

EVIDENCE IN MACLAUCHLAN INQUEST COMPLETED; VERDICT TO BE GIVEN THIS EVENING

The taking of evidence in the MacLauchlan inquest was completed last evening. The jury will consider the evidence tonight and if possible bring in a verdict. Last evening the witnesses examined were Dr. Murray MacLaren, Mr. Charles McDonald and Mr. Harvey Lillis Spangler. Little that was new was brought out in evidence.

At the close of Dr. Spangler's examination, Dr. Barryman informed the jury that the evidence was all in and that they were to decide whether they would give a verdict open or wait until tonight. They decided to have the inquest adjourned until this evening when it will be held in the room in the Court House generally used for inquests.

Dr. Murray MacLaren was the first witness called. He stated that he was president of the Medical Council. His attention had been directed to the death of Mrs. Annie MacLauchlan and he had called upon the coroner accompanied by the Medical Council to say that an inquiry was necessary. He had no personal knowledge of the case, his action being based on information received.

Dr. Spangler was then called but at the request of Mr. Teed stood aside. Chas. McDonald, tea merchant, was then called. Witness was a nephew of deceased, Mrs. Annie MacLauchlan. Knew of aunt's illness. Had heard that aunt had rheumatism. She never complained to witness of anything but heart trouble. Was at house of deceased the day she died. Dr. Emery was medical attendant during the latter part of illness. Deceased had told witness sometime near March 12 that Dr. Spangler had advised perfect rest for her.

Knew Nothing of Treatment. Witness knew nothing of treatment given deceased. Had seen medicine in the room. To Mr. Teed—Witness was present when it was decided to call in another doctor, Dr. Spangler, Mr. deForest and witness were present at that time. The name of Dr. W. W. White had been mentioned by Dr. Spangler. Dr. White was mentioned because he had treated the patient before. Dr. White was ill at the time.

When Dr. Spangler suggested that a medical doctor be called in Mrs. MacLauchlan expressed a desire that Dr. Spangler would continue to visit her. Dr. Spangler said he would. Before official inquiry, no inquiry concerning the treatment given deceased had been made. To Dr. MacRae—Mrs. MacLauchlan had spoken to witness of no other trouble but heart trouble. Was personally aware that Mrs. MacLauchlan had used medicine described. Witness was surprised that deceased sat up contrary to the orders of the doctors. Had seen medicine in the sick room at one time. To Mr. Teed—Dr. Spangler had objected to so many visitors. Deceased had complained of heart trouble long before time of her death. To Dr. MacRae—Witness on March 12 begged his aunt to have another physician.

Dr. Spangler on Stand. Dr. Harvey Lillis Spangler then took the stand. He stated he had been a resident of St. John about eight years. Came to Canada eleven years ago in a steamer. He went to Halifax first. Lived in St. John a

SCOTT ACT CASES COMING BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., April 12.—The Easter term of the Supreme Court will open here tomorrow morning with a trial of the Scott Act cases. Barker and other members of the bench arrived this morning.

One of the interesting cases to be heard at the term is that in the paper of ex parte R. Z. Walker, and L. C. R. St. John, who was charged with the violation of the Scott Act following a seizure of liquor at the I. C. R. station. The contention is raised that the section of the Scott Act preventing shipping of liquor into Scott Act counties cannot refer to the intercolonial which is a government owned railway.

There are also appeals of cases of several St. John wholesale liquor dealers found guilty of shipping liquor into Woodstock where the Scott Act is in force.

The case of protest of the Carleton County by-election is also to come up in a motion by Mr. A. B. Connell, K. C., for review of taxation of costs under the rule making advertising of the petition again necessary.

The docket follows: Motion Paper. 1. Controverted elections. For trial of elections petition for the County of Carleton. William J. Owens, petitioner, and George William Upham respondent. Mr. A. B. Connell, K. C., to move for a review of taxation of costs under rule made in binary term last, in this matter setting aside order of Mr. Justice McLeod. 5. The same—Mr. W. P. Jones, K. C., the like. 6. The same—Mr. W. P. Jones to move to amend rule made in binary term last, in this matter. 4. Receiver General of New Brunswick, petitioner, vs. George A. Buttiner and Mary Ann Buttiner, executors

short time after that. Then went to Moncton, then to St. John. Before coming to Canada had resided in Missouri. Was an osteopath by profession. Osteopathy was the science of treating disease without the use of drugs. It depended on the use of the vital fluids of the body. Graduate of Kirksville. Was graduated from the American School of Osteopathy of Kirksville, Mo., that institution was recognized throughout the United States. His diploma conferred the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. The coroner asked that the degree be produced and it was sent for.

