

SECOND CHAPTER ENDED.

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January. She came to the door and asked if I was home. My wife let her in and she followed my wife in the house. I was at dinner. I went to my office. In about ten minutes she came in and asked for some poison to kill foxes, saying she had three or four dozen hens and had lost all but three or four by foxes. She said she was living alone with a little boy, her husband having gone to the woods. I don't remember whether she asked particularly for strychnine. I advised her to keep it out of the way and warned her about children. I gave her a dram of strychnine, put up by Evans Bros., Montreal, in a bottle marked strychnine and poison. She paid me forty cents for it. Then she put it in her pocket and drew out a package and showed me a powder. I asked her if she was in the family way. She said, no, but others supposed her to be. I told her she had better burn it up or throw it away. The bottle I gave was in the original package. It was in a crystal state.

To Mr. Jones.—Strychnine is sold in my vicinity for poisoning foxes and I was not surprised at it being asked for. There was several for it before I got it in. She gave me her name as Mrs. Canovan. I did not know it was my duty to have a person identified before I sold her person strychnine. I knew I was to exercise all due caution. I will swear that Mary Tucker never bought strychnine from me. Do not think that I could have taken her for Mrs. Canovan.

When Patrick Canovan was put on the stand, defendants counsel objected to his giving evidence, unless he clearly understood that he was not to be examined.

The magistrate decided to take the evidence, noting Mr. Jones objection. Witness said:—I live in parish of Kent. Prisoner is my wife. We were married five years ago, and live about two miles from the Tucker place, in house of Ed. Carroll jr. I lived with Mrs. Tucker all last winter, and then went on farm of my own. After that I went to my father's and lived. I have been on good terms with Mr. and Mrs. Tucker. Never knew of them quarrelling with my wife. Saw a good deal of Minnie Tucker. She and my wife did not get on any too well. Whenever she would come to us they would be bad friends afterwards. I don't know cause of trouble. Heard my wife was jealous of her sister. Minnie used to come to my house and visit. My wifetwitted me with things she accused me of doing. She charged me and Minnie of being too intimate, one time this fall. She made this statement at Carroll's house before a number of people. She accused me of being too free with deceased. I never thought that my wife would do her sister any harm. I heard my wife tell her sister that if she did not stay away she would make her stay away. Tuesday night I stayed at Mrs. Tucker's. Minnie Tucker was not home when I went down from Carroll's. She seemed all right, came into the house on snow shoes. Did not hear any quarrelling that night. Mrs. Tucker would generally side in with which ever one was with her. I did not get my breakfast at Tucker's the day Minnie died. The wife came and called to me from the field where she was on snow shoes. The dead girl was lying on the floor. Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Canovan both said she was going to die. The girl was in convulsions. I asked her what was the matter, and would I get a doctor. All I heard her say was "Cursed be the day." Her father asked her where she would like to be buried if such a thing as she died. Her mother said "She always says she would like to be buried alongside of Annie Brewer." The dying girl made motions as if to say "Yes." I got a horse and took the old woman to Nat Cummings. I did not suspect poisoning until after the death, then suspected and thought I was in some danger myself.

To Mr. Jones.—Never heard that deceased said if she got into the family way she would poison herself rather than have another child.

The hearing was then adjourned till Saturday morning.

