

# Stone Memories

**MANY WITNESSES AT INQUEST**

The inquest in connection with the death of the late Mrs. Margaret Fitzpatrick was held on Tuesday with Dr. Bissonette, of Stirling, presiding as Coroner, Mr. Wm. Carnew, Crown Attorney, represented the Crown and E. Gus Porter, K.C., M.P. represented Marmora Agricultural Society.

The inquest lasted most of the day the following witnesses being called: Mr. H. Gillen, Mrs. A. McLaughlin, Mrs. Adam McGarvey, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Thomson, Messrs. John Burns, Clayton Tucker, Jas. McAvoy, Wm. Holland, C.A. Bleecker, W.A. Sanderson, Fred Johnston, Seymour Henry, J.C. Bowen, Chas A. Dracup, A.T. Neal, Jas. Montgomery, Ross Turley, Thos. R. Warren, Geo. Wellman, Leonard Sharpe, Dan Shannon, C.W. Clancy, Thos Potts, Bert Crawford, John Hay, Hugh Farrell, Ed. Moloney, John Rainey, Jas. Scott, Wm. Wright, Dan Sharpe, Wilbert Bedore, John Thompson, Jas Fitzpatrick, D. Crippen, Donald Moloney, Elgin Jackman and John Snarr.

Most of the evidence was very much along the same line. Mr. Gillen told of the procedure in connection with the selecting of the Jury and summoning of witnesses, etc. He also stated that the Agricultural Society had engaged five special constables in addition to himself and their duties were particularly to try to keep people from crossing the track while the speeding events were going on. The number of special constables was larger than had ever been employed before.

Dr. Crawford told of the injuries to the deceased revealed by the post mortem examination. Her nose was broken, there was a bruise under the skull on each side of the head and the skull was fractured. Dr. Thomson corroborated his evidence.

October 6, 1921

Mrs. A. McLaughlin, who was with her mother at the time of the accident and was also knocked down and injured, did not have a very clear recollection of what occurred. She told of going with her mother to the Fair and of crossing to the midway and then starting to recross the track when the band began to play. She did not see the constables or hear any warning until just as the accident occurred she heard some one call out, but didn't know what was said.

Mrs. A. McGarvey told of seeing the deceased and her daughter start to cross the track. They were not going straight across, but were going towards the band stand where the band was playing. They appeared to be talking and did not look up the track as they crossed. She did not see the horse until it was a few feet from them and it was too late to stop it then.

Mr. John Burns told of being sent for ropes to stretch across the crossing before the accident started and the various constables told of the efforts made to protect the public and keeping them off the track while speeding events were going on.

Mr. Clayton Tucker, president of Stirling Agricultural Society, who acted as starter, stated that the horsemen had been notified to get ready for the Free-for-all race, but he had not yet called the race. As he was placing the horses he did not see the accident.

Mr. Chas. A. Dracup gave very clear account of the accident. He was standing on the west side of the track when Mrs. Fitzpatrick and daughter started to cross from the east side. Quite a number of people were on the track and had lined up along the fence on either side. The deceased was south of the other people on the east side down near the judges' stand. Just as the horse was passing between the people she and her daughter stepped out and started to cross the track. They were talking and did not appear to look up the track to see if it was safe to cross. The horse struck Mrs. Fitzpatrick hurling her against Mrs. McLaughlin the latter also being knocked over by the shock. Messrs. Elgin Jackman and John Snarr corroborated this evidence in every particular.

The most important thing of all was to take the necessary steps to have the ownership of the cemetery vested in the Board so that they could give deeds for the plots already in use, sell new ones as they are required and make assessments on plot owners for the upkeep and beautifying of the cemetery. In connection with this, and most important of all, is the appointing of a caretaker for the cemetery who will be responsible for its management and also see that no interment takes place until a proper burial permit has been secured and is presented at the time of the funeral.

The threat of the Provincial Health Dept. arose from the fact a number of funerals took place without registering the death or securing a burial permit. Unfortunately the same lax way of doing things is again happening frequently. Apparently the law needs to be emphasized, that where a funeral takes place without a permit being issued, the head of the household or every adult member of the family of the deceased, the undertaker, the clergyman and the caretaker, if there is one, are all liable to a fine and other penalties.

Mr. Robert Cooke, M.P.P., took the time and trouble to have the law in regard to public cemeteries changed so as to meet the situation in Marmora and enable the Board to secure complete ownership and control of the cemetery, but apparently they have failed to take advantage of the opportunity provided, or to follow up the work which was so well started. If the Health Department takes action again the village may not get off so easily.

November 23, 1922

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY**

Wednesday, May 7th 1924.

