

whether we should see cases in which there is no reasonably proven diagnosis of cancer. There were two cases - I think three, perhaps - that came up here in which there would be very grave doubt as to whether the patients had cancer, not necessarily on the opinion of somebody but from the story that was told. It was as regard to that point. It was simply a matter of our saving time. That is all. I felt if we had't some evidence of cancer it was rather a pity to spend the time of the Commission in dealing with such cases.

MR. MURPHY: Oh yes. You mentioned biopsy.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: I may have, I do not think I went that far because I would be satisfied in some cases with a clinical diagnosis, and certainly with a radiological diagnosis. \*

MR. MURPHY: Well, I want to expedite the matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Long.

16 ANNIE RUDD, sworn,

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THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose we can avoid duplicating the evidence, can we not?

MR. MURPHY: This lady is recalled because of Dr. Richard's statement at page 450 and 454.

THE CHAIRMAN: 450 and 454.

MR. MURPHY: Of the evidence re Miss Caisse and her patients. It is pages 418 to 458, and 517 to 567, and particularly at page 450.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is the big book.

MR. MURPHY: Yes. The dispute, I understand, is that



There was no recurrence of this condition in her rectum.

THE CHAIRMAN: What you are doing here is answering a certain statement?

MR. MURPHY: Made by Dr. Richards, and just so we will have it set down it is from pages 450 to 454.

Q. Now, Mrs. Rudd, were you operated on for cancer of the rectum? A. No.

Q. Cancer of the uterus? A. I don't think I was operated. I had radium inserted for 48 hours after X-ray treatments.

Q. What year was that? A. Three years ago now,

Q. 1936, Yes, and then what happened?

A. Well, I was up here in Toronto at the General Hospital. I had X-ray treatments, one at night and one in the morning, I just cannot say how many I had. I was here from - I should judge about the first of June until about the first of July, something like that, and then I went in the hospital and had radium inserted for 48 hours. I went home, and I came back - I am not sure when. I came back for examination. I think it was in September of that year. I came back again for examination I think it was in January of the next year. I am not sure about these dates because I never kept any track of them.

Q. Proceed? A. Then Dr. Richards at that time told me I was cured. I was to come back frequently at stated intervals for examination but he told me I was cured quite definitely and I went home. He wrote down to Dr. Clark who is my own doctor at Peterboro.



Dr. Clark told me that Dr. Richards told him that I  
was one of his complete cures. However, I didn't feel  
very good, and during the next month--

Q. How long is this after the X-ray treatment or  
radium treatment? A. It would be about eight  
months. It would be from June, and by the way, that  
following October I forgot to say I came back to the 1936  
hospital and had some more X-ray treatments. I cannot  
tell you how many but I think in all -

Q. X-ray or radium? A. X-ray. I had no more  
radium. It seems to me in all I would have about 60,  
perhaps. I may be wrong but it is quite a number, anyway,  
counting both times I was in the hospital, and in  
February after I had had that last examination from \*  
Dr. Richards the cancer recurred again.\* I don't know  
anything else you can call it. It was in the rectum  
this time. I told Dr. Clark about it and he didn't  
give me an examination because he couldn't. At least,  
I would have had to have gone into the hospital, and  
they would have to have done it under anaesthetic,  
to make the examination, but he told me there was no  
doubt in his mind as to what it was, and he wished me  
to go back to Dr. Richards, to the hospital. He said  
he would write over and have a bed ready for me, I  
told him I didn't think I would, and I asked him if he  
thought it would do any good, that he would be able to  
sure it, and he said he didn't but he said that he  
didn't see anything else he could do, and he would like  
me to go. However, I told him I was not going to go.



I didn't want to go. The treatment - it was rather  
severe, to say the least, and if the cancer had come  
back I didn't see much use, and during this time I had  
heard of Miss Caisse. I didn't know of her in the first  
place. After I heard of her I knew someone who was  
going up from Peterboro, and I made inquiries, and I came  
up with them, and after the first treatment from her  
I didn't have any more bright red discharge. I had  
blood clots, lots of them, perhaps for two months,  
maybe a little longer. I am not just sure. I came up  
to Miss Caisse- I should think it was about from the  
middle of March until about the first of October, some  
such date. It was all summer into the fall, I don't  
think I had more than twenty some odd treatments. I am  
not sure of that, either. She will have it down some  
place, and after the first couple of months I had't  
any discharge in any way, no blood clots in the faeces,  
and I haven't had from then till now, or any trouble.

