

## COLLINS' CONFLICTING STORIES TOLD AGAIN

**Spruce Lake Tavern Girl Tells of Prisoner  
Showing Her Gold Watch**

**Declares Letter "M" Was Engraved on Case—Albert  
County Witnesses Testify to Suspect's Peculiar Actions  
After He Left Father McAuley's Residence—His Nervous-  
ness at Musquash and His Hasty Departure, All Retold.**

Hopewell Cape, N. B., June 28.—At this afternoon's session of the Collins trial Justice Landry occupied a seat beside the chief justice and Senator Poirier, Father Cormier and William Landry occupied seats within the bar.

Nine witnesses were examined during the afternoon. John Dean, of New Ireland, gave evidence of the finding of the body from which the priest's horse had freed itself near the watering place, some distance in the woods on Tuesday morning, the 21st of August, shortly after daylight, he being one of the party attending the wake the night before.

Daniel J. Buckley testified to seeing the prisoner near Spruce Lake on the 21st.

Jos. McAnn and Daniel Lynch also saw him at Spruce Lake on the 21st and also with him in John Martin's public house, of which Maud Steadman and Grace Theobald were inmates at the time. They testified that the prisoner produced the money to pay for the drinks and that he sang some songs and danced for the entertainment of the company. He came there in company with William Dean and after Dean had gone out the prisoner remained behind and conversed with one or more of the women.

Lynch saw him with a lady's gold watch which he showed to one of the girls in the house.

**Showed Watch With Letter "M" on It.**

Margaret Logue, who gave evidence at the former trial, was asked by the judge if she had not changed her name since the other trial. She said she had and he told her to use her proper name in giving evidence, which she did.

She swore that she saw the prisoner at Martin's both on the 21st and 22nd August, and on the latter day he came there with Dean and Lynch. That he showed her a lady's gold watch with the initial "M" on the outside front cover and that he opened the case and showed her the name on the cover of the watch which she did not now remember but he told her it was the name of his sweetheart to whom he had given the watch some time ago but that she had died suddenly and they had returned the watch to him. She said that he went away with Willie Dean towards Musquash.

**Collins Left Hurriedly.**

W. H. Heffernan was at Dean's Hotel at Musquash on the 21st day of August after the prisoner came there with Willie Dean and that the prisoner heard Mr. Dean, the proprietor, at the time he was in the hotel. He said that he saw the prisoner on his coat and crossed the field back of the barn and went in the direction of the Lepreaux.

William Craig gave the prisoner a ride the same day on the Red Rock road. The prisoner seemed nervous and kept looking back and said he had run away from a ship and was afraid of being captured.

**Told of Arrest.**

Frank G. Hoe, one of the men who arrested the prisoner several miles from Bonny River, saw him passing the field where he was working and with two others gave chase, overtook and captured him. He brought him back and met Detective Kilian and delivered the prisoner up to him. James Doyle, the young man who drove the priest home on Tuesday evening, 21st August, told of the sad homecoming of the reverend gentleman, of his not finding his housekeeper in the house and of his search of the neighbors for her and finally the finding of the dead body in the wood-pit of the shed lying beside a pile of shingles with a metal sack thrown over its face. He told how he knew that the murder had been committed from the unpleasant odor of the body and gave a detailed account of the premises and the present condition of the bureau and closet within the house.

**Morning Evidence.**

William Williamson was the first witness called today. He proved the sharpening of the axe for the prisoner on Tuesday before the murder and also loaning him a razor on the evening of the same day which he has never seen since. Bruce Harbell told his brother, Shiland, testified to passing Father McAuley's house about 9 o'clock and seeing his horse and buggy standing at the side door facing the road and Father McAuley's large Newfoundland dog at the front of the house. Shortland said that after he had passed the house several rods he observed back and saw a man in dark clothes standing between the horse and the woodshed. Bruce said that he drove his brother two miles east of Father McAuley's house on a way to Albert and left him to walk the rest of the way, and that when about half way back to Father McAuley's house he met the prisoner, whom he positively identified, carrying two valises and a pair of reins exactly like those in court. The prisoner asked him if he saw Father McAuley anywhere. He answered no, but saw his horse and buggy at the door when I passed. The prisoner then got in and rode with him back again past Father McAuley's house until he met two wagons each containing two people. The prisoner got out of his wagon, took the valises and reins, and got in the wagon they had just passed with Tillman Bannister and

drove back again in the direction of Albert.

