

MR. MURPHY: There are eight more, and they will take about half an hour with them. Shall I go ahead and wind it up? Some of them have come a long distance

COMMISSIONER WALLACE: That is not your average speed, Mr. Murphy, eight in half an hour?

MR. MURPHY: I have a phone call I thought I could put in on that.

THE CHAIRMAN; Well, we have changed reporters now, we might go on.

MR. MURPHY: I am ready, only it is getting a little hot in here.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, proceed.

27 MRS. ELSIE GRAHAM, sworn

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BY THE CHAIRMAN: Q. You gave evidence in Bracebridge?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. That is at page 79 of the transcript.

BY COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. Is this not a case in

which no diagnosis was made? A. It was made once.

MR. MURPHY: This diagnosis was made by Dr. Hazlett at the Lockwood Clinic, April 23rd, 1937, as carcinoma at the mouth of the womb.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: The diagnosis of cancer of the cervix by Dr. Hazlett at the Lockwood Clinic.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Who made that

A. Dr. Hazlett.

Q. At the Lockwood Clinic?

A. And did you ever have your womb removed?

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A. About 18 years ago, by Dr. Cummings.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Was there a diagnosis, any indication of a diagnosis in this case at all?

MR. MURPHY: Except that we will have to take the oral evidence.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Did Dr. Hazlett tell you what your trouble was?

A. Yes, he told me

I had cancer of the cervix.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: We have no written evidence on that point, have we?

THE WITNESS: We should have. He wrote up to the doctor at Bracebridge, and he handed it to Miss Caisse,

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. What doctor did he write to?

A. Dr. Gregg.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Who took it?

A. Dr. Hazlett at the Lockwood Clinic on April 23rd, 1927.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is at page 24 of Exhibit 23, in his letter to Mrs. Graham, Dr. Gregg said, in part; " I give permission for treatment by Miss Caisse", and so on.

MR. MURPHY: This lady said that Dr. Hazlett sent the diagnosis from the Lockwood Clinic to Dr. Gregg in Bracebridge, saying she had carcinoma of the cervix.

THE WITNESS: He did not want me to come to Miss Caisse. He wanted me to come down and have radium treatments.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Who did?

A. Dr. Gregg, and so did Dr. Hazlett.

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COMMISSIONER YOUNG: May we clear on that point first. Is there really a diagnosis on this case, except in as far as the patient believes that Dr. Hazlett wrote to Dr. Gregg, and said that she had cancer?

THE WITNESS: No, I saw the written diagnosis which was sent to Dr. Gregg.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Would that not be available?

MR. MURPHY: I suppose you could get it from Dr. Hazlett or Dr. Gregg, if they want to produce it. If the woman saw it ---

THE CHAIRMAN: Here is our difficulty. Here is Mrs. Graham who has been before the committee at Bracebridge, and considerable evidence was taken up there, and now she comes before the whole Commission, and we still have no diagnosis of cancer. It is still necessary to get that first.

MR. MURPHY: The only point about that is -- surely we will not dispute this lady's word that she saw and observed the letter which was sent from Dr. Hazlett to Dr. Gregg, stating that she had carcinoma of the cervix.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not dispute her word at all, but Miss Caisse, in preparing the matter for the Commission, I think should have been careful to see that the proof of diagnosis was available to us, at least on the second occasion.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: This lady says she saw the letter which was sent by Dr. Gregg to Miss Caisse.

THE WITNESS: Yes, I did. The letter was written to

me, and it was enclosed with it, and I handed it to Miss Caisse.

BY COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. In that letter from Dr. Gregg to Miss Caisse there was a diagnosis mentioned of cancer of cervix?

A. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Who is Dr. Goyett?

MR. MURPHY: That is the second one I have to get.

I will get that. This says, "Remarks: Patient had a little discharge and a little bleeding".

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. And what did you do? Were you treated by Miss Caisse?

A. I went to the two doctors in Bracebridge, and they thought I had cancer, and I went on to the Lockwood Clinic, and they wanted me to stay in, and not go home at all, and have radium treatments, but I would not stay. I said I wanted to go Miss Caisse.

I went to Dr. Gregg for permission to see Miss Caisse, and he would not give it to me, only for one treatment, and then to go back for radium treatment with Dr. Scott.

BY COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. I think that bears out the statement -- that particular feature -- that she had cancer at the Lockwood Clinic? A. Yes.

Q. But we have nothing up to that time?

A. (No audible answer.)

MR. MURPHY: Except that she saw the writing.

THE CHAIRMAN: It will be Dr. Hazlett's diagnosis to Dr. Gregg, that we want.

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MR. MURPHY: Dr. Gregg sent a letter with her to Miss Caisse.

THE WITNESS: Yes, and I asked --

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. What did you weight at that time?

A. I think 100.

Q. And what do you weigh now? A. 108.

Q. Did you receive treatments from Miss Caisse?

A. Starting when? A. Right after I came back from the clinic. ✓ I had one the day I came back.

Q. Do you remember what day that was?

A. I think about the 25th of April.

Q. 1937? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many treatments did you have all told?

A. I do not know the number.

Q. I understand you discontinued the treatments

on September 17th, 1938? A. I quit in June,

* when the clinic was closed down, and I did not start again until November.

Q. Are you completely recovered now?

A. I am an awfully lot better. I do not know whether I am cured, but I went up to a chiropracter in Bracebridge, and had a test on that machine that they have, and they said I was cleared up. Dr. Callahan ---

Q. What did Dr. Callahan say?

A. He examined me, and said it was absolutely cleared up.

DR. CALLAHAN: The cervix is clear now. There does

not seem to be anything there, but the question is I was not able to find whether a diagnosis of cancer had been made. I interviewed these men, and saw them, and they dispute the diagnosis.

MR. MURPHY: I appreciate that. You will have that all along through this matter. This is the whole point. They are quitting.

THE WITNESS: I asked Dr. Hazlett if it was very advanced, and he said, "You are far enough advanced when you are bleeding." I had some very bad haemorrhages when I came home.

MR. MURPHY: It is like Dr. Bastedo said, and following what Dr. Callahan said. He said, "I just filed the original letter, saying it was carcinoma."

THE WITNESS: About the fourth treatment the haemorrhage stopped, and the pain stopped. I had had very bad pains. From that on I improved right along till when the clinic was closed down, I did not start up after she opened up again.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. You are better since you took the treatments? A. Yes, I was practically in bed.

Q. Are you doing your own work now?

A. Yes, and driving my own car. I could not hardly sit in a car, driving down to the clinic.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Dr. Cummings, of Toronto, operated on you about 20 years ago?

A. Yes, sir.

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Q. Have you any remembrance of the nature or size of the growth that was removed?

A. I do not think there was a growth at all at that time. I never knew there was a growth. It was Dr. McGibbon who sent me down, and he said it was because I was having so much bleeding every month. They did not say there was a growth. I do not know whether there was or not.

A. Q. And that was 20 years ago? A. Yes.

Q. And they never mentioned any growth?

A. No.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: It was probably a supra-cervical hysterectomy.

-- The witness retired.

28 MRS. ELIZABETH STEWART, sworn

THE CHAIRMAN: Her evidence appears at page 32 of the evidence at Bracebridge.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Mrs. Stewart, where do you live? A. I live in Muskoka.

BY COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. Are your husband's initials "H. H" A. Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: I wanted to be sure it is the right one.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Mrs. Stewart, were you a patient at the Memorial Hospital in Orillia?

A. I certainly was.

Q. When? A. Two years ago this coming January.