

PEARLIE LAWSON, too young to be sworn.

Examined by Mr McDonald:

1079. Now Pearlle who are you, tell us?

Pearl Lawson.

1080. Do you know your mother's and father's names?

Stephen Lawson, and Maggie Lawson.

1081. How old are you?

Nine years old.

1082. When were you nine, do you remember?

No.

1083. You don't remember what day your birthday was on?

No.

1084. Is Mrs Stephen O. Lawson your mother?

Yes.

1085. And Mr Stephen O. Lawson was your father?

Yes.

1086. Do you remember anything unusual happening up at the police detachment?

Yes.

1087. Where do you live, or where did you live in Coleman?

At the A. P. P.

1088. Do you remember anything unusual happening there a short time ago?

Yes.

1089. What was that?

Daddy was standing at the car.....

1090. How did you happen to see that?

I was around at the front door with daddy.

1091. Just tell what you saw then?

I don't know if daddy saw Pick coming or not but he ~~just~~ put his arms around Pick's neck and Pick fired and daddy let go.

1092. Yes?

And he went and ran around the side of the house.

1093. Who did?

Daddy.

1094. Which side was that, Pearlle? Is there anything on that side of the house that would help you to identify the side. Well do you know where the hospital is?

Yes,

1095. Was it on that side or the other side?

No, on the side of the hospital.

1096. How far did he run?

Just to about the middle of the hospital.

1097. Yes, then what?

I went in to mamma.

1098. What did you see when your daddy ran. Did you see him stop running or where did he run to?

He dropped down when he got to the middle of the hospital.

1099. Do you know why he dropped down. Do you
Pearlie?

Because he was dead.

1100. Who killed him, do you know?

Pick and the lady.

1101. Did you see any other person also around there?

No, just Kathleen, my sister.

1102. Never seen anybody else?

No.

1103. You didn't?

No.

1104. Do you know how many shots were fired?

I just heard four.

1105. Do you know who shot them?

Just Pick and the girl shot.

1106. Do you know how many Pick shot?

No.

1107. Do you remember how many the girl shot?

No.

1108. Do you remember who shot the first?

The girl

1109. Who shot last?

I don't know.

1110. I think I understood you to say that you saw
Pick shoot. Is that right or not. Do you remember
whether you saw Pick shoot or not?

Yes.

1111. Domyou remember how many times?

No.

Mr Harris:

1112. How old are you, Pearlie?

Nine years old.

1113. Do you remember where you were born?

I think at Macleod.

1114. What day is your birthday. You don't know do
you?

No.

1115. Who told you, you were nine years old, Pearlie?

I just know because mamma told me. Mamma told me

I was eight years old and then I had a birthday.

1116. Do you remember when you had the birthday?

No.

1117. What class in school are you at? You go to school?

Yes.

1118. What school do you go to. Do you go in Cole-
man?

Yes.

1119. Do you remember your teacher's name?

Miss Bixby.

1120. What class are you in?

Grade 3.

1121. That's good. You can readcan you?

Yes.

1122. Can you spell good?

Yes.

1123. Spell dog?

D-o-g.

1124. Do you know number work?

Yes.

1125. How much did you do at school. How far are you up in numbers?

I just forget how far.

1126. Do you know how much three and nine are. Can you add three and nine?

Twelve.

1127. Do you know how much five times six are?

We don't have "times"

1128. Supposing you had sixteen apples and I took seven away how many would you have?

Nine.

1129. Will you spell Pearl, that is your own name?

P-e-a-r-l.

1130. Spell Lawson?

L-a-w-s-o-n.

1131. Then you know what you say the middle of the hospital, you know what you mean?

Yes.

1132. You mean the middle of the hospital building?

Yes.

1133. Way out there at the side of that your daddy fell on the ground?

Yes.

1134. Was it there that he was shot. Did he fall down as soon as he was shot the last time?

Yes.

1135. And the car was in front of the door, wasn't it?

Yes.

1136. In front of the door of the A. P. P. building?

Yes.

1137. It was quite close by the door was it?

Yes.

1138. Was it that far away from the door. About three feet apart I am holding my hands. Was it that far from the door step?

I am not quite sure.

1139. Do you know where the front of the car was?

The front of the car was facing up that way.

1140. It was past the window of the A. P. P. office?

Yes.

1141. You know where the door is?

Yes.

1142. Then there is a window over there?

Yes.