Tillman Bannister and his son, William, testified that the prisoner asked them for a ride to Albert after he got out of Harbell's wagon and talked with them, saying that he had seen Father McAuley's horse a short time before he got to Albert and left him standing at the door and while he went in to get his breakfast. He rode along as far as the Kent Road, three-quarters of a mile on the Albert side of the road, where he saw the prisoner. He said that he did not meet the prisoner if Harbell did not meet the horse on his way back that the horse might have turned in the Kent Road, as there was a fresh track. The prisoner got out of Bannister's carriage, took the valises and reins and went into the Kent Road.

John Long testified that he saw Harbell's boys pass his place, which is four and a half miles west of Father McAuley's, and followed them with his team about half an hour after they passed, when he reached Father McAuley's house he saw the horse in the yard feeding on the grass and turned heading towards the woods and away from the road, but before he got out of sight of the house he saw the horse disappear back of the barn down towards the watering place or spring. He saw no sign of life about the house or no one in the wagon.

Peter LeBlanc, watchmaker at Albert, testified that early in April, 1904, Mary Ann McAuley left her gold watch with him for repairs and that he personally delivered it back to her on the 24th of May the same year. He described the watch. The galleries were filled with ladies this morning and the woman who has taken an interest in the defence is ever present.

**Wounds Described.**

Laurie Bulmer and Miss Clara Barrett, of Albert, were in New Ireland on Sunday, the 19th of August, visiting at John Duffy's, Jr., Mrs. Duffy being a sister of Miss Barrett. In the afternoon about 5 o'clock, they were up at the old Barrett hut, then vacant, situated about half way between Duffy's and the mission house. They did not leave Duffy's for home till after 10 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 19, and it was fully 10:30 when they passed Father McAuley's house. They were surprised to see a light in Mary Ann's bedroom so late, and were more puzzled to account for the presence of a light visible from the street than the priest's office down stairs, knowing he was absent at Fredericton Road.

Stephen Cohan and Edward King, of Fredericton, testified that on the 21st of August, Mr. Duffy conducted worship at that place on Sunday, Aug. 19, and left about 8 a. m. on Monday, Aug. 20, and was driven to Salisbury Station to take the train to connect at Petitcodiac with the train for Elgin.

**Another Account of Lightning's Pranks in Cooper House.**

Gagetown, June 27.—A severe electrical storm with a heavy rainfall occurred here yesterday between 11:30 and 1 o'clock, and during the progress of the storm, at about the noon hour, a thunder bolt entered the chimney of William Cooper's house and, passing down the flue, burst out of the kitchen stove, tearing off the door and striking the floor between Mrs. Cooper and her daughter, Miss Carrie, falling, stunned to the ground.

Mr. Cooper, who was sitting on a lounge near by, received a shock sufficient to render him helpless to move though not unconscious.

Mrs. Johnston Cooper, another daughter, who had only returned from Fredericton a half hour earlier, was in an adjoining room at the moment and was able to procure a messenger to summon Dr. Rosenblatt, who was soon in attendance and consciousness to the stricken ones soon after returned. Mrs. Cooper is suffering the most from the effects of the lightning stroke. The only damage done to the house seems to be some bricks knocked off the top of the chimney, and a piece of the hardwood flooring torn off where the lightning struck.

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Rev. Mr. Sheehan, of Greenrich, Kings county, officiated at both services in the Episcopal church on Sunday, having exchanged work with Rev. J. Spencer. Mr. Sheehan was accompanied by his wife, and were entertained at "Glenora," the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Peters.

murder. Mrs. Morris produced the spade and stated that the cash box showed evidence which was in the closet containing the priest's money, which was missed when the door was broken, was in her possession. The judge complimented this lady on the very intelligent manner in which she gave her testimony.

**The Ransacked House.**

Miss Kate Duffy related the events of the Tuesday evening when she and her little niece, Lena Martin, accompanied James Doyle to the priest's house for the purpose of preparing supper for the reverend gentleman, of holding the light for Doyle to get some kindlings from the woodpit in the shed, and how they together saw the prostrate form of the dead woman at the foot of the steps lying on the right side with the meal sack over the face, beside the pile of old shingles, then of the examination of the different rooms and the disarranged state of each drawer, of bureau and desks out of place, papers strewn beside desk and table on the floor, panel of wardrobe or closet door smashed in, the empty watch case and the evidence of a rummage in the dead woman's room.

Witness told of the search for the missing axe at various times, of the care of the house by her for some weeks for Father McAuley, and that she never knew or thought of holding the light for Doyle to get some kindlings from the woodpit in the shed, and how they together saw the prostrate form of the dead woman at the foot of the steps lying on the right side with the meal sack over the face, beside the pile of old shingles, then of the examination of the different rooms and the disarranged state of each drawer, of bureau and desks out of place, papers strewn beside desk and table on the floor, panel of wardrobe or closet door smashed in, the empty watch case and the evidence of a rummage in the dead woman's room.

