

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1906.

## DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST DR. PRESTON

Doctors and Nurse in Clark Inquest Tell of Statement by Dead Girl in Which She Said Dr. Preston Had Attended Her—Result of Autopsy Given by Dr. Addy.

At the opening session of Coroner Bertram's inquest Monday into the death of Miss Edith F. Clark, witnesses swore that the deceased girl said Dr. Preston had performed an operation on her.

The evidence of Mrs. Clark, Miss Reynolds, Miss Maxwell and Miss Muir, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Scammell and Dr. G. A. B. Addy and Burpee Brown, druggist, was taken and adjournment made till this evening.

Solicitor General Jones was present for the crown, Scott E. Morrill and B. L. Gierow, counsel for Dr. Preston, and A. W. Macfarlane and J. A. Sinclair, counsel for Camp. They merely heard the evidence, and did not question the witnesses.

The inquiry was conducted in the court house, and half an hour previous to the hour of opening fully 100 people were assembled about the door. Although precautions were taken to prevent an indiscriminate entrance, the room was closely crowded, and long after the inquest was opened the number endeavoring to be admitted did not decrease. Among those present were Mayor White and Magistrate Higgins.

Toward the end of the session Howard Camp was brought before the coroner in connection with certain testimony. He was escorted by Chief Clark and Police-man Bowes. He looked pale but composed.

Mrs. Robert Clark, stepmother of the deceased girl, was the first witness.

"I have been Edith's guardian for twelve years," she said. "Edith had always been delicate or inclined that way. Previous to the time the doctors arrived, a few weeks ago, she was sick for a couple of days, but she did not tell me the nature of her trouble. She was in bed. She asked me to go and ask Miss Nellie Reynolds to get her a doctor. The physician called was Dr. Roberts. He came on Wednesday after-

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made her statement to me she believed she was in danger of dying.

Mrs. Mary Muir, another Victorian nurse, swore that she had prepared Miss Clark for the operation. "She seemed very weak, but after the operation rallied. I did not see her after it was over. I did not overhear any conversation between Miss Clark and Dr. Scammell, but to me she remarked that she did not think she would recover, yet expressed the hope that she would."

Dr. G. A. B. Addy, who performed the autopsy on Miss Clark, testified: "I was requested on Friday last to perform a post mortem examination on the body of Miss Clark. The witness then read the report, descriptive of his autopsy, and from the condition of the lungs and uterus, the witness said he believed the patient had died from blood poisoning. 'I am satisfied from my examination that the woman had been pregnant, and that death was due to blood poisoning.' Dr. Addy testified that he also found evidence of a retained placenta in the base of the uterus, and of tuberculosis in both lungs. Dr. Roberts was sworn. 'I was called to see Miss Edith Clark,' he said, 'on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15. I found Miss Clark in bed with a flushed face, and with signs on Monday and Tuesday of a very severe chill on the Sunday previous. She was very weak, and had a temperature of 103.8, her pulse 122 and her respiration 32.'

Coroner: "You would not see then, from these symptoms, conclude she was suffering from pneumonia?"

Dr. Roberts: "I came to that conclusion, because in addition to these symptoms I was handed a basin containing about a tablespoonful in quantity of a thick viscid excretion rusty and blood stained, which did not move when the basin was turned upside down, but, being in a hurry, I was unable to make a physical examination. I made the same the following morning at which time I failed

to elicit any physical signs of pneumonia. I came to the conclusion then that it was centrally located pneumonia from the fact that physical signs had not yet come to the surface.

"On Saturday, about 3.30 o'clock, Miss Reynolds visited the office. I inquired if there was anything wrong, but Miss Reynolds pooh poohed the idea. I said there was a possibility of there being something wrong."

"About 11 o'clock Saturday night I found Miss Clark even more prostrated than she had been. When I called that Saturday night, I entered her room alone. I asked her to tell me everything. With tears in her eyes, she said: 'My God, Papa would kill me if he knew the truth. I should be disgraced for life.' I told her that she was not the only person who had such trouble."

"After this, I told her that she would have to be operated on first thing. I made it plain that she might die, but she could not recover. Late that night I tried to get Dr. Scammell on the telephone, but the following morning, I communicated with him, and also with the nurses. We were at the house for about two hours. Both Dr. Scammell and myself conversed with the girl. Dr. Scammell was alone in the room with her for about five minutes and when he came from the room I saw him sit at a table and commence to write."

"On Sunday night, Miss Clark was feeling much better. As I was coming away, Mrs. Clark told me she had found a small bottle, which had contained medicine taken by her step-daughter. I was shown the bottle, and on the label was Dr. Preston's name. The date was Nov. 13th."

