

IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH  
(CROWN SIDE)

DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS, to wit :

The Jurors for Our Lady the Queen present : that at the Township of St. George de Windsor, in the District of St. Francis, on the twenty sixth day of February, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and at various times during the three months preceding that date, Thomas Lapierre and his wife, Rebecca Roy, did unlawfully and wilfully neglect and omit, without lawful excuse, to provide necessaries for Céline Lapierre, the daughter under sixteen years of age, of the said Thomas Lapierre, and the step daughter of the said Rebecca Roy, the said Thomas Lapierre and Rebecca Roy being under the legal duty to provide necessaries for the said child, whereby the life of said child was endangered and her health permanently injured, and did, during the said period of time, cause grievous bodily harm to the said child, Céline Lapierre, by omitting without lawful excuse, to give her the necessaries of life, by keeping her in a place unfit for human habitation, by exposing her to cold, by beating her, by burning her tongue, and by forcing peas into her nostrils, the whole with intent to bring about the death of said child, and to commit murder.

[Signed] HORACE ARCHAMBAULT,  
*Attorney General,*  
by  
J. S. BRODRICK,  
duly authorized.

At the trial no proof of filiation was made and the age of the child was not proved. The acts of cruelty were fully established, but the learned Crown Prosecutor sought to go beyond the charges made, and to fortify the

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