

MUST STAND TRIAL.

Mrs. Marsten Will Face the Supreme Court

TO ANSWER FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH.

Deputy Sheriff Hawthorn Will Arrive Here Tomorrow

WITH THE WOMAN IN HIS CUSTODY.

Close of the Preliminary Hearing

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Meductic, Aug. 25.—The preliminary examination of Mrs. Annie Marsten, accused of poisoning her husband, was resumed by Justice Law at ten o'clock this morning. The court room was thronged with spectators and great interest attached to the proceedings.

Julia Pantkins was the first witness called. On being sworn she said: I am a married woman, wife of Joel Pantkins, am a native of Canterbury, York county, but now live in Carleton county. I lived in Woodstock for eight or ten years in the lower flat of a double tenement house. Mrs. Wm Brothers lived up stairs. I saw Annie Stairs and Mrs. George Marsten there, she worked for Mrs. Brothers as her hired girl. She told me on one occasion she was going to Houlton to get married. That was about fourteen years ago before she married George Marsten. One day afterwards I saw her again and she said she was married. She showed me a piece of paper, at the same time, but I cannot swear that it was a marriage certificate, although she said it was. I cannot swear positively to the name of the man, but I think she said it was Jasper. She left Mrs. Brothers shortly after that and I did not see her again.

To Mr. Hartley: I reside at Hartford, Carleton County. Saw Mr. Murphy yesterday for the first time. I came here in response to a summons received from him last Wednesday.

Celeste Stairs, sister of the accused, was next sworn. She said: My name is Celeste Harris and I am a widow. I was married before my sister, Mrs. George Marsten, about fourteen years ago. I remember when my sister was married. It was at the Aberdeen hotel where she now lives. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Saunders Young. I never knew that she had been married before.

Mr. Murphy—Don't you know that your father kicked a man out of his house, supposed to be your sister's husband?

The Witness—No, I don't know it. I have lived nearly the whole time with my sister since her marriage. I was never present when there was a row between my sister and her husband. I never saw the hotel run as a fast house. I never saw Peter Marsten and my sister in a compromising position, nor did I ever see her in a compromising position with any one. I know nothing about a "free love" house, or that men went there for the purpose of having a good time. George Marsten had been away nearly a month and returned the Saturday before his death. My sister Bertie is in Bangor at present. She had intended going before Mr. Marsten died, but was delayed. She gave testimony at the coroner's inquest.

Mr. Marsten's wife was the proprietor of the hotel; she rented it from her husband. George stopped there most of the time; could not swear that he and his wife slept together. Never saw her sister and Peter Marsten in bed together at her father's house. I don't think George Marsten complained of being sick on the Saturday he came home. I saw him getting something to eat on Sunday after the family had finished their meal. When he ate with the family he used the same dishes [they did. I never saw him rinse a cup before drinking out of it. I saw him around the house on Monday. His bedroom was just over the dining room. It contained two beds, four chairs and a writing desk. George's room was in the ell part, and his wife's was in the main house. Peter also roomed in the main house. All were on the same floor. I did not hear George complain on Monday; had no conversation with him after he came from Woodstock. He stayed in bed the greater part of Tuesday, and was down stairs only twice to my knowledge. I did not see my sister take him any remedy on that day.

Continuing, the witness said she remembered the day George Marsten died very well. She arose that morning at

seven o'clock, her sister preceding her by nearly two hours. George came down stairs at eight o'clock and called for some toast. His wife made him a small piece and beat him up some eggs. Heard him tell his wife not to enter his room when he was having those spells, or he might frighten her. I saw him again that day about five o'clock when he came for his supper. He complained that his face felt stiff. He ate toast and eggs for his supper, and afterwards went away and was apparently as well as ever. I did not see him again until I went to his room between 7 and 8 o'clock that evening. I was not upstairs in the meantime. There is no bath room in the house, and I had no bath that afternoon. I never heard George call out or speak to me, but heard him say "Hey there." He did not call my name nor Annie's or Bertie's. My room is quite a distance from his. I was in the kitchen sewing a button on my wrapper when I heard him call "Hey there." I afterwards called for Mrs. Marsten. She had gone out a short time before, saying she was going to get a bunch of lilacs for the baby. I was in the hall when I called, thinking Annie might have come back. I afterwards called for Bertie, who was upstairs fixing her hair. She came to the head of the stairs and I heard George again call "hey there." Bertie went out and called in David Olts and Mr. Higgins. I don't remember who went upstairs first, Higgins or Olts. George's bedroom door was close but not fastened. He was lying on the bed when we entered, and said: "Hurry and lift me off this bed." Latter he said "Drag me off this bed." His hands were closed at the time and his forearm was stiff, and he was on his back. I went down to get some water and when I returned he was dead. Milan Dow and William Clowes prepared the body for burial. I did not see my sister take anything up to her husband after he had his supper. Saw Albert Best in the house that evening about six o'clock. George Chase, the mail driver, brought Marsten down a loaf of bread between five and six o'clock. Never heard my sister say she wished George out of the way.