The above date has been set to clean up the cemeteries in Marmora Village.

If you have relatives resting in either cemetery or if you are interested in helping to beautify Marmora cemeteries, by all means come on May 7th.

Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and help make Marmora cemeteries a very beautiful spot and worthy of the dead they contain.

Committee in charge:

W.F. Bowen, chairman, Rev. Clare, Rev. Phillip Caiger Watson, Percy Gray, Esq. and J.P. Marrin Esq.

The following are asked to act as foremen in charge of work,

Thomas Potts, M.J. Moleney, Robert Jones, J.E. Gehan.

Come!

May 1, 1924

**HARRY WALLACE WARREN**

A shocking fatality occurred on Thursday evening at Deloro, when Harry Warren, aged 39 yrs. 11 months, beloved husband of Theresa Flynn was accidentally electrocuted. Mrs. Warren was in a delicate condition and the sad news of her husband's death was conveyed to her and her little family by the parish priest, the Rev. Father Traynor.

He is survived by his widow and six children, Edward, Gerald, John, Mary, Joseph, and a baby boy born on Saturday evening June 7th, a few hours after the burial of a devoted husband and father.

Deceased was born in Marmora and was the second son of the late Joseph and Hanna Warren. He also leaves a stepmother, Mrs. A. E. Warren, Toronto; four brothers; Albert, of Deloraine, Man. Earl and Joseph, of Toronto; Cecil, of Peace River, Sask., and six sisters; Mrs. John A. Simpson, Trenton; Mrs. Davis, Washago; Mrs. Norman Williamson, Belleville; Mrs. Wm. Traviss, Toronto; and Gena Warren also of Toronto, and Mrs. M.A. Walmsley, of Dublin St., Peterboro, aunt of the deceased.

The funeral took place on Saturday morning, June 7th, from his late residence at Deloro, to the church of the Sacred Heart where solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Traynor. Interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Beautiful floral tributes and expressions of sympathy were received by the family. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mrs. Warren and family in their bereavement.

Relatives from out of town who attended the funeral of the late Harry Warren were-- Mrs. A. E. Warren, Toronto; Mrs. John Simpson, Trenton; Mrs. Davis, and little daughter, Washago; Mr. and Mrs. N. Williamson, Belleville; Mrs. Traviss, Toronto; Mr. Earl Warren, Toronto; Mrs. M.O. Walmsley, Peterboro; Mr. and Mrs. A. Madden, Peterboro; and Mrs. Jas. Flynn, Peterboro -- High Requiem Mass, Mrs. John McCullough.

Spiritual Offerings were received from the following:

Jas. Gehan, Mrs. Will Flynn, M. Gallagher, Miss Sue and Alex Quinn, Fred Johnston, Ed. Flynn, J. McCullough, J.H. Shannon, A. Madden, Dave Flynn, J. Connors, Ed. O'Connor, Jank Doron, Chas. Cook, Mr. Finnigan, P. Brawley, John Flynn and mother, P. Flynn, Ed. Bailey, Laura Foley, Alter Society, Catholic Womens' League.

June 12, 1924

**GOD'S ACRE**

How strange it seems that God's Acre, the last resting place of our loved ones, should have been so long neglected. Graves are not all neglected, but many are. The sacredness of the spot demands that it be made beautiful, in the memory of the many loved ones who have been laid to rest there.

A year ago, through the efforts of a few of our townsmen, who we can gratefully thank, a title-deed was secured and the cemetery known as Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Before the deed was secured, if a plot was staked or fenced in, any one had the same privilege to bury in your plot if they wished. The grounds were unsightly, covered with weeds and underbush.

A Cemetery Board has been appointed, and deeds will be made out to those who have plots, by applying and paying for same. The committee has already done much towards improvement. However funds are very greatly needed so that this worthy work may be continued.

Other towns are honoring the dead by beautifying their cemeteries, and your co-operation is necessary.

June 10, 1925

**SOLDIERS DECORATE****GRAVES OF COMRADES**

Sunday last was Decoration Day in Marmora and the presence of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regt. in town greatly enhanced the event. A large number of residents and visitors wended their way to the camp grounds for the Regimental church parade at 2 p.m. Before taking the service proper, the Chaplain, Capt. (Rev.) Y.H.H. Hall baptized the infant daughter of Captain Percy Gray.

The ensuing service was followed with reverent attention by all present, it being the first of its kind many had been privileged to attend. The Band at the commencement played the National Anthem and also the hymns in following order, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me." "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "O God our help in ages past"

After the service the Regiment in with local war veterans paraded to the Marmora Cemetery, and with military honors ten wreaths were laid upon the graves and memorials of deceased soldiers.

