

DECISION REVERSED.

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healthy child. In regard to his previous evidence, witness stated that he wished to qualify his evidence at previous inquiry. The coroner here read witness' previous evidence, also deposition presented to the court when the order was asked for to quash the verdict of the previous inquiry. Witness said he believed tetanus cause of death. Would not express an opinion as to the period of incubation for tetanus. The coroner called his attention to his affidavit presented before Judge McLeod, when he stated that the period of incubation had passed. The witness replied that his affidavit was based on modern science. Was tetanus due to impure vaccine? Was death due to imperfect vaccination? These questions witness said he could not answer. He considered the sore an unhealthy one when he first saw it. Was not good practice to put shield on and leave it there for two weeks without looking at the sore. To jurors—Did not suggest to the mother the disease to be spinal meningitis. Witness recited some of the symptoms of spinal meningitis. Had seen probably altogether eight or nine cases of tetanus. To Hon. Mr. McKeown—Was at first inquiry misinformed as to date of vaccination of the child. Science places period of incubation at greatest from fourteen to eighteen days. The irritation of the scab by a person's finger nails might produce tetanus if the person had been about a stable, or even handling or playing with carpets, etc. The germ is, and is not a common one. In his practice did not know of a case of tetanus occasioned by vaccine. Did not believe that in this case tetanus was caused

by vaccine. To the coroner witness said he would not admit that the death of the child was due to impure lymph. He could not say. Daniel Mullen, K.C., stated at this point that he appeared in the interest of Mr. Hawker. To Mr. Mullen, witness said he did not approve of a shield, as he did not like the compression occasioned thereby.

Dr. G. A. B. Addy, provincial bacteriologist, sworn, testified that he visited the deceased on November 19th, the evening before she died. On first seeing the child, she was about entering upon a convulsion. Was resting on heels and back of head. Spasm seemed to be more pronounced on infected or vaccinated side. Witness and Dr. Baxter approved of the prescriptions, but added opium. Had no idea as to the source of infection. Coroner here read witness' evidence at the previous inquiry, and the deposition which was read before Judge McLeod. Witness said the majority of authorities agree that the incubation period of tetanus is from four to fifteen days. One authority, however, says it is an open question. According to this one authority, it might possibly be over fifteen days. Even if this one authority was right, he would not say it was caused by the vaccine any more than by any other of many causes. Believed the child died of tetanus. To the jury the witness said the tetanus germ was generally spread. Would consider it absolutely impossible to determine the cause of infection without a thorough bacteriological investigation. Then it would not show the source of the germ.

To Mr. McKeown—Have used Mulford's vaccine in 90 per cent. of cases during the present epidemic because of having received better results than from others used in the past.