

Q. You never had any medicine, radium, or anything of that kind? A. No.

Q. That is all.

--- The witness retired.

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#6 ELIZABETH STEWART, called, (Utterson, Ontario) EX 7 3c cards 2 Nov 7/36 1 Sept 18/37

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Mrs. Stewart, we do not swear you, but we are taking the information which you give us on record, so that the other members of the Commission who are not here will know a bout your case as well. We are not swearing you, but only asking to say to the best of your knowledge what you knew to be the truth, A. Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Her card in clinic will be Exhibit 7.

EXHIBIT NO. 7: 3 clinic cards re Mrs. J.H. Stewart, November 7, 1936; September 18, 1937; and November 7th, 1936.

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BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Would you tell us your story as to just what your difficulty was, and what you have done. Just go slowly, because Dr. Callahan is busy in the other room at the present time, and I want him to be here before we are through with you.

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A. Yes. Well now, you know, I was ailing for years, and doctoring with all the doctors whom I would hear was a smart doctor, and I would go and see if he could do anything for me. Well, they would only give me a bottle of medicine. Some would examine me, and

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charge me \$3.00 or \$5.00 for the examination, and give
me this medicine, and never told me what was wrong
with me. They knew it was cancer, but some would say
it was my appendix, and some would say it was a goitre,
or a floating kidney, or ulcerated ovaries. I think
I had everything on the market.

Q. I wish to explain that we are interested only
in cancer cases.

A. Yes.

Q. Had you a diagnosis of cancer? A. Well,
I went to Dr. Evanston, and he would say "I want you to
go and have an X-ray, because you have something that I
do not understand, and I want you to go", and I went
to the Orillia hospital and had X-rays but they would
not tell me there what was wrong with me. They told
my brother who was going off and on to the Orillia
hospital. When my brother went down about three or
four weeks after they had sent me home, and I said,
"I wish to know exactly what is wrong with me; I have
only once to die, but how long will I live, because I
want to know as I have a one and only daughter," and
he said, "Well, we will tell you", so I had my last
X-ray, and there were three doctors came in, and two
nurses after I went back to bed, and I said, "I want
to know the truth", and he said, "What did the other
doctors tell you was wrong with you?" I told him the
whole lot of things, and he winked at the other doctor,
and I caught the wink, -- he did not fool me, -- and
he said, "I guess it is the floating kidney, so you

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just go home and make yourself as comfortable as you can. Do not take any interest in life, and do not bother with anything around you".

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COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Will you just stop there till I explain to Commissioner Callahan what you have said so far.

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I asked her if at any time there was a diagnosis of cancer, because we are concerning our investigation to that, and she continued to tell her story.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. You had an ex-
amination by Dr. Menthorne, and Dr. Adams?

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A. Yes, and he is the one from whom I found out that I had cancer.

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Q. How did you find that out? A. He Examined me. I was examined by two specialists here.

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Q. Did he tell you? A. Yes, and Dr. McGinnis. There was a Dr. McGinnis, and a Dr. Menthorne and I asked for my X-ray plate from the Orillia hospital, but they would not give them to me.

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Q. They are in the Orillia hospital? A. They should be, if he has not done away with them.

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Q. Who was the doctor there? A. Dr. Harvey, but he was not the one who X-rayed me; he was the head doctor. I asked them to send those X-ray plates to Dr. Evanston, at the hospital, and they promised me faithfully they would, but they never did it.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Dr. Menthorne?

A. Yes, and there was a Dr. McGinnis who examined me when I was X-rayed.

Q. Who told you you had cancer of the uterus?

A. Dr. Menthorne, and Dr. McGinnis; they both did.

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Q. Dr. McGinnis? A. Dr. McGinnis of Timmins. I think that is where he lives.

Q. Dr. McGinnis of Timmins? A. Yes.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Were you living in Timmins at that time? A. No sir. I came here, and they were down here, and they said they wanted to examine me.

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BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. They both said you had cancer? A. Yes.

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COMMISSIONER WALLACE: I do not know whether there is a letter or statement from Dr. Menthorne regarding Mrs. Stewart in the records.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Did you have any other treatment? A. None other than this.

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Q. None other than this case for cancer? A. No treatment at all.

Q. Were you bleeding? A. Yes, I was haemorrhaging when I came from the Orillia hospital. They sent me home, and told me to make myself as comfortable as I could.

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Q. Have you any children? A. One girl.

Q. How old is she? A. She is 34.

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Q. Oh, 34? A. I am an old lady.

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Q. I did not think you were much over 34 myself.

A. I will soon be 56, but you would have thought I was 104 if you had seen me before I came to Miss Caisse.

Q. Were you losing weight? A. Yes,

and then I would bleed, and in the afternoons I could not eat or stoop over, or put my shoes on or take them off, I was such a size.

Q. What affect did this treatment have on you?

A. I just could not tell you, I got so much better, and the pain all left me.

Q. Did you take any douches? A. Oh yes,

I took douches and medicine, and injections of stuff for cancer. When I came to Miss Caisse I could not eat, and I would come in here like this (doubling over).

Q. Why, because of the pain? A. Pain,

and I do not know really what it was; I was in such agony. I was in such agony that I did not know what to do.

Q. Did these injections upset you at all?

A. No, they did not.

Q. You did not know you were taking them?

A. No, just on the leg where she would put the needle in.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. No chills?