Saturday morning:—
Jas. Tucker, father of the prisoner and deceased, took the stand. He said:—I am going on 70 years of age. Have been married 25 years. He had three children living. Had four before the one that is poisoned—is supposed so. Just before death of my daughter, Canovan's wife came to my house to stay. Some nights Canovan stayed with me and some times at old man Carrols, where he worked. Previous to her death, deceased had been away from home some time. She got home Tuesday evening, 25th. My wife, Annie and I were home. Deceased looked to me very glassy about the eyes, but perhaps it was result of walking on snowshoes from Glassville. She said she had cramps. Deceased got her breakfast, but did not eat much next morning. She said she did not feel well. Noticed nothing unusual about her in the forenoon. Noticed she was mixing something in a cup, asked her what she was doing. She said she was mixing some ginger, that she had the cramps. I went to my work and next thing some one called me and said "Father, come in, Minnie is dying." I went in to the girl, she caught me and put her cheek against mine and said "Oh, father, father." That is all I saw of her. She lay some five feet from the stove. She had fits, and drew herself up in a bunch, and foamed at the mouth. Probably she was sick half an hour. My wife said the last words Minnie said "Oh, Pat, cursed was the day." Annie and Minnie were not good friends at all. They never came to blows, and one day were bad friends, the next day were kissing each other, like the manner of girls. The cause of the quarrelling was jealousy. "That is the cause of all this destruction with me." This girl's death has ruined me." Annie said "Pat had no business with Minnie." We had some spitting on the morning of Minnie's death, but no blows. Minnie and I had a jaw. She was like me, quick to jaw, and quick to get over it. My wife and Annie interfered. Minnie was well able to handle her tongue when the skirmish took place. She was of a loving disposition and would do anything for anyone. The mother was fond of both of her daughters. Annie went away on Saturday, saying she was going to Bristol to pay some taxes. I harnessed the horse. When she came back she said she had been

in Bristol. Prisoner felt very bitter towards deceased, as she had a right to. I did not hear Annie utter any threats against Minnie. I heard she told young Edward Carrol that she would do something to Minnie and Pat. Of course I was surprised at Minnie's death. Some dirty weed she took caused her death so suddenly. Any person, unless crazy, would not poison their own self. I think the cup she drank out of was put in the stove. I think Annie said so. After Minnie's death I said, surely ginger tea would not kill her. Next morning when I started the fire I noticed the remains of a cup in the fire. I did not hear Annie Canovan talk about buying strychnine to kill foxes, destroying her hens. She had no hens. There were foxes. I had some hens. I never used any poison. Annie had some hens at her own house, but killed them. That was when they lived at his father's place. They had none lately. "I have told the truth, gentleman. I will tell the truth, never fear." Minnie could walk on snowshoes as well as any Indian. "If Minnie were alive we would I daresay, have another spat, but, gentleman, I wish she was alive, and I would not be in this trouble."

To Mr. Jones—I had some hens, and they were good ones, too. Minnie's eyes looked glassy and red. She was overheated, I suppose from walking fast.

When the old man was recognized to appear at the circuit court, he did not at first appear to comprehend. Then what it meant dawned on him and he said "I will be there (at the court) and tell the truth. They that done the damage ought to hang for it, a life, for a life, gentlemen."

This concluded the hearing for today. The magistrate ordered the sheriff to commit Mrs. Tucker to gaol, intimating that the evidence was as strong against her as against the prisoner. When Mrs. Tucker heard this, she began to weep. The prisoner also wept.

The court then adjourned until Monday at 2 p. m. The officers in the meantime went to Glassville to get Ed. Carrol, Jun., and his wife, and Martin Vicar and his wife.

Sheriff Balloch drove to Glassville on Saturday and secured Martin Vicars, Mrs. Martin Vicars, and Mrs. Ed. Carrol, who were summoned as important witnesses. The sheriff brought the witnesses to Centreville, where they stayed all night, and on Monday, afternoon, arrived in town. At two o'clock in the afternoon the enquiring was resumed.

James Tucker was recalled. He said:—I saw Dr. Cumins have the tin box in court. I it in my house. Did not see it before three or four days before the death. I saw it on the dresser and looked at it. The missus told me it was Minnie's. I did not hear dead girl say anything but "Father, Father." I did not hear Minnie say she did it with her own hands. I think my wife told me deceased said that. I belonged to the old English church till I came to this country and I joined the Catholic church. We my wife and I both joined together.

To Mr. Jones.—I would not be sure that it was more than half an hour after the death that my wife told me Minnie said she committed the act herself.

The magistrate stated that it was intended to lay an information against Mary Tucker, and that the following witnesses' evidence would concern both her and her daughter.

Deputy-Sheriff Albion Foster related his connection with the arrest of the prisoner. He went first with Dr. Cumins when the inquest was being held. Mrs. Tucker told me she was glad the girl was dead. I said "Yes if she has struck the right place." Mrs. Tucker said the girl had gone to hell. She said the girl had died very hard.

