VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY ON DEATH OF MARY EMILY FRONTIN

At Conclusion of Evidence and Coroner's Address, Jury With Half Hour's Deliberation, Find Girl's Death Due to Alleged Illegal Operation, Performed by Mrs. Bessie Parker.

The enquiry into the cause of the death of Miss Mary Emily Frontin was concluded before Coroner H. A. Porter and Jury last night. There was a large number of spectators present during the hearing and the prisoner, Mrs. Bessie Parker who was in court accompanied by her counsil E. S. Ritchie was the centre of attraction.

At the conclusion of the evidence the Jury after a half hour's deliberation returned the following verdict:—

"We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Mary Emily Frontin, who died at the General Public Hospital in the city of St. John, on Monday, the second day of October A. D. 1922 find:

"That the said Mary Emily Frontin came to her death from septic inflamation of the womb following an alleged illegal operation for abortion by Mrs. Bessie Parker.

"Signed—Ernest J. Todd (Foreman), Oscar J. Dick, Frederick W. Kelly, Isaac Webber, Thomas S. Hill, David J. Stockford, Alexander Clark."

Shortly after the verdict had been returned Mrs. Parker was conducted back to jail and it is said that she will soon be the prisoner in a preliminary hearing in the police court.

The inquiry into the death of Mary Emily Frontin was again continued last evening before Coroner H. A. Porter and jury in the Court Rooms of the Masonic Building.

Margaret Merryweather

Margaret Merryweather, of 28 Sydney Street, testified that she had known deceased and had called at her home once or twice, the last time during exhibition week. Witness had been surprised to learn of Mary Frontin's death.

Dr. H. L. Abramson.

Dr. H. L. Abramson gave evidence that at the orders of Coroner H. A. Porter, he had performed a post mortem examination on deceased. The examination had shown that the patient had died of septic peritonitis and inflammation. He considered it a long time between punctures and development of peritonitis, if the wounds had been produced on Sept. 9th. Witness stated that inflammation would be liable to start at once if there had been any infection. An instrument must have been introduced to cause the punctures. He had never seen a wound of this nature, if self-inflicted.

Marie Kyffin.

Marie Kyffin, of 71 Magazine St., testified that she had gone to High School with Mary Frontin and had been intimate with her up to a year ago, but that they had drifted apart. She had not seen deceased since the middle of August last, when they had gone up the river in a motor boat for the day. William Ferris had been one of the company.

Prisoner in Court.

At the conclusion of this evidence Mrs. Bessie Parker, was brought before the coroner and jury. E. S. Ritchie, counsel for the accused, said that Mrs. Parker was the person in custody and had the privilege of refusing to answer any questions.

Katherine Frontin

Katherine Frontin, the sister of deceased, recalled, when confronted by Mrs. Parker said, "that is the person that I had seen in the house on Main street that my sister had visited. That is the person who I had seen carrying a pan and a glass of water."

Superintendent Gale.

Supt. Gale when recalled, stated that Mrs. Parker was the woman identified by Mary Frontin and who had been in the room at the hospital when deceased had made her dying declaration.

Dr. Victor Davis.

Dr. Victor Davis gave evidence that he had been present at the operation on Sept. 30th. He had first seen the patient Saturday morning. He also had visited the patient on Monday morning, Oct. 2nd and who, although very ill, had been clear mentally. In his opinion she had been capable of comprehending that which had been read to her. This concluded the evidence.

Addressed the Jury.

Coroner Porter then addressed the jury. He considered the case the saddest and most important that he had ever been called on to investigate. He had seen the lives of men snuffed out, little children run over by automobiles and the dastardly killing of Frederick Trites. All these were unpremeditated, but this case shows premeditation in an illegal cause. The result was death to the mother and to her unborn babe.

This is no isolated case, but brings to light the happenings that are going on in the community. Those of us who have any religious teachings know that man was made in the image of God. There must be many in our midst, who instead of looking upward are content to mingle with the mongrel dog.

There is evidence of the young girl having apparently conceived a child. Dr. Baxter had given her medicine for the illness, which she had described to him. Up to this point there had been no breaking of the law. As a Coroner he laid aside the authority of the Crown and spoke only in the interests of humanity.

The North End House.

During the early part of September William Ferris had given the deceased girl money to go to a house in North End, known only to two persons, the one who performed the operation and the visitor.

Here, at this point the laws of the land had been invaded. The dead girl had confided to her younger sister on Sept. 10, the death of the unborn child. A day or two later the deceased had become frightened and had again visited the person who had performed the first operation, but this time in company with her younger sister. Identification of the person who performed the operation had been established by the sister. From the time of the second visit to North End of Mary Frontin, to her admission to the hospital, there is silence. The evidence of Dr. McDonald did not have anything to do with her death.

