

HEWITSON ENQUIRY.

Some New Evidence of a Startling Nature Elicited.

ANNIE BLACK GIVES HE VER-SION OF THE AFFAIR.

Contradicts Tes'imony of Lee and Johnson.

The Hewitson enquiry was resumed by Coroner Seery at ten o'clock this morning. The witnesses examined were Annie Black, a frequenter of Lee's dive, Mrs Embleton, Annie Maynard, Melinda Wright James Hector and Robert Williams, the last three being colored. The evidence given by the first three witnesses, none of whom testified at the first examination, has an important bearing upon the case. Annie Black, who is a hardened old sinner, with one eye, told a story somewhat at variance with the evidence given by Lee, Johnson, Gerow, and McIntyre, and it was quite plain to be seen that she was rather drawing upon her imagination, or purposely concealing the truth with the object of shielding someone.

Where Col. Hewitson spent the Thursday night preceeding the tragedy has previously been a matter for conjecture, but the matter was cleared up by the evidence of Mrs Embleton and Miss Maynard. They both swore that Hewitson was brought to their home by Johnson at twelve o'clock at night and remained there until morning. They also swore that Hewitson had \$40 in his possession on Friday morning, which is \$30 more than was found on him when he was taken home on Saturday night. It is quite plain now that he got rid of this amount in some while about Lee's place, for he did not leave there during Friday or Saturday. Following is a synopsis of the evidence:

Annie Black

was the first witness called. She said that she visited Newton Lee's place on Thursday, April 25th. Was in the bar that morning, and saw some men there but did remember who they were. Her business in the bar was to get a parcel she had left there. She remained about the place until noon, spending most of the time in the back room. She went away at noon for dinner and returned at two o'clock and remained until night. Saw John Hewitson there in the afternoon, and he seemed to be intoxicated. Had one or two drinks with him during the afternoon. Didn't see him pay for them. Mr Lee and Mr Johnson also had drinks with Hewitson. It was about ten o'clock when witness left the place. Hewitson was only at Lee's place one afternoon to the knowledge of witness. She could not say for sure whether it was Thursday or Saturday that she saw Hewitson at Lee's, but thought it was the same day that he was taken home in a team. Witness was present when Hewitson was carried out and placed in the carriage. She was also present when he came in which was about two o'clock in the afternoon. Hewitson was not lying down during the afternoon but he was in the evening. He laid down about an hour before he went home, to have a sleep witness supposed, as that was what people usually lie down for. Witness had a few drinks during the afternoon but was not under the influence of liquor. Hewitson bade them all good night before going home. Witness was at Lee's on the previous day, but did not see Hewitson there. Was not sure that she was at Lee's two days before the day that Hewitson was taken home, but thought she may have been there in the evening. Did not remember having seen Hewitson there on that occasion.

To Mr. Crocket witness said that the day she was at Lee's place, was the day that Mr. Gerow came in and said that the team was ready to convey Hewitson home. She was about the back shop during the afternoon. Hewitson did not arrive until half past two. He came in by the back door and seemed a little intoxicated. He spoke to witness and then all sat down and had a chat. Shortly afterwards they had a drink together. Witness took rye whiskey and Hewitson drank out of the same bottle. Witness got her dinner at Lind-say's restaurant, but did not have any supper. It was after dark when Gerow came to Lee's place with the team. Witness heard Hewitson ask to go home in the evening and Johnson said he would go out and get him a team and driver. Witness did not see any money handled all the time she was there. Was certain

that Hewitson did not have a drink after he was laid on the table, and she did not hear him ask for a drink of water. Hewitson was covered over nice and warm while on the table. Could not say that there was a fire in the stove, but the room was comfortable enough. Hewitson was covered over with a big robe while lying on the table. Witness saw Johnson bring in the robe and tick from his own bedroom. He also brought in a pillow, and made Hewitson exceedingly comfortable. Hewitson's object in lying down was to have a sleep before he went home. Witness did not talk to Hewitson while he was lying down. Thought Hewitson was on the table about an hour and a half before being taken home. The witness said was acquainted with Mrs. Embleton, but did not see her in court, (though as a matter of fact, she was sitting within five feet of him.) She (Mrs E.) formerly lived in part of the same house with Lee. Witness was not in her house on that day and had not been for a week previous. She spent that night at a Mrs. Hoyt's on Charlotte street. Hewitson's words before leaving were "good night boys and girls." Witness was the only girl there, and she is an old fashioned girl. Did not hear of Hewitson's death until the other day or a about a week after he died. Heard some men talking about it but could not remember who they were. Witness went to Lee's place to get a parcel containing some aprons. She worked sometimes for Lee and went to his place quite frequently. Was certain she did not see any money change hands while at Lee's. She got no money from Hewitson, herself, and only had two drinks with him. Did not put any water in the rye whiskey she got from Lee as it was weak enough without that. She thought that Hewitson had an oyster stew a short time before he lay down, but he only drank the milk from it. Had not spoken to Lee or Johnson about this case, and had not seen them since Tuesday morning. Had never mentioned the subject of Hewitson's death to either of them. Did not see Mrs. Embleton or Annie Maynard at Lee's on the day in question. Did not see Charles Wright or the other boys there. The witness was positive that what she told about the case was the truth.

Elizabeth Embleton

was the next witness sworn. She said she was a married woman but did not reside with her husband. At present she resided at St Marys. On the 25th of April she resided in Lee's house on Westmorland street. There was an entrance between her place and Lee's, but it was closed up before witness went there to live. The inmates of the witness' home on April 25th were two male boarders named Barker, her niece, Annie Maynard and the two children. Was in Lee's place on Friday, April 26th, at 7.30 o'clock in the morning and saw Col Hewitson standing at the bar, he was just taking a drink. Witness did not have a drink with him, and only remained in the place a short time. When she left she went up stairs where Mrs Lee was and remained there until noon. Mrs Lee was sick and witness was taking care of her. Did not see John Hewitson again during that day. (Friday) She first saw Hewitson in the yard at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon. At twelve o'clock the same night Hewitson came to witness' place and remained there all night. When witness came down stairs at twelve o'clock she found Hewitson sitting by the stove with her niece. He was very drunk, and asked to be allowed to remain all night, as he said he had no place to go. She allowed him to remain in the front room all night, and he remained there all alone. He came into the kitchen at seven o'clock the next morning and afterwards went into Lee's. Saw him half an hour later in the bar, but not afterwards. John Johnson told witness that Hewitson spent Friday night in the room off the bar.

To Mr. Allen the witness said that Hewitson did not pay for his night's lodging, but promised to do so. He was very drunk when he went in the room, and probably forgot his promise. Did not see Hewitson take a drink, but saw an empty glass on the counter in front of him, and saw him give Lee some change. There was a bed in the room where Hewitson stayed all night.

To Mr. Crocket the witness said that Hewitson thanked her for the bed when he left her place in the morning. She said her husband lived in Woodstock and had been separated from her about five years. Witness kept boarders for a living, and worked out. Lee and Jack Johnson were in the bar with Hewitson at the time witness visited there. Hewitson complained to witness after getting up in the morning that he had lost some money. He said he had two twenty dollar bills the night before and had only one in the morning. He showed witness a twenty dollar bill before leaving and said he would get it changed in Lee's and pay her for his night's lodging.

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