

knot on the stock of the gun. I am not versed in the right and left principles of fowling piece, but when I shouldered this gun and presented it, the marks were to my right. From the date of the finding of these clothes in the box, they have remained in my possession. I had them washed in my own presence, had them dried under my own inspection, and then placed them in a small travelling bag which contained the documents relating to this matter and my money. This bag was always kept under lock and key, and I kept the key myself. I think it improbable that any of the crew or other persons interfered with or opened this bag. The key of my bag is a very small one, and does not in any way resemble the keys of seaman's trunks. I only absented myself twice from the schooner during the trip and that only for a few moments. I positively swear that the clothes I now produce are the same. There is a large piece of cotton cloth 12 inches in length and two inches in width, also two small cotton cloths. When examined as a physician, I shall be in a position to give more details respecting these clothes.

**ALFRED ACHILLE HAMEL, examined:**

I know the prisoner. I am a Provincial Land Surveyor. Accompanied by the Coroner and my brother Dr. Hamel, I visited "Caillies Rouges." We found at "Les Isles de Mai" a box containing a skeleton. German Gagnon and Alexandre Gagnon shewed us the place where the said box was to be found. Dr. J. A. Hamel then took charge of it, and conveyed it to "Caillies Rouges" where Dr. Bondreau was, and where the inquest was to be held. On the first day of September, the Coroner summoned a Jury, and an inquest was held; I prepared the plans of the locality, and I now produce them. One represents the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, from "Pointe des Monts" to "Sept Isles," inclusively. The other represents "Les Isles de Mai." The place where the skeleton was found is represented on this plan by a black cross. This cross or designation is on the West Point of "Les Isles de Mai." (The Court here ordered that the plans produced do form part of the record.) From the peculiar geographical position of "Les Isles de Mai" no one would dream of passing my time there. It is a locality not generally frequented. The place where the skeleton was found, was a retired spot; travellers generally visit the North side. This place is far removed from the settlements; the nearest house to "Les Isles de Mai" is Mr. Riverin's at "Caillies Rouges" on the West side, and to the East, no house can be found before reaching "Sept Isles."

"Les Isles de Mai" are in the district of Saguenay.

*Cross-examined.*

I passed by these Islands in winter, on my way to *Natashquan*, and again last summer during the holding of the inquest. The distance from "Les Isles de Mai" to "Caillies Rouges" is nine miles, and from "Les Isles de Mai" to "Sept Isles" about twenty-seven miles. There is an inhabited house at St. Margaret's River.

**PETER MALONEY, examined:**

I am the brother-in-law of the prisoner through marriage of two Sisters. Ouellet came to my house, on the 9th September, 1867, and he left it on the 14th of the same month. When Ouellet left my house, he said that he was anxious to reach his family at Rivière Ouelle. When he started, he was dressed in an India rubber over coat, a glazed hat (south-west) and a pair of glazed trousers. I did not see his under garments. I did not see his gun. Last winter when Poitras, was in gaol, I found Ouellet's south-west, at his house. It was shown to me by his family. When Ouellet was with us, he had a sore arm, which continued from the date of his arrival, until the date of his departure. Before the arrest of Poitras, on the 20th of May 1868, a barge arrived from Rivière Ouelle. The men on board of this barge, asked me if I could give them any information respecting a man called Poitras, who had crossed Ouellet to the north shore. I replied in the affirmative; they then asked me if Poitras had spoken to me about Ouellet, and if he had said anything to me, about the place, where he had left him. I replied to them no. They then led me to understand that Ouellet had been killed by Poitras. I then sent for Poitras but he did not come. I then sent for him again, though the mail carrier and he still failed in coming to explain the disappearance of Ouellet.

*Cross examined:*

Ouellet remained four days at my house. I identified the (*South-west*) hat of Ouellet by a small piece in the border. It was not positively an old hat, and Ouellet had not his fingers wrapped up, and he moved his arms