Some Criticism.

The fact that the dead girl, on her own statement, had been treated as a typhoid patient by an interne of the hospital of only six months active practice, might bring some criticism on the medical profession. It would seem that older practitioners should diagnose these cases.

The jury had heard the evidence of Dr. Kelly, relative to the operations performed by him on Sept. 28th and 30th. Mrs. Parker's refusal to answer questions must not be taken into consideration by the jury. The evidence of Dr. Abrahamson in connection with the post-mortem was of extreme importance.

The jury then retired for deliberation and on their return rendered the verdict as given above.

Common Council Met In Committee

Western Union Makes Request Regarding Poles — Com. Thornton Suggests Musquash Wood be Brought to City.

A short session of the committee of the whole of the common council was held yesterday morning, Commissioner Frink presiding in th absence of the mayor, who was at Musquash with Col. Sheidenhelm. A request from the Western Union Telegraph Co., for permission to remove three poles and replace them with four, in Gilbert's Lane, near the C.N.R. crossing was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works. It was pointed out this application was made to shorten up the span at this point.

Commissioner Thornton suggested that cordwood cut by the city at Musquash last winter be brought to the city for use to save coal. No action was taken.

BRINGS TO CANADA ABOUT $1,500,000 OF SECURITIES

Formerly in Ownership of Enemy Nationals—Mission of Thos. Mulvey, K. C.

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 16—Bringing back with him approximately $1,500,000 of securities, formerly in the ownership of enemy nationals, Thomas Mulvey, K. C., Under Secretary of State for Canada and Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property, has returned to Ottawa after spending the last few months overseas in connection with the business of the clearing house and the settlement of enemy debts. Some extraordinary claims were encountered but so far only one actual case of forgery in connection with a claim has been met with. Many claims however, are still under investigation.

One of the important results of Mr. Mulvey's trip, which took him to England, Holland and Germany, was the reaching of a settlement with the public trustee in London as a result of which some $6,000,000 in securities will be turned over to Canada. Of this amount some $700,000 has been delivered. Another result was the selling of a means to direct correspondence between Canada and Austria and Hungary in clearing house matters. Heretofore, there was no direct communication with these countries in which, as well as Germany, there were held many large amounts of Canadian property and shares in Canadian industries, such as the C. P. R.

German Government officials and others, while overseas were all pleading "poverty and persecution by the Allies," and there was an apparent design to delay as far as possible payment of Allied claims made against the German Government and its nationals. The visit, however, had resulted in straightening out many misunderstandings and bringing a settlement of claims against enemy countries much nearer than it had previously been.

MOTOR BANDITS ARE OPERATING IN SYDNEY, C. B.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 16—Cape Breton police are searching tonight for motor bandits who beat and robbed William Legere on the Sydney-Reserve highway last night. Legere, while on his way home from Glace Bay to Reserve accepted a lift in an automobile in which were three men. Near Reserve his hosts invited him to alight for a moment and when he did so, he was knocked down by one of the men while the others rifled his clothes and took $30 in bills. The police consider it probable the men were the same who carried off 15 year old Dorothy Bert from her home at Glace Bay, and finally left her unconscious though little harmed near her home.

The same night as the Legere affair a motorist on the same highway stopped to give two men who hailed him a lift. Instead of getting into the car, one of them drew a revolver and covered the driver while the other went through his pockets. The robbers got only about $1.50 in change, however.

HEROIC WORK OF ONTARIO FARMER IS RECOGNIZED

Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life Presented to Samuel Dixon.

Special to The Journal.

Fredericton, Oct. 16.—The Royal Humane Society's bronze medal for gallantry in saving the life of Miss Amelia Bousreault from beneath a moving Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train on February 11th, last, was presented to Mr. Samuel Jacob Dixon, of this place, at midday today. The presentation was made by Assistant General Supt. W. J. Uren, of Montreal, who, in a laudatory speech, congratulated the recipient upon his courageous action. Mr. H. B. Spencer, superintendent of the Ottawa division, was also present.

The event took place in the Orange Hall, amidst the towns people and friends, and was presided over by the Rev. Mr. Oliver, of the local Presbyterian church. In the presentation of this medal to Mr. Dixon," said Mr.. Uren, in pinning the medal on Mr. Dixon's breast, "this gathering has been arranged in honor of one who, by his promptitude, courage and presence of mind, saved the life of a young woman, who otherwise would have been crushed beneath a moving passenger train. The association of which the Royal Canadian Humane Association as a branch, was founded in England in 1776 by two prominent physicians, and since that time has done extensive work in various branches, for the purpose of rendering first aid. It has upwards of 280 depots throughout the United Kingdom. It was on February 11th when train No. 509, which had stopped at Pendelton Station, and the usual station work had been completed and it was proceeding west bound, that Miss Amelia Boudreault, who was late in arriving to take the train, attempted to go aboard while it was in motion. She grasped the handle of one of the coaches toward the rear end of the train, but was unable to gain entrance as the vestibule doors were closed."