Charles McKeen, druggist of Woodstock, swore that he had sold no strychnine to Mrs. Marsten or any member of her household. If a sale of that kind had been made he would have known it.

He was the last witness called and at the conclusion of his testimony Mr. Murphy, counsel for the crown, asked that the accused be committed for trial at the January term of the York circuit court.

Deputy Sheriff Hawthorn arrived here from Canterbury this morning and will leave for Fredericton with the accused tomorrow morning. He will probably drive to Canterbury and take the train there.

Mr. Hartley asked that the prisoner be discharged, but Justice Law decided that he could not entertain the proposal and committed her for trial in January at Fredericton.

[The York circuit court opens here on January 6th; Justice Gregory presiding.]

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mr and Mrs E A Reid, of New York, are guests at Windsor Hall.

M. A. Finn of St. John is in the city today a guest at the Baker.

Sheriff Holden of Oromocto, was among the visitors in the city today.

H. H. Gunter of Boiestown is among the guest at the Barker today.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C McNeill of St. John are visiting at L W Johnston's.

Gordon Grass, of McAdam Junction, was among the visitors to the city yesterday.

Alfred Seely of St. John, arrived in the city this morning and is a guest at the Queen.

A E McIntyre, of the Telegraph, came up from St John this morning, and is a guest at Windsor Hall.

Clarence Inch, son of ex-coun. George S Inch of Forest City, is here to attend high school, which opens tomorrow.

R S F Randolph of Boston, a cousin of the Messrs Randolph of this city, was here Saturday, a guest at Windsor Hall.

Dr. A A Stockton who is very seriously ill, went to Boston Saturday to consult a specialist, but not much hope is entertained of his recovery.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie, police magistrate of St. John, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ritchie at Mrs Hatt, King Street, and returned home this morning.

Mr. G Fred McNally, of the High School teaching staff, who has been spending his vacation at Fredericton returned home Thursday.—Moncton Transcript.

Mr. and Mrs F S Williams of Marysville, who have been boarding at Mrs. D Hatt's since the fire in their home, expect to resume house-keeping next week.

Miss Helen Bigelow of Truro, who is on her way back to St. Luke's hospital, New York, is at Jubilee camp, Lincoln, the guest of her friends, the Misses Hilyard.

Hon. A G Blair, Hon. Fred P Thompson and W T Whitehead, M. P. P., were among the visitors registered at the Canadian government offices, London, in the week ended August 12th.

Mrs. Samuel Owen leaves for St. John tomorrow to visit her daughter Mrs. A V Branscombe, and Mr. Owen will take in the Bangor Fair and visit Boston, Montreal and Toronto on combined pleasure and business.

Mrs F E Whelpley, of Hoboken, N Y, who has been visiting her sister Mrs W T Whitehead, leaves for home tomorrow morning accompanied by Miss Nellie Whitehead, who expects to spend the winter with her aunt.

Band to Night.

The Fredericton Brass Band will give a concert in the Normal School grounds this evening, weather permitting.

Police Court.

A Saturday night drunk paid a \$4 fine in the police court this morning and was discharged.

DIED.

At Woodstock, Aug. 24th, Edward Yardy, formerly of this city, aged 93 years.

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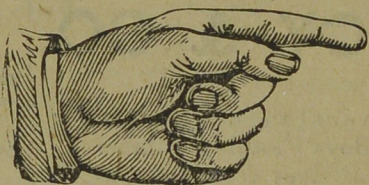
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