



graphs of Bouthillette, Constantin and Beaudoin which were subsequently forwarded to Dawson. In checking these descriptions, investigators were positive that the second body was that of Guy Beaudoin.

And this, coupled with the information received from Detective Welsh from Skagway at this time concerning the fact Bouthillette, Constantin and Beaudoin had been met in Whitehorse by Forrest and Ladoceur led Police to the theory that perhaps the Yukon River would still yield another body—that of Alphonse Constantin. However, till they could be sure they were still looking for the three remaining men in the party.

But it was the French-speaking Constable Burns whose persistent inquiries uncovered the information that “broke” the case. He found that two Frenchmen, Peter or Victor Fournier and Ed Labelle, had left Dawson early in June for Whitehorse, and that they were travelling under assumed names. Undoubtedly the names they were using were Peter Forrest and Louis Ladoceur.

This supposition was substantiated when Police inquiries in Dawson turned up Charles Mack. He related how he had made arrangements in Whitehorse in June with Ed Labelle to travel to Dawson in a small boat in company with one or two others, but that Labelle had continually postponed the trip until June 16. That date, Labelle had told him he had met three men on the train arriving from Skagway and that there was now a party of six (including Mack) and they would leave at 8 a.m. June 17. Mack then explained that he had been annoyed to find that on arriving at the wharf Labelle and his party had already departed. However, he managed to join another party and

**Murder victims, top to bottom:
Leon Bouthillette, Alphonse Constantin,
Guy Beaudoin.**