

The strong smell of garlic indicates the presence of phosphorus, which is a deleterious substance and a very active poison. It is the principal ingredient in *Smith's Exterminator*. This composition is very hurtful and very dangerous to human life, very little is required to poison a person. The small white specks, seen in the middle of the spots, indicate the presence of arsenic.

From the examination alone of the body, apart from the symptoms of the disease described by the witnesses, I am of opinion that the deceased Sophie Talbot died of a disease which took its origin from a cause foreign to the animal organisation, that is to say, that some foreign substance must have produced it, and that substance must have been something corrosive or irritating. To the best of my knowledge and according to my observation I believe that phosphorus and arsenic were taken.

I did not remark upon the deceased any trace of any pre-existing organic disease, except the traces of acute inflammation which I have mentioned.

I put into a vial a part of what I found in the interior of the stomach: it was a slimy secretion deposited upon the coat of the stomach. I took the vial home with me and sealed it with my seal. I always kept it under lock and key, and I have since brought it with me to Kamouraska. Last thursday evening I opened the vial myself and gave it to Dr. Jackson. He put half of the contents into a crucible and added a little rain water and chloric acid. He placed this over a lamp with spirits of wine, and heated it to the boiling point, which had the effect of making the organic matter coagulate. After this he filtered the contents through a filtering paper, so as to separate the organic matter. The remains of what had been filtered were placed in another crucible and put over the fire. A few minutes after Dr.