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THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose that can be obtained from Dr. Singleton.

MR. MURPHY: This lady just came to us as she said. She never went to any person else.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is no objection to us getting that from Dr. Singleton? A. No.

Q. Would you make a note to get that?

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

MR. MURPHY: That may be in these books.

THE CHAIRMAN: X-ray report from Dr. Singleton about August, 1938.

MR. MURPHY: X-ray at the Medical Arts Building, Toronto.

THE WITNESS: It was the fore part of August.

MR. MURPHY: Cancer of large bowel, by Dr. Singleton.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will get it.

MR. MURPHY: Alright, that is all, madam.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

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20 GEORGE BRUCE, sworn.

THE CHAIRMAN: He is at page 10 of the Committee's evidence.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: This case, too, was seen by the sub-committee in Bracebridge.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is something to be answered here, is it?

MR. MURPHY: Yes, I haven't got a note of it.



Where do you live, Mr. Bruce? A. I live in the Township of Mayo, County of Hastings.

Q. Now, when did you first have trouble with your health? A. Well, I don't know exactly, about six or seven years ago.

Q. What was the nature of your trouble?

A. Small little irritations in the mouth.

Q. Did you have an operation? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you have any radium treatment? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who was the doctor who examined you first?

A. Dr. Stobie of Belleville.

Q. What did he diagnose your case as?

A. He didn't say it was anything in particular. He sent me to the clinic in Toronto.

Q. Who did you see there? A. Dr. Richards.

Q. Did you have radium treatment? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How often? A. I cannot tell you that.

Q. Then, what happened? A. Well, it is two years ago in April I had the last treatment in the hospital there, and I was supposed to go back in June, and I just felt so under the weather I couldn't come back. My face was sore and so much pain and I didn't go back at all.

Q. Did the radium treatment do you any good?

A. I cannot see that it did, no.

Q. Alright, then what happened?

A. Well, I heard tell of Miss Caisse and I came down to her and started to take treatments.

Q. Were you suffering at the time you went to her?

A. Yes, sir, I was.



Q. When did you go to her? A. It will be two years on the 21st day of August coming.

Q. Is your condition improved to-day?

A. Yes, sir, I have no pain as far as cancer is concerned.

Q. How many treatments did you take all told?

A. I cannot tell you that.

Q. Approximately? A. I really haven't the slightest idea.

Q. You have no idea whatsoever? A. No.

Q. Do you figure you are cured now? A. With the exception of a little spot that is not filled in back at the back where the radium burn was.

Q. Other than that you consider yourself perfect?

A. I think so.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. You were cured of cancer in 1931, were you not? A. Cured of cancer?

Q. By radium in 1931? A. Not that I know of. \*  
I took treatments on my lip here, and when I went back next time in seven weeks the doctor found it went back inside. \*

Q. My record here states you were treated with radium for cancer in some other location in 1931.

I wonder if that record of mine is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have been trying to find Dr. Richard's comments.

MR. MURPHY: Is he from Detlor, Ontario?

THE CHAIRMAN: Has anyone got Dr. Richards' evidence?

MR. MURPHY: Here is all I have, at pages four and



five of book four. Mr. George Bruce: Dr. O. W. Anderson,  
Barroft, Ontario, copy of diagnosis given by Dr.  
Anderson.

\* Dear Mr. Bruce:

At your request today I have no hesitation  
in expressing my opinion"-- this is August 14, 1937--  
that you are suffering from a cancerous condition  
of the gums of the lower right jaw."

Copy of letter written by Dr. G. E. Richards, Toronto  
General Hospital, to Mrs. White, Mr. Bruce's daughter,  
dated May 26, 1937.

\* Dear Madam:

I have your letter of 24th instant regarding  
your father, Mr. George Bruce.

Originally his trouble was a malignant growth  
involving the left lower lip and cheek. Following  
treatment this healed and when he came back in April  
of this year he had another entirely new growth  
involving his right lower jaw, chiefly in the soft  
tissues of the gum. This was an entirely new lesion,  
but was a malignant growth.

Following the treatment he would be expected  
to have a certain amount of pain, swelling and dis-  
comfort until it was all healed. We asked him to  
come back in June for the purpose of deciding  
whether or not it had responded properly to treatment  
and whether or not it was healed. It is not likely  
that at this visit anything further would be required.  
In any case, we could not decide this until we saw



\* him again.

My advice to you would be to urge him in every way possible to come at the time of his appointment and let us examine him. "

He had 12 radium treatments in the Toronto General Hospital for cancer of the left lower lip and cheek. Following treatments this healed, and in April, 1937, an entirely new growth appeared in the right lower jaw. Patient had twelve more treatments of radium, and in June the patient did not feel fit to return for examination.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Apparently Miss Caisse's clinic card refers to a diagnosis by Dr. Richards as a result of which he had 12 radium treatments in February of 1931 \* and following that treatment the cancer healed up or growth or whatever it was healed up. Now, is that a misprint? Perhaps it is. Perhaps that should be February, 1937.

MR. MURPHY: All it says is patient had 12 radium treatments in the Toronto General Hospital for cancer in 1937.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: That is in 1937?

MR. MURPHY: Yes. Dr. Richards' letter is dated May 26, 1937.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Evidently that is a misprint.

MR. MURPHY: That is a misprint.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not able to find that Dr. Richards gave evidence on this case before the Commission in any way.

MR. MURPHY: In any event, there is his complete



diagnosis of the condition, pages four and five in book four.

THE CHAIRMAN: Four and five in book four.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. How many pounds did you gain after you went to Miss Caisse? A. I gained over 30 pounds.

Q. Did you lose weight while you were taking the radium treatment? A. Yes.

Q. You did? A. Yes, sir.

Q. As soon as you started to take Miss Caisse's treatment you gained 30 pounds? A. Well, for some time afterwards it was not --

Q. Gradually? A. Yes.

Q. You are well to-day, feeling well?

A. Yes, sir, I have no pain whatever.

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21, LORNE FRASER, sworn, *see report pp. 32-33*

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Where do you live, Mr. Fraser?

A. In Rosseau.

Q. Lake ROSSEAU? A. Yes, Lake Rosseau, at the head of the lakes.

Q. And when did you first have trouble with your health? A. Well, two years ago this last spring.

Q. What was the nature of it? A. Well, I was suffering from what I thought was bad teeth. I had the toothache. My teeth were very bad, and my jaws were sore and it didn't actually act like a toothache, but it seemed to be in the jaws, you know, and I went to the doctor-

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