

MURDER TRIAL.

Prisoner Pleaded Not Guilty to the Indictment.

AND WAS REMANDED TILL JANUARY 27

Material Witness to be Summoned from Ontario Lumber Woods.

As already announced in these columns, the grand jury in the Meductic poisoning case at 4:20 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon returned a true bill against Mrs. Annie Marsten, who is accused of having caused the death of her husband, the late George Marsten. The jury spent upwards of three hours deliberating upon the case, and heard the testimony of twelve witnesses before arriving at a decision.

When the grand jury had made their presentment in the case, Constable Smith was sent to the county jail to conduct Mrs. Marsten to the court room, and arrived with her at the end of fifteen minutes. There were a large number of spectators in attendance, and all eyes were naturally turned towards the door as it opened to admit the woman who had just been indicted on the gravest charge known to the law. With a firm step and without glancing to the right or left, she made her way to the prisoner's dock, and as the gate closed behind her, seated herself upon the wooden bench. She was neatly attired in a dark grey double breasted ulster over a dress of dark material, and wore a dark straw hat trimmed with black crepe. There was a slight tinge of color in her cheeks, and her physical appearance generally appeared much better than it was when she was committed to jail here early in the autumn.

Immediately after the prisoner's counsel, L. A. Carrey, K. C., who had been sent for, arrived upon the scene, the attorney general, who appeared for the crown, moved that the prisoner be arraigned under the indictment.

Mrs. Marsten was ordered to stand up by the clerk, who read the indictment to her. On being asked if she was guilty or not guilty of the charge of murdering George M. Marsten, she replied in a clear, distinct voice "Not Guilty."

Attorney General Pagsley then informed the court that as a material witness for the crown was out of the province it would be necessary for him to make application for a postponement of the trial. He had sent a telegram to the witness' address, but had reason to believe that he was at present in the lumber woods and could not be reached for several days. He would ask that the trial be postponed not less than twenty days.

His Honor stated that he would grant the application and would fix Tuesday, January 27th, as the date of trial, the prisoner to be remanded to jail in the meantime.

Mr. Carrey reminded the court that the prisoner was out on bail, and as she was the mother of an infant child that required nursing, he thought the court should consent to have the bail continued.

His Honor replied that after a bill was returned by the grand jury it was not customary to accept bail for capital offences.

Mr. Carrey admitted the force of the Judge's contention, but urged that Mrs. Marsten's case was an exceptional one, and should be treated differently. He added that the amount of the bail was \$10,000, which he considered sufficient security for the appearance of his client.

Judge Gregory replied that he would not consent to continuing bail unless the attorney general wished it.

The attorney general thought when a bill had been returned by the grand jury in a capital case, the granting of bail would be almost without precedent, therefore he could not give his consent, whatever his personal feelings might be in the matter.

Mr. Carrey thought that as the postponement had been made at the request of the crown, the attorney general should consent to the bail being renewed.

To this the judge replied that the postponement had been made in the interests of justice, because the crown did not have all its witnesses.

Mr. Carrey reminded the judge that according to his own statement the finding of a true bill by the grand jury was not a decision in the case.

The judge thought that when Mr. Carrey consented to the postponement of the trial, he must have known that the general rule in heinous offences was not to grant bail.

The attorney general said he was present to discharge the duties as the crown officer, and was not going to consent to that which was not in accordance with the usual practice.

Judge Gregory—I think you are quite right; the application for bail is refused. Mr. Sheriff, you will please execute the order of the court.

Mrs. Marsten who had kept her eyes riveted on the judge during the proceeding, and did not show any signs of disappointment at his ruling against her, was then taken in charge by Constable Smith and removed to the county jail. After cautioning witnesses to be on hand on the morning of January 27th, His Honor adjourned the court.

Deputy Sheriff Hawthorn who went to Meductic on Tuesday with a bench warrant for Miss Celeste Stairs, a sister of the accused, who is wanted as a witness, returned home last evening, having been successful in his mission. Deputy Sheriff Foster of Carleton also arrived in town last evening with George Chase, another witness for whom a bench warrant had been issued. Both witnesses were allowed to return home this morning.

The witness for whom the trial has been postponed is understood to be Geo. Sims, who last summer drove a stage between Fredericton and Meductic. He went to Ontario early in the fall, and is now in the lumber woods of the Lake Superior country.

THE BAND CONCERT.

Was Attended by a Large and Appreciative Audience.

The concert at the opera house last evening, under the auspices of the Fredericton Brass Band, was attended by a very large audience, and judging by the hearty manifestations of approval must have been thoroughly enjoyed. The program, which was a somewhat varied one, consisted of selections by the band, vocal and instrumental solos, every number being rendered in a most pleasing and creditable manner. The selections of the band were most appropriate to the occasion and were rendered in a manner deserving of the highest praise. The vocal solos were by Miss Alice Day of Marysville, Miss Fannie Palmer, Miss Maud McKee and W. A. Adams of this city. Their efforts met with the heartiest appreciation of the audience and all were compelled to give en core numbers. It was Miss McKee's first appearance on the opera house stage in her capacity as a vocalist, and the band boys honored her with a beautiful bouquet. The piano accompaniments were played by L. A. Wilnot Lemont and Miss Bessie Everett.

HOCKEY TONIGHT.

St. Stephen vs. Fredericton, at the Arctic Rink.

The first match in the provincial hockey league series is to be played at the Arctic rink this evening, commencing at eight o'clock. The St. Stephen players arrived by the western train today and are domiciled at the Barker House. The teams will line up as follows:

Fredericton.		St. Stephen.
H Murray	goal	F Holt
F Staples	point	H Moore
S Staples	cover point	H L Manzer
C H Allen	rover	P H McGarrity
C L Coleman	centre	P C McWha
W Babbitt	left wing	James Green
K Allen	right wing	A C McWha

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Coun John Scott of Dumfries, is among the visitors to the city today.

day, having been summoned as a special jurymen in the Marsten case.

Ex. Coun J. H. Carr of Canterbury, is today a guest at Long's Hotel.

Richard Scott of Canterbury was among the guests at Long's Hotel yesterday.

Edward London, a prominent merchant of Canterbury, arrived in the city yesterday.

Miss Sterling, of this city, has assumed the principalship of the Fairville school.

J. Harvey Brown, of St. John, arrived in the city last evening and registered at the Queen.

C. J. Milligan, business manager of the St. John Telegraph, registered at the Queen last evening.

Henry Braithwaite, the celebrated hunter and guide, arrived home yesterday from the Miramichi woods.

Rev J. J. Teasdale, leaves for Woodstock tomorrow morning, to conduct the annual Missionary services in the Methodist church there on Sunday.

W. C. Cushing, formerly of St. John and a graduate of the University of N. B., has been promoted to the position of chief engineer of maintenance of the southwest system of the Pennsylvania railway.

A Heat Each.

In the match race on Government lane, between Sheriff Sterling's and Recorder Colter's horses, each won a heat, and the deciding heat will be trotted tomorrow afternoon.

On Hand.

Nice P. E. I. oysters, also Bay du Vin oysters, 60cts. and 80cts., per quart at Parsons' Restaurant, Regent St.—Nov., 29 dtf.

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