Could Not Register Here. Witness said he had never applied for registration in New Brunswick. He had not done so because the Medical Act of New Brunswick made it impossible for him to qualify on account of a clause regarding time. The course in osteopathy covered three years of nine months each. Witness qualified in surgery, anti-septics, antidotes, poisons and anaesthetics. Osteopaths never prescribed medicine. If a patient required medicine he had to go to a man who did prescribe medicine.

Treatment of Deceased. Began to treat late Mrs. MacLauchlan on February 4th, 1899. She had stated to him that she had suffered from rheumatism. She did not have rheumatism and witness did not treat her for it. Saw Mrs. MacLauchlan in his office on February 4th, 5th and 6th. Saw her again February 12th. After that whenever necessary until March 12th. On that day about 7.30 p. m. was told at his door by a man that Mrs. MacLauchlan had a bad turn and witness was wanted to see her. Witness found Mrs. MacLauchlan in bed. She was in a normal condition, except for shortness of breath and a rapid heart. Witness talked to her and retired with Mrs. C. W. deForest. This discussed the case and witness insisted that another doctor be procured. They returned to the sick room. Patient protested against getting another doctor. Witness said a friend might give her a little brandy but he himself could not without getting into trouble.

Complications. In February complications were present. In March conditions were different. In February Mrs. MacLauchlan was suffering from pronounced indigestion, constipation, pains in both legs, heart action was too rapid. Witness suspected inactivity of kidneys and disturbance in pelvic viscera. No one organ was performing its work properly. His Treatment. He explained condition to patient and advised her to give up tea and coffee, stay at home, rest and take nutritious food. Directed treatment to the pelvic region and to renal splanchic region. Also treated her over the sacrum which was with some work over the hip. Legs were not manipulated. On February 12 he called upon Mrs. MacLauchlan and continued the treatment. Until March 12 he did not manipulate the legs. Called Another Doctor. On March 12 advocated calling in registered practitioner for self-protection. Had thought of and suggested such a course before March 12. Continued on page 4.

With election day but a few days off the political atmosphere as far as civil honors are concerned has cleared to quite an extent. From every indication it would seem that there will be no contest in Wellington, Lorne or Dukes Wards, and that Ald. Christie, Ald. Holder and Ald. Vanwart will be returned without opposition. The same seems to be true of Ald. McGoldrick in Stanley, although there were rumors yesterday to the effect that opposition to the genial alderman might develop in an unexpected quarter.

On West Side. In Brooks and Guys Wards there are straight fights, Ald. Baxter against Dr. Kenney, Ald. Baikin against J. Fred Bolyea. Ald. Lewis May Withdraw. Yesterday there was a report current that Ald. Lewis, the veteran representative of Sydney Ward, might not again be a candidate. If such is the case there will be a straight election with F. J. Kerr and W. G. Scovell as opponents.

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Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 12.—While the ice bridge still holds owing to the cold weather reports have reached here that from Grand Falls to a few miles above Woodstock the ice ran out today and the river is clear for that distance. Ex-Ald. John B. Scott, river driving contractor on the Lower Corporation is here today sending his horses through to Woodstock so as to be ready to get to work immediately.

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Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, April 12.—The Empire Hotel, at Swan River, Man., was burned early yesterday. Walter Livingston, a young homesteader from Minnesota, perished in the flames, while a number of other guests sustained injuries more or less serious. Few who were in the building saved anything except their night clothing.

SCOTT ACT WITNESS IS UNDER ARREST

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 12.—Mrs. Charles F. Black, who appeared as a witness last week against Mrs. Wallace, proprietress of the American Hotel, has been arrested on a charge of theft. Mrs. Black was formerly employed at the hotel and gave testimony to the effect that she assisted Mrs. Wallace in unpacking liquor goods. She has lately been employed by Chief of Police Rideout as a domestic and in making a search of the attic of his residence Rideout found a quantity of stolen goods.