Maggie Carrol, wife of Edmund Carrol, jr. said:—I new all parties concerned, for six or seven years. I am daughter of Martin Vicars. I saw Mrs. Canovan and Minnie a good deal. I have known Patrick Canovan as long as I can remember. He, his wife and deceased were at my place several times. Canovan and his wife lived at my house from first of November till quite lately and Minnie came often. There was always trouble when Minnie came. Mrs. Canovan was jealous of Minnie. She thought her husband was more attentive than he should have been. Minnie told me of this before Mrs. Canovan came. She said that Mrs. Canovan turned her out of doors once. Think this was in the last of November. One night when Minnie came there, Mrs. Canovan spoke to Minnie about going around with married men. Minnie said she would walk the roads with whom she liked and said Mrs. Canovan went with married men herself. They called each other names and said a lot I don't care to repeat. Mrs. Canovan told me another time that Minnie was trying to take her husband away from her. The said she was going to move to another settlement and if Minnie bothered her she would put her out of the way, if she had to hang for it the next day. Mrs. Canovan showed me a brown powder which Minnie had sent her. It was for her kid she said. She (Mrs. Canovan) said she was afraid it would poison her, she thought Minnie wanted to poison her. I advised her to show it to a doctor and she said she would. Witness here related some conversation had with prisoner regarding strychnine. When Minnie was there she expressed a fear about using a cup saying that she was afraid of being poisoned by Mrs. Canovan. Minnie asked me, if anything happened to her to look after her, as she was afraid of being poisoned. I do not remember hearing any threats made by Mrs. Canovan. This trouble between the sisters was common talk in the neighborhood. While at my house Mrs. Canovan was very bitter to her dead sister.

To Mr. Jones—I live in Johnville three or four miles from the church. My husband I think, spoke of strychnine and mentioned its deadly nature, as being put in a pool of water and killing wigglers. I would not swear that any threats were used the night of the big row between the sisters. Mrs. Canovan asked me the name of this stuff. I gave her the name strychnine.

To Mr. Appleby—I think she asked me three times the name of the poison. She did not say she wanted it. She did not have any hens when at my place.

Mary Vicar—Have lived in Johnville some 29 years. I am mother of previous witness. Know Tucker family. Know Patrick Canovan and never could say anything against him. I remember the two women having a quarrel. I heard Annie talk about her hus-

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band and Minnie. Annie said she did not think her husband was to blame but that Minnie ran after him. She showed me some powder that her sister Minnie had sent her. She said she was afraid that it would poison her. I understood Annie to say that if Minnie bothered around her husband, she would not live to see spring.

To Mr. Jones—I did not hear any threat made that night.

Martin Vicar, husband of previous witness. Have lived thirty-five years in Johnville. "I calculate to die there if nothing happens me. Nothing ever happened me yet. This was the first court I was ever in." I know Tucker family, and Patrick Canovan (and a nice man he is too.) I was at Carrols one night when there was some quarrel between Annie Canovan and Minnie Tucker.

What was the talk?
If I told the talk it would make the whole court run away. (Laughter).

Continuing witness said:—Pat Canovan was playing the fiddle, that evening. By the talk between Annie and Minnie, the former was jealous of her sister. I did not hear Annie accuse Minnie of running after her husband. I did not hear any threats made. I do not know what they were quarrelling about. It might be jealousy. I heard that Annie Canovan was jealous, but neither Annie nor Pat told me anything of it.

Sent Up for Trial.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, court again met when the prisoners, Annie Louise Canovan and Mary Tucker were committed for trial on the charge of murdering, by poison, Mary Tucker, jr.

Before committal, Mr. Jones objected to the prisoners being sent for trial until result of the analysis of the stomach was made known. He particularly objected, if it were the intention of the crown to withhold from the defence the result of that analysis, with a view of giving the crown an advantage. Such a course was not consistent with our boasts of British justice.

