

Re-examined—If, instead of the bone being crushed, the flesh had merely been torn off, I do not know that I would have amputated. The drawing out of a fine tendon with any portion of the muscle attached would not have induced me to do so.

To Mr. J. H. Cameron—The letter produced I wrote to Dr. Hyde. In it, I more fully set forth the case than I have done to-day; but when I wrote that I was not on oath. (Laughter). Dr. Hyde requested it as a private letter, which was not to be used in court.

Mr. Cameron—Dr. Hyde did no such thing.

Louis Hellmer—I was at Mr. Jackson's on the evening of the accident. The hand was badly broken about the wrist, but the thumb, and, I think, a finger were still on. I did not see her move them. The skin of the arm above the wrist was not broken, that I saw. I went after Dr. Hyde. He lived at Stratford, 13 miles distant.

Dr. Hall—I practice in Toronto, where I have practiced 30 years. I have heard the evidence in this case. I give an opinion reluctantly on the evidence recorded. I think I should have tried to save the thumb and finger.

Cross-examined—On the face of it simply, one would say that the finger and thumb ought to have been saved. But if the injury was such that a proper flap could not be obtained, it might be necessary to operate higher up. I could not say that the injury was not such as to render amputation necessary higher up. It is very hard to say at this distance of time, and not having seen the case, what ought to have been done; and I would volunteer the statement that in the country an operation is a very different thing from what it is in the city, where assistance can be rendered. Not having the full facts, it is difficult to judge.

Re-examined—Supposing the hand completely smashed, it might not have been necessary to amputate above the elbow. It is possible to save a limb, almost every bone of which is crushed.

Dr. Shaver—I reside in Stratford. I have been in practice since 1854. (Mr. M. C. Cameron explained to Dr. Shaver the nature of the previous evidence, as Dr. Shaver was not in court when it was given). From your statement I should hardly think it necessary to remove the arm above the elbow. I am supposing the blood vessels, nerves and arteries were all right.

Mr. J. H. Cameron—But we have no evidence of that.

Dr. Shaver—It would also depend when the operation was performed—whether there was mortification or gangrene.

Mr. J. H. Cameron—But you would not wait till the blood was thus poisoned?