

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.



Q. Two years ago last January?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who examined you then?

A. Doctor ---

Q. Minthorne?

A. No, -- Harvey, Dr. Harvey.

Q. And what was your trouble?

A. Well, they did not tell me, but they told my brother.
They would not tell me after the X-ray what I had.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Murphy, I was thinking about
duplicating this record, completely all the way through.
This lady gave this evidence at Bracebridge. Is it
all there. There is no diagnosis which I have been able
to find in the record, of cancer at all. At page 33,
she says what she is saying now. The doctor did not say
it was cancer at all, but she thought it was.

MR. MURPHY: Of course, Mr. Chairman, you will
quite appreciate that doctors refrain in a great number
of instances from telling the patient, but they told her
brother that she had cancer of the uterus.

THE CHAIRMAN: In calling Mrs. Stewart again, is
it necessary to duplicate the evidence, or is there
something further you wish to have added?

MR. MURPHY: This is the further part of it. This
question was not asked her.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. You eventually knew you had
cancer? A. I have been where there is a lot of
cancer patients, and my mother-in-law died of cancer,

with the same symptoms --

Q. But did you know you had cancer as the result of your stay in the Memorial Hospital in Crillia?

A. He told my brother. He sent me home to make my will.

* He said, "Mrs. Stewart, if you have anything you would like to leave anybody, just go home, and make your will; it will not shorten your days, and it will not lengthen them."

BY COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Q. And your brother told you?

A. My brother was going for some kind of treatment on his back. He did not know I was there.

Q. Did your brother tell you that you had cancer?

A. No, my brother told me that Dr. Harvey told him that I had cancer running around the roots, around my backbone, and in two weeks would be my limit.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Did you ask to have your plates sent from the Memorial Hospital to Miss Caisse?

A. No, I asked them to be sent to Dr. Evans, in Huntsville, but they never sent them.

Q. Did you go personally for them?

A. No. I asked for them when I left the hospital. I said I wanted my plates sent to Dr. Evans in Huntsville.

Q. You were unable to work? A. I could not even walk.

Q. Did Dr. Harvey suggest any treatment, radium or X-ray?

A. No, he did not. I asked -- I said, "Now, doctor, this is what you are getting your white money for, and I intend to pay you before I leave

the hospital for everything you have done, and I want you to tell me the truth, and nothing but the truth". and he said, " What did the rest of the doctors tell you--"

THE CHAIRMAN: We are not concerned with this, and it is all a duplication.

MR. MURPHY: There was no evidence that she had cancer on the record. There is evidence now, because her brother told her.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE: It is on the record that her brother was told.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. If the brother was here, and the doctor who thold him, was here, that would be new evidence. But there is nothing new in it, and it is simply a duplication on the record.

THE WITNESS: In four weeks ---

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Let us close this up for a minute. You take treatments from Miss Caisse?

A. I certainly did.

Q. Have you recovered? A. Yes, I have certainly recovered, because I could not work.

Q. Are you working every day now?

A. I am working every day. I milk five cows, night and morning. I am right off the farm, and have boarders and all in the house , and I have to do it all myself.

I owe my life to Miss Caisse, and I hope you will do something for her.

-- The witness retired.