"It was while in this position, clinging to the hand rail with the train moving, that the attention of Mr. Dixon was drawn. He immediately hurried to her assistance, but, before reaching her, she fell between the platform and the train, her head coming in contact with the truck of the coach and rendering her unconscious, thus throwing her across the rail. Mr. Dixon pulled Miss Boudreau clear of the fast approaching rear truck of the coach, and held her in safe position until the train had passed. The officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway do not overlook such acts of bravery, and, when full particulars were obtained notified the Royal Humane Association who have awarded this medal in recognition of your gallantry, which I am proud to have the honor, on behalf of that worthy association, and the Canadian Pacific Railway, to present. Permit me to congratulate you on this splendid recognition of your noble deed and may you live long and prosper."

Mr. Dixon, a Canadian, had been farming in this locality for many years. He is the father of four sons, one of whom, at the age of seventeen, went overseas and gave his life for his country. It is evident that heroism runs in the Dixon family, for the son before going West two years after his enlistment was then awarded the Military Medal for bravery.

Afttr the presentation Mr. Spencer entertained Mr. Dixon, Mr. Oliver and a number of other friends at luncheon.

MARITIME CASES BEFORE CANADA'S SUPREME COURT

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Oct. 16—Maritime appeals opened before the Supreme Court of Canada oday. The first case argued was the Royal Bank vs Eastern Trust Company. The issue arises as follows:

The Inverness Railway and Coal Company carried on mining operations and operated a railway up to July, 1920, when it was sold to one Henderson. The Inverness Railway and Collieries Company was incorporated in July, 1920, for similar business and Henderson transferred the first company to the latter. In February, 1921, the trustee for the bond holders took possession of the property for default in payments. At the end of 1920 the Royal Bank had taken an assignment of its book debts from the Inverness Railway and Collieries Company which in February, 1921, assigned under the Bankruptcy Act, to the Eastern Trust Company, trustees in bankruptcy.

A case was stated for the opinion of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia presenting two questions.

1.—Whether or not the assignment in bankruptcy was authorized by the Act.

2.—Assuming it valid was the assignment of book debts void as against the trustee in bankruptcy?

On the first question the court was equally divided in oponion and no answer was given. The second was answered by a majority in the affirmative.

The important question on this appeal is, assuming the insolvent company to be a "railway company" under Dominion or Provincial Acts, could it make an assignment in bankruptcy.

The argument was not concluded today.

EVACUATION OF THRACE IS MOST ORDERLY

General Harington Denies There Has Been Widespread Burning of Villages.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARE WARNED

Not to Send Forth Reports That Would Incite Nationalists to Anger.

Constantinople, Oct. 16—Lieutenant General Harington, commander of the Allied forces, today denied, emphatically, that there had been any widespread burning of villages in Thrace, and appealed to the British and United States correspondents to use the utmost caution and discretion in reporting events in the evacuated areas, where the situation was most delicate.

"We have airplanes for the flying over Eastern Thrace," he said, and they have been unable to detect any disturbance. On the contrary, they report that evacuation is proceeding satisfactorily.

"The Greek general staff has issued the strictest orders to the population and soldiers against incendiarism or disorders of any kind. The Allied armies have made thorough preparations for orderly and peaceful evacuation and I am confident we shall succeed in carrying out a most difficult task."

General Harington said that in order to convince the National Government there was no truth in the widespread reports of burnings he had invited Hamid Bey or his representative to fly over Eastern Thrace with British aviators.

"We want the Nationalists to see with their own eyes whether there is any incendiarism or wilful destruction of property," he added.

"We want to convince them that we are striving in every way. I have received a report through Italian sources that fires have occurred in two small villages near Luleburgas; I am now investigating and think that I can safely say no single village of any size is burning in Thrace."

The British General received forty United States and British correspondents today and expressed regret that they had been excluded from the Mudania conference. He took full responsibility for the act, saying he thought the conference was going to be strictly military but subsequent events proved it was also political. He was the first to lift the embargo when he said that the conference was to be opened to everybody.

The Nationalists, according to General Harington, were loyally fulfilling the terms of the armistice, and had retired behind the agreed lines both at Chanak and Ismid.

