JOHN PARIS ON STAND ALL DAY; MATCHES HIS WITS WITH CROWN; MURDERED GIRL'S MOTHER IN COURT

Prisoner Remembers Little of Evidence He Swore to at Previous Trials—Accuses Crown Witnesses of Swearing Falsely—Has Learned to Write Since Last Trial—Several Women in Court Yesterday — Cross-Examination Will Continue Today.

All day yesterday in the circuit court John Paris, the mulatto charged with the murder of the crippled child, Sadie McAuley, matched his wits with Attorney-General Byrne, who submitted him to a gruelling cross-examination as to his movements on the day of the murder, and those immediately preceding and following it.

Every available seat in the court room was occupied by spectators who followed with intense interest the crown prosecutor's attempts to break down the alibi set up by the accused. To his questionings Paris replied in a very general manner, and refused to commit himself on but very few points. Whatever he swore on the last trial, he said, was the truth, and he would deny nothing he had then said, because his memory then was much better than it was now.

Several women have been attending the trial, and one of them yesterday, was the mother of the little McAuley child. The cross-examination of the accused may be terminated today, but it is hardly likely that any of the witnesses for the defence will be heard until next week. Indications point to the case going to the jury either Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Cross-Examination.

Under cross-examination in the morning Paris said that on August 2 he picked mushrooms in the morning, went to John Byard's home and then up to Truro, arriving about 11 o'clock. During the morning he said he was at Seth William and John Byard's house and also at Oscar Clyke's. He said he saw Dr. McCurdy come to the Clyke house in a car, and that he spoke to him there about his patient, James Clyke. He did not remember how he went to Truro, or to whom he sold the mushrooms, but remembered the children's Chautauqua parade.

Mr. Byrne in questioning the witness, had recourse to the evidence given by the accused at his previous trials, and to many of the incidents he had sworn to then, the prisoner stated he had no memory of, and refused to commit himself further than saying that anything he had so sworn to, was the truth. He did remember of being paid at the Eastern Hat and Cap Co. on that day.

Referring to Walter Humphrey, he said the latter by his own statement was a thief. He also said he preferred to sit while giving evidence, as he did not get enough to eat to allow him to stand for four or five hours. A portrait shown him by Mr. Byrne, he identified as one of himself.

Paris said the crown witnesses were not a good class of witnesses, and that Stewart Fraser, who testified for him at the first two trials was about the same as they were.

Confronted with John McDonald, he said that according to McDonald's own statement he had got fittings off a car that went off the road at the Falls. His evidence was not right, nor was that of Mrs. Calvin and her daughter. He was in Truro when they swore they saw him. He reiterated that the crown witnesses were not reputable. Mrs. Calvin, he said, did not live with her husband. "That is quite fashionable nowadays," the judge remarked.

Money Paid

Paris said he did not remember if he bought a ticket when he went to Truro on July 28. He thought he paid the conductor; he gave him $10 and got $4.50 or $4.60 back.

Coming back on August 3, he said he paid $2 to $4 to the conductor, saying he did not have any more. Paris said he had $7 to $9, but he said he did not tell the conductor a lie, although on the last trial he swore that he told a lie. "I told him that is all the money I had to pay him," he said.

Prisoner identified Conductor Dawson as the man in charge of the train. He said he was at the home of William Bayard on the night of August 1 from about 8 or 9 o'clock until about 12. Prisoner said he would not be surprised if Norman Green did not give evidence at this trial on account of the way he was treated at the last trial.

Asked by Judge Barry, if he knew whether his upper lip was shaven or not when he was arrested in August, Paris said he did not know, and that he could not remember whether he had told Mr. Byrne that or not.

Mr. Byrne asked Paris if he had sworn that Chief Fraser had been mistaken when the chief said the gas was stolen on the 31st of July?

The prisoner hesitated before replying, and Mr. Byrne told him he was not attempting to mislead him and handed him a typewritten copy of his evidence at former trial. Paris after looking at the page carefully, said, after a few minutes, that he knew he wasn't.

Could Read.

Mr. Byrne then asked Paris if he could read and write. The accused replied that he could read some. Asked if he had not sworn at a previous trial that he could not read a newspaper, he replied, that he could not then, but had acquired a little education since.

Paris said he had never gone to Spencer's garage to sell gasoline on any other date than August 2.

He said he thought he was on Bible Hill that day sometime between 12.30 and 1.30, and before he tried to sell the gas.

