

and put them behind a chest, and he put on an old pair of beef slippers. He took off a pair of white socks he had on his feet and put them in his gutters. The wife of the accused said to him, "Keep your socks on." And the accused answered her, "You will perhaps not make me any more. I will not put them on." Coming down from the garret the accused scolded his wife and said to her, "One of us two will perish to-night." He looked as usual when he said these words. He was not angry, he was in good humor when he said that. While I was there my mother came for her bread.

*Question objected to as hearsay evidence.* *Question:* While you were there did the deceased, Henriette Gendreau, hold conversation with your mother?

She told her a great deal about the little Leblanc. She said that little Leblanc had taken the trouble to go out for an English thistle, while the accused was in bed and that she raised the blankets and gave him a stroke on the backside.

When the accused said to his wife "one of us will perish to-night; his wife said to him; "be silent, don't say that before the children." The accused replied, "One of us two will take to the woods;" and he at once went out to go to the field. On arriving from Wotton the accused had in the seat of his vehicle, a jacket and a pair of pants of grey homespan. The woman asked him if he was not going to bring in his things he had outside. He answered, "No." The harness the accused had when returning from Wotton was a white harness for Sundays, which he used to keep hanging up in the garret of his house. That day, in unharnessing his horse, he left his harness on the front of his vehicle; the straps trailed in the mud. The vehicle was in front of the barn and remained there until we left. On the following morning, after the fire, the vehicle was in the barn.

*Cross-examined:* I tried to look into the seat of the vehicle when the accused arrived from Wotton, but I was not able to lift it.

And further deponent said not, and declared that he cannot sign.

(Signed,)

PHILIPPE + BLAIS.

The foregoing deposition of Philippe Blais was received and sworn before me, at Arthabaskaville, in the District of Arthabaska, the day and year hereinbefore in the first place mentioned.

(Signed,)

U. MEDERIC POISSON,  
J. P.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN,

QUEBEC, 26th October, 1868.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Honorable the Solicitor General, to request you to proceed as Justice of the Peace, to the examination of all witnesses who may throw light on the Guillemette matter, and to take all other steps you deem it your duty to take in order to arrive at the knowledge of the truth in this matter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
(Signed,)

JOS. A. DEFOY,  
Assistant C.L.D.

U. M. Poisson, Esquire,  
Arthabaskaville.

A true Copy.

(Signed,)

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Deputy Clerk of Crown.