

TRIAL OF MRS. STERNAMAN

The Accused Woman Sent to the Assizes.

A SUDDEN BURST OF TEARS

But for the Most Part the Prisoner Was Self-Possessed.

Among the Spectators Were Leading Ladies of the Town—Dr. Harrison Gave Detailed Evidence as to His Examination of the Patient—Dr. Ellis Testified That on Analysis He Found Enough Arsenic in Different Organs to Cause Death—Mr. German's Strong Plea for Discharge.

Cayuga, Ont., Sept. 10.—Public interest is evidently reviving in the magisterial investigation into the charge against Mrs. Olive Adelia Sternaman of murdering her husband, George H. Sternaman, in August of last year, by the administering of arsenic poison, and when the proceedings re-opened this morning the portion of the Court House given over to the accommodation of the general public was fairly well filled, though by no means crowded. At least half the audience were ladies, including many of the leaders of Cayuga society, and they followed the evidence attentively throughout the session.

The weather is intensely hot, and Cayuga Court House is not the one spot on earth that one would select to sit out in the presence of so many spectators, under such adverse conditions; therefore, it is an indication of the interest the village is taking in the case. The coolest person in the sweltering crowd, both mentally and physically, during the first two hours of the morning session, apparently, was the prisoner herself. With marvelous self-possession she sat through the tedious hours, never once showing signs of fatigue, and giving little indication of special concern in the testimony being offered.

A Sudden Breakdown.
A few minutes before adjournment, however, a sudden change became apparent without any previous warning. She gave a little start and shuddering burst into tears, at the same time burying her face in the black-bordered handkerchief which she had carried in her hands throughout the morning. The incident was unaccountable just at that moment as no special point of interest or importance, nothing particularly harrowing or pathetic, was being elicited. Neither did it last long. Five minutes later she dried her eyes and again remained calm and collected. The only remaining indication of the passing wave of feeling being the reddening of her cheeks and moistened lips.

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The presiding magistrate, as on the previous occasions, was Mr. Adam Davis, J.P., and Crown Attorney C. W. Colter conducted the examination of the witnesses. Detective Inspector Murray and Inspector Roberts of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. were also on hand. Mr. William Cowan appeared in the interest of the accused woman.

Alfred Cox, a brakeman on the G.T.R., was the first witness called. He testified that he had seen Mrs. Sternaman at the house of the deceased, and that he had seen her administer the tonic to him.

George H. Sternaman, from Canfield Junction to Cayuga on his last visit, was the lady who was with him. Deceased was lying on a sofa in the room, and she was sitting beside him, and she was giving him the tonic.

The doctor's testimony.

Dr. T. T. Harrison, of Siskiwit, swore that he was called Aug. 15 last to attend to the deceased's case. He testified that he found the deceased in a state of collapse, and that he administered the tonic to him.

Witness examined the sick man and found that he was in a state of collapse, and that he administered the tonic to him. The pulse was small and the tongue coated. From the patient and prisoner, who was present during the examination, it was learned that the history of the case as it has been so often given in the course of the proceedings. At that time, Sternaman had been ill a few weeks. He had not been able to take any nourishment for the first four or five days, and then, with the result that he could retain food and medicine, he was able to eat and drink.

The brain contained a very small quantity of arsenic. The intestines also contained arsenic. I have not ascertained whether there was sufficient arsenic in the body to cause death, but I think it is probable that it was. I have reserved them. There was sufficient arsenic in the body to cause death, but I think it is probable that it was. I have reserved them. There was sufficient arsenic in the body to cause death, but I think it is probable that it was. I have reserved them.

Suspect from the first.

To Mr. German witness said he suspected arsenical poisoning from the first. He believed the poison had been present in such large quantities that it must have been administered feloniously, but after consultation with Dr. Park, he concluded that the patient was not then taking the poison and for that reason he said nothing about it at that time. This startling admission from Dr. Harrison was the sensational incident of the session.

The examination was resumed at 2 o'clock, with Avery C. Sternaman, brother of the deceased, on the stand as a witness for the Crown. He declared the state of Sternaman when he was

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