At the R.C. Cemetery, Fathers Traynor and Farrell received the parade. Father Traynor very briefly but eloquently addressed the assemblage. Five wreaths were deposited at this Cemetery and the military honors consisting of three volleys by firing party and the sounding of the Last Post repeated. From thence the Regiment and veterans paraded Forsyth Street, the veterans being dismissed at their Club Rooms.

August 13, 1925



**MRS. LEO FARRELL.**

In the death of the late Mrs. Leo Farrell, caused from convulsions, which was chronicled in last week's issue, Rawdon township loses one of its well-known native young women. The sudden demise of Mrs. Farrell early last Thursday morning was a shock to her many friends in this district.

The deceased was born in Rawdon township on July 6th, 1895, and was the daughter of Matthew Johnston, on the sixth concession, her mother having predeceased her about eleven years ago. In 1915, she was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Farrell and moved to his farm, also on the 6th concession.

Mrs. Farrell had many friends and with her sunny disposition was endeared to all who knew her. She took a deep interest in the welfare of her community, and was always ready to give a helping hand. She was a member of St. James Altar Society. The deceased is survived by her husband and eight small children: Manson, nine years, Cecil, six years; Eva and Edna, two years; and the two surviving triplets, one week old. She is also survived by her father and eight brothers and one sister, viz: William, Wellmans; Harper, Rochester, N.Y.; Fred, Marmora; Matthew, Wilfred, Walter and Blake, Rawdon; Alex. and Mrs. S. Keller, Campbellford. The funeral took place from her late residence on Saturday morning to St. James church, Stirling, where a solemn requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father Corrigan. Interment took place in St. James cemetery. Six brothers acted as pallbearers. The sympathy of the entire community is extended the bereaved family. - Stirling News-Argus.

April 8, 1926

**YOUNG WOMAN PASSES**

Residents of this district were shocked on Thursday, March 25th, when they learned of the death of Mrs. Leo Farrell, sixth concession, Rawdon, who passed away at seven o'clock. On Tuesday morning Mrs. Farrell gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy, one girl stillborn, and her recovery was never doubted until Wednesday, when she took a relapse and never rallied. The deceased is survived by her husband and six small children. - Stirling News-Argus.  
The deceased was a sister of Mr. Fred Johnston of Marmora.

April 1, 1926

**DEATH OF THOS. E. HICKEY**

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A fatal accident occurred at Cobalt on May 6th, when Thos. E. Hickey, a former Marmora boy, was hit by the Southbound Continental Ltd. train. He was thrown on the ground causing a fracture at the base of the skull. He was taken to the Mines Hospital by motor where with assistance he climbed the steps and walking into the hospital. Shortly after he became unconscious from which he never rallied and he died the evening of the following day.

The body was taken to the station at Cobalt headed by members of the fire departments of Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard and then brought to Marmora where interment was made in the family plot on Tuesday, May 11th.

Floral offerings were made by friends at Rouyn, Que., Cobalt, Toronto and Marmora.

He leaves to mourn him at Cobalt, a wife, formerly Miss Antoinette Duval, and seven children, as well as the Hickey family.

Tommy, as he was known everywhere was thirty-six years of age, being born in Marmora, April 28th, 1890.

May 13, 1926

**NELLIE MAY WILLIAMS**

Last Wednesday Miss Nellie Williams was taken to Nichol's Hospital, Peterborough, where she underwent an operation. It was found that she had developed tubercular meningitis and no hope was held out for her recovery. On Tuesday evening, about 6:30, her suffering came to an end, and a bright life, full of promise, was cut short. Her illness and death aroused unusual interest in the village, and the sympathy of the whole community goes out to the bereaved sisters.

Nellie was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams. Her mother died in the summer of 1922, and her father seemed to lose all interest in life. In April, 1923, he also passed away, leaving a family of five daughters. Although Nellie, the eldest, at that time was not quite twenty, they determined to stick together and keep a home of their own. The deceased was on the teaching staff of Marmora Public School and they purchased a house in the village on Hayes street. Elsie, the second oldest, finished her course at normal and for a couple of years has been teaching at Cherry Valley in Prince Edward County. Hazel is attending normal this season, and everything seemed to be working out well until Nellie became ill in December. She went to Peterborough hospital and later returned home, apparently she became much worse and was again taken to the hospital where it was found she was beyond help.

Nellie was not only a valued and efficient teacher in the Public school but she was also active in the work of the United Church. For some time she had been a teacher in the Sunday School and she was President of the Epworth League for a time. Her cheerfulness, her courage and her devotion to her sisters won the admiration and respect of all who knew her and she made many warm friends.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, service being conducted in the United church. All schools in the village will be closed for the afternoon.

