

and not with Marie Leblanc, and when I arrived at Wotton I then found Marie Leblanc, who had come there with her brother Narcisse Leblanc. When I was at prisoner's house, I went to Narcisse Leblanc to get two loads which I brought to prisoner's house on Friday. I stated yesterday, that I had arrived at prisoner's house on Friday morning,—that we went, the prisoner and I, to get two loads at Narcisse Leblanc's. During the time that I was at the prisoner's house, his wife said that she would not go to Wotton, she quarrelled with her husband—the prisoner—nearly the whole time. Prisoner appeared to agree well enough with his wife. I was joking when I said to the prisoner that he was arriving "en cavalier," when he came back with Marie Leblanc. I laughed at the time. I do not remember that I then saw prisoner embracing Marie Leblanc. During the evening, prisoner took Marie Leblanc on his knee, and I do not know what Marie Leblanc then said. When I saw Marie Leblanc on prisoner's knee, I told my mother, who went and told her to get off. