

purpose of poisoning rats—offered him Smith's Exterminator—replied that was too dear (price 1s. 8d.)

Mary Jane Jarvis.—About the end of the summer of 1851, and before Sophie Talbot's death, Bérubé asked for arsenic at her father's store, at Green Island, to poison rats—offered him Smith's Exterminator instead—he declined it.

Génoffe Thériault, sister of the female prisoner—carried apple preserves in a yellow bowl to Sophie Talbot on Friday afternoon, day before her illness—Césarée Thériault gave them to her while both were alone in their father's house—they appeared newly made—were not cold nor hot—there were no apple preserves in their house. Césarée Thériault was washing at a brook, about an acre and a half from the house—had a fire—she had apples there—when she returned to the house she had the small bowl containing the preserves—told me to give them to Sophie Talbot—told me to tell her not to give any to her children—and not to eat of them myself—delivered the preserves and the message—Sophie Talbot ate of them in her presence, about one third, a little after sunset in the road, whither she came to meet Witness. Witness did not eat of them—on her return Césarée Thériault asked her *if Sophie Talbot had eaten of the preserves*. While washing at the brook, her sister, Césarée Thériault, came to the house for the small bowl. (Court adjourned for half an hour.) Witness continued—had forgotten to state that she and her sister had tasted the preserves (*un petit morceau*)—(*she had stated the contrary before*. Ed.)—remembered this fact after leaving the Court—saw Bérubé on the day the preserves were made by her sister—he passed near our house for the purpose of going to my brother (Michel Thériault)—my sister was in the house—he came to the brook when I was there with my sister—passed close to us, *but did not speak*—does not know whither he was going—it was in the forenoon—he *neither bowed to us nor looked at us*—does not know where her sister got the apples.