January 27, 1927

**JEROME KEENE FOUND IN HIS CABIN  
HAD BEEN SHOT TO DEATH IN BED**

Nephews Find Him Lying in Bed-  
Wounds Inflicted by Shot Gun-  
No Clue Yet as to Assailant-

Late last Thursday afternoon the people of Marmora learned with almost incredulous horror that Jerome Keene had been found lying in bed in his shack just north of the village, with two gaping wounds in his head caused by two discharges of a shot gun in the hands of some unknown assailant. The discovery was first made by his nephews, Charles and John Gordineer. They at once notified their brother, James, who is a County constable, and as soon as he found it was a case of murder he at once notified Coroner Dr. Harper, of Madoc. The Coroner instructed him to guard the remains and the shack until he could arrive on the scene and notify the proper authorities and make arrangements for an inquest.

Jerome Keene had been living alone for a number of years, except when working in the lumber camps or for other persons. While always friendly with those he met and respected and well liked by those who knew him, he was very quiet and retiring and seemed to mingle with others less and less as time went on. That, and the fact he was expected to leave on a visit to relatives, was the reason his death was not discovered sooner.

Not having seen or heard from him for some time his sister, Mrs. Lewis Gordineer, became anxious about him. Enquiries were made and they gave rise to the belief that he was away in a lumber camp or visiting his son in Timmins. However she was not quite satisfied and continued her enquiries. Mr. John Bell, sr. his closest neighbor stated that he had not seen him around for some time and that the deceased had told him he was going on a visit to his son in Timmins. Mr. Bell took the trouble to try the door, but it was locked. He also looked in the window, but was unable to see any person and so was quite satisfied that Mr. Keene was away. Mr. John Reid, another nephew, also tried the door and looked in the window and he also decided that his uncle was away.

February 24, 1927

Following up her enquiries Mrs. Gordineer wrote to her sister in the States and to Mr. Keene's son in Timmins. The latter then wrote to Mr. B.C. Hubbell asking him to make enquiries and see if he could locate his father. As a result of the letter Charles and John Gordineer visited the shack. They were able to open the door with a skeleton key and found Mr. Keene lying on the bed. Partly blinded by coming from the bright light and snow outside into the partly darkened room they were unable to see clearly, and they were also so startled that they did not wait to make any further examination, but hurried down street and gave the information that they had found their uncle dead and that his head was partly eaten by rats. Their brother, James, bailiff and county constable, hurried to the shack and immediately realized that it was a case of murder. The tragedy was first discovered between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Coroner did not arrive until after dark, but after viewing the remains he instructed James Gordineer to secure persons to form a jury. A number were requested to attend at the town hall and the following were sworn in as a Coroner's jury: William Linn, Samuel Moffatt, Till Neal, Hugh Gillen, Fred Johnston, Harry Connor, George Forestell, Thomas Warren, and William Smith. Mr. Harry Connor was selected as foreman. After the jury had been sworn in they were instructed to accompany Constable Gordineer to the scene of the crime and view the remains, and the inquest was adjourned until Monday, Feb. 21st.

The shack, where the crime was committed, is about 12 feet square. The door is in the east side of it, and the bed was along the west wall with the head of the bed against the south wall. The one window was also in the south side a couple of feet from the bed. The body was lying partly on the left side with the face turned slightly to the wall. From the nature of the wounds it would appear that the murderer had crept to the door and opened it and fired while still on his knees. The one discharge struck the right temple blowing off part of the head completely and crushing in the skull. The second discharge struck the lower part of the face tearing away half of the chin and mouth. Either wound must have been almost instantly fatal, and if the victim was asleep when the first shot was fired it is unlikely he ever knew what happened.

A number of the shot struck the head of the bed and showed the gun had been fired from low down and pointed in an upward direction. The assailant then locked the door and made his escape, apparently without leaving a clue as to his identity.

On Friday Inspector Lougheed, Sgt. Clarke, and Constables Hill, McCoy and Thompson, of the Provincial Police, and Inspector Nugent, visited the scene of the crime. They had an official photographer with them, who took a number of pictures. The window of the shack was then boarded up and the door securely locked, and the place will be left under guard until the case is solved if possible. Representatives of a number of daily papers also visited Marmora and the village gained a lot of unenviable notoriety.

When discovered the body was frozen solid and it was taken to the council chamber on Friday afternoon to thaw out.

