

ST. PIERRE ON

TRIAL FOR MURDER

(Continued)

utes later that McGoon saw the accused in the vicinity where the crime is supposed to have been committed. Two mysterious strangers are being mixed into the case. The defense has hinted of the two strangers. One witness who picked up the hat and handkerchief identified as belonging to Miss Stevens on Emerson avenue about one hundred feet from the famous fence at 9:20 in the evening of October 11th, said she met two men hurrying along the road coming from the direction of the fence. The witness was on the sidewalk. The men were unknown to the witness. At the time of the murder much importance was attached to the presence in town that day and night of two men who got out of the place in the early morning following the tragedy. Being in town at the time and their hurried get-away, according to rumor is to play some part in the defense to be put up is taken for granted. Tomorrow the cross-examination of McGoon will be continued after which it is expected Dr. Herbert, to whom the accused made some statements, will take the stand. Nineteen of the twenty-eight witnesses for the crown have been heard.

Edmundston, N. B., March 11.—The fourth day of the trial of William St. Pierre of this town against whom an indictment has been returned charging him with the murder of Minnie Stevens on the night of October 11 last contained some sensations, legal battles and evidence corroborating the testimony of little Charlie McGoon who has proved one of the main witnesses for the crown. The accused appeared in court today as a regular Beau Brummel. He looked as though he had stepped out of a fashion book. He was attired in a swell grey suit of latest style that came in for much discussion before the day had ended.

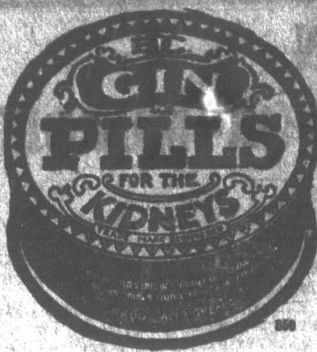
Mr. LeBlanc, who is conducting the examination of witnesses in behalf of the defense, continued his cross-examination of McGoon. He endeavored in every way to shake the story of the youthful witness but failed to make any material change in his story. The lad held steadily to his story of meeting St. Pierre at about 9:20 in the evening of Oct. 11th sitting on the fence where the crime is supposed to have had its beginning and afterwards watching the prisoner go down the river bank, look over the water and then proceed along a path coming out on Church street in the vicinity of the brick school house.

The defense endeavored to make much out of the admission of the witness that he had not told of the fence affair to Mr. Lawson of the crown's forces the first time he was interviewed by Mr. Lawson, but had told on the second interview of the meeting at the fence, of his receiving a quarter from St. Pierre with the request from the accused not to tell of his having run or "that he had seen him there."

Charles said he did not tell the first time because he had been given a quarter not to tell, but after having had a conversation with his father in consequence of the conversation he told the whole story to Mr. Lawson later.

The counsel for the accused endeavored to draw from Charlie an admission of having been informed that \$200 awaited the person who could give the right kind of evidence against St. Pierre. He did not succeed. During his long examination of the witness the counsel became peeved at Charlie's replies and got more or less peeved at Detective Crawford and asked the court to stop Crawford from sneering at him. The court said he had not seen any sneering.

Dr. Frederick Herbert a close personal friend of the accused, was the man of the hour today. He keenly felt his position but told a story of conversation with the accused. His story was in part as follows: "Have known the accused all my life. On the night of the dance at the hall, the accused came in a little after 11 o'clock and the first thing he said to me was 'I had a fight in Green River with three or four fellows.' Then he told me he had been covered with blood. I looked at him but could not



see any blood on his clothing or face, and told him so. He said he had been home and changed his clothing which had been covered with blood as well as his face.

"Later on he showed me what he said was a spot of blood on the left sleeve of his shirt. I did not pay much attention to it and took his word for it. I met him again on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Wednesday morning I went to the shop of the C. N. R. where he was employed. He passed the usual salutation and he immediately broke into the subject of Minnie Stevens' murder and said it was a terrible thing. I said yes, I felt kind of badly about it. He said: 'You do not feel as bad as I do.' I think I asked why. He said it was because his family felt so about it and it was nervous over his actions Monday night.

I asked him to hurry up and prove his actions of that night, or it would be taken up and he might be brought into court. I said, 'all you have to do is to get these fellows from Fort Kent you fought with that night.' He said he did not remember who they were. He said the only man who had been with him was a fellow from Fort Kent but he did not know where to get him. I then asked him what he would say if they questioned him, him to his story told at the dance but don't remember what he said.

I asked him if somebody else had seen him with blood on him as he had told me that he had blood on him. I said, 'if you do not know where you have been and cannot explain your actions what will you say about it?' I did not see any blood on you except on your shirt.' He then said that was not blood but a cigarette burn.

"He said, 'I guess I can fix it up somehow with the others.' I said: 'Do you think they will say it was not blood?' He said there was only one person and I am not sure whether she would say it was blood or not and that is my mother.' I told him we had better hurry up and find out where he had really been and get the matter cleaned up. He said: 'Do you really think they will suspect me of doing this thing?' I said 'I think they will.' He replied 'I might get twenty years or maybe hang.'

Later he came to my office and said: 'What we were talking about yesterday goes. I told him I could say it was the truth as I knew it under oath. He said he had told some at the dance that there was blood on him, but that was only to fool his partner, Max Martin.

I said you should not have done that. The next day I met him and told him things were looking bad for him. I said, if you have done this act you had better own up to it and prevent others from perjuring themselves; but he said: 'I did not do it.' His cross-examination comes tomorrow.

