

AFTER LONG HEARING, JURY IN LOCAL ASSAULT CASE CONSIDERS ITS VERDICT THIS AFTERNOON.

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with her.

The court would not allow Mrs. McLeod to take the witness stand.

Sergeant McGlinchey

Sergeant McGlinchey, at the time on the city police force, told of Florence Morrison telephoning to the police station and stating that Murdoch Mackenzie had torn off her clothing in McClymont Park and taken it away. The officer got in touch over the telephone with Mackenzie and told him to come to the police station and bring the clothing with him. At 12:30 (midnight) he arrived at the station and produced the clothing. He was then duly warned and placed under arrest.

Mr. Gonzales asked the officer if he had not "hawled" Mackenzie out and forced him to make certain statements before he had been warned. Sergeant McGlinchey denied this and stated that statements made by Mackenzie had been voluntary. At this point, Mackenzie was called to the stand. He stated that McGlinchey had been "pretty severe" over the telephone and, when he had given him the girl's clothing in the station, McGlinchey had called him a "big bum" and asked him, if he wanted to treat a girl like that, why he did not go to Comox Avenue. The officer had been rough with him and he (Mackenzie), before being warned and before knowing that he was going to be arrested, had answered certain questions. Later he received a warning and was forthwith locked up.

Bullying

Asked by Mr. Johnson specifically what McGlinchey's "bullying" had consisted of, Mackenzie said it had been calling him "a big bum" in a gruff voice and suggesting why he had not gone to Comox Avenue. There had been no other remark constituting "bullying."

Sergeant McGlinchey took the stand and disagreed with Mackenzie that he had asked him questions before warning him. His Lordship gave the accused the benefit of the doubt and the questions and answers at the time of Mackenzie's arrest were not admitted. Casey and Capstick were arrested later the same night.

Heard Girl Scream

David Hudema, 21, who was present in the park on the night in question, was the next witness. He told of the group of girls and boys that had been in the park and their movements. Florence Morrison remained sitting on a bench with one of the accused while he (witness) and others went to the plank roadway. They were watching a dog fight when Florence was heard to scream "Dave, help me." He voice seemed to be in agony but she had often screamed before and he (witness) did not think it necessary to return to her assistance. No further screams were heard before the witness and the others left after Casey and Capstick had come running up to the roadway.

Under cross-examination, witness denied asking the girl to remain in the park. He was not sure if he had asked her to come along when he and the others were leaving the park. At one time, while they were near the swimming pool, she had asked him to take her away from Mackenzie. He had seen no reason why she could not have left at any time if she had wanted to. If, when the girl had yelled, he had thought she was in danger he would have returned to her rescue. Asked if it had been a common practice for girls and boys to "sit down and love each other in the park without serious intentions," witness admitted that it had been. He had not seen Florence Morrison sitting down with different boys in the park.

Identifies Article

After Hudema left the stand, Florence Morrison was recalled to identify the clothing that Mackenzie had surrendered to McGlinchey and which had previously been entered as an exhibit.

George Shenton, 24, also told of the evening in the park. He had heard the screams after the girl had been left sitting with Mackenzie, Capstick and Casey being about ten feet away. The screams sounded as if the girl

BRINGING UP FATHER



was in pain or frightened. She had cried, "Oh, for God's sake, Dave." Nobody returned to her rescue.

When he heard the first scream he thought something was wrong and then he changed his opinion. It was getting dusk at the time but was not dark.

Shenton said in answer to questions that he did not remember Murdoch sitting, and fooling with the girl at any other time the same evening. He saw Pearl Thompson stop and talk to her. There was nothing to have stopped her going with the other girls at that time if she wished. She was just fooling around and spooning on the bench. While the others were there the girl seemed content to sit with Mackenzie.

In answer to the judge, Shenton said the girl was sitting four feet away from Mackenzie. He did not see them with their arms around each other. When he left for home Florence was the only girl in the park left with five boys. She did not suggest to him that she wanted to go home.

Hollered for Help

Thomas Howe said he knew the accused boys well and also the girl. He was there in company with the Thompson girls, Hudema and Shenton. He heard screams coming from where Florence Morrison was sitting with the three boys. She "hollered" for help saying "Help, Dave, Help." They did not go to her help. Asked why he did not do so he said: "I figured I should get into trouble."

Asked what he meant by getting into trouble witness said he meant he would get into a fight. He also urged Dave Hudema not to go as he was staying out of it. He did not think it was anything serious. He did not consider he had any right to interfere.

Cross-examined, Howe said he thought there was some trouble going on. He knew the girl and she screamed quite often and these were pretty nearly the same kind of screams he had heard before. He had seen her in the park several times before. That evening he had seen her with her arm around Mackenzie. They were at that time close together and she seemed quite satisfied.

Howe said he had heard someone ask Florence to come home and she said she was going to stay. She was still seated on the seat with Mackenzie's arm around her when he left. He said he was not worried at her staying with the boys.

Mr. Gonzales then drew attention to the answers witness gave in the police court trial which differed from what he had

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given on that occasion.

Defence Evidence

Mr. Gonzales then outlined the evidence he intended to produce for the defence. He called Pearl Thompson, a girl 20 years of age employed as a maid at the hospital. She said she was in the park that evening with her sister. They went in by the cedar path and met the boys on the centre of the bridge. She had asked Florence to come home with her after she had been swinging awhile. Her sister was sitting at the table with the boys and Florence. The boys were Mackenzie and Casey. She said she thought one of the boys had his arm around Florence. She did not answer when asked to come home. She did not make any move to come. She could have gone home if she wanted to. She thought Dave Hudema also asked her to go.

The judge asked what was this concern about getting her home.

In answer to another question witness said Florence often yelled a great deal without cause. She did not pay much attention to her screams as it was quite a natural yell.

Cross-examined in regard to the screams she repeated that it was a natural yell. She did not hear her say "Help, Dave, help."

She had met Florence at dances and she considered her character was "perfectly all right." She never heard a word against her.

Kidding Her Along

George Casey was the first witness for the defence after the dinner adjournment. Florence had been swinging and she came to where witness and Ned Burns were. The latter told her to "get to H— out of here." She then went to a bench and sat down, Murdoch Mackenzie sitting down beside her. Casey and Capstick were over at a table. Witness sat down beside Florence and Mackenzie. She was not being held and there was nothing to prevent her getting away had she wished to do so.

In fact she had been asked by a girl and a boy if she was going to leave but she had said nothing and made no movement as if to go.

After the others had gone, Florence said "Let's go and sit with the rest of the boys." They then went to the table—George Casey, Mackenzie and the girl—the latter not being carried. When they got to the table, Florence told one of the boys to get up and give somebody else a seat. Capstick got up and Florence sat down beside George Casey, giving him a push. To support himself, Darrow put his arm around the girl and they bumped into Mackenzie who also put his arm around her. They bumped back and forth for a while and the girl put her arm around Murdoch and Darrow. They were

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