Q. Then, you are cured?            A. Well, I don't  
 know whether you would call it cured or not. I have  
 no trouble. I would call it cured. There has not been  
a recurrence yet.

Q. You had success with the Caisse treatment where  
you had no success with the radium; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. With the radium you had a recurrence?

A. A recurrence. As far as I could figure it out -- I  
am a nurse, by the way. I trained in Hamilton General.  
I haven't nursed for seven years but still I was a

course, and as far as I could figure it out the X-ray treatments and the radium - it shoved it through to the rectum. It dulled it down for the time being but it certainly came back. I don't know what else you would call it. I don't know anything else that would give that result. Dr. Clark said he didn't either. Of course, he didn't make an examination. He would if I had gone to the hospital, and it was my own fault I didn't, but I haven't any trouble from this now.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. How long was it from the time of the last treatment given by Dr. Richards until you went up to Miss Caisse? What time elapsed between the last Richards treatment - A. The last treatment I had from Dr. Richards - I think it was in September I was up. It seems to me the Exhibition was on. I think it was September of that year three years ago. That was the last treatment, X-ray treatment, not radium.

Q. Then, when did you go to Miss Caisse?

A. I came up again to Dr. Richards in the early part of the next year, in January some time, and it was in February that the recurrence came, and I went to Miss Caisse I think about the middle of March. The last treatment I had was in October, and the recurrence came in February.

COMMISSIONER VALIN: Q. 1937? A. Yes, two years ago.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: All these dates are on this resume that we have here. A. I am not sure about the dates, You will have them down.

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1927  
COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Have you got them there?

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Yes, She was getting irradiation of some sort, from May until October, 1936, from May, 1936, till October, 1936. She began treatment by Miss Caisse on March 3, 1937. Have you not got this resume?

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: I think I have it some place.

COMMISSIONER VALIN: Q. Dr. Clark did not make a rectal examination when you were passing blood by the rectum? A. Yes, just digital, and he said that

it was too far up as far as he could make out.

Q. He could not feel it? A. No, besides

I had a lot of haemorrhoids, very bad, and whether there was anything there or not I don't know but that was the conclusion he came to. He said it was too high up and I would have to go in the hospital.

Q. But you were passing blood by the vagina, too, at that time? A. No, not from when I had

had the X-ray and the radium treatment. I have nothing in any way from the vagina.

Q. None since? A. None since, absolutely none, and none any place since I had Miss Caisse's treatments. I certainly attribute my present state of health to her. I cannot do anything else. I was a nurse and I always worked with doctors. I was in Mr. Karl's(?) clinic in Cleveland for two years, and in the city hospital in Cleveland for nearly six years nursing, and I haven't any objection to doctors, as you know. I couldn't. I was brought up with them more or less

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Did you ever see a



question after radium? \* A. What do you mean?

Q. You have seen radium treatment if you were with

A. No, the floor I was on was all  
guitres, thyroids, all of them. They didn't use radium.

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17 GEORGE H. MAHON, sworn,

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Port Carling. A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mahon was not a witness before,  
was he?

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You were not at Brace-  
bridge?

A. No.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Dr. Joyce at Port Carling examined  
you?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell the Commission what happened in regard  
to your examination. What led up to it?

A. Well, January, 1927 - 1937

THE CHAIRMAN: A Little louder please, so we can all  
hear.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. January 1937?

A. I was feeling kind of - oh, I had been feeling ill  
for a couple of years, I guess, and it led up to I had  
to go to our doctor, He examined me, and he told me  
I would have to go to the General Hospital to have  
something removed. He said some growth.

Q. Where? A. It was in my bowel.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Dr. Joyce, was it?

A. Yes.

MR. MURPHY: The report is on page 11 in book five.

Dr. Joyce, Port Carling, Ontario, diagnosis, cancer

