

Quebec, the fifteenth day of February, in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, before James Prendergast, Esquire, Coroner for her said Majesty, in and for the said district, in view of the remains of seven bodies found in the ruins of that part of the Quebec Asylum; otherwise called the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, which said part of the Quebec Asylum was destroyed by fire during the night of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth of January last; under the oath of Edouard J. DeBlois, Foreman, Pierre A. DeBlois, Antoine Lortie, Damase Richard, Edouard Pepin, Joseph Parant, Georges Barbeau, Fortunat Legros, Onézime Pâquet, Cyprien Audet, Joachim Nolet, Alexis Lortie, Joseph Bédard, Jean Marie Bélanger, Napoléon Nolet, François Parant, fit and trusty men, duly chosen, and who being then and there sworn and commissioned to enquire for our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, when, where, who and in what manner the individuals whose remains had been found came to their deaths, state upon their oath :

“ That during the night of the twenty-ninth to the thirtieth of January of the year aforesaid, the part of the Quebec Asylum, commonly called and known under the name of the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, containing the female lunatic patients, became a prey to fire.

“ That the list hereunto annexed and marked A, certified as an authentic extract from the registers of the said Asylum, and signed by Dr. U. A. Bélanger, assistant-physician, and in fact a true copy, and verified as such, contains the names of the patients who, at the time of the fire, were in that part of the building destroyed by the fire, who have disappeared or failed to appear immediately after the fire, and who have not since re-appeared, to the number of (26) twenty-six.