1143. The front of the car was up by the window, wasn't it?

Yes.

1144. The man and the woman in the car were in the front seat, were they not?

Yes.

1145. You think that car was that close to the house, three feet, the door step, do you?

I don't know.

1146. Do you remember there is a telephone pole in front?

Yes.

1147. Which side of that pole was the car on, this side?

There.

1148. That is the North side. It was between the telegraph pole and the house, your building?

Yes.

1149. Was the front of the car as far West as the telegraph pole, as far that way?

Yes.

1150. Now, Pearlle, you have got a good memory, haven't you?

Yes.

1151. You always remember things?

Yes.

1152. Do you remember a week ago Saturday, ten days ago, giving evidence when the Coroner's inquest was, before Mr Morrison the Coroner? Do you know Mr Morrison?

No.

1153. You don't know Mr Morrison the insurance agent?

No.

1154. Do you remember giving evidence before when
Mr McDonald asked you some questions?

Mr McDonald he came down here.

1155. Did you give it in this town, in Coleman?

Yes, and in Macleod too.

1156. Who did you give it to in Macleod?

Mr McDonald.

1157. Before you gave it to him in Macleod, do
you remember giving it to him in Coleman,
when he asked you questions?

Yes.

1158. There were other people present?

Yes.

1159. Jurymen and others?

Yes.

1160. Do you remember that you told these men the
first time that you gave evidence that you
saw the girl let off the first shot, and the
last shot. You said then, or do you remember
saying then, the lady let off the last shot?

No, I don't remember saying that.

1161. Do you remember that the lady did let off the
last shot?

No.

1162. You don't remember who left off the last shot, do you?

No.

1163. Where were you standing when the first shot went off, you weren't in front of the car, were you?

Behind the car.

1164. Right behind the car?

Yes.

1165. The top of the car was up?

The hood.

1166. The hood was up?

Yes.

1167. You don't know who was sitting in under the hood, do you?

No.

1168. You know there was a man and a woman there, or a lady as you call her, There might have been other people there and you didn't see them?

Yes.

1169. So because you were behind the car you didn't see who fired the first shot?

It was the girl fired it.

1170. How could you see that if you were behind the car?

I wasn't just straight behind the car because I

was just beside the end of it.

1171. Was the girl standing up or sitting down?

Sitting down.

1172. Didn't she stand up when she fired the first shot?

No.

1173. Sure?

Yes.

1174. Didn't you hear any noise after the shot?

No.

1175. Did you hear any glass rattling?

No.

1176. After the first shot or at any time?

No.

1177. Where did you go?

I went further down.

1178. Where, behind the car?

Around the side of the house.

1179. You went further around the side of the house?

I did when the car was backing up.

1180. Are you sure the car was backing up. Go easy, don't go too fast. After the first shot you ran around behind the car?

Yes, and then down beside the house.

1181. Didn't you have to go around by the side of the house?

Yes.

1182. Then you went behind the car?

I never went behind the car at all.

1183. How did you go to the side of the house if you didn't go behind the car?

I was just on this side and just had to go down that way.

1184. Were you on the side of the car next to the house?

Yes.

1185. When the girl fired the first shot, you say the girl fired the first shot?

Yes, on the side of the house.

1186. By the corner of the car?

Yes.

1187. You were right as far back as the back of the car, weren't you? Were you near the hospital corner?

Yes.

1188. You were near the corner of the hospital?

Yes.

1189. That was behind the car near the house?

Yes.

1190. Was the girl sitting in that seat of the car or the other seat, which seat was she in?

She was on the side of the telephone post.

1191. You could see this girl from where you were then?

No, I never saw the girl.

1192. You don't know whether the girl fired the first shot or not, because you didn't see her?
I saw her fire but I didn't see her face.
1193. You didn't see her hat, did you?
No.
1194. You didn't see her coat, did you?
No.
1195. You didn't see her arms or hands?
Yes, I saw the one the gun was in.
1196. Which hand was the gun in?
I forget which hand.
1197. You forget which hand the gun was in. That's all you could see was a hand with a gun in it, when the first shot was fired?
Yes.
1198. That's all you did see at any time?
Yes.
1199. You never did see her face, did you?
No.
1200. You never did see her hat, did you?
No.
1201. You didn't see her coat at any time?
No.
1202. Or her arms?
No.
1203. You couldn't tell whether she stood up or sat down when she fired the first shot?