TREND OF LIBERAL OPINION IN ONTARIO IS IN FAVOR OF PUGSLEY LEAVING CABINET UNTIL HE HAS PROVED HIS OWN STATEMENTS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 12.—Two over-enthusiastic, one indicative of Liberal opinion and a great deal of surmise, sum up the day's developments in the Pugsley business. Defiant Attitude. The first development is Mr. Pugsley's defiant attitude. It is evident that he intends to stay in the cabinet. He has uttered these statements in advance of his interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which will render his position harder should it be necessary for the cabinet to get along without him. Premier and Tweedie. The second development was the Premier's journey to Montreal to confer with Mr. Tweedie. It is significant that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been with Mr. Tweedie. One line of comment is that Mr. Pugsley's position is greatly compromised by the fact that Mr. Tweedie is implicated in the matter. A cabinet minister can remain in office under more easily than can a Lieutenant-governor whose position as representative of the Crown renders his position especially difficult in the event of his course awakening criticism. But if Mr. Tweedie goes, how can Mr. Pugsley stay? The Globe's Utterance. Thirdly comes the cryptic utterance of the Toronto Globe, abominating the wicked pursuit of Mr. Pugsley, but intimating that he will temporarily retire from office while fighting the beasts of Epehus in the law courts. This utterance has some importance as indicating the trend of Liberal opinion in Ontario. It would have some importance in foreshadowing the course of Liberal policy, but

NO OPPOSITION LIKELY IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE WARDS

In Kings the candidates are Timothy O'Brien, J. A. Lively and Frank S. Purdy. It is also rumored that there may be a third candidate in Queens where John Burley is opposing Ald. Elkin. Dufferin has three candidates in A. D. Willett, H. E. Codner and C. H. Ramsay. Straight Fight. In Prince and Lansdowne it is likely there will be but two candidates, R. T. Sprout and G. A. Knodell in the former and A. D. Rowan and Havelock Wilson in the latter. Many Candidates in Victoria. Victoria ward with Ald. Pickett retiring can boast four candidates, R. T. Hayes, R. R. Patchell, W. Green and James Mullican. Big Field At-Large. For the position of alderman-at-large the present four incumbents of the office and five others are in the field. They are Ald. Scully, Ald. Frank, Ald. Kelley, Ald. McGowan, John H. Sime, J. W. Montgomery, Chas. A. Clark, Frank L. Potts and J. V. Russell.

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Laurier and Tweedie had long talk

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WILL GO TO THE COAST.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., April 12.—It seems to be settled that the Toronto Lacrosse Club will go to the coast and that the dates will be July 1st and 3rd, although there are several difficulties in the way. Chas. J. Perry, of Wolfville, is at the Victoria.

AND. BAXTER, IN REPLY TO SUN'S FALSE STORY SAYS HE WILL RUN AND WIN IN BROOKS

"For the benefit of The Sun and for any persons who may desire the information I will state THAT BAXTER WILL NOT ONLY BE A CANDIDATE FOR BROOKS, BUT BAXTER WILL BE ELECTED FOR BROOKS." That is the statement which Ald. Baxter made at the special meeting of the Common Council yesterday afternoon in reply to the insinuation made by the Sun yesterday under the heading, "Alderman Baxter Will Quit the Job and Become Corporation Counsel."

Sun's Statement False. Ald. Baxter in a brief address characterized the Sun's statement as absolutely false and stated that NEVER HAD HE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN ADVANCEMENT BY ANY UNDERHAND METHODS, nor would he attempt to obtain the position now held by Recorder Skinner in any underhand way. His fellow aldermen in respect of party leanings applauded his statement.

Sun Had Not Asked Him. "When the morning luminary appeared before my eyes this morning, I noticed this in glaring type." Here the alderman proceeded to read the headlines quoted above. Continuing Ald. Baxter said the SUN HAD NOT EVEN TAKEN THE MOST ORDINARY PRECAUTION WHICH A NEWSPAPER COULD TAKE, that of calling him over the telephone and asking him concerning the rumor that he was to take the position mentioned. As far as the other

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Pugsley Must Go. Mr. Pugsley's enemies will thus succeed in depriving the province, during the investigation, of the services in the Dominion cabinet of one of the ablest men who has ever represented it there. What will that profit them? They probably flatter themselves that they have wounded a political foe. Mr. Pugsley enjoyed the most lucrative practice in the Maritime Provinces. He was undoubtedly returned to it. So that the only sufferers will be his own province, which loses his services in the Dominion Cabinet, and the country, which loses the full activities of an singularly well equipped public man.

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