"When I saw that bottle, my suspicions were aroused that some one had previously been treating the patient. On Monday, Dr. Scammell and myself questioned Mrs. Clark. Dr. Scammell asked her if she had been to any other doctor, and she said that by talking she would get the people in trouble. I said that if she recovered, no one would be any the wiser, and suggested that she make a statement, which in the event of her death, would clear us. Dr. Scammell then asked her who the physician was, with some reticence she said, 'Dr. Preston.' Dr. Scammell asked if instruments had been used, and she said yes, and that the charge for the operation was \$10. She also said that her friend (we understood she meant Howard Camp) had procured medicine for her. This was on Monday morning. She kept sinking from that time on."

Burpee E. Brown, the Sydney street druggist, was shown a prescription which was on file in his drug store, and had been filled. He said he had put up the prescription. The date was Nov. 15, and the prescription was for Dr. Preston.

"It is your business," inquired Coroner Bertram, "to put up prescriptions, but not your business to criticize the prescriptions."

At this point Howard Camp was escorted into court. The witness said he recognized the prisoner, but could not say that he had put up the prescription for him. Dr. J. H. Scammell took the stand.

"Sunday morning, two weeks ago," he testified, "I assisted Dr. Roberts at an operation in Adelaide street. He told me the prisoner, but for, and said, 'The patient recovered from the effect of the anesthetic I had given her, quite readily. When I talked with Miss Clark on Monday morning I asked her if she had seen any other doctor in connection with her trouble. She said she did not want to get any persons into trouble. Then Dr. Roberts said she would not be getting any one into trouble, and she said, 'Then she mentioned Dr. Preston, saying that an instrument had been used. She said Dr. Preston had not given her any medicine, but that medicine had been brought to her by her friend. I understood she was referring to Mr. Camp.'

"I had no further conversation with her along these lines on Monday. On Wednesday I saw her brother. She was falling from the first I thought her case to be hopeless. When I saw her on Sunday, I believed she was suffering from blood poisoning. I never knew of Dr. Preston visiting her at her house."

The inquiry was here adjourned to 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

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President Elderton presided, on his right was the Hon. D. A. Mackinnon, lieutenant governor of Prince Edward Island, and on his left the Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, Ottawa.

After partaking of the luncheon President Elderton proposed the toast to the King. Hon. W. T. Pipes proposed the toast to the Governor General of Canada and the Lieutenant-Governors of the Maritime Provinces, coupling with the toast the name of Hon. D. A. Mackinnon, of P. E. Island, who was present and responded.

Hon. Mr. Mackinnon expressed his great pleasure in being present for the first time at the maritime breeders' luncheon and congratulated the association on the splendid success which had attended its efforts. He paid a fitting tribute to the governor general and thanked the mover of the toast for the honor conferred upon him.

H. J. Logan proposed the toast Our Country, to which Hon. Sydney Fisher responded. He spoke of the wonderful advances that Canada was making especially along agriculture lines. He spoke of the success which had attended the Maritime Winter Fair since he had the pleasure of assisting in inaugurating it in 1901.

Hon. James Stratton, provincial secretary for Ontario, was present and also spoke briefly as did Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of agriculture for New Brunswick.

Col. H. M. Campbell, of Sussex (N. B.), proposed the toast to the Ladies Hospital Aid Society, speaking highly of the manner in which they had from year to year discharged their duty providing for the wants of hungry multitudes. He referred to the good work they were doing in maintaining such a grand institution as the hospital.

Mrs. Allan, president of the society, whose name Lieut. Campbell, coupled with the toast, asked Justice Longley, who was present, to respond. He did so in one of his characteristic speeches.

C. B. Smith, K. C., proposed the toast to the Press, which was responded to by Messrs. Jamieson, Ross and Major Black. At 8 o'clock the formal opening of the fair took place in the large auditorium of the building, which was fairly well filled. President Elderton presiding. On the platform were Mayor Lowther, Warden J. H. Livingston, Hon. Sidney Fisher, Hon. James Stratton, Hon. L. P. Farris, Hon. D. A. Mackinnon, Col. Campbell, ex-Mayor Rhodes, A. B. Copp, M. P. P. for Westmorland, Premier Murray, B. W. Chipman and others.

President Elderton in opening thanked those present for their attendance and bespoke for all a pleasant time and on behalf of the Maritime Breeders' Association bade them a hearty welcome.

Mayor Lowther, on behalf of the town and Warden Livingston, on behalf of the county, in appropriate addresses bade them welcome.

Hon. Mr. Farris replied after which the president called upon Hon. D. A. Mackinnon to formally open the exhibition.

Governor Mackinnon expressed the pleasure which it gave him to be present and the honor conferred upon the province of P. E. Island, the smallest, although not the least important of the provinces, in having a representative open so important an exhibition as this promised to be.

Other speakers of the evening were Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Mr. Justice Longley, Premier Murray and Hon. Jas. Stratton. All the addresses were most interesting and instructive. The speakers expressed themselves as delighted with the rapid progress made by the Maritime Winter Fair in the five years of its existence and predicted even greater success for the future.

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