

WEDNESDAY, 15th March, 1876.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. DICKEY—*Chairman*,

The Honorable Messieurs

AIKINS,
HAYTHORNE,
CORNWALL,
KAULBACH,

LEONARD,
DICKSON.
SEYMOUR,
REESOR.

MARTHA NEWSOM was sworn, and, being examined by Mr. Walker, said :—

I reside in Whitby; I know Mr. Robert Campbell and his wife; I was in their employ at Whitby as general servant; I left their employ, August 15th, 1873. At that time I had been in their employ about a year and eight months. I know Geo. Gordon; he lived at Whitby. I have seen him at the house of Mr. Campbell; he was a frequent visitor there when Mr. Campbell was absent. He was in the habit of remaining long in the house when he came; he usually came in the evening; his first visit on which he remained late in the evening, was, to the best of my recollection, on the second of August. I remember him coming about the last week of March; he came about five o'clock in the evening when Mr. Campbell was in the house; Mr. Gordon stayed until about nine or ten; Mr. Campbell was taking tea when Mr. Gordon came. After taking tea Mr. Campbell left the house and Mr. Gordon remained. Mrs. Campbell wished the children to go to bed, but they did not want to go; Mrs. Campbell offered them a copper to go, and I then took them to bed; Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Gordon were in the parlor while the latter remained that evening; I am generally in the kitchen myself.

The witness having been shewn views and plans of the house, stated that they were correct in her recollection of the house, and continued :

The visit I mentioned was the first; Mr. Campbell returned while Mr. Gordon was there; the latter soon afterwards left the house. The second visit occurred sometime about the first of July; Mr. Campbell was not there that day; the visit took place in the evening; Mr. Campbell had left for England at the time; he had not been gone very long, but I cannot say how long; it was several days after his departure. Mrs. Campbell had been in the kitchen during the day, and had not dressed herself; between eight and nine o'clock she dressed herself as if she was going out, and I asked her if she was going to do so; she told me that she was not; also that I might go out; I was surprised to see her dressed up so nicely. During the time I was getting ready to go out, Mr. Gordon opened the door—Mrs. Campbell in the meantime had been singing and playing—and he said: "I heard you singing, and I thought that I would come in." I went out; the children had retired at the time; I cannot say when I returned, but it was some time afterward at any rate; Mr. Gordon was still there in the parlor; I cannot give the hour when I retired, but it was shortly after I came in; I think it was somewhere between ten and eleven; Mr. Gordon left shortly after that. He made another visit on the second of August; before that time Mrs. Campbell attended a party and Mr. Gordon accompanied her home; I cannot say as to the exact hour she came home, but it was late, between one and two in the morning; I was up stairs lying on my bed at the time, but I did not go down stairs; I was not undressed; I do not know how long Mr. Gordon remained that night; I stayed awake only about half an hour; I cannot remember the exact date of that visit, but it was sometime before the second of August, during the month of July. Previous to this there was a concert given in Whitby, shortly after Mr. Gordon had left for England—it was the same day that he left—and Mrs. Campbell went to the concert; Mr. Gordon accompanied her home, and I opened the door to admit Mrs. Campbell after Mr. Gordon had gone; I heard them come to the porch door, and I thought I would go and admit Mrs. Campbell, but I heard another voice