

MRS. HATTIE WURTS, called,
 (149 Geoffrey St. Toronto)

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE:

Q. Mrs. Wurts, did you come out from Toronto today?

A. Yes. We left this morning.

Q. What you say is being taken down?

A. Yes.

Q. You will speak so you can be heard at the table with the gentlemen there and be careful about your memory as to what has happened?

A. Yes.

Q. You understand we are not swearing you?

A. I will try and do the best I can, but I really --

Q. When did you have a diagnosis by Dr. M. Ferrier?

A. He was my second doctor after I had been to have radium, and then to Pasadena. Dr. Minerva Reid was my first doctor, and it was she who --

Q. Dr. Minerva Reid on Sherbourne Street?

A. She lives on Annette Street.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. She saw you in the beginning? A. Yes. She was the first one that I had. They gave me radium right at once, and that was -- the time passed so quickly it is hard to remember--

Q. Did they take any little pieces? A. Yes, They took a little piece in the hospital. I went to the College Street Hospital, -- the Women's College Hospital.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. That was in 1937?

A. No sir, that was in 1935. I do not wish to get my

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dates mixed. I started to come here October 9th, 1937,
which was a year ago last October.

Q. 1937?

A. Yes, I came here.

5 It was the year before that in September that I saw Dr.
Minerva Reid; a year in 1936.

Q. September, 1936?

A. Yes. I had radium

immediately when they advised it.

Q. How many treatments did you have?

10 A. Just one treatment of 24 hours, I think it was.

Q. Who gave you that?

A. At the College

Hospital -- on Bloor Street. The Radium Institute on
Bloor Street gave the radium to me.

Q. At the College Hospital?

A. Yes,

15 and my brother-in-law is a doctor in California, and
mysister was there, and when they found out that I had
this he said, "Well, come and see me; I would like to
see it at once".

20 I picked up everything and went down to see them,
and they took me to several doctors down there, and they
did not wish to operate. They could not operate be-
cause it was too near the bowel, and it would interfere
with the bowel, and I would have to have the tube, if I
25 was operated upon, and so they said the next best thing
was that high powered X-ray machine; deep therapy.

Q. Did you have some of them?

A. Yes.

I had their regulation treatment which was about six
weeks.

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A. In

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Pasadena.

Q. BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: That would be in 1937?

A. That was partly in September and Christmas. I started in about the 1st of January to take that, and I took a six weeks treatment.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. How did you get along after that?

A. After that I was not bad at all, but I was weak from the treatment, and while I was taking the treatment it was a sort of sickening thing.

I went up around by Vancouver, and I had the flu when I got to Vancouver, -- everyone was having the flu then, and I just picked it up -- and my sister was there, and I stayed there then for six weeks, or, about a month in Vancouver, and I put on a little bit of weight while I was there and got along fairly well.

When I came home I had monthly treatments, and monthly examination by Dr. Richards, and by the end of September he decided that I was having a recurrence, and that it had gone from the vagina where it was, and it had gone into the back into the glands, and he proposed an operation.

Q. Who did? A. Dr. Richards of the General Hospital. He proposed an operation to have an incision and to have radium needles put in. It just seemed to me to be rather a severe treatment, and I said I did not want to have it.

Q. That was when? A

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. That was in the late summer of 1937? A. Yes.

Q. And you came here in October, the 9th of October? A. Yes, it was a month after that that I started here.

Q. Have you been continuing your treatment since that time? A. Yes, I have been taking treatments until -- I have not been taking many this winter, because I have not been able to get here, but I have taken the treatment when Miss Caisse was open for them.

Q. You have taken a considerable number of treatments? A. Yes, but I have forgotten the number I have taken.

Q. You are continuing the treatment as well? A. Yes.

Q. How do you feel now? A. I feel fine; I am dandy. I have lost all that pain, and have not any. If I was not told what was the matter with me I would not know that there was anything the matter with me.

I play golf, you know. I played golf last summer, and they told me if I did not have this treatment that in three months time -- Dr. Richards insisted that I have this, and he said, "In three months time you will have so much pain, and do not come back to me, because I really could not do the same for you in three months as I can do now. Yours is an exceptional case, and I can perform it with Dr. Ferrier" or "a cousin of mine". He insisted that I let Dr. Richards perform this operation,

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and I said, "I will take it upon myself that I do not want to have it". I said, "What will it mean if I do not?" and he said, "Oh, you will have so much pain, and the rest of it."

5 I came here then. Of course, I am careful of my diet; I do watch that I take the nourishing things, and I watch my combinations, but apart from that I do feel with these people that it has relieved their pain. I have not had any pain at all. I had a severe fall a
 10 week ago Monday, and I lit right on my back; lots of people would have been in bed.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You fell right on your sitter? A. Yes. Both feet went from under me, and I came down on my back and hit the back of my
 15 head an awful crack.

Q. Did it upset you much? A. Just a little stiff, and a little bit more across here, you
 20 know (indicating back).

Q. We will not dispute you on that. A. So now I have a pair of creepers on the heels of my
 25 goloshes.

EXHIBIT No. 39: Clinic card re Mrs. W.B. Wurts, October 9, 1937.

EXHIBIT No. 40: Diagnosis re Mrs. W.B. Wurts, October 5, 1937.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Did the other doctors feel anything at all? A. No, not that I know of, except that it was about so big, originally,
 30 and it was right on the cervix.

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BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Well, if we understand you correctly, you had your last deep therapy treatment in February of 1937, and you had your first treatment here in October of 1937?

A. Yes.

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Q. You had no treatments between those treatments at all?

A. No. The only treatment I have had is one treatment of radium here in Toronto, and a six weeks of deep therapy in Pasadena, California, and that ended it.

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Q. You are not mentioning any names, I notice?

A. No.

-- The witness retired.

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MRS. A. G. CAMERON, called,
(Toronto, Ontario.)

6 minutes reading

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE:

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Mrs. Cameron what you are saying is being taken down as a record for the Commission members not here. We are not swearing you in, but we just ask you to be accurate and careful?

A. I will try to be.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. You live in Toronto, Ontario?

A. Yes.

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Q. Did you motor up here?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did it take you?

A. We live

in Toronto, and left about 8.00 o'clock. Of course, we got here at a quarter after 11.00. Miss Steven

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drove too, so she did not drive as fast as a man would.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. You had an examination