On Saturday Drs. Crawford and Thomson made a post mortem examination. They found a number of fine shot in the wounds. The examination but confirmed what was so evident from the start - that it was a clear case of murder with no possibility of suicide. The condition of the stomach which was empty, would indicate that the crime was committed late at night or in the very early morning. It is also probable that it was committed at a time when there was bright moonlight, so that it was possible to see inside the building. The manner in which the blood froze as it flowed from the victim would also indicate that it was very cold at the time.

The late Jerome Keene was 63 or 64 years of age. He was born in Marmora township, his father being the late Richard Keene. His mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Conley. The deceased had lived practically all his life in this vicinity and has a large number of relatives in Hastings county. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Emma Weese, a sister of Mrs. Joseph Warren, formerly of Marmora, and the late John Weese, who died last year. She died about forty years ago leaving a son about 15 months of age. The son is Mr. James E. Keene, of Timmins, Ont. His father went to Timmins to visit him in 1921 or 1922, and it was thought he might reside there, but everyone was a stranger and conditions were different, so he decided to return to Marmora.

About 1900 the late Jerome Keene was married to Miss Kate Sheridan, who survives. One daughter was born to them, Miss Agnes Keene, who also survives him. Largely as a result of religious differences Mr. Keene and his wife separated and they had not lived together for some years. As a result of the estrangement Mrs. Keene and daughter feel the present situation very deeply. The deceased is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lewis Gordineer of Rawdon, and Mrs. Elizabeth Rutledge, of Detroit.

After his first marriage Mr. Keene lived on his father's homestead near here for some years. A couple of years ago he sold the property to Mr. John Bell, sr. tax collector for Marmora township, but retained a small strip of land for himself at the rear end of which he built a cabin, and it was in the cabin he met his death.

Even Mr. Keene didn't suspect he had an enemy until shortly before his death, and no one else knew he had an enemy in the world. That, and the fact that no motive for the crime can be discovered, makes it all the harder to find a clue by which to trace the guilty party. The one circumstance which caused Mr. Keene to think he might have an enemy occurred shortly before his last appearance in the village so far as is remembered. He took a small amount of liquid to Mr. Marrin and wanted it analyzed. The latter stated he hadn't the facilities for doing it properly and suggested that it was moonshine whiskey. Mr. Keene also thought it was and had taken a very small amount of it. Not more than an ounce had been taken out of the bottle. As a result of the small amount swallowed he claimed he had been in agony all night and thought he was going to die. He believed that someone had attempted to poison him. The bottle was later given to Mr. James Gordineer.

The body was released for burial on Saturday afternoon and removed to the home of Mr James Gordineer. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, service being conducted in the United church by Rev. C.J. Beckley. In spite of the wild storm there was a large attendance. Mr. Beckley's text was "what will a man give in exchange for his life." The sermon was a most impressive one. A vivid picture was painted of the effect of his action on the guilty person, even though he may escape the law of the land. The "mark of Cain" became a very real thing. On the other hand the value of a human life and the things which make it worth while were graphically described. Interment took place in Marmora cemetery.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Marmora, Ont., March 2nd, 1927

To the Editor of The Herald,

Dear Sir:

Under the date of Feb. 24th referring to the death of my father, the late Jerome Keene, you state "Largely as a result of religious differences Mr. Keene and his wife separated."

This misrepresentation of the reason for the separation of my parents is most painful to my mother and me, and an injustice to the memory of my father.

The question of religion had absolutely nothing to do with the separation of my parents; on the contrary, my father always gave to my mother and to me the fullest measure of liberty and every facility for the practice of our religion.

(Signed)

AGNES KEENE

March 3, 1927

The inquest in connection with the death of the late Jerome Keene was again postponed on Monday until next Monday, March 21st, at the hour of 2 o'clock. The only reason given was that the Crown is not yet ready to proceed with the case. During the past week or so a number of rumors have been in circulation and efforts are being made by officers of the Crown to trace the rumors to their source and discover whether there is any foundation for any of them. The result of their enquiries will not be known until the inquest is held, but it is hoped that some clue will be found which will lead to the conviction of the guilty person. The great interest in the case was again shown by the large crowd in the village on Monday to attend the inquest.

March 17, 1927



**OPEN VERDICT BY JURY IN****JEROME KEENE INQUEST**

Coroner W. S. Harper Presided over  
Inquest Monday Afternoon -

Guilty Person not Disclosed by  
Evidence -

Hall Packed to Doors -

The oft adjourned inquest in connection with the death of the late Jerome Keene, who was found murdered in his cabin, north of the village, on Thursday, February 17th, was finally held on Monday afternoon. The hall was packed to the doors, probably over six hundred being crowded into the building, and many turned away, not being able to gain admission. The fact that 200 or more stood all through the hearing of evidence indicated the intense interest in the tragedy on the part of the public generally.

