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MRS. PERKINS IS SET FREE

Jury Acquit Her After Four Hours And A Half Deliberation

Trial Lasted Four Days Death Was Due To Kidney Disease

Cayuga, April 24.—Mrs. Mattie Perkins is free. After four and one-half hours' deliberation a jury of her own countrymen pronounced her innocent of the charge of murdering her husband by giving him strychnine. The verdict was received at 11 p. m. The trial lasted eight days.

During the closing sittings, Justice Mabee relaxed his decision against admitting the general public, and a large gathering of townspeople waited in the court to hear the verdict. There was no demonstration. The acting sheriff stated previous to his lordship's entrance that any offenders in this respect would be punished by his lordship.

His lordship said: "After a very long and patient consideration the jury has taken a humane and merciful view of this evidence. Your counsel in a very able and eloquent appeal said that the truth of the matter was known only to you and to your Maker. I sincerely hope, for your own peace of mind, and for the sake of your soul, that the verdict of not guilty is true in deed and in fact. You are now discharged."

The jury made an application for extra payment for the night sittings. The judge said he would make an order to that effect.

The closing evidence for the defence accentuated the conflict of expert medical testimony.

Drs. Graham Chambers and Walter McKewen were both at variance with the conclusions of the doctors who conducted the autopsy, and efforts to break their testimony produced the interest wrangles of the whole trial. There was no struggle thing to prove strychnine poisoning. Dr. McKewen swore:

"Medicine is not an exact science," said witness, in explanation of the difference between experts.

Dr. W. Taylor of Toronto Junction agreed with the findings of Dr. Baner, but came to different conclusions. Detective Greer was called by the crown for re-examination. He denied that he had used pressure to obtain the statements from Mrs. McDonald and her son, his only object being to find the truth.

E. B. Johnstone, K.C., leading counsel for the defence, made a strong appeal to the sympathies of the jury in an address of three and a half hours. Some of the jurors did not disguise their emotions during his portrayal of the life and hopes of the unhappy woman at the bar. He insisted over and over again that the jury must give a verdict upon the evidence alone.

Mr. Arnold reviewed the crown's evidence in an hour's address, dwelling on the proof that the prisoner had strychnine in her possession, that Perkins had died from strychnine poisoning, and that the probabilities were that the prisoner had administered it.

Justice Mabee gave dignified and impartial summing of evidence. He said it seemed unlikely that crown officers, who at first said there was no poisoning, and one to whom stated in evidence that he hoped the prisoner would be acquitted, would do so fearful a thing as fabricate evidence. His lordship spoke for nearly an hour and a half. The prisoner sat unmoved. The case went to the jury at 6.30 p. m.

An Appeal to the Jury.

"Standing upon the threshold this woman makes her last appeal through me to you. It is not the appeal of one advanced in years, but a woman with all the hopes and fear of one who, in all probability, had many years to live," said Mr. Johnstone, in beginning his address to the jury. "By your decision you will decide whether that life shall be taken or left, whether she shall suffer expiation on the gallows or return shattered and broken to that life which still is so sweet."

With great pathos Mr. Johnstone sketched the emotions of a condemned person awaiting execution.

"Will you let it go down in the annals of Cayuga County that 13 men of the county sent a woman to the gallows upon the poisoned tongue of some slanderers?"

No Motive Shown.

"There was no motive. They were an affectionate husband and wife. Struggling together, she working with her needle at home and he at Welland, to provide for their declining years, she lost by his death not only the protecting arm of her husband, but even the little property of hers which, in her confidence and love she had placed in his name. Had she contemplated his death would she not have obtained the will, and not let her property sink into the hands of John Perkins and the people who have been working up this case against her?"

The crown had outlined lust as a motive, but Dr. Kerr had shown in his evidence that this was impossible, and not a single witness had proved an immoral act between her and any man. Mrs. Perkins was a "woman of merit" to all Canfield. It was she

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CLEMENTS AFTER GOVERNMENT

He Shows Up Gross Negligence In Connection With Wharf-building

Jeannette's Creek Wharf Instantiated As An Example—Strong Speech

In the House of Commons last week Mr. H. S. Clements, in a clever speech, gave the Government some idea of the manner in which some of the Public Works have been managed in this constituency, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works at Ottawa. An item for a wharf at the mouth of the river amounting to some \$1,800 came up for discussion in the Committee on Supply, and Mr. Clements very properly took occasion to criticize the Minister of Public Works very severely on neglect and carelessness shown in connection with the building of the wharf at Jeannette's Creek. Hansard reports the discussion as follows:

