

Murder Intended, but Child Died Natural Death, the Jury Says

Interesting Case in Edmonton—Needles put in Child's Brain when it was young, to Kill it, but were not Direct Cause of Death—Dr. A. R. Landry, Chief Witness.

Edmonton, Mar. 31.—Medical history was made in Edmonton last night—history that will probably be heralded around the world. Through the startling testimony of a medical expert who has specialized on autopsies and the testimony of a local physician, it was revealed that Frankie Green, the five-year-old daughter of Mrs. William Lowe, 445 Gallagher street, came to her death as the result of being afflicted from birth with what medical practitioners call "enlargement of the Thymus gland," and that while the presence of needles in the brain of the child may have contributed in a small measure to death, the other affliction was the direct cause.

A jury was empanelled by Coroner Dr. Porin, and the inquest was held last night in the city police court room. It was an inquest that will probably go down in the criminal, as well as medical annals of Alberta as the most remarkable inquest ever held for several reasons. Among the conclusions reached were: That five needles penetrating the upper cavity of the child's brain did not cause death—Dr. A. R. Landry, that death was directly due to enlargement of the Thymus gland—Dr. A. R. Landry.

That the needles were placed in the child's brain with intent to destroy the child in infancy—Dr. Porin. That Mrs. William Lowe, mother of the deceased child, perjured herself under oath throughout the inquest—Dr. Porin.

Dr. A. R. Landry was the star witness at the inquest, and through his expert knowledge of autopsies his testimony probably contributed much toward impressing upon the jury the fact that Frankie Green did not die as the result of five needles being imbedded in the brain. He said that he had held a post-mortem over the body of the deceased, and found no bruises about the head which might give a clue to the presence of needles in the brain. There were no burns or scalds on the head, but the condition of the lungs indicated congestion, and the Thymus glands, which weigh about three or four grams, actually weighed twenty-five grams, a weight so absolutely abnormal as to contribute very largely to the instantaneous death of the child.

Needles in Brain 3 Years. There was no evidence of the needles penetrating the skull or scalp of the deceased, and although it was quite possible to penetrate the scalp with a needle, it was physically impossible to penetrate the skull with the same instrument, Dr. Landry concluded. He told of how he had tried to penetrate the skull with a sharp instrument with a hammer on the hard bone of the skull and how the needle had been broken off, part of it being placed in the child's brain while she was about one year old and before the soft spot on the top of the child's head known to the medical profession as the "anterior fontanelle," which usually in a normal child closes after the age of 18 months, had actually closed. In other words, according to Dr. Landry, Frankie Green carried five needles in her brain at least three years.

Dr. Landry further stated that the clubbing of the fingers of the child indicated that the deceased must have suffered intensely from some physical defect of the chest or heart, indicating either heart trouble or tuberculosis, and that a child in such condition would probably suffer from asthma and would be short-winded, which testimony was substantiated at the first inquest by a witness who was generally credited by the medical men interested in the case.

Dr. J. G. Campbell, who was summoned to the bedside of Frankie Green on the morning of March 15, was called as a witness at the inquest last night and in almost every detail substantiated the testimony of Dr. Landry.

Coroner Charges Perjury. Mrs. William Lowe mother of Frankie Green, was called to the witness box and closely questioned by Dr. Porin. The coroner had perjured herself throughout the inquest, as her statements concerning her history both in Edmonton and in Texas where she lived before coming to Edmonton had conflicted with those of Lowe, whom she claimed was her third husband. Among other things Mrs. Lowe made the startling statement that she had been married three times, twice to men named Green and the third time to Lowe. At the first inquest Mrs. Lowe said nothing whatever about being married to two Mr. Greens, but last night she insisted that she married William Green first and after his death had married a man named Warren Green. The latter died and she married Lowe.

Dr. Porin launched upon a scathing arraignment of Mrs. Lowe. He stated that she said she was married in a courthouse, and Lowe himself had said they were married in a tent; that she had said her first husband had died, and that as a matter of fact she had received communications from relatives in the United States which indicated that Green was still alive. In conclusion, the coroner insisted that Mrs. Lowe or Green, or whatever she calls herself, did not know what she was talking about and that if she did that she was perverting herself right and left. She was asked by Dr. Porin if she knew who put the needles in Frankie Green's brain. In asking the question the coroner said he did not expect she would tell what she knew anyway, and he was right. The witness was then dismissed.

Dr. Revell was among the other witnesses called. He said that upon ex-

mother of the child and the witness, Lowe (his contradictory nature), was would recommend that they be deported as undesirable.

History of the Case

The case of Frankie Green has attracted considerable attention not only in Edmonton but in other Canadian cities as well. It first came to the police through Mrs. J. G. Campbell and A. R. Landry. On the morning of March 15, Dr. Campbell was called to the Lowe home, 445 Gallagher street, to attend Frankie Green. When the physician arrived at the home, the child was dead. Upon examining the deceased, Dr. Campbell noted peculiar circumstances, which led him to call into consultation Dr. Landry. An autopsy was decided upon, and the physicians decided to send the stomach and head of the deceased to the provincial analyst. The work of the analysis completed, the work of dissection of the body was started.

It was while cutting the brain that Dr. Landry's surgical instrument suddenly came in contact with a hard substance. The expert examined the brain tissues and discovered five needles imbedded in the membrane.

Arrests Were Ordered

The arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, foster father and the mother of the deceased child respectively, were ordered. They were held in jail a few days and were later released on bonds with the understanding that they would be required to tell all they knew about the case when called upon.

Medical Men Interested

While the machinery of the law was being placed in such shape that a thorough investigation could be made of the terminal phase of the case, over 40 local practitioners were interested themselves in the medical side. X-ray photographs of the brain with the five needles penetrating the membrane were taken, and four of the photographs, which are excellent specimens of photographic art showing the brain and even the eyes of the common farming needles, were on exhibition at the hearing last night.

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Will Be Deported

Throughout the hearing last night, Mr. Lowe maintained a stoical silence. Mrs. Lowe endured unflinchingly the gruesome details of the description by Dr. Landry, chief Campbell of the methods used by them in the Frankie Green case to dissect the various parts of the child's anatomy, but after the case had been severely flayed by Dr. Porin for his conflicting testimony at the inquest she broke down and wept.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

April Moon Phases.
First Quarter..... 3 3:41 p. m.
Full Moon..... 10 9:25 a. m.
Last Quarter..... 17 3:52 a. m.
New Moon..... 25 7:22 a. m.

At St. John, N. B.
Sun. 12.03 6:01 18:24
Mon. 12.03 6:01 18:24
Tue. 12.03 6:01 18:24
Wed. 12.03 6:01 18:24
Thurs. 12.03 6:01 18:24
Fri. 12.03 6:01 18:24
Sat. 12.03 6:01 18:24

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of Marine and Fisheries, returned to the city yesterday from Ottawa.

W. P. C. Devlin of Ottawa is in St. John on a holiday.

Wm. Cruickshank, secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor came to St. John yesterday and registered at the Royal.

T. P. Charlson of Ottawa and Mrs. Charlson arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Easter holidays here.

J. B. M. Baxter, M.L.A., returned to the city yesterday from Fredericton.

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