William Picard and Mrs. Bellmane, cousins, testified to having been walking that evening out Church street. When within twenty-five feet of the brick school house, several times referred to, they met the accused and spoke to him. Both witnesses testified to seeing the bloodstain on his left cheek and that it was quite large. They said it was about 9:25 or 9:30 in the evening. The time testified to by these witnesses corroborates the evidence of Charles McGoon that he saw the accused going along the river path towards the school house at about 9:20 or 9:25. At the time he was passed by the young couple he was wearing a blue suit.

About an hour later they testified to having seen the accused at the dance hall with the blood stains removed from his face and wearing a grey suit of clothes. At the dance hall Mrs. Bellmane said she danced with accused and she asked him about the blood stains on his face when she passed him on Church street. He told her it was the result of a fight he had with some men from Fort Kent.

On cross-examination of Mrs. Bellmane, Mr. LeBlanc put her through a hard course. He referred frequently to her deposition taken at the preliminary hearing, questioning some statements in variance with her testimony today in an effort to discredit her credibility. She clung to the story of today. It was brought out on re-direct examination that Attorney LeBlanc had called on the witness. She said that it was in his presence that the first suggestion was made that the stain on St. Pierre's face might have been iodine.

Mr. LeBlanc jumped to his feet in protest that he had suggested such a thing. The witness didn't claim he had suggested it, but that it had been suggested in his presence.

Mr. Johnson, manager of the dance hall and theatre, testified to the arrival of St. Pierre at the theatre of his wearing a grey suit and of his recital of having had a fight that night with three or four men from Fort Kent.

He asked Johnson if he looked all right to go to the dance. He pushed his hat back and enquired of Johnson if there were any scratches on his face. Johnson said the accused had been drinking and appeared nervous and worked up.

Leon Gagnon also testified to fight story as told to him by St. Pierre. The witness was asked to examine the grey suit the prisoner was wearing today. He did so and said it was similar to the suit St. Pierre wore at the dance only looked better pressed.

The Crown intimates the grey suit of today is a new suit, made of the same pattern of cloth as the suit worn

on October 11.

Mr. Bourgoin, bank clerk, testified to having been at the home of W. C. Albert on the evening of October 11 when Charlie McGoon delivered a telegram there. It was 9:25 when Charlie called there. This evidence was to corroborate the time Charlie said he saw St. Pierre at the fence as it is only a short walk from the fence to the Albert home.

There are four more witnesses for the Crown who will probably finish tomorrow.

It is expected the defence will endeavor to set up an alibi and endeavor to account for St. Pierre's movements from 8:45 till 9:40 on the night of October 11.

(Continued next week)

LOWER BRIGHTON

Miss Ruth Carroll of Lowell, Mass., arrived here on Monday last to spend a few months with Mrs. Stephen Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Clark spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Shaw.

The young people of this place had another birthday party last Tuesday evening at Mr. and Mrs. William Grant's for Winston Bradley.

Mrs. Addie Jordan of Upper Brighton has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Richardson.

The young people of this place drove to Alexander Shaw's at East Brighton last Wednesday evening and gave a farewell party for his nephew, Clifford Shaw, who expects to leave for Calgary Monday evening. Before the party broke up they presented him with a beautiful fountain pen.

Miss Madeline Wilson of Lakeville spent the weekend the guest of Miss Minnie McGee.

A number of young people from Hartland, East Brighton and Lower Brighton were very pleasantly entertained last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judd McGee. The evening was spent in games and music after which refreshments were served by the host and hostess.

Mrs. Geo. Teddie spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Shaw, Hartland.

Mrs. Frank Dickinson and Mrs. Frazier London spent Thursday at Mr. Clendinning's at Somerville.

James McClary spent a few days last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Low Saunders at Perth.

Mr. Wellington Shaw is working at S. W. Smith's mill at Stickney.

Miss Margaret Nixon who has been attending Business College at St. Stephen, returned home Saturday.

Miss Jennie Grant is working at Clifford Rideout's, Hartland.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nixon and Miss Margaret Nixon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Nixon at Hartland.

Miss Clara Nixon spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nixon.

JACKSONTOWN JOTTINGS

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burpee on Thursday, a large number being present.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lawrence the death occurred of their infant daughter from pneumonia on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Richardson are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

Mrs. Kinney from Greenfield is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Shaw.

On Friday Feb. 25, the young people had a surprise party for Arthur Burpee who has been laid up for several months with infantile paralysis.

Miss Carol Everett has charge of our school this term.

Several of the neighbors are attending the revival meetings at Waterville in the United Baptist church.

Mrs. Fred Smith is visiting relatives in Woodstock.

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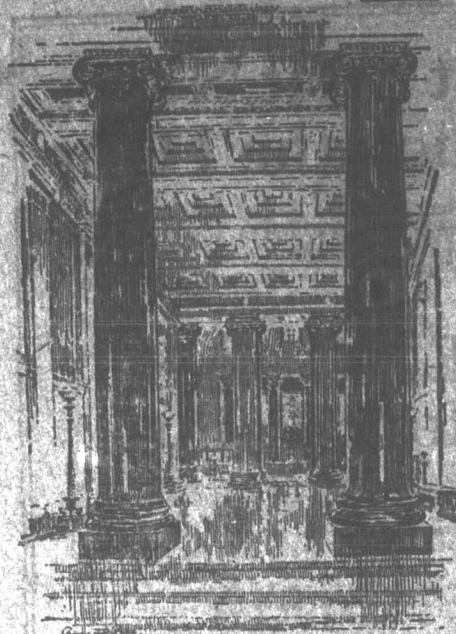
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