the door for him. The noise was not loud but quick. (Witness here imitated it with her fingers on the edge of the witness box.) Witness went to open the hall door. Opened first that leading from the dining-room to the hall, when the noise ceased. Opened the hall door about half, sufficiently to admit the boy, but, finding that no one entered, closed the door slightly to ascertain the meaning of the hesitation. Then a flash passed across her face accompanied by a smell of powder. Witness thought it was a fire-cracker. Still held the bolt of the door in her hand, and, opening it somewhat, saw, on looking out, a man in stooping position on the right hand side of the door. Not seeing her son, witness closed the door and went back into the interior of the house to call her daughter. Thought that the man she had seen at the door-post had been stunned in some riot, and told her daughter that some one had been wounded. Then taking a lamp found blood scattered all over the floor inside. Then opened the door again, and observed that the figure, which was still against the stone door-post, was considerably more stooped than when she had first seen it. On presenting the light the figure instantly fell backwards, and from the glimpse of the face in falling, she knew that it was that of a dead man. Did not recognize it as Mr. McGee's. Then witness shut the door and called up Dr. Robitaille and the other boarders, who came down and found that it was Mr. McGee. His hat was on his head, and there was blood on the side-walk.

To THE COURT—The blood appeared quite fresh, not coagulated.

To MR. O'REILLY—Believes that the coroner and a doctor were sent for, but does not know by whom; has seen the prisoner before. Saw him twice in her own house. One occasion was five or six days before the murder, when he came in after tea with a man named Brice, each having a glass of wine. Saw the prisoner again at her house some short time afterwards, perhaps two or three nights before the death of Mr. McGee. This second visit was about 11 p. m. He was then alone. Witness was in the dining-room. Prisoner entered, after knocking, by the hall door next the dining-room. Witness, thinking the knock was that of one of her boarders, opened the door, and found that it was the prisoner. Prisoner then asked for a glass of wine. Witness said that it was rather late, but, from having seen him with Brice, (a messenger in the House), thought that he, too, was a messenger, and, as he was already inside, consented to serve him. Prisoner asked witness for a pen and ink (she had herself been writing in the dining-room) which she refused to give him. He then asked for a pencil, also refused, and for another glass of wine, which witness would not give. Prisoner pointing out that witness had pen and ink on the table, she replied that it was her privilege to give it or not, as she pleased. Then asked prisoner to go out, opening the door for him. Prisoner did go out, and witness saw him no more until the inquest.

Cross-examined by Hon. J. H. Cameron.—Her house has a public bar where other people than those living there may drink. Knew Brice, the messenger, with whom the prisoner first entered. On the occasion of his second visit only refused him drink on account of the lateness of the hour, not because he was intoxicated. There was a light at the head of the stairs on the night of the murder. Does not know what o'clock it was when Dr. Robitaille entered. Had no occasion to remark the hour that night. Witness' daughter was with her all the night lying down in the dining-room. The footsteps, which witness had heard passing the window swiftly, came from the direction of the Russell House. Witness had directed her son previously to tap at the door when he came home, lest he should by ringing disturb the boarders. He had so tapped on previous nights. Heard no other step at the time. When she first went out took no lamp. Heard no sound as of a latch-key being inserted, nor any other noise than that described. There was a brass bolt on the hall-door which could not be opened by a latch-key, and this bolt was shot on the night in question. The door was locked sometimes, but cannot say if it were that night. Witness admitted Dr. Robitaille herself, afterwards shooting the bolt as before. There was not so much as the breadth of the hall-door between it and the dining-room door, and the hall-door, when opened, would cover the dining-room door. Witness was standing in the opening of the latter, when opening the former