

# HOWARD D. CAMP WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

## On the Charge of Manslaughter---He Was Let Out on \$8,000 Bail---Dr. Macrae's Able Plea in His Defense.

Howard D. Camp, accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Edith F. Clark, was on Saturday afternoon committed for trial at the close of the preliminary hearing of his case, conducted in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie.

The witnesses examined in the morning were Mrs. Robert J. Clarke, stepmother of the deceased; Dr. G. A. B. Addy, who performed the post-mortem examination; Dr. Roberts, Dr. Scammell, Barpee Brown and Wm. McKay.

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His case will come up for trial at the next term of the court, which opens on the second of January before Chief Justice Tucker.

Camp was arraigned on the following indictment:

"The information and complaint of Wm. Walker, clerk of the city of St. John, in the city and county of St. John, taken on oath before me, the undersigned, Robert J. Ritchie, police magistrate for the police district of the city of St. John, this sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, who saith that he suspects and believes that one Edith Floyd Clark died in the city of St. John between the tenth day of November last past and the present date did commit manslaughter contrary to the statute, and against the peace as to the cause of death was held before Daniel Berryman, Esq., a coroner for the city and county of St. John, and that the jury upon such inquest found that death was due to blood poisoning occasioned by an unlawful act, to wit, abortion, upon said Edith Floyd Clark, and that the said Howard Camp was a party to such unlawful act.

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She knew the defendant for about five years, he called frequently at the house, but she did not know of any engagements between him and her stepdaughter. When Camp brought the bottle, he told witness to give it to Edith, and she told him that Edith was not so well.

Mr. Macrae said it has not so well proven that the box in the cage was given by Mr. Camp on Monday night.

Continuing, witness said that she first read the writing on the bottle on Wednesday. Mr. Camp called nearly every day to see her. Edith's mother, Mrs. Clark, then told of calling Dr. Roberts in, and later on Dr. Scammell and the nurse. Miss Reynolds gave the patient her medicine. Edith all through her illness spoke of going to die. On Thursday, the 16th of November, she said, "You might not think it, but I am not going to get better this time."

Mr. Macrae objected to hearsay evidence. On that Thursday before the doctor came in Edith said, "Don't you worry, I know I am not going to get better this time. When witness was putting on her rings she said, 'What will you do with my rings when I die?' Witness said they would be left on her fingers. She then said, 'Will you give one of my rings to Mrs. Harry Reynolds to remember me by?'

On the next day following the operation Miss Clark said she was sure she was not going to get better, and did not want to see any of her friends. Miss Clark's uncle arrived from the country on the Sunday before she died, and saw the patient. Witness then told of the deceased asking her not to allow her body to be buried in the country.

Cross-examined by Dr. Macrae, witness said Miss Clark said she wished that her mother had not been buried in the country. On the night that Camp brought the medicine witness said she did not want to see any of her friends.

On the Monday night after the operation witness told Camp that the doctors told her Edith was a very sick girl. She told Camp on Tuesday night about the operation.

Dr. G. A. B. Addy described the post-mortem examination on Miss Clark's case, conducted in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie.

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# CANADIAN NEWS

## Bad Fire on Saturday in Montreal.

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## Atty. Curry Still After the Plumbers

—Collision on the Victoria Bridge —Tariff Commission.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 16.—Practically nothing new was brought before the tariff commission at yesterday's sitting here. The local Board of Trade, Grain Growers' Association and Agricultural Society agreed in a request for a general reduction in the duty on agricultural implements, the request being practically that the existing duties be cut in half. They agreed with the stand taken by grain growers of Manitoba and by stockmen of Alberta, but not touching on new lines. An average of twelve and one-half per cent. on implements they felt would meet their wants.

Members of the commission explained in detail the system on which tariffs are made up, pointing out the difference to the manufacturer between the tariff and the actual protection accorded him.

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Committee work will progress during the debate. The ways and means committee will continue its hearings of the Philippine tariff and the Statehood Bill is to be perfected, but will not, under the present plan, be brought into the house until January 4.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate will meet the wishes of the house for an adjournment for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. Meantime the senate will probably content itself with comparatively little work unless there should be difficulty in agreeing with the house on the terms of the Panama Canal emergency appropriation bill.

That measure will go to a conference committee early in the week and there is a united effort to reach a conclusion before the holiday adjournment. The action of the senate in attempting to eliminate the bond provision and make a separate law of it, will probably be the principal bone of contention in the conference committee.

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# RECENT DEATHS.

From Monday's Daily Sun.

A telegram from Vancouver, B. C., Saturday, announced the sudden death of Miss Mary Short, formerly of Disby, after an illness of four days from meningitis. Miss Short left St. John only a few weeks ago to spend the winter with her brother.

