

6 ANNIE BONAR, sworn, 35-1376

COMMISSIONER VALIN: Q. Your age, please?

A. 55.

BY MR. MURPHY: Q. Where do you live?

A. 260 Logan Avenue

Q. You live in Toronto? A. Yes.

Q. When did you first take sick?

MR. BONAR: Three years ago.

MR. MURPHY: What doctors did she have?

MR. BONAR: Dr. Staley, Austin Staley on Broadview,
and when he examined her he called me in the hall and
he told me, he says "there is cancer but I hope I am
wrong".

MR. MURPHY: Whereabouts?

MR. BONAR: In the womb and maybe the bladder and
bowels, but she had it in the womb, anyway, and we
rushed her to the hospital on the Sunday. This was
the Saturday before New Year's, three years last
December, and he said "we better get her to the hospital
right away". She went to the hospital and he told me
after she would have about ten months to live. Anyway
they took her to the hospital and gave her radium.

MR. MURPHY: Did they operate on her?

MR. BONAR: Well, radium. They took a piece away
from her and sent it to the Parliament Buildings to
find out.

MR. MURPHY: And what was the diagnosis? There was a
biopsy done and they sent the piece away?

MR. BONAR: Yes.



MR. MURPHY: And it came back?

MR. BONAR: Yes.

MR. MURPHY: What was the finding?

MR. BONAR: It was cancer, and they gave her radium. She was about ten days with radium in there. She was in there until about February. She came out some time in February.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Radium treatment where? Where was the radium treatment given?

MR. BONAR, In the womb.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: At what Hospital?

MR. BONAR: St. Michael's Hospital.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: By whom?

MR. BONAR: Dr.--- what is the specialist on women?

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN; Dr. Frawley.

gynecologist

MRS. BONAR: And Dr. Shannon gave me treatment for nearly a year.

MR. BONAR: Dr. Shannon gave her - I could not tell you how many treatments. Dr. Shannon could not do any more for her, and they told me when it came up here on her arm that she had about three weeks to live, and you could not put a finger on her arm. Dr. Leonardo chief coroner of Rochester told me her arm was never supposed to move normally as far as medical science.

MR. MURPHY: Did they want to amputate?

MR. BONAR: Dr. Shannon took her to the doctor in St. Michael's Hospital. This w

and they examined her and they were going to take her arm off on Thursday. We were pretty upset



to take her arm

to go on the Thursday and get it taken off. Wednesday night she did not sleep all night, and I was going to work on Thursday and she said to me " I am not going to get my arm off. If I am going to die I will die with in on ". I went back to Dr. Shannon and told him she would not have it off. He said " If she doesn't want to have it off nobody can make her take it off. ". Dr. Staley had told me she had about ten months to live but she had gone past that. The ^{radium} treatment had prolonged her life, and we met a woman in the street and she told us about Miss Caisse. We thought " well, she is going to die anyway. It cannot be any worse, We will go up there." Now she has been X-rayed by Fenner. She had 16 X-ray plates and not a sign of anything.

COMMISSIONER COLLINS: Where was the cancer?

MR. BONAR: In the womb, and I believe the bladder and the bowels. I am not sure there.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: How did it get up in her arm?

MR. BONAR: As far as I understand when you get this radium it scatters it through your system and it goes up your side and when it comes to your shoulder you are dead. I wrote Dr. Connell of Kingston, and my doctor told me " it is no good. She can only live ten months. Nothing will save her. " I said " I am going to write to the So he sent me a letter and he said to see my own doctor, and Dr. Staley told me, " you cannot do a thing. It is too far advanced.

MR. MURPHY: Is she cured since she went to Miss Caisse

MRS. BONAR: Completely cured. I can do all my own house work.

MR. BONAR: As far as Fenner's X-Rays show, yes.

MISS CAISSE: There were X-rays besides Fenner. Who took them at the hospital?

MRS. BONAR: Dr. Shannon took one in November.

MR. BONAR: When Dr. Shannon saw her his eyes just jumped out of his head.

COMMISSIONER COLLINS: This was in 1936?

MR. MURPHY: 1937

MRS. BONAR: I went to Miss Caisse in 1937.

MR. MURPHY: There is a letter here from Dr. J. C. Theobald, 970 Queen St. East.