Mr. Byrne read over a portion of Nichols' evidence, and asked Paris if he, as Nichol had said, asked him if he wanted to buy 10 gallons of gas.

Paris said he did. Asked whether the can he had was not a 5 gallon can, he replied it was. Asked for an explanation Paris said he "had been instructed" there were 10 gallons in the can, and did not know differently until Nichols told him so.

Mr. Vernon Objects

Mr. Vernon took exception to Mr. Byrne saying Paris established an alibi when charged with stealing gas in Truro. He said he defended Paris at the time and that was not the defence raised.

After a heated passage between counsel, Mr. Byrne adopted another method of questioning the witness.

He asked Paris if at the Truro trial he swore he had arrived in Truro in the latter part of July or the 1st day of August. Paris said he had.

He admitted that he had sworn to Mr. Vernon that he arrived in Truro on the 23rd of July, and that at the trial in Truro he had sworn he was away from St. John about seven days.

Asked if all these admissions being true he could have arrived in St. John on the 1st and have been seen by St. John witnesses, he replied it could have, had he been in St. John.

Sold Gas

Asked to tell what transpired between himself and Nichols, the garage man, Paris said he told Nichols that the gas had been bought for Wm. Byard's car, but that the car was broken and he asked Nichols to buy it, and he did.

Asked what he did at the Eastern Cap Co. Paris said he entered a bill there, that they didn't pay what the bill asked for, but he signed a receipt and left. On further questioning Paris said by signing he meant making his mark, as he could not write at that time. The amount of money received amounted to something between eighty and ninety-five cents.

He did not know what was on the bill. He had had Ed. Talbot write it for him.

Investigation Made

He first remembered that he was to the Eastern Hat Co shortly before his second trial. He then learned it for a fact from an investigation he had had made of the company's documents.

He said he had a conversation with Miss McKenzie when he went to the factory. He did not remember what was said.

He handed the bill to Mr. McNaught. He did not remember what he said to him, nor did he remember if he had told of what had passed between them at the last trial.

Could Not Read

Shown the copy of his evidence at the last trial Paris said he could not read it, but said he had learned to read some since the last trial.

Shown a check, Paris admitted it was filled out and signed by him.

A passage as to the prisoner's ability to read and write passed between counsel, and Judge Barry interjected that there were many men who could sign their name and yet not know what they had written.

Paris said if there was anything in the record of what he had sworn at the last trial it was the truth. He could not remember now things that he did then. He would not dispute anything Mr. Byrne read from the record.

In answer to the Crown prosecutor he said he had no recollection of what he did on the night of the 2nd of August, nor whether at his first trial he had sworn he was up town, and at the second he had sworn he was not.

After listening to excerpts read from his testimony at a previous trial he told the court he remembered a box fire opposite John Byard's house and of opening some sardines in the house, but had no idea of the time. He also remembered of being on the island in the afternoon but not the time.

Picked Mushrooms

He remembered of picking mushrooms on the 3rd and of taking them to town, some time in the morning. He came up with an Allan fellow, he thought his name was Ike.

He did not tell that at the last trial, as he had only found out who it was through a letter received from his mother since then.

He said he had a conversation with Allan, who he knew to speak to but did not remember what it was about.

He could not read the letter. It was read to him. He did not know if Allan was to be a new witness or not.

Mr. Byrne asked the accused to describe George Hill, the farmer, Paris has referred to on direct examination, and Paris did so. He was asked to tell about the clothes transaction he had spoken about, and he said while he was down on the marsh picking mushrooms, that Hill and his hired man were there, and that a young man whose name was Connolly, but who he could not describe drove down in a wagon with a suit of clothes which he delivered to Hill.

Memory Better

Mr. Byrne asked the prisoner if he had not told his counsel that he did not remember the young man's name. Paris admitted that he had, but said the name had come to him since.

All he remembered about the hired man, was that he was a young man. He could not swear if the incident occurred in the forenoon, or afternoon.

Mr. Byrne asked if he remembered being in Lawrence's store, and after some hesitation, Paris replied that he did. Mr. Byrne asked him if his hesitancy in replying to his questions was because he was afraid, and Paris retorted that he had nothing to be afraid of, and that it was not because he was afraid, but because he could not remember, that caused him to answer as he did.

Lawrence's Store

Mr. Byrne resumed his questions as to the store, and Paris said that Ralph Singer was in the store when he was there, but he could not remember if Norman Green was. The time he fixed as about noon.

