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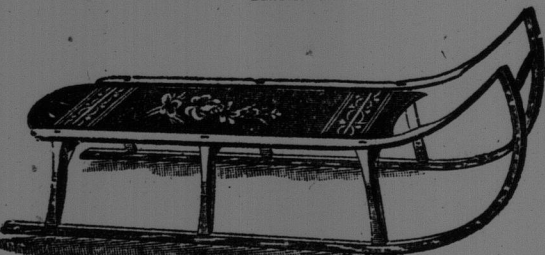
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Copy of Declaration In Bessie Parker Case Admitted by Judge

Important Ruling by Mr. Justice Barry—But One More Crown Witness Was to Be Heard This Afternoon.

With the exception of the examination of one witness, Dr. Anna Creighton, the Crown this morning closed its case against Mrs. Bessie Parker, charged with the murder of Mary Frontin. Much of the evidence this morning was given by doctors and dealt with the medical aspects of the case. Dr. C. M. Kelly and Dr. Victor Davidson told of the condition of the girl at the operation. Dr. Levesque described his findings at the post-mortem. Other witnesses examined were William Ferris whom the dead girl named as responsible for her trouble and Detective Biddiscombe who told of the arrest and of finding a knitting needle at the home of the accused.

Declaration Copy Received
A feature of this morning's session was the decision of His Honor Judge Barry to allow to be placed in evidence a copy of the lost dying declaration in spite of strenuous efforts on the part of the counsel for the defense to have it kept out. His Honor read the following opinion:

KING VS. PARKER.
Just before adjournment yesterday, Dr. Wallace, for the Crown, offered in evidence, what purports to be a copy of a dying declaration made by the deceased girl, Mary Emily Frontin. Senator Fowler, K. C., for the prisoner, objects to the reception of this paper in evidence, on two grounds: First, that it has not been shown that the original declaration, of which the paper tendered is said to be a copy, is lost; and second, that it has not been established in evidence, that the state of mind of the deceased at the time of the making of the declaration was such as to make it admissible in evidence.

These are both substantial objections and most important to the prisoner, so important, in fact that if either one of them is considered to be well founded, the evidence tendered by the Crown must be excluded.

The declaration of the deceased girl was taken by Police Magistrate Ritchie on the day of her death; it followed the language the deceased employed in a declaration taken by Mr. Gale the superintendent of the Public Hospital a day or two previously, with a sentence added by Mr. Henderson, the police clerk at the instance of the magistrate. The evidence is that the declaration was read over slowly and carefully to the deceased girl and that she signed it. Nobody suggests that she misheard or understood or was mentally incapable of understanding its contents.

The declaration was read by the police magistrate at the inquest held on the 9th of October, and was taken down verbatim, in shorthand by Miss Whitehead a sworn court stenographer. The police magistrate says he read it, correctly. Miss Whitehead says that what he said she took down correctly, and that afterwards she made a typewritten transcript of her shorthand notes. It is this transcript which is now offered in evidence.

I have no doubt that the evidence that the original document is lost and cannot be found. The police magistrate says that after the inquest, he put the two declarations, pinned to an information in an inside pocket of his overcoat, and that he has not seen them since. He does not know where they are; and although he has made diligent search in every place where the papers might be likely to be found, he has not found them. Mr. Henderson's evidence is to the same effect; he, too has made diligent and careful search around and about the police office, and has not been successful in discovering the lost documents. It has not been suggested by counsel for the prisoner that there is anything which might have been done towards discovering the papers has been left undone. It seems to be therefore upon this state of facts that the declaration may be treated as a lost document and that secondary evidence of its contents is admissible.

As to the second point, upon an indictment for murder, the dying declarations of the deceased are admissible in evidence, if it appears to the satisfaction of the judge that the deceased was conscious of his being in a dying state at the time he made them, and was sensible of his awful situation, even though he did not actually express any apprehension of death, and his death did not ensue, until a considerable time after the declarations were made.

The general principle upon which this species of evidence is admitted, is that they are declarations made in extremity when the party is at the point of death, and when every hope of this world is gone; when every motive to falsehood is silenced, and the mind is induced by the most powerful considerations to speak the truth, a situation so solemn and so awful is considered equal to that which is imposed by the law as creating an obligation by a positive oath administered in a court of justice. The result of the decisions is that there must be a settled hopeless expectation of imminent death; i.e., that the declarant must have abandoned all hope of living, but that he need not be expecting immediate death, i.e., within the day, though he must be expecting to die within a very short distance of time.

