

Attorney-General would undertake such a task. The observance and maintenance of law would weigh more with them than pleading by subterfuge to bolster the cause of such a "bird" as Rossin.

As this man, Frank Rossin, claims to be from Toronto, in Ontario, and a direct descendant from the owner and original proprietor of the Rossin House, at Toronto, it would be interesting to the citizens of Toronto to read what this man had sworn to on the 10th inst. in the Police Court at Charlottetown. The prosecution was conducted by Messrs. D. C. Macleod, and W. S. Stewart, Q.C., of Charlottetown. In the cross-examination by Mr. Stewart, the defendant Rossin made the following answers:

Q.—"Where were you born? A.—I won't tell you." When told he must answer, he replied: "I was born on the sea." "I was not born at Tracadie, N.B." "My name is not Frank DeRoche." "I have a brother John, and Alexander, and they live in New York to-day." "I was never in the Adams House at Chatham." "I was never in Fredericton, N.B." "I never pawned or left a gold watch at the Adams House at Chatham." "I never did work for Edward Sinclair, of Miramichi." "I don't know Puttner, of Halifax." "I never forged a cheque of \$30." "I was never up before the Supreme Court at Halifax." "I never called myself Dr. Oliver." "I was never a patient in the V. G. Hospital at Halifax."

He was then asked if he could read and write? He replied, he "could both read and write." He was asked, "Where were you educated? A.—I won't tell you." "I buy my medicines wherever I like—from Hughes, Johnson, Reddin and Rankin." "I got bills for the medicines at Rankin's and Reddin's. (The witness could not produce them.) "I have \$700 a year of an income from my sister at Toronto." "She is Mike Irish's wife." "He used to keep the Rossin House at Toronto." "My mother is dead; she died in 1871." "My father's name is Malkish Rossin, or Malcolm Rossin." "My father told me he belonged to Germany." "He is in the Lunatic Asylum at Toronto." "I draw money every six months, or any time I want it." "The last I got was \$82, by cheque, at the Bank of Nova Scotia." "The time before *dat* was in April last; I got \$111 and some

cents." "I would treat and give medicines to an 'Indian' or 'squaw,' it would make no difference." "I swear I never told McKenzie, the tailor, that Boyer would pay for the clothes." "I told him Mrs. Boyer would pay for them." "My income comes from the Rossin estate at Toronto." "My father sold it to the 'Club.'" "My mother's will gives me the income." "It was her money that built it." "I have been getting this money for three years, and my mother died in 1871." When asked why he did not receive it before, he replied: "There was a note burned by my hand." "I had to go away to make my own living."

We noted the above answers as they fell from the witness' lips. The veracity of the statements are open to great doubt. We are of opinion that the witness stated the truth in admitting that he had or has a brother or brothers called respectively John and Alexander. Now, we would like our genial friend Dr. O'Reilly, to inform us if he has such a patient as this man's father in the wards of his hospital, and in order to trace this strange character we will give the following description of him from the pen of a physician, at Charlottetown, who had good means of observing his facial and cranial peculiarities:

"Age, about 50; height, 5ft. 9in.; weight, about 160lbs.; hair, black; eyes, brown; whiskers, scraggy black, trimming white on chin; nose, lateral curvature, with convexity towards right side; scar on lower lip, seen through whiskers; voice, harsh; loud stammering; accent, of the lower order of the French Acadian laboring class.

It would be still further interesting if he had been questioned under what circumstances he received the wound in his lower lip. His career at the Clifton House, Annapolis, would also be a comfort to his friends and dupes in this province. The curious might correspond with Messrs. Alfred H. Ellis, commercial traveller, of Halifax, and John Clark, ex-conductor of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway. Could it be possible that there was a genuine Frank Rossin, besides the claimant, in this province? We leave his friends in Toronto to decide the matter. Anyhow, Mr. Sinclair, of Miramichi, badly belies him if he is not a native of Tracadie, N.B. He claims to have known him as the original Frank DeRoche, whom he met at Summerside. We may refer to