A. You would get very hot.

Q. Any perspiration? A. Yes, I would get

extra hot. I got mine in the arm, and I was warm.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. You have had a treat-

ment today?

A. Yes.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. How often do you have

them? A. I could not come regularly. I had a lot of boarders to look after, and after I started to take my treatments, I could do my own work after ten of them, but before I could not. After I had taken ten treatments, then I started to go up every day, but there might be three or more months at a time when I would not be in.

Q. How long ago was that? A. It was three

years in January since I was to Orillia, and I started then, and took ten or twelve treatments, and started to feel pretty good, and the pain was going, and I broke off to two and three weeks before I would come out, and when I came finally, I broke off. I came for the whole summer, because we took our fruit and all that in, and I had all this other work to do, and I was really too busy, and I could not seem as though ~~as~~ I could get down here. In the fall I took a few more treatments, and all that winter I hardly came up only once in a could while when I/came in to Bracebridge conveniently. I cannot drive a car myself, and we have such poor train service; you have to travel on the mid-nights.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Where is Utterson?

A. About 12 miles out.

Q. All right.

A. So that is the way it was going, and she was closed for a while off and on when she was not allowed to give us treatments.

Q. You think they have been beneficial?

A. Bless my heart, I would have been dead if it were not for her. I owe my life to Miss Caisse. When my brother went down to Orillia they asked if Mrs. Stewart was still alive, and he said, "Certainly", and they said, "She is not on her feet" and he said, "She was down to visit me at Severn Bridge on Sunday," and they said, "You do not mean to say she is doing her own work" and he said, "She certainly is" and they said, "Why, she is so full of cancer, you could not put a knife into her".

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. Dr. who?

A. Dr. Harvey; My plates are in the Orillia hospital, because they would not send them to Dr. Evanston.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. There are two or three hospitals there? A. Well, I asked for them. It cost me \$40.00 for three days, and I thought I should have the plates.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: I know the Harveys, and they are good men.

THE WITNESS: They are smart doctors.

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. For about three years you have been under treatment here? A. Yes, off and on. It would not be much over a year, and maybe not run into a year.

Q. How many treatments? A. Fifty-two treatments. I will tell you that is not so very many for the condition I was in, and the condition I am in today, because

every day I feel better.

Q. How do you feel now; all right? A. No.

It broke and came away, but there is a little bit.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Where is that?

A. When I first came to Miss Caisse I seemed to have a lump about that big around (indicating) and I could feel it. It has gone down, and it does not seem as big. It may not be quite as big as that.

Q. Can you feel it? A. Not the last two or three weeks.

Q. You could feel it when you went home?

A. Yes. There used to be a pain at one time, but that has gone.

Q. The soreness has gone? A. Yes.

There is no soreness. There is no soreness at all.

Q. You said it was draining, or something to that effect. What did you mean? A. Well, I had this discharge of this cancer.

Q. Are you discharging now? A. Well, not today.

Q. In the rectum, you mean? A. No. Mine was from the uterus, but not today.

Q. Is that continuous? A. Sometimes, and some weeks after I take a treatment, why, I will have just a little bit come.

Q. It seems to follow the treatment? A. Yes, it seems to follow that. Every time you take a treatment it seems to follow that.

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Q. You are not menstruating at all? A. No.

That passed through three or four years ago.

Q. Is it a bloody discharge? A. No. It

used to be, but not now. It is kind of yellowish.

Q. Any odour from it at all? A. Not

now, but there used to be.

Q. A bad odour? A. Yes. You could not

sit in this room with it.

Q. That has gone? A. Yes, it is all gone.

I never had any operation. I never had any ---

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. No treatment?

A. No.

Q. No treatment or any examination except the

X-ray?

A. I have had examinations from doctors but they could not tell me what was wrong, because they had no X-ray. They would say there was something there which they did not understand.

Q. You just had the X-ray treatment one time?

A. Yes. That was in Orillia, and they sent me home, and told me to make a will, that it would not shorten my days any, and I thought to myself, "Well, I am going to fool you".

Q; You fooled them all right? A. Yes.

Q; You can fool them once in a while? A. Yes.

Some day I am going back to Orillia when the snow goes off. I am certainly going back to Orillia.

There are some wonderful cases Miss Caisse has

cured, and there will be a lot in from Three Mile Lake.

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We held one man up on the seat. I have helped to hold a man up who did not have the strength by himself, and he has gained 30 pounds, and you would not know if you saw him that he had cancer of the stomach before.

Q. We thank you for coming. A. I am glad to come because I know that I owe my life to Miss Caisse, and no one else.

-- The witness retired.

7 R. J. WOLFENDEN, called,
(5 Ross St. Barrie.)

BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE: Q. We are taking your statement down so that it may be available for the other members of the Commission who are not here. We are not swearing you, but we tell you that the information is being taken down so that you will understand what it is all about. You will tell the truth as you know it?

A. Yes.

Q. Then, tell us something about yourself, -- about your difficulty? A. Well, sometime last March I was bothered with haemorrhoids pretty bad, and I worked on and on until they got so bad that there was something else wrong, and I consulted doctors. The first doctor I consulted, he thought there was something else.

BY COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Q. Dr. Oake?

A. Yes, and Dr. Lloyd, and he said that there was something else, and he sent me down to Dr. Fred Bowman