

Five Witnesses Were Heard Friday: To Continue Monday

Some Sensational Points Raised in Testimony of Five Witnesses Yesterday—Hearing to be Continued on Monday Morning at 10 a. m.—Saw Carr Girl Rush from House, Slamming Door, Fixing Skirt on Day of Murder Witness Said—Girl Complained of Being Robbed to Down Stair Tenants—Counsel Clash Over Locks—Magistrate Takes a Hand—“Corn Cake” Recipe Given Accused by Miss Strong, Down Stair Neighbor.

A hectic Friday afternoon, fraught with rather startling disclosures by five witnesses, together with rabid and at times heated intercourse of attorneys, as well as the more modulated remarks of the police magistrate, saw the preliminary hearing in the Isabel Carr murder hearing closed temporarily. Magistrate Walter Limerick adjourned the hearing until Monday morning at 10 a. m. after a 3-hour session.

Isabel Carr, 17-year-old servant girl in the Clark homestead, charged with the murder of her aged mistress, Mrs. C. N. Clark on Thursday, August 7th at her home in Brunswick street, sat through the hearing yesterday apparently unmoved.

Her calm composure in the face of such a serious charge, has been maintained since her arrest, on the night of the murder. Throughout the hearing the young girl, whose tearful parents have been spectators at the police court, has shown no obvious concern. Her face, always with her shell rimmed glasses and her eyes shaded barely visible, by a yellow hat, is puzzled, almost oblivious of her surroundings.

Points brought out at yesterday afternoon's hearing were a web which encircled more closely the Carr girl in its tenacles. Defense attorneys broke down testimony, but through the shattered remains rose matter begging for explanation, and taking on a deeper, more significant hue as each witness was called.

Yet out of all said, no tangible or all convincing marks of evidence showed to place the hand of guilt on any one person.

Door Slammed

The slamming of a door, a misplaced corn cake recipe, the mention of a theft of some dresses from Miss Carr, by the young girl herself to the downstairs tenant, long before the murder; and finally, argument by counsel over the lock on the Clark front door, were all points of intense meaning, had any one a key to unlock the door to the solution. All of these were gone over at Friday's hearing.

Blood Stains

Inspector Bird's testimony was not of a enlightening nature, he telling a straight forward story on his going to the scene of the crime and his actions following this. About the only new point was the discovery of a pair of sponge rubber Oxfords under the mattress in the Carr girl's bedroom which had noticeable blood stains on them.

Peter Farrell's evidence was of more lucrative nature. He told of seeing the Carr girl, come out of the Clark home on the afternoon of the murder at a time between 12.30 and 1 o'clock and after slamming the door rush across the lawn and onto the sidewalk. Mr. Farrell lives next door to the Clark home, and was home for luncheon. After eating he had seated himself on the veranda and was casually reading his paper.

As the girl reached the sidewalk she shook her skirt, as if trying to shake off something witness said.

She looked up at Mr. Farrell as she passed, giving him a surprised earnest look, so the witness interpreted it. She seemed in a great hurry, Mr. Farrell said. He saw no one else around the Clark home during that time, the witness said.

The Misses Strong in their testimony disclosed an amazing knowledge of Miss Carr's personal effects and told of her having bought new clothes, and showing them to them. Miss Elizabeth Strong was able to

name almost verbatim the list of clothes, which Miss Carr had in her wardrobe. Among other things, the witness remembered Miss Carr owning a pair of rubber soled shoes sporty in make.

Corn Cake Matter

A corn cake recipe, which was in evidence, and found in the Clark home, was shown to Miss Elizabeth Strong and she identified it as the one, that Isabel Carr had asked her to give her, and which she did. This was one of the prosecution's best bets.

The prosecution pointed out that the Clark front door might not lock if it was slammed, but might easily spring open again. The defence by cross questioning learned that the door would likely have to be slammed to shut it, and the fourth witness, Miss Strong admitted that it was habitual for her to close the door with more than ordinary force. Others employed the same method when shutting the door.

Mrs. Estabrooks, the last witness noticed Isabel hanging a dress out on the line the night of the murder. Isabel had shown her a red dress one time, which she said she had got from her uncle in Niagara Falls.

Inspector Bird

Inspector John Bird, of the Provincial Police, was the first witness called at the Friday afternoon session. Witness told of his having been called to the Clark home on the afternoon of the murder. He told of going into the home with Chief of Police Nathaniel Jones and witnessing the body of Mrs. Clark lying on the floor of the kitchen in a pool of blood.

W. J. West, conducting the prosecution asked if witness heard the Carr girl say anything. Witness said no.

Witness viewed body at coroner's inquest and then left for Police office. Witness later went back to the Clark home and he and Chief Jones of the local police made a search of back part of the house.