He remembered a man coming in to pay a bill and having a dispute about it but could not describe the man. He knew he bought some fruit and was well dressed.

Singer, the man, and himself were the only ones present at the time. Bernard Paris might have been in the back store, he did not see him there. He was with him in his car that morning, but did not remember where they went.

To Judge Barry he said he got in at Younge Street.

Paris said he went to Moxin's alone, after he met Bernard. Later he said he was not sure, after his evidence at a previous trial had been read to him. He did not remember how he got back to the Island nor when. He did not think he walked, and after the evidence of the last trial was read to him, said he thought he went down in Bernard's car.

Couldn't Remember

He did not remember anything of the afternoon of the 3rd nor whom he came back to town with, nor how, in the night he came up on a wheel with Louis Byard, both had one.

He said he went to different places in town.

Mr. Byrne then asked him about his trip on the train, and where he was lying when the train reached Moncton. Paris said he was lying between Arcnie Paris and Maxwell, and described the positions of each.

On his arrival in St. John he said it was Willie Sweet who rowed him across the river, and who told him of the Britain fish shed fire.

Paris admitted that he and Humphrey had a conversation with Ernest Campbell as the latter had said, but claimed it was on August 4. He said he did not go to the undertaking rooms to view the body of Sadie McAuley.

He and Humphrey, he said, got in the boat, which he thought was Sweet's, at Watson street, where John Best could have seen them, but Alex. Craft could not. He said he had a conversation with Humphrey going across in the boat, and asked him to wait to row back some people he was going to the station for.

Court adjourned to this morning.

LUCKY EXPERIENCE FOR ONE PRISONER

First Respondent to Fall Before Judge Escaped With Light Punishment.

Montreal, April 28—A. J. Everett, formerly a prison guard at St. Vincent De Paul Penitentiary, who pleaded guilty to infringing the Penitentiary Act by unlawfully conveying articles to convicts, was lucky in that he was the first prisoner to appear before Judge Monet, recently appointed to the bench, for sentence. His Lordship said, it was customary for a judge, in such circumstances, to extend clemency as far as the law allows, and accordingly he sentenced Everett to pay $100 fine and costs instead of sending him to jail for three months. The fine was paid.

"Every Girl" Staged By Fairville C. I. G. T.

Pageant by Fairville Baptist C. I. G. T. Pleases Large Audience in Attendance Last Evening.

"Every Girl," a pageant in four acts, was successfully presented to a capacity audience by the Fairville Baptist C. I. G. T. group in the Fairville Baptist church last evening.

Between acts a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Hilda Williams, Miss Sadie Stevens acting as her accompanist; Miss Bertha Roberts gave a reading, and several selections were rendered by the Fairville orchestra.

The young lady principals in the pageant were:

Every Girl, Olive Estabrooks; Health, Bertha Crabbe; Beauty, Maude McBay; Dreams, Edna Water; C. I. G. T. Spirit, Sadie Chapman; Group Leader, Annie McCrea; Camp Mother, Mrs. J. H. Hunter; accompanist of the evening, Dorothy Christie.

At the close of the entertainment all the C. I. G. T. girls, both those who had taken part in the pageant, and those who sold candy during the intermissions, assembled on the stage and sang the National Anthem.

PROBATE COURT

In the probate court, in the matter of the estate of Irene M. Simonds, late of Florence, Italy, the Royal Trust Co. was appointed executor. The estate was valued at $75,000 realty and $3,550 personalty. It was left for the benefit of relatives. Her five nieces, of whom Mrs. Daniel Mullin of this city is one, were the general beneficiaries. Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., was proctor.

Mrs Martha Sealy and S. P. McCavour were appointed administrators of the estate of George Sealy; realty $4,000, and personalty $20,068. C. F. Sanford was proctor.

In the matter of the estate of John Stears; realty, $2,100 and personalty $20,193. Wm. G. and F. LeB. Stears were appointed administrators. S. A. M. Skinner was proctor.

Mrs. Mary J. Hawker was appointed administratrix of the estate of Augustus S. Hawker; personalty $595. J. F. H. Teed was proctor.

His widow and son, Edgar P. Logan, were appointed executors of the estate of Wm. Henry Logan; personalty, $1,900. G. E. Logan was proctor.

S. H. Green was appointed executor of the estate of Louis Green; personalty, $6,650. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., was proctor.