We have evidence of the girl's step-mother that at half past eight o'clock on Sunday evening (She died the next day at 3.05 p.m.), she visited the deceased girl, and that the latter said to her "Mother, I'm going to die. I have been to confession three times; I have received three times." She asked her step-mother to pray for her. There is the evidence of Mrs. Matilda O'Neill who says that she visited the sick girl, Sunday night, and that the latter asked her to forgive her, and to pray for her. There is the evidence of Mrs. Leila Leech, who also visited her on Sunday evening. Mrs. Leech says she was sent for to visit the dying girl at the hospital. It seems that they were not very good friends, having had a quarrel, and the deceased girl asked Mrs. Leech to forgive her for the fight they had had. There is evidence that a clergyman of the church to which she belonged visited her the night before the day of her death, and remained some time with her. And strongest of all is the statement of the girl embodied in the declaration which she signed, of "having a full consciousness and belief of im-

mediately approaching death and without hope of recovery," that she recognized the awful seriousness of her condition. In view of this evidence of the girl's condition of mind, and of her expectation of death, I am of the opinion that the evidence tendered, is admissible and I accordingly admit it, subject to the objection of counsel for the prisoner, and saving to her all just exceptions.

The dying declaration as admitted was read by the clerk. In Miss Frontin declared that about September 9 she had gone to Mrs. Bessie Parker in Main street, and described what had taken place there. It also contained reference to a second visit.

Detective Patrick Biddiscombe in the witness stand, told of the detectives' connection with the case, the signing of the declaration by the girl. He said that Miss Frontin identified the accused as "the woman." The accused started to speak but the magistrate stopped her.

Later the witness said, he and Donohue went to the home of the accused and met Mrs. Gosling, her mother at the door. They searched the premises. He found a needle, a knitting needle, stuck over a sink in the kitchen, down behind a board. The needle was put in evidence. He described the plan of the house.

To Mr. Fowler the witness said he was a married man. He had heard about the Great War and of the knitting of socks. Some were similar to the one produced in evidence.

Ferris On Stand.
William Ferris was next called. He said he had known Mary Frontin between three and four years. He had met her at a dance. He had seen her about a month before her death. This was in Union street. He knew of her condition but did not know who was the father of her child. When he met her at a dance, he had given her \$40. Dr. Wallace attempted to ask the witness why he had given her the money and the judge ruled the question out.

Dr. Wallace quoted from Cox's Criminal Cases in support of his question and considerable argument ensued. Finally the witness said he gave her the money because she demanded it. He did not see her after.

To Mr. Ritchie the witness said he had never been at the girl's house, but knew where she was employed.

Dr. H. L. Abramson, provincial pathologist told of the post-mortem. He gave a technical explanation of what he found.

Dr. C. M. Kelly, member of the visiting surgical staff of the hospital, gave the evidence of the post-mortem.

Dr. Victor Davidson rehearsed his knowledge of the case. His evidence was very similar to previous medical evidence. He considered the girl rational on Monday when he saw her. He was present when Magistrate Ritchie read a statement to the girl and he saw her sign it.

NEW TEXT BOOKS, AND CHEAPER, FOR PROVINCE SCHOOLS

Declared to be in Prospect After Education Board Session—Gov't Meeting Continued.

Improved school text-books at cheaper rates are in prospect in the Province of New Brunswick as a result of consideration of the matter, which was given at a meeting of the Board of Education here today in connection with the meeting of the Provincial Government. The series now in the schools has been in use for about twenty years and is in need of revision. Three new series are under consideration, two of which are the Canadian and Atlantic series. The adoption of either of the series is expected to mean a considerable reduction in the cost of the books. The board has also under consideration the adoption of a new arithmetic series, compiled by Amos O'Brien, who was well known as a teacher in the schools of Westmorland County. Other routine matters were also taken up.

This afternoon the Government will consider the matter of assistance to the Carnival Committee in connection with the holding of a sportsmen's show here during Carnival Week; the appointment of an athletic commission will have jurisdiction over professional boxing exhibitions in the province; the application of the Board of Fire Underwriters for amendments in the insurance law, and the report of the N. B. Hydro Electric Power Commission on the proposed development of the Grand Falls.

FALES-CLARKE
A wedding of local interest was solemnized in Lawrence, Mass., on January 10, when Rev. G. F. Beecher, pastor of Lawrence, united in marriage Miss Frances Baker, daughter of George Clarke, Murray street, and Frank Smith Fales, also of St. John. Beautiful presents were received among which was a diamond studded string of pearls from the bride's sister, Mrs. Arthur Ross, of Montreal, and a substantial check from her father, Mr. and Mrs. Fales, who reside in New Hampshire for the present, where the groom is the representative of the Gulf Refining Company. Many friends of both bride and groom in St. John will extend best wishes.

COUNTY ESTIMATES.
At an adjourned meeting of the Municipal Council finance committee this morning estimates of interest and sinking fund charges were considered and were still under consideration when the meeting adjourned for lunch. Amongst the matters to come up this afternoon will be contingencies and unforeseen expenses.

LOCAL NEWS

POLICE COURT.

One lone prisoner for drunkenness appeared in the Police Court this morning. He was fined the usual amount of \$8 and was told he was liable to \$200 more. Two men sought the police station for protection last night and were provided with a night's lodging. Today was City Court day, and the usual number of civic matters was taken up.