Yes.

1204. How could you when there are sides on the car? Tell me how you saw that. You can't tell me that, can you?

No.

1205. Perhaps you didn't see her at all. Perhaps you didn't see her fire the first shot?

Maybe.

1206. Then perhaps you did say the other day when you were giving evidence to the Coroner that the lady fired the last shot. Perhaps you did say that then, did you?

I don't know.

1207. You didn't see any glass in the car being broken, did you?

No.

1208. Do you know what the wind shield of a car is. That is the glass in front of the car, just by the ~~seat~~. You know what the wind shield of a car is, don't you. That is the glass shield?

Yes.

1209. Did you see the wind shield on this car being broken?

No.

1210. Was it broken while you were there?

I don't know.

1211. Then you saw your father take a hold of the

man by the neck, he got his arm around his neck?

Yes,

1212. And tried to pull him out of the car?

I didn't see it.

1213. He did try to do it, didn't he?

I don't know.

1214. You didn't see this man's hands at all, did you?

No.

1215. You didn't see him have any gun in his hand, did you?

No.

1216. You didn't see him fire any shots at all did you, really you didn't see the man's hand you told me?

No, I didn't.

1217. You didn't see him fire any shots?

No.

1218. You don't know if he fired any shots or not?

No, I don't know.

1219. But you say you do know the girl fired shots?

Yes.

1220. You don't know if the man fired shots or not?

No.

1221. You didn't see him fire any shots, did you?

I forget if I did or not.

1222. That's too bad. Try and think because you were there

there, but you didn't see the man's hands, and you didn't see any gun in his hands?

No.

1223. You are sure about that?

Yes.

1224. Pearlie, I am beginning to think that sometimes little girls hear things talked about and then they think they saw them. You have heard people talking about this sad thing that took place there that night. You have heard lots of grown up people talking about it?

Yes.

1225. You have heard them say that Pick was the man that was there?

Yes.

1226. How many years have you gone to school?

I don't know.

1227. Do you know when you started to go to school?

Do you remember starting to go to school?

When I was six years old.

1228. Do you remember who your first teacher was?

Miss Beere.

1229. What school was it. Where was the school?

It was past the English church.

1230. In what town?

In Macleod.

1231. Now, you didn't know Pick before that day, did

you?

No.

1232. You didn't know him?

No.

1233. Perhaps you have heard someone say that there was a man named Pick but you didn't know him, did you?

No.

1234. When did you first learn to know Pick. Who pointed Pick out to you so you would know him?

Nobody.

1235. How did you learn to know him?

Because some boys told my sister, and I don't know, but after my sister had come home, and daddy was dead she told me.

1236. That is the reason you used the word Picarello so much today when you were speaking to Mr McDonald, or rather the word Pick, that was because your sister told you his name was Pick?

Yes.

1237. Your sister also told you how many shots were fired that night, didn't she?

No.

1238. She said there were four five or six?

No, I just heard the four shots.

1239. Who did you hear saying there was four shots?

Nobody.

1240. Who?

Nobody.

1241. Do you think your sister will say there were four shots fired?

I don't know.

1242. You didn't hear your sister say how many shots were fired?

No.

1243. Think, Pearl, think?

No.

1244. Sure you didn't, eh?

Yes.

1245. It was your sister who told you it was Pick who was there?

Yes.

1246. Did she tell you the name of the woman who was there?

No, she didn't know the name of the woman.

1247. If you had seen Pick on the street yesterday, you wouldn't know him would you?

No.

1248. If you saw him on the street today, you would not know him, would you?

No.

1249. Do you know Steve Picarello?

No.

1250. That'll do little girl, that'll do now.

CHARLES VINCENT SCOTT, sworn:

Examined by Mr McDonald:

1251. Where do you live and what is your occupation?

Reside at Coleman, Alberta. Occupation, Physician and surgeon.

1252. A duly registered physician and surgeon, I presume?

Yes.

1253. Do you remember the evening of the 21st of September?

I do.

1254. Did you know Constable Lawson?

I was acquainted with him.

1255. What's that?

I knew him.

1256. Do you know Picarello?

I can't swear to him.

1257. It doesn't make any difference anyway. Will you tell me where you were on the evening of that day, the 21st September, and what you were doing. I will leave you to tell in your own words, Doctor Scott?

On the evening of the 21st September....

1258. About what time?