Administration was granted to Nina J Johnston in the matter of the estate of Susan Case; personalty $1,500. F. T. Raymond was proctor.

James H Willis was sworn as executor under the will of Rebecca Willis, realty $1,000 and personalty $2,450. Dr. J. R. Campbell, K. C., was proctor.

Administration de bonis non was granted to J F. H. Teed in the matter of the unadministered portion of the estate of Percy W. Wardle; personalty $4,000. C. S. Hannington was proctor.

Council of Women Regular Meeting

Names of Conveners for Different Standing Committees Read and Adopted—Other Business.

The regular meeting of the St. John Local Council of Women was held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms, with the first vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Hooper, presiding. The names of the conveners of the different standing committees for the ensuing year were submitted, and, on motion, the report was adopted. The council extended their congratulations to Mrs. J. H. Doody on her appointment to the Board of Governors of the Boys' Industrial Home. Mrs. D. M. Manks, on behalf of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Paul's church, presented the sum of $50 to the council, to be used towards augmenting the babies' milk fund. This amount was realized at the tea and sale, given recently by the Mothers' Meeting. The council extended a hearty vote of thanks to those ladies for their generous efforts.

The minutes of the annual meeting and the last two special meetings were read by Mrs. G. C. Poole, and, on motion adopted. On motion a resolution was passed in favor of the sale of oleomargarine, and a letter will be forwarded, expressing the resolution, to Mrs. Short at Ottawa. Mrs. G. C. Poole reported that the proceeds from the lecture, given recently by Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, on Flanders and France Re-visited," amounted to $62.12.

A resolution was passed extending the sympathy of the council to Mrs. C. J. Osman, of Hillsboro, in her recent bereavement.

A letter was read from Miss Maud Magee, thanking the council for their kindness in her recent bereavement, and also for the Easter gift sent to her. A letter was also received from R. E. Armstrong, expressing his appreciation for their Easter gift. It was decided to send a note of appreciation for her great interest in the work of the council, to Mrs. M. Bohan who is leaving the city shortly to make her home in Kingston, Ont.

A letter was received from Rev. H. B. Clarke, enclosing a letter he had received from Miss Mary Chesley, regarding Russian relief. This was laid on the table for further consideration. A letter was received from the Salvation Army, asking for the loan of boxes for use on their tag day, May 13. On motion their request was granted.

Miss Grace Leavitt made an appeal for the furnishing of the recreation hut, which is being built by the Red Cross at the Lancaster hospital. On motion, the council decided to cooperate with the other organization in this regard, and a committee was appointed to inquire into the needs in furnishing the hut. The following were appointed: Miss Leavitt, Mrs. E. A. Young, Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, Mrs. F. E. Holman and Mrs. Joseph Goldman, the convener, Miss Leavitt, having power to add.

The following were appointed conveners of the standing committees for the year: Laws for better protection of women and children, Mrs. T. J. Coughlan; care of mentally deficient, Mrs. David McLellan; citizenship, Mrs. H. H. Pickett; national recreation, Mrs. W. G. Good; immigration, Mrs H Lawrence; equal moral standards, Mrs. J. S. Flagler; public health, Mrs. R. J. Hooper; professions and employment for women, Mrs. E. A. Young; conservation of natural resources, Miss A. Tingey; finance, ways and means, Mrs. J. H. Frink; fine arts, Mrs. Fred Goodspeed; child welfare, Mrs. J. Willard Smith; peace and arbitration, Mrs. W. F. Hatheway; household economics, Mrs. A. W. Estey; press, Miss Alice Fairweather and Miss K. Broad; suppression of objectionable printed matter, Mrs. J. L. McAvity; agriculture, Mrs. H. B. Peck; education, Mrs W Edmond Raymond; nursing, Miss Brophy and Miss Murdoch; S. O. S., Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy; fountain, Mrs. W. P. B. Paterson; jail and industrial home, Mrs. J. D. Seeley; vigilance, Miss Grace Leavitt; taxation, Mrs. Louis Green; censoring of motion pictures, Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson.

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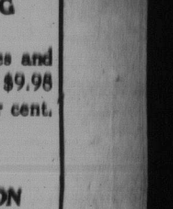

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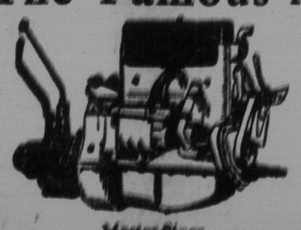

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