Coroner Dr. W. S. Harper, of Madoc, presided, and Crown Attorney Bryson Donnon examined the witnesses on behalf of the Crown. Mrs. Chadwick, of Belleville, was the Court stenographer. Among the Officials present were Inspector Wm. H. Stringer, of the Provincial Police Dept. at Toronto; Wm. Nugent, O.T.A. Inspector; Percy McCoy, of the Provincial Police. Mr. Jas. Gordineer, County Constable, opened the Court and assisted in the proceedings.

The jury was composed of Harry Connor, foreman; Wm. Linn, Thos. R. Warren, H. Gillen, F. S. Johnston, A. T. Neal, Geo. Forestell, Sam Moffatt and Wm. Smith. After hearing the evidence the jury brought in the following verdict: "That Jerome Keene came to his death while asleep in his shack, lot 9, in the 4th con. of the Township of Marmora, on some date after Dec. 20, 1926, and before Feb. 15, 1927, as a result of being shot in the head by two charges of a shot gun in the hands of a person or persons unknown.

The first witness called was O.T.A. Inspector Wm. Nugent, of Madoc. His evidence was largely to establish certain facts in connection with some photographs and other articles and documents which were used as evidence in the case. He told of being sent over by Coroner Harper and of visiting the shack on lot 9, con. 4, Marmora township. A photograph of the shack was then exhibited. The first visit to the shack was made about 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17th. He found the door locked, though others had visited it previously.

March 24, 1927

Mr. Nugent then told of seeing the body lying on the bed with part of the forehead blown off and also part of the jaw and mouth. The wounds were evidently caused by the discharge of a shot gun, which had been fired twice. Photographs were then placed in exhibit showing the body lying on the bed, the cavity in the upper part of the face and the jaw shot away and large blotches of blood on the wall. Tears in the blanket were evidently caused by the shot. Some pellets of shot were found in the head of the bed and the wall. The shots had evidently been fired from the door. An ordinary skeleton key was used to unlock the door. The inside measurement of the shack was 11 ft. 2in. by 11 ft. 3 in. The Cordova road was 87 feet north of the shack and the Shanick road 155 feet east of the building. John Bell's house was 165 feet south east of the shack on the same lot. Considerable snow on ground at time. Among other exhibits was a tin box and contents, some correspondence, a small bag containing \$10., which was wrapped in a handkerchief, a Dominion Bank pass book, showing a balance of \$66.56 and a bundle of accounts and papers. Mr. Nugent also told of receiving a bottle of liquid from Jas. Gordineer which he took to Toronto for analysis. He had a certificate of the analysis with him which showed the liquid to contain 2 grains of strychnine to the fluid ounce.

Charles Gornineer was the next witness called. He worked at Deloro and the late Jerome Keene was his uncle. He last saw him alive on the 15th of November. He took him home in his car. Keene told witness of finding a bottle on his table when he went home at night. That occurred a few days before the 15th of November. Keene was subject to spells and as a result of drinking a little of the liquid or of one of the spells he nearly stiffened out. Thought it was some liquor some one had left for him. He wasn't living with his wife. Didn't know reason for separation. It was about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. when witness drove Keene home. The deceased came to his home quite frequently. He was apparently in good health and was 64 years of age. Keene came to his house to tell him about liquor, and the witness' wife was present at time. Keene took some of the liquid. He didn't say whether he suspected anything was wrong. Witness asked him if he suspected anything or anyone and he said he didn't think he had a enemy in the world.

Told of John Bell giving him a bottle of liquor. Gordineer was then questioned in regard to finding of deceased. He said he had secured a new car from Toronto and as his brother was up from Rawdon they decided to go for a drive. His mother had been anxious about Keene so they drove up there and went in to look around. The outside door was unlocked and the inside one locked. He had a key which opened it and he and his brother went in. As soon as they saw their uncle they hurried back and told their brother. Witness had borrowed a shot gun from Percy Gray and went fox hunting in Rawdon. Had gun about three weeks. Kept it in his house and it was unloaded. Only used it once when he shot a stump a couple of times left empty shells on stump near home in Rawdon. He had shells in house and did not purchase any. He returned gun to Percy Gray's wife about 15th of January. Never poisoned foxes or wolves. Never had any strychnine in his possession at any time.

The witness was asked "Did the deceased man in his conversation tell you he was suspicious of anyone?" His answer was to the effect that Keene had told him that John Bell was acting funny, that Bell came to his shack with liquor and he had never come before. Said he was suspicious of John Bell, but not in so many words. Deceased claimed he lost \$35.00, but did not miss it until evening Bell came to shack. Had also lent other money to John Bell. The witness appeared to be nervous and there was a great deal of repetition in his evidence. The Crown Attorney informed him they did not suspect him, and urged him to be more candid in his answers.

