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## Sheriff Foster is Exonerated

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gave evidence.

I obtained from Sheriff Albion R. Foster the names given to him by the two hangmen employed for the purpose of carrying out the death sentence. The names given were, M. A. Doyle and F. G. Gill. I attempted to communicate with these men by letter with a view to having them attend the investigation and give evidence. After my return from Woodstock I found that my letters to these men had been returned to Fredericton while I was in Woodstock.

While at Woodstock on November 2, I received the following telegram:—

"Montreal, Nov. 2, 1922.

J. Dickson, Woodstock, N. B.:  
Protest Inquiry. Leaving 7 p.m.  
DOYLE"

The C. P. R. train leaves Montreal for the east at 7 p.m. If the sender of this telegram had taken that train he could have arrived in Woodstock on November 3 at about 1 p.m. I kept the investigation open until the afternoon of November 3, but the hangman Doyle did not appear and I am fully convinced that he did not arrive in Woodstock on that day. Before leaving Woodstock I stated to the press that I would hear the evidence of either of the hangmen at Fredericton if they would appear before me there. I have had no word from either of them since.

Hon. W. P. Jones, K. C., appeared as counsel for Sheriff Albion R. Foster and T. C. L. Ketchum, Esq., appeared as counsel for the Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association.

The stenographic report of the evidence and proceedings is returned herewith.

When Bennie Swim was sentenced to hang, the sheriff at once proceeded to secure the services of a hangman. He stated that he first endeavored to secure the services of Arthur Ellis, who has been carrying out the death sentence in different parts of Canada for some years, and who has become looked upon as the official hangman of

Canada. He was unable to secure the services of Ellis. Ellis recommended a man named Holmes, who has also been the official hangman at many executions in Canada. The sheriff endeavored to secure the services of Holmes but without success. He then appealed to the Sheriff of Montreal and on the recommendations of the Sheriff of Montreal and of the governor of the jail at Montreal, he employed a man who gave his name as M. A. Doyle to carry out the execution. To make sure that a capable man would be on hand he employed a man named F. G. Gill, as substitute. Gill was also recommended. I am fully satisfied that the sheriff did all in his power to have a capable man on hand to carry out the execution.

Both hangmen, Doyle and Gill, arrived in Woodstock several days before the day set for the Swim's execution. Gill stayed at the jail and Doyle stayed at a hotel in Woodstock. On the evening before the execution Doyle went to the jail and both hangmen stayed there until after the execution the next morning.

All of the witnesses examined by me were agreed as to the main facts regarding the execution. I will outline the facts concerning which there was no dispute and will later deal with certain matters which require special attention.

At about five o'clock on the morning of October 6 Sheriff Foster notified the persons who were assembled at the jail that the time had arrived for carrying out the execution. The hangman Doyle went to Swim's cell and placed the handcuffs on Swim. Swim then walked to the scaffold with Doyle and Gill on either side of him and Deputy Sheriff Mooers following Doyle, Gill and Deputy Sheriff Mooers went up to the scaffold with Swim. Doyle placed the black cap on Swim, arranged the noose about his neck and sprung the trap. After two or three minutes the door of the pit was opened and Dr. Thomas W. Griffin, the jail physician; Drs. L. DeC. McIntosh and N. N. Grant, who had been requested by sheriff to be present, and a visiting doctor, entered the pit. Doyle, Gill, Deputy Sheriff Mooers and some others also went into the pit.

Swim's body was hanging suspended by the rope with the feet about a foot from the ground. Swim was then unconscious. The doctors proceeded to examine the body. After they had made an examination, Gill cut the rope by which the body was suspended. I will refer to the circumstances under which the rope was cut later. Deputy Sheriff Mooers supported the body in his arms as the rope was cut. This would be about two or three minutes after the trap had been sprung. The body was then carried to the corridor of the jail and placed on a cot. It was there examined again by the doctors.

