

jolting of the car, and I had to be very careful how I slept or I would get this terrible pain in my back, and after eight weeks I was able to ride back and forth to Bracebridge, 220 miles every Saturday for my treatments, and my little girl was operated on for appendicitis, and I came home and took charge of the house and took charge of her, and have been going back and forth for treatment ever since.

Dr. Cosbie says " If that is what she has done with a few keep on taking her treatments." He says " they are marvellous. They are worth a million."

THE CHAIRMAN: Before Mrs. Douglas leaves I was wondering if the doctors on the Commission thought it would be of any value if a biopsy was had now, an original biopsy.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: It is quite possible Dr. Cosbie may have taken a scraping or did he? A. He said it was not necessary, that I had had that specimen taken, and it was not necessary to molest me any more.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. A. So I pray to God you men will deal justly in the sight of the Lord in this case. The all seeing eye is upon you. Beware. -- The witness retires.

COMMISSIONER VALIN: Who is Dr. Cosbie?

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: He is on the staff.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Veitch has not given evidence before, has she?

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THE WITNESS: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Q. Your address? A. Ufford.

Q. Whereabouts is Ufford? A. On the Windermere Road.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Mrs. Veitch, were you examined at Bracebridge?

Q. You had, I understand, cancer of the bladder?

A. Yes, the passage in the neck of the bladder. The growth extended in.

Q. Dr. McComb operated on you three years ago?

A. Yes.

Q. Malignant type sarcome? A. Yes.

Q. Is that correct? A. Yes.

Q. Where was the operation performed? A. In what place?

Q. Yes, A. In Toronto General Hospital here.

Q. A. growth was also removed from the side in 1935, and had seven stitches? A. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN; From her side?

A. I had one on my side.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. When was this operation in the bladder done by Dr. McComb? A. I think it is three years ago.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Pardon? A. It is three years past, I think,

Q. Three years past? A. I think so, I would not be just positive.

Q. Then, what happened, did you have trouble with it

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again? A. Well, I had quite a bit of trouble after I went home, and Dr. Joyce in Port Carling treated me. For weeks I was very poorly, I did not get much rest, but after three or four months I began to pick up. and I thought I was going to be pretty good. So Dr. McComb said " you come down in six months or in the fall." It was in June I was operated on. He says " I want you to come back again." I said " do you think it is going to grow again? He said " I cannot say". He says " you come down." So I waited and as time went on I began to feel twinges of the old pain. I thought I better get down so I came down and he gave me an examination. I said " well, doctor, has it started to grow"? "Yes", he said, "one spot has started to grow" I said " I didn't need to ask you that because I could tell."

Q. You could tell by the pains? A. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. That was in the fall, was it? A. Yes.

Q. What month? A. I think it was about the first of November. I would not be just positive, somewhere along there. So then I went home and months went on and I began to get worse, and gradually going down, going down, and getting off my feet. I could not stand on my feet. That was where my pain was. When I would stand I would have this terrible pain. So didn't know what to do. I didn't think there was any use going back. I had my mind made up I was going to die with it. There is no use going back again and being tortured again.

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BY MR. MURPHY:

Q. Were these pains you had with this similar to the pains you had previously? A. Yes, just the same.

Q. And the doctor said "there is a small growth again"? A. Yes.

Q. Then, what happened? A. Well, I went home, and I didn't know what to do, and I was just getting worse. I dragged myself around and tried to do something but it was almost impossible because I got so bad and then I had a bad discharge.

Q. Did you lose weight? A. Yes, I couldn't sleep. There were months I couldn't sleep at all. I couldn't get a night's rest.

Q. When did you go to Miss Caisse? A. Well, when I pretty nearly had given up hope. I looked around and people said to me "why don't you try Miss Caisse"?

Q. That was in May, May 14th, 1938?

A. Yes, well, I began to see the neighbours around. My next neighbour was getting cured, and one here and one over there, and I talked to them. People came to see me and told me and this one and that one told me and I thought "well, there is something in it". "I will go in" I didn't have faith at first.