On the balcony they discovered a dress, all wet, and with spots just above the waist line.

"What color were these spots?" "Well one looked like a rust stain and the other was almost of a purple color", witness said.

Chief of Police Jones discovered a pair of Oxford shoes under mattress of Carr girl's bed in her room. The shoes were of a dark color and spots of blood were discovered on the shoes. A spot of blood was found on the inside of the shoe. The shoes according to witness were taken to Saint John where both were shown to Dr. A. L. Abramson, provincial pathologist, for examination.

These trips to Saint John were on the 8th and 13th of August. Both shoes and dress are now in the hands of Dr. Abramson.

Witness in response to questioning said that he and Sergeant Hughes brought Carr girl and McHattan to police station on Thursday evening, Aug. 7, the night of the murder.

Prosecution questioned witness on what Police Chief had told girl in police station. Witness said that he gave the girl warning that what she said would be used against her.

Began Cross Question

E. A. MacKay, defense counsel, commenced a cross examination of the witness.

"Have you talked to Miss Carr?" asked Mr. MacKay of witness.

"I did the night of the murder but only direct questions."

"Have you talked with her since?"

"Yes."

"Well you had no right to." Mr.

MacKay cross questioned witness as to what conversation he and Chief Jones had with the Carr girl since the night of Thursday, Aug. 7.

Peter Farrell

Peter Farrell, city assessor, was the second witness called. Witness told of going into Woolworth's on Thursday, Aug. 7. He came out and went through Wilmot Alley, (so called) and passed down King st and out Carleton street.

It was about 12.10 p. m. when he arrived at his home on Brunswick street. After eating his luncheon he went out on the veranda.

"I heard the fire whistle blow for 12.30" he said. I sat and read, and smoked for few minutes, maybe ten minutes.

"I heard a very loud slam of the Clark door while I was sitting there witness said. "I then saw Isabel Carr come out of the door and she seemed to be in a great hurry. Instead of continuing down the stairs she crossed the lawn in a great hurry and onto the sidewalk. As the Carr girl reached sidewalk in front of Farrell home she flicked a hand to the left side of her dress and shook it. As she passed the Farrell home, she looked up and gave the witness a surprised earnest look.

"What do you mean earnest?" "Well, she looked as if my presence surprised her" witness said. Miss Carr came down stairs between 12.30 and 1 o'clock.

"Did you see any cars parked there that day?" "No. I didn't notice any." Witness said he saw no one else on the street during that time.

Hawkins Questions

C. R. Hawkins, the other defense counsel, cross questioned the witness as to the door slamming. "Do you remember what the Carr girl had on the day you saw her," "A light dress," witness said. Defense counsel asked if the girl's actions on coming out of the house were done suspiciously and witness answered no.

Elizabeth Strong

The third witness called was Miss Elizabeth Strong who lives at 531 Brunswick street. She lives with her sister in lower flat of the Clark house. On the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 6, the Misses Strong went away. "Did you see Isabel Carr on the morning you went away?" "Yes. She asked for the latch-key while we were away, if we weren't using it." Witness said as near as she remembered the Carr girl came to work for Mrs. Clark in March. "Did you know Mrs. Clark?" "Yes, very well. I visited her frequently." Witness in response to questions said the Carr girl had lots of fine clothes. Her salary was \$4 per week.

Mrs. Clark often spoke of Isabel's nice clothes. Mrs. Clark had referred to new dresses which the girl had. Witness was observant of the Carr girl's dresses and stockings.

The defense counsel objected to the drawn out evidence on the dresses and what the wardrobe of the accused girl was. "The matter is not relevant to prove what he (prosecuting attorney) wants to prove". E. A. MacKay appealed to the court. Magistrate ruled evidence admissible.

Witness said that she remembered the girl saying she worked for a man and he wasn't able to pay her and that he had already sent her \$40 and would send more of back pay.

Witness remembered a pair of shoes, with rubber soles which the Carr girl had shown her among her many pairs of shoes. Some were sport shoes and others bought for lame ankles.

"What would you say would be the cost of a red satin dress, Miss Strong?" asked the prosecuting attorney.

"\$17 or \$18," witness stated. Miss Strong appeared to have a firm knowledge of Isabel Carr's wardrobe and remembered remarkably.

Witness knew what bedroom Isabel Carr slept in. She had a bedroom off

the sitting room.

"Did you see Miss Carr on Sunday 27th?"

"Yes. She came down and asked me if I saw any strange person come in the front door?" Witness said, girl said that was strange because some one had been up in her room and stolen her silk dress and underwear from her room.

"I knew no one had entered by the back way because I was sitting in front of the house witness said.

Q—What was Mrs. Clark's habits?" A—She sewed, slept a little in the afternoons."