FREDERICTON WEDDING.

Fredericton, Jan. 10.—This afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ida A. Gibson, Miss Marion Gibson and E. R. Blackmer, of this city, are to be married. Many social functions have been held for the bride-to-be, some of them not being attended by the bride who was kept at home through illness. She has now recovered.

FURNESS LINE PLANS

The Furness Line sailings between this port and London via Halifax, will be resumed soon with the sailings from here of the Cornish Point on January 31, followed by the Rapidan on February 18. It is planned to keep a fortnightly service between St. John and London similar to that formerly operated.

A RECORD CROWD.

Nearly a thousand people, young and old, realized last evening what a boon the South End open air skating rink is on a fine night. The large rink was crowded the whole evening. Staid citizens and their wives enjoyed the skating as much as did the younger folk, and Stewart's Melody Band of colored players gave a fine musical programme. It was the biggest night in the history of the rink.

HERE FOR POTATOES

The San Benito, a United Fruit Company steamship boat, arrived this morning from Boston to load potatoes for Havana, and will sail tonight or tomorrow morning. The ship was accompanied from Boston by C. F. Schreder, commercial freight agent for the United Fruit Company. This ship is one of the newest of the fleet, being electrically driven. She is commanded by Captain Jackson, who formerly sailed to and from St. John with the Anchor-Donaldson Line.

ENJOYED WHIST

The weekly meeting of the Last Car Club was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Nickson, Mr. Angel and Miss Nickson being the entertainment for the evening. Five tables of progressive whist were played. The winners were T. C. Nickson and C. L. Mofford. Consolation prizes were awarded to White and T. Olton. Dainty refreshments were served during the interval, and arrangements made for a social and dance to be held at the latter part of the month. A most enjoyable evening finished with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

HIGHLY PRAISED.

The third and last performance of "Fine Feathers" was given in St. Vincent's Auditorium last evening by the Y. M. C. L. Dramatic Club and was attended by a large audience. The play probably went over even more smoothly than on the previous evenings, and the players scored notable successes in their parts. Very favorable comment has been heard on all sides by those who witnessed the production, and it has been styled the best amateur offering ever presented in the Cliff street auditorium. The play will next be seen in Moncton for the skating association in that city on January 19 and 20.

RACES ON LAKE, SATURDAY.

That he expected to have more than 100 entries for the coming schoolboy skating meet was the word given this morning by Ernest Stirling, physical director of the Y. M. C. L., under whose auspices the meet is being held. All boys under seventeen years of age are eligible, and as the time draws near those who have not yet sent their names are requested to do so immediately. The first series of the meet will be staged on Saturday afternoon at Lily Lake, when the ten and twelve-year-old classes will be run off. Arrangements are now about completed, and everything points to a first-class meet. Officials have been chosen. International rules will prevail.

CARPENTERS' PAY 60 CENTS; SAME AS 1922

At a meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union, held here last evening, it was decided to fix the wages for the year, sixty cents an hour. After March 1, the initiation fee for membership in the local union will be raised from \$5 to \$10, so the financial secretary, Thomas Halsall, announced today.

CULLUM LODGE HAS INSTALLATION

At a meeting of Cullum Lodge, No. 36, Loyal Orange Benevolent Association on Tuesday night in the Temple Building, Main street, Mrs. Planders of Plaster Rock, provincial grand mistress and Mrs. Woodland, supreme grand director of ceremonies installed officers as follows:—Most Worthy Mistress, Mrs. Robert Beard; deputy mistress, Mrs. O. C. Ward; chaplain, Mrs. Kirkpatrick; recording secretary, Mrs. W. J. Edwards; financial secretary, Mrs. Dryden; treasurer, Mrs. D. Bewick; lecturer, Mrs. Anderson; director of ceremonies, Mrs. Rowley; inner guard, Mrs. Laskey; outer guard, C. Clarke; senior committee member, Mrs. Mealy; committee members, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Reid; trustees, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Dryden and Mrs. Edwards; guardian, Robert Beard; auditors, Mr. Clark and Mr. Beard.

The members of the lodge presented to Mrs. Planders a silver butter dish as a token of their gratitude for her assistance. She replied in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Planders and Mrs. Joseph Taylor, supreme grand chaplain, gave addresses on the work of the Society. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers. Mrs. Planders then presented to Mrs. Beard, newly elected mistress of Cullum Lodge, a jewel of the order and Mrs. Beard replied in a fitting manner. The work of the past mistress, Mrs. Silliphant, was spoken of in a grateful way. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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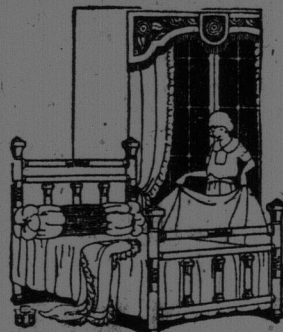
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