

GERTRUDE SCOTT, called,
(Huntsville, Ontario)

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN:

Where were those plates taken (indicating)?

5 A. By Mr. Fenner.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Are there any records here?

THE WITNESS: They have lost my card. It has been mis-placed, or something; they just cannot locate it.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. You will have to give us your story yourself.

A. It is just that I have had a very bad stomach for about 20 years. I have been to the Lockwood Clinic. Do you want me to tell you where I have been, and had all the examinations?

15 Q. Yes?

A. I was to the Lockwood Clinic first, and I was to Dr. George Young twice, and had a diagnosis.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. What did Dr. George Young say? A. That there was nothing the matter with me at all. I was very ill, and I could not go upstairs.

It seemed to be my heart. They all said there was nothing the matter with me, and it was always my stomach that I complained of. When I went to see Dr. Fletcher

25 I complained of that too. The last time I went to Dr. Young he said that there was nothing the matter with me. That was about four years ago. I had been in bed every winter for about eight years, and I have had three children. Two babies died, and I have a

30 little girl living now.

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The last time I went to see Dr. Young about four years ago I was very ill; I could not have dusted his chairs, I was so exhausted; and he said there was nothing he could do; and he said, that he could not see anything. I went to Professor Hinger, and he asked all those things. I was still complaining of my stomach, and he said it would likely clear up.

Q. He made an abdominal incision? A. Yes.

Q. Professor Hinger? A. Yes. They sent me home about three weeks after, and they said in the hospital that there was nothing the matter with my stomach, that I could go right ahead, and I would be all right, and so I did, and I had not been eating or anything for years before that, and I had been on a sort of diet. When I got home, of course, I started to have haemorrhages, and I had several haemorrhages that winter.

Q. From where? A. From my stomach.

Q. You vomited blood? A. Yes, and the doctor said I had this probably from surgery meninges. I did not know any better, and I thought perhaps they knew what they were talking about, and I did not take any notice. I seemed to get better in my general health, especially in the summer time. I used to go out digging in the garden, and I would go to bed for the winter, -- not absolutely to bed, but I would have to have someone do my work, and I would be up and down, and I could not breathe.

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5 Then, about a year ago, I started to come to Miss
Caisse, and I was really very sick then. I had one
of those haemorrhages, and I did not wish to say any-
thing against them in the hospital, and my sister was a
nurse, and she used to come and give them to me, and
the doctor never suggested that I have anything done
about this haemorrhage business. He seemed to think
that it was all right, and natural that I have them. I
used to vomit two or three cups of blood, perhaps, and
a whole dish, too, -- one of those basins half full.

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15 I went to Toronto, and I happened to have one ~~there~~
and the doctor came in to see me, and he thought he
would find me in very low spirits, -- I did not know
anything about this until after, -- but he told my
sister-in-law -- "My goodness, that girl is sick, and I
expected to find someone weeping their head off and
crying, and afraid they were going to die," and he
thought I would, and he was going to give me the hypo
that I generally take, and he said he would give it to
me. I do not know what they gave to me, but I think I
know and cannot tell you. It was morphine, probably;
they used to stop the haemorrhages, and it did in
Toronto, and I did not think anything about it.

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25 Q. That is, the haemorrhage from the mouth?

A. Yes, and I have not had one for nine months.

30 BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. When did you begin
to take treatments here? A. It is almost a year
now. I have had about 40 treatments altogether. *AWK*

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: What benefit did they have? A. On me?

5 Q. Yes? A. I am so much better physically that I am doing all my own work except the washing now, and I have never done that for seven or eight years.

10 Q. Have you any haemorrhages now at all? A. I have not had one since the 7th of May, and it was a very small one that I had then. I still cannot eat anything. I still have a bad stomach, as far as that goes, but I feel much better physically, and have more energy.

