

Dr. Richardson—This is one of those cases in which two men of eminence might entertain very different opinions. If called in a case of this kind, and the surgeon told me he thought it necessary to go above the elbow joint, I could not pronounce that he had done wrong. The doctor here gave a case of his own where the patient appeared to be in peril from his endeavouring to save too much. I think in general conservative surgery is carried too far. Attempts have been made to save the limb, to the danger of the life. I think in this case the injuries must have been very severe indeed. Owing to the fact, as stated by Dr. Hill, that the end of the ulna was exposed, it is clear to my mind that the ulna artery, nerve and veins must have been torn away, and I should judge also from *that* fact there was serious danger to the limb from the low vitality of the parts thereby produced.

Cross-examined—The rule is to try to save as much of the limb as possible. The tearing out of the muscle at its origin, as stated by Dr. Hill, would be one ground to justify amputation above the elbow. It would have been unsafe to wait to see if there was danger of gangrene before amputating. I would not attach much importance to the opinion of Dr. Hill, after his statement that he thought the finger and thumb ought to have been saved.

Dr. Bovell—I practice in Toronto. I have heard the evidence, and consider Dr. Hyde not guilty of malpractice. I cannot believe any capable man would have operated above the elbow, unless he saw there was a cause for it.

Mr. Harrison—I suppose many limbs have been cut off which might have been saved.

Witness—Very likely. It is an Irish question and an Irish answer. (Laughter.) I rest my opinion that amputation above the elbow was necessary on account of the tearing out of the muscles and the injury to the fleshy parts. You cannot conceive of any case of a tendon being pulled away from its origin, wherein it is safe to do anything but amputate above.

Dr. Philbrick called. (Witness is very deaf.)

Mr. J. H. Cameron—Have you been in Court during the trial?

Witness—I have, but I can't hear anything. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cameron explained the nature of the evidence given.

Witness (in a loud voice.)—Had I received the injury described, I would have insisted on having my arm cut off above the elbow joint. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. J. H. Cameron—Pretty conclusive evidence. I will not ask you another question after that. This is the case for the defendant, my Lord.