

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE :

Marceline Beaulieu :—Sophie Talbot is seized with sudden illness on saturday, 25th October, 1851, complains of unusual pains in the stomach—vomits and makes repeated efforts to vomit—next day same complaints—kept continually rising from her bed and lying down again—complains of palpitation of the heart and pains in her bowels—both prisoners were then present—said in his presence that her husband had sent for rum to warm her. Tuesday, witness sent for at the request of Bérubé—Mrs. Bérubé said in presence of her husband, that she had vomited blood the day before—that between sunday and monday her husband had given her some punch which did her no good—that on monday, she had vomited blood—complained of pains in her arms, loins and bowels—and of *coliques*—thick and clotted blood constantly flowing from her mouth—continued reaching, with little or no effect—complained of pains in her loins, in her sides and in all her limbs—palpitation of the heart, &c. Wednesday, same complaints, vomiting &c.—she became worse—was sinking—at 11 P. M. Bérubé came for witness, stating that his wife was very ill and that she raved—asked for a feather bed as his wife's bed was not comfortable—found her very ill—she died at midnight. Bérubé visited Césarée Thériault's father's house very often—almost every evening and every day, and at all hours of the day—for a year since witness has lived there. Césarée Thériault went sometimes to Bérubé, but not very often—Bérubé went oftener after the death of his wife to Thériault's—went next day after the funeral.

Fabien Boulé—was present for half an hour before Mrs. Bérubé died—Bérubé *was not there*—Bérubé went often to Thériault's—no rats in the Township of Viger—new settlement—Sophie Talbot healthy woman—no rats in 4th Range either.

William Jarvis.—In September 1851, Bérubé wanted to purchase arsenic at witness' store, at Green Island, for the