Q. What did you do? A. I went to Miss Caisse.

Q. What happened? A. I started her treatments.

Q. On May 14, 1938? A. Yes, somewhere

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around there.

Q. And did you improve? A. Yes, for eight treatments I didn't notice any difference. I said "Well, I don't know, I cannot feel any different". My husband says "well, don't give up". He says "Keep on", and I was getting discouraged and I was suffering, and I was in more agony than ever, but after the eighth treatment I took a bad reaction, and I thought I was done for sure then but that was the turning point. Then I began to improve and I improved fast.

Q. What weight did you gain since you started to take treatments? A. I am just back to my natural weight now. I weigh 143. I did weigh 145 once in my life.

Q. What did you weigh when you had this trouble?

A. I went down, I don't think I would weigh over 120 I got very thin.

Q. Do you consider now you have been cured?

A. No, I am not saying I am cured yet, but I can tell you in percentage I am 75% better to-day.

Q. Are you doing your own work?

A. Yes, sir and I have cabins to look after on Three Mile Lake, and I look after my cabins and my guests, and last year I could not hardly walk to the place.

Q. Three Mile Lake is still functioning?

A. Yes, you bet it is.

Q. You are able to get around? A. Yes, I can walk down to my cabins, that is a mile and back, half a dozen times a day.

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Q. You are on your feet constantly?

A. All the time.

Q. You have not got any pain? A. No, and I am
the post mistress there, too, I do all my work.

Q. You have not got any pain? A. Some days
I will feel slight twinges. That is why I say I am
continuing my treatments. These slight twinges are
just a general reminder but, of course, I am not taking
the needle. Miss Caisse didn't give me the needle
and I think it is a little slower process. I owe my
life to Miss Caisse. I would have been dead and in
my grave months ago.

COMMISSIONER DEADMAN: Q. How do you take the treat-
ment? A. Orally.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Are you still taking
treatment? A. Yes, and I am going to take them
until I am completely free of that pain I have.
Of course, the pain is only slight in comparison. It
was just like a knife stabbing me. I would just cringe
with it.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. When you came down to
Dr. McComb in October or November did he make an
examination with a light? A. Yes, he made
a thorough examination.

Q. What did he tell you to do then? A. Pardon?

Q. What did he say for you to do then?

A. He didn't say, You know. I suppose that was
for me to say. He said "come down again in another
two or three months", or some such time, but let me
tell you, Dr. McComb -- I owe my life to him first

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because I don't think I could have lived 24 hours. They rushed me to Dr. Joyce at Port Carling and he said "you better rush her to the hospital as quick as she can get" because you know I had ceased to urinate. I could not urinate.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it Dr. McComb that made the diagnosis in this case.

MR. MURPHY: Yes. A. I was in bad shape and I give Dr. McComb great credit. I am not casting down Dr. McComb, He is wonderful, and I would not have been living in six weeks if it had not been for Dr. McComb -- yes, six days. I owe a great deal to Dr. McComb. Nothing else could have saved my life but an operation then. Dr. Joyce says "I cannot do anything for you but I can send you to somebody that will give you help".

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. That was 1936? A. Yes.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Did Dr. Joyce send you to Miss Caisse? A. No.

Q. Dr. Joyce sent you to Dr. McComb? A. Yes, and when I came home Dr. Joyce took my case and treated me.

COMMISSIONER VALIN: Q. You have not been examined by a doctor lately? A. No, I didn't consider it was necessary to go, not when I was feeling the way I did.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. What age woman are you? A. I was born in 1883. I earnestly plead not for myself but for suffering humanity that the Commission

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will favour Miss Caisse. She deserves it. I was busy to-day at our cabins, and I said " I should not go away to-day". My husband says " well, you are not to think of yourself now. Think of the other fellow", so here I am on behalf of the other fellow, suffering humanity.

Q. Thank you.

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