"Mr. Clements. I do not object to the amount of this vote nor to the work being done if it were done properly. I wish to call attention to the work upon the wharf at the mouth of the river, and also on the one built last year at Jeannette's Creek, about a mile from the mouth of the River Thames. After a good deal of persuasion from the hon. member for East Kent—Mr. Gordon—and myself, and after a great many petitions had been sent in, the department considered the request favorably and put in an estimate to build the wharf. I asked what the wharf cost and was told \$5,000, and that the man in charge was a man named Colby. Mr. Colby is a farmer, who never lived anywhere near water until then, and I am quite sure he knows nothing about building wharfs. He, however, is a good political man in the interest of the Government of that district and was consequently put in charge, but with all due respect to him he never had any experience, to my recollection, in work of that kind. I suppose he received his plans from the department, which was then presided over by Mr. Hyman, who of course is thoroughly responsible for the whole thing. The result was that this \$5,000 which was spent on that upper wharf was money thrown away, and the wharf is not worth a dollar to the community. This wharf was supposed to have a concrete facing and was to be of a fairly good size. It was to be built upon a pile foundation, the piles cut off below the water and cement courses to follow. I drew the attention of the House last year to the condition of that wharf, and I hope that the one now in contemplation will not be constructed as that was. Mr. Colby, not knowing the water levels of the River Thames, had these piles driven not sufficiently deep into the earth, and besides they were not sufficiently long. These piles were cut off under water, but not at low water, simply because the man in charge knew nothing about the water levels of that district, and the result was that after the wharf was completed, a year ago last winter, the piles in the creek stuck out of the water a foot. I drew the attention of the Government to this and suggested that some precaution should be taken to protect the foot of the piles which showed above water, or the wharf would go to pieces. Last spring this wharf was completed, the piles were driven in three feet of water, and it was intended to dredge out to the face of this wharf in order to allow boats drawing ten feet of water to reach it. But to my surprise the dredging was not done. The municipalities which this wharf was supposed to benefit contributed many hundreds of dollars in order to dredge a cut up to Jeannette's Creek station so as to build a road to that wharf and thus get all the advantage intended, but much to my surprise the dredging was not done. I called the attention of the Minister of Public Works—Mr. Hyman—to this early last fall so that the dredging might be done and the farmers might have the advantage of that wharf for shipping their sugar beets and other goods. The Minister wrote that he would have the matter attended to at once. I also drew his attention to the fact that there were two dredges on the ground, and that there was no reason why the wharf should not be completed. A dredge was sent in there, but it only did very little work, and this cement facing, which is at least 100 feet in length, practically split in two. I happened to be in the vicinity a few days later and was asked by the people there to go and look at the wharf from which they had expected great advantages. I went to say to the acting Minister and his head engineer that I counted myself at least twenty-five cracks up and down the face of this concrete. I also happened to be down there one morning

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ENDORSED BY BOARD OF TRADE

Board Appointed Committees To Raise Necessary Subscriptions

C. W. & L. E. Will Build Lake Shore Extension At Once

Yesterday afternoon the members of the Board of Trade held a meeting with Messrs. Kipp and Kiser, Sr., of the C. W. & L. E. Railway Company, to discuss the project of the extension to the Lake Shore.

The railway men said that the extension would cost over \$200,000, and they thought that the citizens and farmers should interest themselves to some extent in the construction of the new road. It was proposed by Mr. Kiser that 20 per cent. of the total cost should be subscribed in this way. If this were done, he was sure that the railway company could interest capitalists to put up the balance in three days' time, and the work would be proceeded with at once, as the railway company want to take advantage of the summer business.

The C. W. & L. E. people feel that if the citizens will show this much interest in the enterprise that they will have no difficulty in interesting capitalists to put up eighty per cent. of the total cost of the construction of the road.

Before adjournment the following resolution was passed by the Board: Moved by C. Austin, seconded by W. T. Shannon, that the proposition of the Directors of the C. W. & L. E. Railway to extend the line to the south meets with the hearty endorsement of this Board, as we believe it will be to the material interests of both the city and also the residents of the district it is proposed to reach. We heartily recommend the project to our citizens, who have money to invest, as we consider it will be a splendid investment. We would also move that a committee of six be appointed from the Board to assist in securing subscriptions of sufficient stock to enable the Directors to proceed with the building of the road at once.

CROWDS INCREASING

Splendid interest was manifested last evening while Elder R. C. Russell presented many Scripture proofs to show that God never did change, nor never would, and to-day loved obedient people equally as much as he did when he said if they asked bread he would not give them a stone. He quoted much Scripture in support of his affirmation that Christ never did promise spiritual blessings to any only those who obeyed his doctrines. But to those who did not obey, Christ said, in John, 15th chapter, that He would cut them off as a branch that was withered and thus it would cease to bear fruit.

In Matt. 28, 17-20, Christ said, as long as the ministry continued to preach the doctrines as He told them to He would be with them even to the end of the world. And in Mark 16, 15-20, Christ said the way in which He would prove His presence with them was by signs following the believers, and they went far and preached according to His will, and He confirmed His promise by granting the signs—fruits on the branches—according to His promise.

