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SECOND EDITION.

CLOSING SCENES.

SPEECHES OF C. W. WELDON G.C. FOR THE DEFENCE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUGLEY FOR THE CROWN.

Judge King charges the Jury also to give attention to the evidence.

After the hearing yesterday afternoon of Charles S. J. Phillips, of Montreal, who testified to the good character of the prisoner, Mr. Weldon began his address to the jury. He referred to the terrible nature of the crime of which the prisoner stood accused; the circumstantial evidence, weak as it was, which had been brought up against him; and cited Taylor and other authorities to show the danger of dwelling to much on this.

The speaker went into some details in connection with the mailing of the boxes and to the finding of loose combs and boxes at T. R. Barker & Sons similar to those in which the poisoned candy had been sent. He attached little weight to the finding of loose combs in the sundry room, as that might result in regular course of business with regard to the combs in the attic he had no explanation to offer—he was bound to offer one. But it was peculiar that when found they were apparently free from dust and dirt after being in such a place since Oct. 1st. The stores set out to show that the boxes came from a certain place and that the prisoner sent them. This was the evidence the jury had to weigh.

He next pointed out the absurdity of attaching any importance to the fact that a bottle of strychnine was missing from the establishment at the time the candy could not be traced; many things were possible with respect to it and the importance which seemed to attach to it only served to show how slight was the evidence on which this crime is laid to the prisoner's charge.

It was put forward by the crown that he was in Barker's employ; that he bore a key; that he had a key made; that he was seen in the shop after hours; that he had dark circles under his eyes; that he drew his money from Clark; that he bought biscuits; that he intended to go to Fredericton; that he was an athlete; that the hand writing was his, and that he had been in the asylum—some 17 points in all.

The crown had endeavored to fix the crime on the prisoner by constructing his most trivial acts into evidence.

1. That he was in Barker's employ. 2. That he borrowed a key that was in evidence showed he had been assistant bookkeeper for four years and carried with him to Montreal the highest testimonials. Borrowing a key is of no great importance in itself. We are able through a kind providence to show that on Sunday 20th September the prisoner passed the day at Golden Grove and not, as the Crown would have believed, in carrying out details of one of the most horrible and dastardly crimes ever committed in St. John. This and the evidence of how the two other Sundays were occupied, demolishes one of the great charges the Crown has been building. The suspicion the Crown had tried to attach to borrowing a key or getting one made was also removed by this evidence. There was no secret whatever made about getting a key made.

cent the Times manager, to an untimely grave. The absence of motive was forcibly dealt with by the learned counsel and showed how the crown had failed to make good its insinuation that because McDonald had in recent years departed from the faith of his fathers he was filled with revengeful feelings against clergymen. The fact that the prisoner had been in the Asylum was no evidence of murder. The counsel said the absence of motive and with that the weakness of all the other evidence should be carefully weighed by the jury, and he urged them to treat the prisoner's case with the same consideration they would give to the head of the firm were he surrounded by the same circumstances. In closing, what was beyond doubt the most powerful speech of his life, Mr. Weldon besought the jury to rise above that tide of popular prejudice which had formed the prisoner guilty of the formality of a trial, and as good men and true, in the calm of the jury room, to weigh the evidence impartially and to come to a just verdict that they would find the crown had failed to substantiate the terrible charge it had brought against him.

The court then adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning. In opening his address to the jury this morning, the solicitor general I paid a high tribute to that body and their marked attention and patience throughout.

The prisoner, he said, was fortunate in having secured the services of so able and learned a counsel. On himself he rested a great responsibility—he had a double motive for so doing. First to punish the perpetrator of that terrible crime, second, to protect the public against the repetition of the offence which had been charged against the prisoner. He had failed to discover from his learned friend's speech that one piece of false testimony had been brought up in the case.

The Solicitor General pointed out the facts as shown in the trial in connection with the hand writing. He had endeavored to show the jury more of the writing; the difficulty under which he labored to secure positive evidence of the prisoner's writing, was apparent to all. Here he had one remark to make after the prisoner was employed at Barker's; he was ordered to write in print script. He did not do so. Who could say what his object was in disobeying those orders? It may be that he was preparing himself to commit the crime with which he now stood charged—a crime which might have had its consummation in the death of four christian missionaries of this city and perhaps other members of their families and which did result in the death of a wife of one of these gentlemen.

He referred to the expert testimony in reference to the writing and then pointed out the positive evidence which had been placed before the jury. "With respect" to one portion of this testimony there could be no doubt. He agreed with the counsel for the defence; the life of Mrs. Macrae was taken at the hand of the assassin—she was the victim of murder. Somebody had been guilty of this awful crime; somebody had prepared the packages; somebody had prepared the poisoned candies; somebody selected the boxes, addressed them and placed them in the post office.

The Solicitor General directed attention again to the points of evidence which had come up in the case, the similarity of the boxes in question; the missing bottle of strychnine at Messrs T. R. Barker & Sons establishment, this identical with the strychnine on the candies; the finding of the loose combs at the same establishment in the Sundry room, in the cork room, in the attic and amongst the rubber combs, four dozen combs, exactly the number contained by the four boxes in which the poisoned candies were sent through the mails.

The question for the consideration of the jury was whether the prisoner was or was not guilty. He (the Solicitor) was assured that no feeling of sympathy or compassion would cause them to swerve aside from their duty, and from delivering a just and true verdict. His learned friend had said the facts in the case were trivial. What were the facts? About the middle of September last McDonald borrowed a key from W. S. Barker for the purpose of entering the store to see Mr. Gerow. He did not want to see Mr. Gerow as facts afterwards verified. Here was the prisoner's first falsehood. On September 21st he borrowed Wm. Heine's key ostensibly for the purpose of getting a duplicate made. He told Heine he wished to go to the store to write letters on the following day—Sunday. Locksmith's do not make keys on Sundays. The learned counsel for the

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