion Foster, recalled, said one of the men had gum rubbers and the other had shoes on when arrested. He thought Seppell had the same shoes but two, but Arosha has been presented with a pair of rubbers. He was certain Seppell wore shoes and Arosha gum rubbers, both being given in charge of Constable McCreary when exhibited them in court. Harry Kennedy, Wilkins' boss, recalled, said he aided in tracing the footprints. Two or three pairs of mittens were lying in the rear of the logs. He saw Seppell with a gun like the rifle in court and was looking it over, intending to buy it a month before. The prisoners had the only two guns of the kind he had seen.

Fred McKinnon, timekeeper with C. H. Ferguson, said he was with Kennedy in the search. James Dennison, recalled, said the bullet in the back of the case resembled that out of a No. 12 calibre gun and he was quite certain the bullet was discharged from a gun of the same pattern as the one in court.

### Coleman Shields.

Coleman Shields, who lives at Plaster Rock, and is a mill foreman, said he heard of the murder at noon on Sunday and went with a party to the residency and followed the trail of the murderers. He with others followed from where Dennison abandoned the search to the bank of the Wapske stream and found twenty or thirty

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