

And by another witness it was proved that his wife had been cured by defendant of a cancer (?) in the face ; the patient having been for some time under medical treatment in the Toronto Hospital, without success.

Mr. Hancock in addressing the jury on behalf of the defendant, expressed himself very strongly against the statute under which the defendant had been brought before the court, denouncing it as a most inhuman Act, which forbids a man to even sell the smallest quantity of herbs or other medicines, in the expectation of receiving payment for the same, that Act forbidding men that were not licensed or otherwise authorized to practise physic, to do a humane act, an act of kindness whereby the life of their fellow creatures might be saved, and for which they expected to be remunerated. Mr. Hancock stated that *the hope of reward* was the very essence of our Christian faith, and that this Act therefore, was in direct opposition to our faith. Mr. Hancock spoke in most disrespectful terms of the medical profession, he stated that these men were men licensed to kill. He represented the Medical Board as a farce, and gave an instance of a person in a printing establishment who during the short space of several months studying in the evenings, after having been engaged in a printing office for ten hours daily, had nevertheless acquired sufficient knowledge in that short space of time to go before the Board for examination, and that he had received a certificate, and eventually a License from the Governor ; that he, Mr. Hancock, would be willing to be sworn as to these facts. Mr. Hancock also stated a case of his own, that while in England, where such a law as the one referred to did not exist, but that persons practising without a license could not recover in court payment for services rendered, which was all the punishment they could be made to suffer, he had been ill for a long time, that a woman had once said he would soon be buried, that he only weighed about 98 pounds while standing 5 feet 9 inches in his stockings, that he had heard of a person whom the people called *Doctor Cane* (or some such name), and whom the medical profession called *Old Cane*, that said doctor was said to be a clever man for curing chronic diseases, that he, Mr. Hancock, applied to him and was cured by his medicines.

Mr. Hancock wound up in laudation of such men as the defendant, and appealed to the consciences of the jurymen on behalf of the defendant.

The County Attorney, during the address of Mr. Hancock, had absented himself from the court, and when the Judge of the County Court, who presided at the Sessions, enquired for him, he was not to be found.

His Honour then commenced his charge to the jury, stating the nature of the charge, reading the law on the subject and the evidence given ; he stated that according to his opinion, the defendant having received four dollars for practising physic, the case was proved against him, but that he would leave it to the jury to say whether defendant was guilty or not guilty.

Shortly before the Judge had concluded his charge, the County Attorney returned and made his appearance in court.

The jury retired, and after half an hour's consultation, returned with a verdict of not guilty.

(This is Law and Justice with a vengeance, and proves the farce of Jury Law.)

Mundus vult dicipi, ergo diciptetur.

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