It was found that Swim's neck had not been broken by the fall and that he was breathing. Dr. McIntosh and Dr. Grant remained with Dr. Griffin for between twenty or thirty minutes after the body had been placed on this cot. During this time the body was examined by the doctors

time to time and their opinion is that the pulse was beating stronger and the breathing improving. Dr. Griffin remained there and continued to examine the body from time to time and came to the conclusion that Swim would live or that there was a chance of recovery.

## Second Hanging

He notified the sheriff of his decision and Swim's body was carried to the scaffold again by Deputy Sheriff Mooers and the hangman Gill. The noose was placed about his neck by Gill and the trap sprung. The neck was badly broken by this second fall. After about nineteen minutes the lifeless body was cut down and delivered to relatives for burial. Between three-quarters of an hour and one hour elapsed between the first and the second hanging. Swim never regained consciousness from the time the trap was sprung until his death.

The evidence of the doctors can leave no doubt in one's mind that life was nearly extinct at the time the rope was cut and that Swim would have died from the strangulation within a few minutes if allowed to remain hanging. The question at once arises, under whose authority did Gill cut the rope? Dr. McIntosh states that while he was talking with Dr. Grant he heard someone say "Cut him down." The voice sounded like Doyle's. He turned around and Gill was cutting the rope. Others stated that they heard Doyle make other statements such as, "He's dead as a door-nail," about this time. Dr. Griffin states that he gave no orders to cut the body down and none of the persons present heard such an order given by Dr. Griffin or any other person except Doyle. It appears that Doyle was very officious at this time and was necessary for the sheriff to request him to go to the jail. I have come to the conclusion that it was on Doyle's order that the rope was cut. One can readily understand how some incident or some remark overheard by him may have led him to the conclusion that the doctors had agreed that Swim was dead. However, he should have obtained definite instructions from Dr. Griffin, the physician in charge, before giving such an order.

Nothing was disclosed at the investigation to throw discredit on any other person taking part in the execution. Many reports regarding the execution have been circulated, some entirely false and others gross exaggerations of the true facts, and I feel it incumbent upon me to deal with several of these reports.

The report has been widely circulated that Doyle was drunk when he attempted to hang Swim and that it was on account of his drunken condition that the first attempt proved unsuccessful. Eighteen of the witnesses examined by me saw Doyle at the time of the execution or just previous thereto. Of these, only one witness, Dr. N. B. Grant, was at all certain that Doyle was intoxicated. Dr. Grant states that he saw Doyle when he went to Swim's cell and at once came to the conclusion that he was intoxicated. He also saw Doyle on the way to the scaffold and noticed him stagger. Three other witnesses, Rev. H. Bragdon, Deputy Sheriff Mooers and Manzer Clark, suspected that Doyle had been drinking but were not sure.

Rev. Mr. Bragdon, when asked if Doyle showed any signs of intoxication at the time of the execution, said, "Well, I can't say. I was impressed that probably he was under the influence of liquor but I do not know it." Later, when questioned on the same subject, he said, "Well in our conversation I thought he was rather an autocrat and was impressed that perhaps he was drinking. I expected anyone that hangs a man to be drinking," and when the question was asked, "It is taken for granted, I suppose, a man ought to have a little stimulant and you were rather predisposed to think that he had been drinking," his answer was "I must confess it." Deputy Sheriff Mooers stated that he saw Doyle stagger once going through the back and it struck him that there was something wrong with Doyle.

Manzer Clark, when asked if Doyle appeared intoxicated at the time of the execution, said, "Well, I don't know. I met him going down the stairs. I was at the foot of the stairs. He went down all right but he looked to me like a man that was drinking maybe. I never met him before and I am cannot tell you whether he was



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or not." All of the witnesses, including Dr. Grant, when questioned as to the extent of Doyle's intoxication, stated that he appeared perfectly capable of carrying out the death sentence.

The other fourteen witnesses saw no signs of intoxication about Doyle at this time. These witnesses included Sheriff Foster, who saw and talked with Doyle frequently during the night; Dr. Griffin, who was in Swim's cell when Doyle prepared Swim for the gallows and who saw Doyle for two or three minutes at about one o'clock in the morning and who saw Doyle at different times during the execution.

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