

MARKESFELDT GIRL PUZZLE TO DOCTORS

Still Denies That She Was at
Shelburne in Girls'
Home

CONSULT OVER CASE

"Girl is No Fool," is State-
ment of One
Expert

A puzzle to her employers, to her acquaintances, to her fellow-workers and to the police, Louisa Markesfeldt now provides a baffling problem to the Government doctors who have been examining her mental stability since she was remanded to the Reception Hospital from the Women's Court last Friday.

During the six days she has been under the doctors' observation "the girl of mystery" has positively and consistently denied any knowledge of Shelburne, or of any of the various persons who have identified her as the Dr. Barnardo's waif who was sent out to this country from London in 1907, and who has since been under the supervision of the Margaret A. Cox Home for Girls at Peterborough, while she has worked as a domestic servant at various small towns of the province. So positively, indeed, that the doctors themselves are tempted to believe her rather than the evidence to the contrary.

"I suppose there is no doubt that she was at Shelburne?" said Dr.

Harvey Clare, speaking of a touch of doubt in his voice to-day.

Had Been Identified.

The Daily News assured him that Mrs. C. E. Morgan, her mistress, had instantly identified a photograph of the girl as the Louisa Markesfeldt who had worked in her house from April to September, 1914, and that The Daily News reporter who followed her in Shelburne, Berlin and Earncliffe found precisely the same characteristics, heard the same stories in kind as those Louisa Markesfeldt told to the Toronto police. She was identified without equivocation by responsible persons, yet the girl positively denies the identification.

While Dr. Clare declined to state positively to The Daily News to-day what conclusion the examining doctors had arrived at regarding her, "I don't think she is any fool," he said with conviction. "She seems to be very clever along some lines.

"The girl is one of the most interesting cases I have ever met," he said, adding that three doctors were meeting in consultation on the case to-day. Their report will be delivered to-morrow.

"She's a good talker," said the doctor laughing. "It's a good job she's not engaged to some poor fellow," or she would "talk his head off," it was suggested, and the doctor agreed.

OFF FOR ENGLAND.

Skilled Canadian Workmen Leave
for British Munition Works.

The first contingent of skilled mechanics whom the British Commission has selected for engagement in English munition works left Toronto to-day en route for the Old Land. Another party will leave on Saturday and contingents will follow until the full number engaged have crossed. The men have been subject to very strict examination and test of ability, and are very high class workmen.