

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.

5 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.

10 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:

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

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BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. You had an examination

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in the Lockwood Clinic, Toronto? A. In September, and if I remember right it was in September or the 1st of October. I could not be sure which, but it was in 1935.

5 Q. In September, 1935? A. Yes.

A. Q. What was your trouble at the time?

A. Well, I do not know. When I went there I thought it was colitis, or bowel trouble. I did not know what it was, but they diagnosed it as cancer of the left kidney.

10 Q. Who did that? A. Well, I had four doctors. Dr. McQuay, and Dr. Lockwood himself saw me. Dr. Hannah was called in too.

15 Q. They were all at the clinic? A. Yes. There were four at the clinic, and I had several X-rays.

Q. At the Lockwood Clinic? A. Yes.

20 Q. There is a letter to Mr. Cameron, your husband, written by Dr. R. W. McQuay, in which he states there is a good sized growth of tumor in the left kidney.

EXHIBIT NO. 41: Clinic card re Mrs. A. G. Cameron, June 7th, 1937.

EXHIBIT NO. 42: Letter re Mrs. A. G. Cameron, April 2, 1936.

25 THE WITNESS: I was at the Western Hospital after that.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: You were at the Lockwood Clinic in 1935, what month? A. About September. It was either September or October in 1935.

30 Q. September, 1935? A. Yes, and they told

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me , -- although it is not in that statement, -- that  
in six months it would be too late to operate. That  
is what they told me at the time.

5 BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. What treatment did  
you have before coming here? You have been taking  
these treatments? A. Yes.

10 Q. What treatment did you have before coming  
here? A. Well, after I had been to the Lockwood  
Clinic in 1935, I went then to another doctor, and he  
had me go to the Western Hospital to have another ex-  
amination.

15 Q. Did you have an X-ray at the Western Hospital?  
A. Yes; I had several X-rays at the Western Hospital.

Q. In 1935? A. Yes.

20 Q. Dr. Crender gave the X-ray? A. Yes,  
but I was thinking of the doctors there. There were  
several doctors there who examined me. He is a kidney  
specialist in the east end. The osteopath sent me up  
there. I had the X-rays, and they practically agreed  
with the diagnosis of the Lockwood Clinic, but they  
could not be definite in what they said. I was in the  
Western about a week, and they wished to operate, and  
25 my husband and I felt that they diagnosed it as cancer,  
and I was not going to be operated on, and I refused  
to be operated on.

30 BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You did not have  
any operation? A. No, and I went home.  
I was in a terrible condition at that time.

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Q. But it was advised? A. Oh yes. The hour was set and I was to be operated on on Monday morning, and I went home on the Saturday.

Q. You kind of slipped out on them? A. I did.

5 BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Then, did you see the osteopath? A. I did not know what to do, and so I said, "I am going on a diet, and watch my diet, and take osteopathic treatments". I did that for nearly two years, -- it was over a year, anyway. The winter of 1935 and 1936 I spent most of it in bed, with a nurse.

10 Q. The winter of what year? A. 1935 and 1936; that is, the fall of 1935, and the winter of 1936, I spent in bed. I would get up, and have my treatment and go back again, and I had my nurse in the house.

15 Q. That was the osteopathic treatment?

38 A. Well, the different treatments that they do, and he would advise me on my diet, and so on, and I just managed to get through.

25 At the end, in around June of 1937, I knew that I was just keeping going, and I was not getting anywhere; he was just keeping me alive, and I was just holding my own. He said finally, "Well, I think you had better go up and see Miss Caisse".

30 Q. That was in 19 -- A. 1937, in June, I think. I came up here in 1937.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You were not feeling

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very well then? A. No sir. I was just holding on myself for two years while I was taking treatment, and before that I was not well. Before I went to the Lockwood Clinic from the Western I was not, and that is why I went there, because I was in such a condition.

When I came up here I think I must have had about over 60 treatments altogether. Miss Caisse would have the exact number. It is approximately around 60. I started to gain right away.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. I did not hear that.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You started to gain right away when? A; Right away.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Did you take a treatment a week? A. No sir. I have taken a treatment every week for a certain time, and I would vary. I have not had one now since before Christmas.

Q. You are taking a treatment today?

A. Yes.

Q. An injection in your arm?

A. Yes.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You take the medicine too? A. Just when I came up here, but I certainly feel that I owe my life to Miss Caisse.

Q. Had you lost any weight before?

A. Yes. I gained, and I am doing my own work now.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Are you feeling



quite well? A. No, I would not say I was quite well, because the growth is still there, but an awful lot has come away. \*

5 BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. How do you know it is there? A. Well, I can feel it. There is such an easy sloughing away.

10 Q. Can I feel it through your clothing?  
A. I do not know, as it has gone down an awful lot, but you may be able to. I feel so much better, and I have continued my treatments, and I feel I will be better when I think that in 1936 I had a nurse in my house, and I have had no other treatment, and just to be able to do my own work now --

15 BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Your last treatment of radium was in the Western Hospital?  
A. Well, I really did not have any radium. I had no radium or operation; I would not have it. I knew enough and I had read enough and had heard enough all  
20 about the effect of those treatments on cancer, that I just refused to have it, and I said, "Well, I will let it go."

25 Q. You have had nothing except X-ray?  
A. Nothing except the X-ray.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. That is, X-ray pictures, but not treatments? A. No, no treatments; just the X-ray pictures.

30 BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Have the treatments had any effect on you within a few hours after taking

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it? Is there any effect? A. Yes.

Q. What is it? A. Chills, but not always. Sometimes I do not notice any difference at all, but as a rule quite frequently I would have chills. I have seen myself go to bed after my treatment with two hot water bottles to keep warm.

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BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. After you got home? A. Yes, and that would pass in perhaps a day. The next day probably I would not feel so good, but after that I felt better.

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COMMISSIONER WALLACE: I think perhaps that is all we require from you.

THE WITNESS: Anything more that I can do, I am very glad to do it.

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-- The witness retired.

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MRS. R. R. ALLMAN, called,  
(207 Indian Road, Toronto.)

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BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE:

Did you come up from Toronto today? A. Yes.

Q. That is quite a trip this morning?

A. We come up every week.

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Q. On Saturdays? A. No, on Sundays too.

Q. You had a diagnosis from Dr. Shannon of St. Michael's Hospital?

A. Yes, -- no.

Q. Well, you saw him? A. No, I had Dr. --

I was over in Buffalo, and I was to Dr. Everett.

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Q. In Toronto? A. No, in Buffalo.

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