

he recalled overtaking the Labelle party near Hootalinqua where they were camped on the river bank.

Mack said his party arrived in Dawson June 23, and although he did not see Labelle's party on the river again, he did see Labelle in Dawson either June 25 or 26, but that Labelle, although obviously recognizing him, did not acknowledge him.

Once the identity of the two men they were seeking was learned, Police had little trouble locating persons who knew both Fournier and Labelle. They also tabled good descriptions of the two men, and on Aug. 8, 1902, Constable Burns located Peter Fournier right in Dawson. No move was made to arrest him, but for the next ten days, every step he took was watched by a man in plain clothes. Then on August 17, Burns advised his superiors that he had picked up dependable information that Fournier was about to leave the Yukon, so two men in civilian clothes were detailed to shadow him 24 hours a day.

Harry Cleveland of Whitehorse, a carpenter, arrived in Dawson August 21 in response to a request from NWMP headquarters there. He said that the previous June, he had been building and selling boats in Whitehorse and that Ed Labelle and Peter Fournier had approached him about buying one. He finally sold them one for \$24 after a hassle over prices, and upon being shown boat 3744 in the storage room, he positively identified it as the one he had sold the pair. He was absolutely positive, because he had rigged the steering gear for a left-handed man and he remembered that Labelle was a southpaw.

The following day, Cleveland accompanied Constable Burns to the Donovan Hotel where it was hoped he could possibly recognize Fournier. (Police it will be remembered at this time had Fournier followed by two men, so they knew his exact whereabouts.) Entering the bar, Cleveland readily picked out Peter Fournier from a group of men as one of the

two he had sold the boat to in Whitehorse. As soon as the identification was made, Constable Burns immediately arrested Fournier and took him to the detachment.

An elderly prospector, Patrick Merriman, was also found in Dawson, and like Charles Mack, he told of having made arrangements to travel from Whitehorse to Dawson with Fournier and Labelle. However, Lady Luck had smiled on Patrick Merriman although at the time he did not think so. At the last minute, he had to refuse to accompany them because he was not able to obtain his money in time from the railroad office, and so he missed the ill-fated journey. He also positively identified boat 3744 and when taken to view the prisoners in the NWMP guard-room, easily picked out Fournier from the group.

While the case was thus progressing favorably in Dawson, Detective Welsh was keeping busy "outside". He arrived in Vancouver August 6, and with the aid of Vancouver City Police Detective Wylie, began an immediate canvass of French resorts and hotels as well as all other hotels in the district, railroad and steamboat ticket offices. At the Granville Hotel, they found the names Beaudoin and Constantin on the register for June 9, and later at the Gold House, that of Bouthillette on June 10. By this time, Welsh had been advised by Dawson that the men Forrest and Ladoceur were in reality Fournier and Labelle, but finding no trace of either in Vancouver, he left there the night of August 7 for Seattle.

He also obtained assistance from police there and Detective Phillips was assigned to work with him. The first day in Seattle, Welsh was notified of the finding of the second body—that of Beaudoin. Then on August 9 he met a Frenchman who said he knew Ed Labelle well. This information took him to Shelton, Wash., near the capital, Olympia, to the lumber camp where he ran into several men who claimed to know Labelle, advising he was from Chicago, Ill. But by August 16,