Paul said, in the last days the people should have heaps of teachers, who should make up forms of godliness, but deny the spiritual gifts; and those teachers, instead of preaching Scripture, would tell fables—death-bed, drowning and railroad disaster scenes—while they would, by thus softening people's hearts, the more easily extract the golden coins.

To-day these man-made teachers claim there are none of these signs for the believers, but fail to produce one revelation from God wherein He says He will ever cease to give them if the people continue to abide in His word.

In Eph. 4th it is stated those spiritual gifts would remain with God's Church as long as they would remain firm to the faith, and while they enjoyed those gifts they would not be carried about with every wind of doctrine and craft of man. But since Romanism killed the Church of Christ, and Protestantism was born of Romanism, neither one will ever will enjoy the sign granted to believers. But, said the speaker, since God restored His Church and Kingdom in 1830, His people enjoy those blessings.

Subject for to-night, "The Unpardonable Sin."

Last evening, at the residence of Mr. Geddings, Barth street, the members of the S. A. Band held an immigrant farewell meeting on behalf of Band Sergeant Wood, who is leaving Chatham for Lethbridge, Alb. The members of the band presented Mr. Wood with a beautiful Bible, as a token of regard for his faithful services. An enjoyable evening was closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Bad habits breed bad luck.

SERIOUS CASE FROM TILBURY

Richard Bartram Is Facing Jury On A Very Serious Charge

Evidence Of The Woman Who Laid Information—Still In Progress

Richard Bartram, the young man from St. Thomas, who has been charged by Mrs. McLean, of Tilbury, with committing rape, came up for trial before Mr. Justice McMahon at the Court House this morning. Bartram is 24 years of age and he is married to a sister of the husband of the woman who accuses him.

The evidence in the case was of a most disgusting character. The story, as told by Mrs. McLean, if printed verbatim, would rival the most sensational features of the recent Thaw trial in New York.

The case was opened by the Crown prosecutor, who explained the seriousness of the charge to the jury. The woman in the case lived in Tilbury. Her husband was working on the C. P. R. near Glenora. He was in the habit of going home very Saturday night. The prisoner was a brother-in-law to the woman in question. He went there to get lunch on the night in question. Mrs. McLean and her month-old child were in the house. The woman was not entirely dressed. Mrs. McLean got the lunch for the prisoner, and it was while she was putting the lunch on the table that the brutal act was committed. Mrs. McLean afterwards confessed the incidents which happened that night, and the prisoner was arrested.

Mrs. Jennie May McLean, the woman who claimed to be wronged by the prisoner, was the first witness examined. She testified that she was the wife of Edward McLean, of Tilbury, who worked on the railway. The prisoner married her husband's sister. She had been married four years.

Prisoner was a fireman on the M. C. R. He used to go to Mrs. McLean's about once or twice a month. Her home was situated close to the M. C. R. tracks. She recaptured the night of the 5th of December, or rather the early morning of the 6th.

It was on a Wednesday. Bartram came to her place that night and asked for a lunch. While she was getting the lunch from the sideboard she said that Bartram insisted her by making an improper proposal. As she told the jury the words spoken by Bartram that night, and by which she claimed to be insulted, she turned shyly, and smiled. Several times during the recital of some of the most repulsive portions of her evidence she repeated this smile. She said that she afterwards gave him his lunch, which consisted of three pieces of bread, three cookies and a piece of pie. She said also that she fainted, but this was after Bartram had gone. She said to Bartram that she would tell Ed—her husband—as soon as he would come home. She said that she tried to get away. Bartram was at her house that night about ten minutes.

When questioned further, Mrs. McLean admitted that she could not state anything definite, as to what had happened, and she had not told anyone of her own free will about the incident. All that she had told was upon solicitation, and the evidence therefore of what she told them, concerning it, was ruled out by his Lordship. After a consultation between the Crown Prosecutor and His Lordship, it was also found necessary to change the charge against the prisoner from rape to "an attempt to rape."

Mrs. McLean said that she knew Bartram before she was married. She used to wave her hand at him after she was married, when he would be passing her house in his engine. When she claims she was insulted, she said she had a knife in her hand, but she did not attempt to use it. She said it down. She said, too, that she didn't scream because she had a very bad cold and couldn't scream. Her neighbors were not very far away. She had been insulted once before, but not by Bartram. Her lawyer at the time had advised her to let the matter drop. She didn't get any money in settlement of the other offense, but their evidence didn't amount to much, because the information held by them did not come voluntarily in the way of a complaint from the complainant in the case.

Bartram was sworn, and claimed that he didn't leave his engine upon the night in question. He gave a clear account of all his actions while his train was in Tilbury. He was born in London, England, and has been out here six years. He has been married four years. He was in Tilbury only twenty minutes on the night of the fifth. He denounced Mrs. McLean's story as false.

The case was still in progress at the time of going to press.

Ward Stanworth appears for the prisoner.

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