MR. BONAR: He told me to take my wife home, that she would only live three weeks.

THE CHAIRMAN; Is there something on the record about this?

MR. MURPHY: Miss Caisse's book, book 3, page 5, there is a history of this thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Shannon has taken X-ray plates and seen the patient since treatment?

MR. BONAR: Dr. Shannon took X-ray plates himself.

MRS. BONAR: He sent for me in last November to have one.

MR. BONAR: He said " If there is any sign of anything you think isn't right you will come back and see me again."

THE CHAIRMAN: Where was the biopsy made, at St. Michael's, do you know?

MISS CAISSE: Where was the section taken out for analysis purposes?



MR. BONAR: St. Michael's Hospital.

THE CHAIRMAN: There will be a record of it there.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: What time elapsed between the last radium or X-ray treatment at St. Michael's before she went to Miss Caisse?

MR. BONAR: About a year, maybe a little over.

MR. MURPHY: She was gradually getting worse?

MR. BONAR. Yes.

COMMISSIONER VALIN: The arm was getting worse or what?

MR. BONAR: The arm was supposed to be taken off. The arm was about like three arms.

MRS. BONAR: My arm was like that and I couldn't move it at all. After I got about five or six treatments I started to move it by degrees, and then I started to move it all over. It is a little bit swollen some times but it does not bother at all.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: She went to Miss Caisse about a year after she left St. Michael's Hospital?

MR. BONAR: No, she left St. Michael's after getting the last X-ray treatment.

MRS. BONAR: I took treatment for a year and then they were going to take the arm off.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: It was a year after the last X-ray treatment or radium treatment that you went to Miss Caisse?

MR. BONAR: No, she went to Miss Caisse about a week or two after the last treatment. She was given up then. She was finished.

COMMISSIONER VALIN: But she had treatment for a year

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1 MRS. BONAR: X-ray treatment.

2 MR. BONAR: For a year and they couldn't do no more.

3 COMMISSIONER WALLACE: How many treatments had you
4 from Miss Caisse?

5 MR. BONAR: She went there every week for about a year
6 and eight months.

7 COMMISSIONER WALLACE: When was the last treatment?

8 MR. BONAR: About nine weeks ago. I haven't went up
9 there for about ten weeks.

10 MR. MURPHY: That is referred to, Mr. Chairman, in
11 these books which I understand have been filed by Miss
12 Caisse. There were six of them. It is on page five
13 of book three.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Page five of book three.

15 MR. MURPHY: There were sets of books, were there not?

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Those were left with the secretary,
17 Miss Caisse?

18 MISS CAISSE: Yes.

19 MR. MURPHY: I see a similar case on page 303 put
20 in by Dr. Noble where an individual had 40 deep X-ray
21 treatments, radium therapy and so forth, and suggested
22 that his arm be removed. It was removed and the patient
23 died.

MR. BONAR: Dr. Theobald came to see my daughter
when she was sick and he said " your mother died about a
year ago" and she said " she is more alive than what
you are.

MRS. BONAR: I was 90 pounds then I came out of the
hospital and I am 155 now.

MR. MURPHY: What do you weigh now?

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MRS. BONAR: 155, and getting fatter all the time.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is a good thing. Alright, thanks.

MR. BONAR: Dr. Theobald said he would not give me
a diagnosis to give to Miss Caisse. He said "just take
your wife home and be good to her and give her anything
she wants." I said "She wants the diagnosis of this
case". He said "if she wants it I will give it". but
he told me then she had only three weeks to live.

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7. EMMA FORSYTH, sworn.

THE CHAIRMAN: Your address, Mrs. Forsyth?

A. Utterson.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Did we see her?

THE WITNESS: Yes, you examined me.

MR. MURPHY: Mrs. Forsyth was examined at page 19
of the sub-committee's hearing at Bracebridge, and in
these books there is a history of it, Mr. Chairman, in
book five, page 4. When did you go to Miss Caisse,
Mrs. Forsyth?

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: If I may interrupt -

THE WITNESS: I cannot exactly tell you the date -

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a moment, Mrs. Forsyth, please.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: Perhaps it might save time if
we would ask her first of all whether a diagnosis of
cancer was ever made. This was a case of some trouble
with the cervix.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG: I think it would save time if we
found out from her whether a diagnosis of cancer was