

dates, and which are the principal dates made prominent in the enquiry, and refer briefly to whatever may have taken place between these dates and leading up to them.

DECEMBER 6th, 1899.

On the afternoon of this day a number of the leading members of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Kinnear's Mills assembled at a social gathering at the residence of the elder, the witness, Dr. Thompson. Among them it is only necessary to mention

Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw.

Dr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Mr and Mrs. Jas. Kinnear, jr.

Mrs Albert Kinnear, of Quebec.

There then appeared to exist between them all the most friendly relations and sentiments of confidence in each other.

After tea, and probably about 7 p.m., Mr. Kinnear (who was then the Postmaster at Kinnear's Mills) arose to withdraw, excusing himself, as he was obliged to go to the Post Office to make up the mail, which was to leave Kinnear's Mills early the following morning by the mail carrier, to be transported to "Robertson," a station of the Quebec Central Railway, to proceed thence to Quebec. The distance between Kinnear's Mills and Robertson is about 12 miles.

Mr. Whitelaw also rose, declaring his intention to accompany Mr. Kinnear, as he was desirous of mailing some letters to go by the same mail.

They went in company to the Post Office. After Mr. Kinnear had lighted a lamp, Mr. Whitelaw presented three letters, in large foolscap envelopes, to be mailed and registered :—one addressed to the Rev. Dr. Warden ; one addressed to H. T. Machin, Provincial Treasurer, of Quebec, and a third to Mr. J. J. Rousseau, of Inverness.

About this time the witness, Mr. David Frizzle, entered the office. In his presence postage stamps were affixed to the three letters, which were also post marked with the letter "R" and the date stamp ; the date of the latter having been altered to the 7th, as the mail did not leave until the following morning. While this was being done Mr. Whitelaw made a remark to the effect that the letter to Dr. Warden contained a considerable amount of money, and asked the Postmaster to use due precaution.

He states that the envelope contained a letter and private note, \$200 in 6 bank bills (three 50's, two 20's and a 10) and in order that the bills might not be observed, that he likewise enclosed a blank piece of paper (page 1).

He then returned to Dr. Thompson's, to be followed "*shortly afterwards*" by Mr. Kinnear. Before Mr. Whitelaw left the Post Office, Mr. Kinnear gave him three receipts or certificates for these letters (Exhibits 26, 27 and 28).

After he left, Mr. Kinnear made up the mail, enclosing the three