Mr. Appleby said the attorney general was the custodian of the people in this case, and it was under his instructions that he acted. With the evidence now before the magistrate he thought there was quite sufficient to commit. In fact he had never known during his life of a stronger case, as against Mrs. Canovan, made out in an examination of this kind.

The police magistrate said that Mr. Jones' point about the possible withholding of the result of the analysis of the stomach from the defence was good. To do so would be a reflection on our boast of freedom. But he was sure the attorney general would see that the defence was amply furnished with information from such analysis. He had no option but to commit the prisoners, as the case stood very strong against them, especially against Mrs. Canovan, and if the analysis

of the stomach revealed the presence of strychnine, he thought the defence would have very little to offer against the crown's theory.

When asked if she had anything to say Mrs. Canovan said "No, sir."

When Mrs. Tucker was asked a similar question, she shook her head, and then began to cry.

The circuit court, at which this case will be tried will meet on the 26th of April. It is said that Chief Justice Tuck will preside.

PARLIAMENT

Is Now in Session at Ottawa.

Parliament opened on the 3rd. inst. The following is an epitome of the speech from the throne.

The loan recently effected has shown that the credit of Canada has never stood so high in European markets, and affords reasonable ground for expecting that the burthens of the people will, in the near future, be materially reduced by the substitution of a much lower rate of interest on our indebtedness than that which now exists.

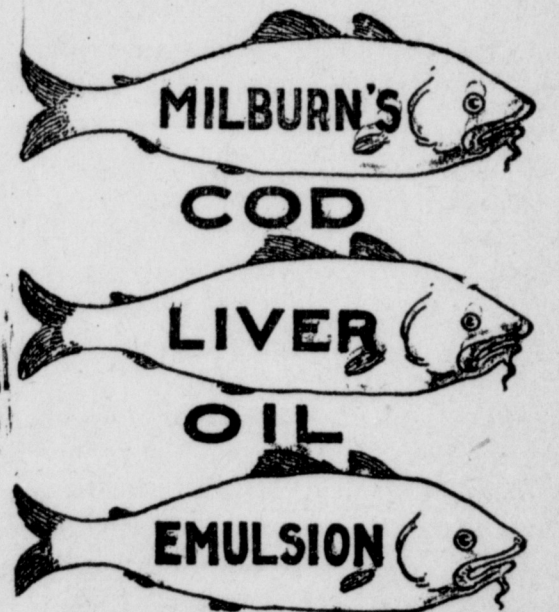
I congratulate you upon the exceedingly cordial reception accorded to the representatives of Canada at the Jubilee Ceremonials, and also upon the warm appreciation manifested everywhere throughout the Mother Country in reference to the conduct of Canada in materially reducing the rate of duty upon goods imported from the United Kingdom into the Dominion.

The action of the Imperial Government in denouncing the treaties which Germany and Belgium, also affords most satisfactory evidence of their desire to facilitate your efforts to promote the closest possible commercial relations between Canada and the remainder of the Empire, and will, I trust, contribute materially to the development of Imperial trade.

The extraordinary gold discoveries recently made upon the Yukon and its tributaries, appear likely to result in an enormous influx of people into that region, and have compelled the Government to take prompt action for the preservation of law and order in that distant and almost inaccessible locality; measures will be laid before you for that purpose.

A contract has been entered into, subject to your approval, for the completion at the earliest possible moment of a system of rail and river communications through Canadian territory with the Klondike and principal gold fields, which it is expected will secure to Canada the larger portion of the lucrative traffic of that country.

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The address in reply was moved by Mr. Bertram of Toronto and seconded by Mr. Garveau of Temiscouata. Sir Charles Tupper in his speech denounced the Toronto World for charging him with being corruptly connected with the Yukon railway contract. Mr. Laurier said that in the art of blowing his own trumpet, Sir Charles was unexcelled. Mr. McLean of the Toronto World, replied to Sir Charles claiming that he should have consulted his party, before publishing his views favoring the construction of the Yukon railway.

Six Firemen Perish.

At a fire in Boston on Saturday last Chief Egan and five other firemen lost their lives while attempting to subdue the flames. Their devotion to duty and their dauntless bravery was equal to that of any soldiers on any battlefield.