**A Painter's Important Evidence.**

Fred Barton, a painter, of Albert, told of painting the house of the priest at New Ireland three years ago, and of the way he missed the paint which went on the closet door, which was broken. He said that he did not remove the old paint but just put two new coats over the old paint. He produced an axe of his own which he had made a test on paint which had been on for eight or ten years, and not so much as the paint on the closet door, but it plainly bore the traces of the paint. The witness was carefully examined by the jury. Witness said he was satisfied that the missing axe in court was paint and that it could be caused by the axe being used to strike the door as the marks in the door would indicate.

The judge stated, "I would not have thought it possible but on hearing the evidence of Prof. Andrews and this witness I am now satisfied on this point. The evidence of a man with the experience of this witness is worth much more than the theory of an expert without the experience." His honor complimented the witness on the manner in which he gave his testimony.

**Told of Finding Axe.**

Mabel Williamson, a bright girl of about eighteen years of age, a daughter of William Williamson, testified to her going to the house of Father McAuley after Kate Duffy left, how the priest found his bedroom too cold, and had a cot placed in the hall, near the door, and kept his clothes in the bedroom to wash and keep his clothes in. She described the situation of the washstand or commode as it is called in the evidence, which was in the room from the window as she aired the room looped up the splasher arranged on the rack on the back of the commode and how she, in smoothing down the cloth, struck her hand accidentally against the top of the handle of the priest's axe, and that she then made an examination of the splashers, and found the missing axe, stained and paint-smudged, as it now is. This discovery of the axe was on Dec. 27, 1906.

Mr. McKewen's cross-examination of this witness was kindly and short. She walked across the room with him and explained some points not clear to him each of them speaking in a low voice. The judge noted this over her spectacles for a moment and then said: "Witness be careful, no one can be a bit nicer than you are."

This judicial plainness was much appreciated by the audience.

Detective Killen gave a description of the arrest and of the conduct of the prisoner, when arrested. The statement taken by Mr. Killen in the witness box of the prisoner shortly after the arrest was offered in evidence in the same form as it was used at the preliminary examination. The evidence, which was given by the prisoner and was admitted by consent. The detective explained the reason for the arrest, which was to prevent the prisoner from leaving the house. He did not look for the missing axe, as he fully believed that the one he found in the grain box in the barn was the right one, he having heard nothing of more. This he took to St. John, and later after the right axe was found, he was sent for it.

Mr. Sherren cross-examined the detective briefly.

Chief of Police Clark was the last witness sworn, and corroborated the testimony of the other witnesses. He testified that he was in the witness box of the prisoner shortly after the arrest was offered in evidence in the same form as it was used at the preliminary examination. The evidence, which was given by the prisoner and was admitted by consent. The detective explained the reason for the arrest, which was to prevent the prisoner from leaving the house. He did not look for the missing axe, as he fully believed that the one he found in the grain box in the barn was the right one, he having heard nothing of more. This he took to St. John, and later after the right axe was found, he was sent for it.

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### HOLIDAY TIME

**Closing Exercises in the City Schools Friday.**

The schools closed Friday for the vacation and interesting exercises were held in a number of the buildings.

Probably the most interesting centred in the High School, from which there is this year a graduating class of sixty-two.

The exercises were held in the large auditorium on the top floor of the building were attended by a large number of interested spectators. The big hall was tastefully decorated with class mottoes, botanical specimens, maps and pictures. The front of the platform on which were seated the members of the graduating class, was decorated with flowers, ferns and palms. The blackboard at the back of the platform was decorated with the class motto. At each side was the coat of arms of the dominion and the province in colored chalk. The drawing of the motto, which was very neatly done, was the work of Miss Staples and Miss Shaw. Above the platform on one of the cross-beams, the figures 97, with the class motto in scroll work in silver and maroon were fastened on a background of dark green drapery.

Two of the class rooms downstairs were decorated with botanical specimens, which were pronounced by Principal W. J. S. Myles as better than any previous occasion. The specimens of both boys and girls, he said, were uniformly good. The programme was as follows:—

1-Intermezzo, High School Orchestra.

2-Easy-Character, Miss Frances Fotheringham.

3-Easy-Newspaper Reading, Harry Rosalind.

4-Novelly-two step—High School Orchestra.

5-Easy-Recreation, Miss Grace Coster.

6-Shakespeare—The Pretended Madness of Hamlet, Act I, Scene 3, Act 2, Scene 2. Explanatory outline, Roy Davidson.

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