George Gordineer was the next witness. He lived in Rawdon, five miles from Marmora and was a farmer. Was at shack day Jerome Keene was found. His brother Charles had a new car and they drove up to the shack to look around. Had heard stories to the effect Keene was in Detroit, or Timmins, or at the widow Weese's. Thought something must be wrong and his mother went to Mr. Hubbell to see if she would have the right to enter the shack. Did not see any tracks around building. After entering shack and seeing body they touched nothing, but went down street and told their brother. He last saw deceased about the 18th of November in front of Neal's Hotel. His uncle told him he came near dying the other night. Had bottle of dope left on his table. Took a little - about a spoonful - and went to bed earlier than usual.

Tried to get up again but didn't have strength. Afterwards he took bottle to Jas. Gordineer to have it analysed. Told him about Stirling fair time that he was suspicious of John Bell. Also told him of John Bell and Wm. Jones coming to shack and giving him a drink, about a six oz. bottle. Wondered at Bell coming up and giving him that small amount when he and Jones were such old whiskey toppers. Keene lost between \$30. to \$40. and believed John Bell had taken the money. He had a dream that someone had asked him if he was asleep, and when he woke up the next morning he was unable to find his money. None of witnesses family had ever had any strychnine around to his knowledge. Keene said he was very suspicious of the way his wife left him. Priest told his wife she wouldn't go to heaven if she continued to live with a Protestant. Keene had one child by his second wife, Agnes, around 25 years of age. Said daughter refused to speak to him on the street. Also had one child by his first wife, James, of Timmins. He mentioned that Mr. Bell had borrowed around \$60. from him.

Dr. D. Thomson knew Keene and had treated him in his office three or four times. Thought he was in fairly good health. With Dr. Crawford he made a post-mortem examination, a report of which was given in writing. He described wounds and told of finding pellets of shot in skull. Thought  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain of strychnine was usually fatal.

Dr. H. Crawford also gave evidence in regard to post-mortem. He had treated Keene in his office a few times. Found stomach of deceased empty which would indicate he was killed at least three or four hours after eating. Thought it would take about a grain of strychnine to kill a man the size of Keene.

Mrs. Lottie Gordineer, wife of Charles Gordineer, was next called. Mr. Keene visited them about the middle of November. He mentioned about John Bell taking whisky to his house. Showed bottle he found on table a few days before his last visit. He said he didn't think it was anyone from very far off. Mr. Bell had borrowed money from him and was supposed to pay it back but kept putting him off. She saw the gun her husband had. No one borrowed it and it was not out of the house. She saw it every day. Her husband worked at Deloro and did taxi work. Never had any strychnine and did not know of anyone buying it.

Mrs. Nancy Gordineer said she was a sister of the deceased. He came to her home in Rawdon on the 4th of Nov. and left on the 5th. He told her about John Bell and Wm. Jones giving him whiskey. When he lost his money her brother went to have his fortune told. She said he was suspicious of Bell. Didn't like the way he was acting. He also said to her "I'll tell you something some day that will surprise you."

Jas. Gordineer was next called. He was a County Constable and a nephew of the deceased. He came back from hunting the 22nd of November and thought he saw his uncle a few days later. He told of Keene bringing him the bottle of liquid which he found on his table. Witness did not open it and gave it to Mr. Nugent exactly as he received it. He placed in exhibit a couple of sheets of cardboard showing effects of discharges from shot gun at various distances.

Wm. McCoy gave evidence that he had seen Keene either the 6th or 10th of January. He was out from camp those days and saw deceased on one of them.

John Neill gave evidence to the effect he saw Keene after the 11th of January. The reason he remembered was that he bought a new coat that day, and when he next saw Keene and waved to him the deceased didn't answer and witness' wife said Keene probably didn't know him as he had a new coat on.

Wm. Burns said he passed Keene's shack on New Year's day and there was a lot of smoke coming from the chimney.

Fred Ferguson gave evidence that he knew Keene and had a conversation with him. The latter told him about finding the bottle on his table and after he drank a little he was all paralysed. Witness was raised among Mrs. Keene's people, the Sheridans. There was no ill feeling that he knew of.

Daniel Campion last saw deceased three days before Christmas. He walked up from store with him. He had two parcels, one looked like bread and the other like tea or butter. Keene told him about finding liquid, but didn't say whom he suspected.