"Both sides are acting up to the contract," said the general. "If we pass through the next few days without incident and get Trace evacuated successfully, danger will be averted. We got through the Mudania conference without a single false word, and I am confident we shall successfully surmount all the remaining problems. I have written to Kemal and Ismet Pasha expressing appreciation for the frank manner in which they met us and discussed the various points in dispute.

"The next step will be the final peace conference, which we are pressing our governments to hold without the slightest delay. That I hope will produce order, tranquility and a better understanding in this sorely tried and troubled part of the world."

Statement From The Cunard Lines

Budapest Office Informs Company That Hungarians Are Not Being Prevented from Leaving Country.

The press reports that troops were massed on the Austro-Hungarian frontier to prohibit people from leaving the country led the Cunard Line to cable for information to its Budapest office. The reply states that the report is pure fiction, and adds that the Government authorities give assistance to immigrants on their way to Hamburg or Cherbourg en route to the United States. They are in no way molested. All these people carry prepaid tickets and are helped rather than hindered on their way to the various steamship centres.

Delegation of Polish Priests

Inspected Catholic Altar on Steamer "Berengaria" Before She Sailed.

On the day before she sailed a large number of Polish priests visited the Cunarder "Berengaria" to inspect the installation of the Catholic altar on that ship. It was found that the sacramental equipment was most complete and that all the appurtenances were handled with due reverence. O. J. Murphy, one of the stewards, who serves at Mass in the capacity of altar boy, gave a demonstration of how handily and rapidly the altar may be set up or taken down. The priests were very much pleased with the equipment and said that it was complete and satisfactory in every way. The altar, being portable and light may be carried to any part of the ship with the utmost ease. The first and second class passengers worship in the ship's palm court; the third class passengers in the ladies' room.

WASHINGTON IS PLEASED OVER NEW TURN IN AFFAIRS

Sees Opening of New Era in Relationship Between Canada and United States.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Prospective direct negotiations of a new treaty relative to armament on the Great Lakes and other subjects between Canada and the United States is looked upon here as the real opening of a new era of direct relationship between the two countries. The state department has been informed that Great Britain has given assent to such negotiations, which were discussed informally last July when Premier Mackenzie King visited Washington. The Canadian Government will at an early date send one or more representatives to Washington to conduct negotiations. The new treaty will supplant the 1817 traty and nominally, at least, relates to armament on the Great Lakes. However, there are intimations that it will be of broader scope and will include waterways and fisheries.

As understood here, the Canadian Government has thus far not looked on the time as ripe for negotiations over the St. Lawrence waterway. Nevertheless, the hope is indulged in in Washington that at least the way will be paved in the forthcoming negotiations for an understanding over the St. Lawrence channel. Not only that, but, in many quarters, there is growing apprehension here over the lessening of trade with Canada, and the symptoms of diversion of part of this trade to the United Kingdom to South America and elsewhere. It is expected that trade relations will be included in the forthcoming negotiations, but it is pointed out that the way may be paved for closer trade relationship to mutual advantage of both countries.

No increase of armament on the Great Lakes is desired by either country. A clearer understanding will be arrived at os to just what each nation can have in the way of armed craft for purposes of enforcing customs, revenues, prohibition and other laws. To enforce such laws the United States is compelled to have more lake vessels that it may technically be entitled to under the old treaty. Such craft are in no way aimed at Canada, but have met with some objections from Canadians. The new treaty will be framed to meet the conditions of 1922 legislation by each country, without in any way trenching on the spirit of the original arrangement.

SIMS CONCLUDES HIS SERVICE AS U. S. NAVY OFFICER

Yesterday Was Admiral's 64th Birthday, Age Limit for Active Service.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 16—A Newport, R.I., special to the Globe says:

Rear Admiral William S. Sims concluded his services as an active officer of the navy yesterday and departed from the naval college and training station. Today is the Admiral's 64th birthday, the age limit for active service.

After reading his orders of detachment to his staff and college class, Admiral Sims shook hands with all the officers who had been lined up by Captain Frank Taylor Evans and then, escorted by the officers, passed between two long lines of sailors to the Admiral's barge. Officers and sailors cheered him as he boarded the launch. As he was "piped over" the saluting battery on the Old Constellation boomed out a salute of thirteen guns and the Admiral's pennant came down for the last time.

Police Court Cases Yesterday

Three Charged With Carrying Firearms Within City Limits —$200 Fine for Liquor Selling.

In the police court yesterday morning, five men and one woman were each fined $8 or two months in jail with hard labor for drunkenness.