15 Q. Does eating hurt you, or increase your pain? A. I do not have any, but as soon as it gets down something comes up. It may be the pressure, or something. It is very sour, and sometimes very bitter as if there was something from the gall. I have never had a pain, but I have had this awful weakness or sickness. The first time I went to Dr. Young I was 24, and he said, --

20 Q. How long ago was that? A. That was when I was 24; I am 38 now.

25 Q. 14 years ago? A. Yes.

Q. He told you then there was nothing wrong with you? A. No, sir. I was going to give you this one thing that I attribute my trouble to.

30 Q. When did Dr. Young see you last? A. That was about three or four years ago. It is four years ago I think. The first time I went I nearly died, because

When I was a little child about 6 years old I had a

rather unfortunate sex experience, and when I went to

him I had been kept in very great ignorance all my life,

and I never knew where a baby came from. I knew it

had something to do with men, but when I was 24 I

really did not know. I know now he did not touch me,

but all these years from the time I was about six years

old until I was about 14, I could not remember whether

he had or not, and it just worried me to death, because

I thought sometime I might have a baby. There was no

one I could go to ask, and I did not know anyone I

could give my confidence to, and I suffered mentally

through all those years alone. When he gave me the

X-ray I nearly fainted, because I was afraid he might

find out something. It had preyed upon my mind so much,

and that one man was the beginning of all this.

I have been very nervous, and I could not get up

and say a word at school; I could not get up and read

my lessons. From the time I was 14 I had to stop

school on account of my health.

After I had been to all these other doctors at the
Lockwood Clinic and the doctor at the Lockwood Clinic

said there was nothing the matter with me at all, at

that time mentally I was in a terrible condition. I

was nearly out of my mind. I had some sort of an

impression that I could not look at people or do any-

thing. They said there was nothing the matter with me,

and, "You go home, and go to the Exhibition for a couple

of weeks."

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They took me to the Exhibition and nearly killed me, and I just had to sort of suffer along by myself. All that winter I could not walk steadily, and I was in agony from this in my head. Then I had another child, and the next time I think I went to see Dr. Fletcher, and he said I had an enlarged colon, and I did need an operation, and I went on the diet for six months, and I stayed right on it, but it did not help me. In between I came down to O'rillia, and had X-rays, and I went to the General Hospital, and had some sort of an X-ray of my bowels as well. I do not know whether I am giving you this very concisely.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. You are feeling quite well now? A. I am. The last time I went to Dr. George Young he read my former report, and he said that the cause, -- I had made up my mind I was not going to tell him about this sex experience, but I did tell him after, and he said, "There was your trouble" and "That has been the whole ~~problem~~ cause of your trouble since that.

Q. What doctor was that? A. Dr. George Young. He said, "There is nothing you can do about it now". It was after that that I was quite discouraged, and I went to Dr. Hinger myself, and he did this operation. Since I have been coming here, I have been better than anything I have ever tried before.

Q. How many treatments are you taking a week? A. One a week, and sometimes two weeks in between.

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COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Here is a clinic card for Mrs. Scott which will be Exhibit 36.

EXHIBIT NO. 36: Clinic card re Mrs. Douglas Scott, July 4, 1937.

5 THE WITNESS: I was wondering if I could have the plates read, and you doctors could give me something definite, I would be very pleased. All the doctors seem to have a different story.

10 COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Thank you very much. It is nice of you to come and talk about it.

— The witness retired.

WILLIAM PEACOCK, called,
(South River, Ontario.)

15 BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE:

20 Mr. Peacock, what you are saying is being taken down. You will just be careful to try to give it as clearly as you remember your story. You had some trouble with your lip, had you not?

A. Yes.

25 Q. When did that occur or begin? When did you notice it first?

A. Well, as near as I can tell you, about a year and a half or two years before I came here.

Q. That would be about two years ago, would it?

A. Yes, I guess it would be, now; that is pretty close.

Q. Did you go to a doctor?

A. Yes.

Q; Where, and to whom?

A. South River, to

30 Dr. Dawson.

Q. What did he say, and how did he treat you?

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