Q—When did you first remember Isabel seeing McHatten?"

A—Sunday evening Aug. 3rd at ten o'clock.

Witness said Isabel Carr asked her if she knew who boy was, she (Isabel) was with. Witness said no. Isabel had told her it was Cyril Carr.

"Who does cooking in Carr family?" "Isabel, I think."

"Did you ever talk of it to the Carr girl?"

"Yes frequently."

Witness told Isabel of a corn cake recipe and wrote it out for her Miss Strong, the witness, identified the corn cake recipe when placed before her by the prosecuting attorney. The recipe was found in the pocketbook, lying beside Mrs. Clark's dead body on the day of the murder.

Q—Did you ever see any bedspread of which the Carr girl may have had."

A—"Yes."

Q—Did you know what Mrs. Clark kept her money in?"

A—"Yes. A black pocketbook." It seemed to be quite full. Very full."

Witness didn't know where Mrs. Clark kept this money. All the clothes which the Carr girl had were got while she worked at the Clark homestead. The one she had when she came there were very inferior, witness stated.

Asks Questions

C. R. Hawkins cross questioned as to the wearing apparel of the Carr girl. The Carr girl had expressed need of dresses at one time when she first arrived.

The witness was given a severe grilling by Mr. Hawkins. Asked about a bed spread, witness said she remembered a blue and white one, which Isabel Carr said her mother had given her.

Miss Jane Strong

Miss Jane Strong was the fourth witness called on Friday afternoon.

She is a sister of the previous witness. The flat was rented by the Strong from Mrs. Clark. Witness had house renter for fourteen years.

Witness said she remembered Mrs. Clark at one time changing money for her. She had the money in a pocket-book. Witness noticed that the Carr girl was very well dressed.

Q—What were the relation between Mrs. Clark and Isabel?"

—Only noticed the relations on the evening of Aug. 3rd." Mrs. Clark came down to the door and Isabel was sitting there. Mrs. Clark asked Isabel in a timid way to go up and make on a fire for supper. The girl did without saying anything witness said.

Witness said that the door had to be slammed sometimes to shut it. The prosecution attempted to bring out that the front door of the Clark home might not lock if it was allowed but might spring open due to defective locking facilities.

Cross examined by C. R. Hawkins the witness said she knew of repairs on the home within the past two years. Defense brought out by cross questioning that door would likely have to be slammed to shut it. At any rate most everyone put force into it, when they shut the door.

Mrs. Ashley Estabrooks

The fifth witness was Mrs. Ashley Estabrooks, who lived uptown one house from the Clarks. Witness was away on Thursday Aug. 7 the day of the murder. She and her husband and family were away down country that afternoon. They arrived home about 4 p.m.

Witness noticed Isabel Carr come out of Clark house the night of the murder in rear and hang a dress on the line. The dress was light brown with a spot on it.

Isabel spoke to witness on her verandah. She said, "If you notice Miss Strong come home, tell her the latch key is hanging behind the door."

"Did she ever show you any of her dresses?"

"Yes."

Witness said Isabel showed her a red dress and silk underwear which she said her uncle from Niagara Falls sent her. Witness saw nothing else she said. Hearing was then adjourned to Monday morning at ten o'clock.

You can save space on the Summer-resort card by using the letters W. Y. W. H. for "Wish you were here."

Here and There

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Successful Canadian exhibitors in the International Grain and Hay Show to be held at Chicago, November 29-December 6, will be awarded liberal bonuses in addition to the regular premiums offered in the prize list now being distributed. The provincial governments of Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the Calgary Board of Trade and the Canadian Pacific Railway have also announced offers of special awards for Canadian exhibitors.

That elk are attracted by music seems to be established by the actions of two fine specimens of that animal which stroll out of the bush when dancing begins at the Banff Springs Hotel every evening. Under the ballroom windows they begin to shake their heads and prance, cavort and caper while the music lasts, not even stopping to eat until the orchestra has ceased playing.

Canadian poultry are rapidly being recognized throughout the world as reaching unusually high standards and recently the S.S. Empress of Canada, clearing from Vancouver to China, Japan and the Philippines, carried 60 head of registered white leghorns consigned to Manila to be used in building up the poultry industry of the islands. The birds came from a poultry farm near Vancouver.

Captain R. W. McMurray, for the past five years marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific's British Columbia coast steamship service at Vancouver and prior to that a commander with the Canadian Pacific trans-Atlantic fleet, has been gazetted in the London Times of July 14 captain in the Royal Naval Reserve, promoted from the rank of commander, R.N.R. Captain McMurray, whose rank is equivalent to the army rank of brigadier-general, is one of the few living Canadians holding such a high position in the R.N.R.

Lima Beane thinks the weakest alibi for a baby is the cat.



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