John J. Doucett, Thomas J. Lacey and a boy were charged with carrying firearms within the city limits. They all pleaded not guilty. The case was postponed until this morning to prove the limits. This case is the result of the shooting of Frederick McManus in the shoulder on Saturday afternoon last.

George Galbraith, charged with cruelty to animals and keeping a lodging house without a proper register was again before the court, and the hearing postponed until 10 a.m. next Monday.

At the afternoon session James Garnett was fined $200 for having liquor in his beer shop, Main street, on October 9th.

George Hampton pleaded guilty to driving on the wrong side f Rodney street on Saturday last. Officer Gill made the report.

Obituary

Mrs. Elizabeth Hevenor

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hevenor widow of Gideon Hevenor, occurred at her residence, 19 Spring street, this morning. Arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed. A son, Fred, arrived home yesterday summoned by the news of his mother's serious illness.

Douglas Brown.

Douglas Brown, a well known resident of the North End, passed away at an early hour yesterday morning in the Hospital after an illness of ten weeks. He had been in failing health for some time and it was decided that an operation was necessary. It was successful and until a week ago he seemed to be improving, but a change for the worse set in and dtath resulted. He was seventy-three years of age and was born in Digby, N. S. For sixty years he conducted a boot and shoe repair shop in the North End. He is survived by six sons: John in San Francisco; Douglas R., of Newcastle, N. B.; Rev. Chester N. of Bideford, P. E. I.; J. Leonard, Charles E. and William of this city; also two daughters, Mrs. Geo. I. Higgins and Mrs. E. J. Hartshorn of St. John. His funeral will take place on Wednesday at 3 o'clock from his late residence, 77 Portland street. A wide circle of friends will regret to learn of his death and their sympathy will go out to the members of his family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Catherine Donohoe.

Many friends here will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Catherine Donohoe, widow of Patrick H. Donohoe, formerly of St. John, which occurred in Boston on Sunday, Oct. 15. Her husband had been dead for some years, and her son, Harry Donohoe, passed away some few months ago. The body will be brought to St John and the burial will be held from P. J. Fitzpatrick's Undertaking rooms, Waterloo street, at 8.45 o'clock on Wednesday morning to the Cathedral for requiem high mass at 9 o'clock. Mrs Donohoe for years was a resident of Cliff street.

John Paris Is Given His Freedom

Had Been in Jail Over a Year —Tried Five Times on Charge of Murder.

After a period of incarceration, extending over a year, during which time he was compelled to stand five trials for his life, John Paris, the Truro mulatto, who was indicted for the murder of Sadie McAuley on Aug. 2, 1921, was yesterday morning allowed his freedom, after entering on his own recognizance for $1,000 to apprear again if called on to answer the charge. Paris expressed his intention of going home to Truro, but had nothing further to say when interviewed by representatives of the press. When the discharged prisoner left the court room, he was met by some colored friends, who extended their congratulations on his release from custody. His departure was witnessed by few people as he walked along the street.

When the adjourned sitting of the circuit court opened, yesterday morning, before His Honor, Chief Justice McKeown, G. H. Vernon, K. C. of Truro counsel for Paris made application for the discharge of the accused mentioning the fact that on the last trial the majority of the jurors were for acquittal, nine voting not guilty and three guilty. He contended that there could be no good purpose attained by continuing the trials further.

Attorney-General Byrne then addressed the court on behalf of the Crown. He said that it was not necessary to recapitulate the circumstances attending the five trials. Suffice it to say that of the five jury decisions in the matter there had been four disagreements and one straight conviction the preponderance being in favor of conviction by a count of thirty-nine to twenty-one. The last was the first trial on which the majority of the jury pronounced in favor of an acquittal. The Crown had produced all the evidence it was possible to bring before a jury and at the last trial evidence had been adduced which had not been brought in at any previous trial but the sentiment of the jury on this occasion was in favor of the accused's innocence. Under the circumstances the Crown felt that it was useless to proceed further with the matter on trial. If the prisoner was given his freedom however the Crown felt that he should be compelled to enter on his own recognizance to appear again if called on to answer the charge.

Mr. Vernon said that he had really intended to embody that suggestion in his application.

After the clerk had taken the accused's recognizance for $1,000 Chief Justice McKeown remarked: "You go Paris on that condition."

Died

BROWN—At the General Public Hospital, Oct. 16th, Douglas Brown, aged 73 years, leaving six sons and two daughters.

Service at his late residence, 77 Portland street, Wednesday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p. m. Interment in Cedar Hill.

HEGAN—On Monday, October 16, George Black Hegan, in the 73rd year of his age.

Funeral from St. Paul's church on Wednesday, October 18 to 2.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

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