John Reid stated the deceased was his uncle. He went to the shack on Feb. 11th, as a result of a request from Mrs. Gordineer and Mr. Hubbell. He looked in window, but couldn't see anything. Didn't suspect anything was wrong. Apparently someone had been around after the snow came. Some places the track was completely filled and in other places the impression of footsteps could be seen. Never had any trouble with his uncle at any time. Had borrowed \$200. on two notes, one payable in two years and the other in one year. He had paid the interest. He had no shot gun and had never bought any strychnine.

Daniel Neill last saw deceased on the 21st of November. Knew Lynch, who was a son-in-law of Ben Demas.

Mrs. Ben Demas was next called. She said that Mr. Joe D. Lynch was her son-in-law. He was married last July and lives in Peterboro. He visited here with his wife a couple of weeks in November. Had not been here since. Her sister, Mrs. Keene, and the deceased separated about five years ago.

Ben Demas stated he had never had any quarrel with Keene. He had no gun. The last time he met the deceased was in Nov. when he was coming down to the village.

Mrs. Annie Moffatt was the next witness. She lived in Marmora township on a property owned by Irwin Rupert. She was a widow and lived alone with her children. In 1924 she had to borrow money and in July or August of that year borrowed \$200. from John Bell on a note signed by herself and son and bearing 8 per cent interest. After the note became due Mr. Bell wanted his money and she told him that if he knew where they could get the money they would get it for him. Mr. Bell thought they could get it from Mr. Keene. Mr. Bell arranged matter and had the note made out and witness and son signed it. She thought the rate of interest was 7 per cent. The note was due but they were unable to pay it now.

J.P. Marrin was called in regard to bottle of liquid found by Keene on his table. The latter told Mr. Marrin about finding it and said he took a little of it and nearly died during the night. Deceased wanted witness to analyse it, but was advised to take it to Jas. Gordineer and have him send it away to be analysed. He smelt the liquid and thought it was some kind of moonshine.

Mrs. Jerome Keene, widow of the deceased, was then called. She was married to Mr. Keene in Marmora. They had one child, Agnes. They separated about 5½ years ago. They couldn't seem to get along. Religion had nothing to do with the trouble. Her husband rented the house about two years ago for \$875. and gave her one third of the money.

She thought she was entitled to it and refused to sign the papers unless it was given to her. Her late husband could not read or write. Never spoke to him except when they met at time of sale of house. Did not know anyone who had a grudge against her husband.

Miss Agnes Keene, daughter of the deceased, was the next witness. She had been living in Lonsdale, but came home about the 23rd of December and was home for two weeks. She never had a quarrel with her father and liked him. Her father and mother separated because they could not get along together. Religion had nothing to do with the cause of it. Asked if she corresponded with her father, witness replied that she had written him one letter. The letter was produced, and after commenting on the tone of it, the Crown Attorney read it. It was very bitter as a result of alleged treatment from her father. Asked further as to the reason for writing it, witness answered that "it was in reply to a very disgusting letter from her father." Mr. Donnan remarked the letter had excellent composition and did not indicate a lack of education.

Mr. Wellington Billings gave evidence that he had taken care of some of Mr. Keene's correspondence for a time at the latter's request. He wrote three letters to his son and some others.

Mrs. John Bell told of buying the property where they now live two years ago last December. She last saw the deceased about the 15th of November. She remembered the date as deceased came in to tell them about the shooting of Charles St. Charles, of Madoc. They lived on the south side of their house and did not notice anything on the side Mr. Keene lived on. She never heard any shots. Her husband borrowed \$200 from Keene in February 1926. Didn't know her husband was unable to collect money from Mrs. Moffatt.

John Bell was then called. He was collector of taxes for Marmora and Lake. He paid Jerome Keene \$875. for property where he now lives. Mrs. Keene got one third of money. Keene's shack is on the opposite corner of his lot. He last saw Keene on the 16th or 17th of November. He and Mrs. Bell were away a good deal of the time after that. Mr. Jones came home from Campbellford with him the evening he was accused of giving liquor to Keene. Had never gave him a drink at any time. Pressed further in the matter witness exclaimed "So help me God I never gave him a drink" He further stated that if he had any liquor he would have used it himself. He took Keene to see Mrs. Booth, the fortune teller, the time he lost the money, he owed Keene \$200.

He borrowed it a year ago last December. He had offered deceased the money, but was asked to keep it as Keene only wanted the interest. Questioned in regard to the loan by Keene to Mrs. Moffatt witness explained that deceased had asked him where he could loan some money. He told him of two people in Marmora and Mrs. Moffatt. Keene did not have enough for people in village so decided to let Mrs. Moffatt have it. He told deceased that Moffatts owed the money and it was going into his wife's hands.