WHITE'S COVEY, N. B., Dec. 15.—Samuel H. Northrup, one of the most highly respected residents of Belleisle Creek, Kings Co., died at his home on the 25th ult., after a week's illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Northrup, who was in the 71st year of his age, was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, having united with that body when a young man. He led an exemplary Christian life and was a strenuous worker in both Sunday school and church. He leaves a sorrowing widow, one son and five daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. His remains were interred in the Methodist cemetery at Belleisle Creek on Monday, the 27th ult.

The death took place at a late hour on Friday night of Fred Fair, of Spruce Lake. Mr. Fair had been ill for a considerable period with a complication of consumption and heart trouble. Mr. Fair was unmarried, and was occupied in lumbering and railroad.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 16.—The death of Miss Maude Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Edward Anderson, occurred last evening at 7 o'clock. Her death was not unexpected, as she has been in failing health the past two years. Deceased was 44 years old. She is survived by a mother, two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Ford and Mrs. F. A. Harrison, and three brothers, Albert and Elies of Cole's Island, and Lee of British Columbia. Funerals take place tomorrow afternoon, Rev. E. N. Nobles will conduct the service.

Valentine Wilkinson, one of Sackville's oldest residents, passed away after an illness of ten days. He is survived by a widow. Funerals take place tomorrow afternoon, Rev. E. N. Nobles will conduct the service.

On Wednesday afternoon next there will be a sale in St. John (Stone) church school hall of practically all the beautiful Chinese articles, consisting of carved wood frames, silver work, drawn work, silk handkerchiefs and a variety of ornamental and unique Chinese curios. The sale will be held on Wednesday, having come direct from China. The sale is in aid of Dr. Mabel Hanington's mission work in Wing-dalk, China, and is being held by the Gleason Union and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Stone Church. There will be afternoon tea and a candy and ice cream table. As the articles are especially suitable for Xmas presents, intending purchasers will do well to go to the sale. The sale will be held on Wednesday, having come direct from China.

Thos. Footo, formerly chief accountant of the I. C. R., died at his home recently of paralysis in Baltimore. He was a son-in-law of the late Judge McCully and retired from the railway on account of ill health in the spring of 1882.

A telegram was received in the city last night announcing the death of Thomas Rogers. Mr. Rogers until two years ago was one of the best known men in this city. He was born here and in his younger days followed the sea, but latterly gave his time to bill posting. No particulars are given as to the cause of death, but it is supposed that he had been ill with an asthmatical affection before he left it is supposed that that disease was the cause.

Deceased is survived by three sisters and two brothers. At his sister are in Boston—Mrs. William Whitaker, with whom he lived at the time of his death, and the Misses Catherine and Alice. One brother is a printer in the office of the Boston Transcript, the other brother Joseph, resides at 25 Germain street, this city. He was about seventy years of age. The body will be brought here arriving Tuesday on the noon train. Many in this city will be glad to hear of Mr. Rogers' death. He was a great favorite with everybody and had a cheery word for all.

Thomas Eyles Greene died Saturday after an illness of about ten days. He was a native of St. George and came to St. John (west) over sixty years ago. He was married to Catherine McEwen, daughter of James McEwen, a native of Weymouth, N. S., who died thirteen years ago. He leaves five sons, Herbert, Corey and George, of St. John (west); John, of Boston, and Murray, of Winnipeg; and five daughters, Mrs. John Bond, Mrs. James McLoughlin, of this city, and Mrs. Anderson, Bertha and Grace living at home. There are also twenty-six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren in the family circle. He was of an active and energetic disposition and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-four years.

News was received Saturday of the death of George Pile, formerly of this city, at Lethbridge, Alberta, of typhoid fever. Deceased was one of the South African veterans, having first served with Prince Alfred's Guards, M. I., and secondly with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, being wounded while serving with the latter body, for which he was awarded a pension. He belonged to Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, and the Oddfellows. Both bodies will attend his funeral.

Word has been received by James McDade of this city on Friday last announcing the sad news of his daughter, Slater M. F. Regis, of Waco, Texas. No details as to the cause of her death has been received. Deceased had been in good health, as the family had heard from her very recently. Slater Regis during the fifteen years in the order has travelled extensively in the United States, being superintendent of the training school for nurses in some of the renowned hospitals of the Sisters of Charity. Several St. John people bespeak of the kindness shown them by her in the different states. She was removed to Waco, Texas, four months ago from Los Angeles, which was her home. Slater Regis is a very sympathetic man and is in this business very successful.

NEWS FROM THE BATTLEGROUND.

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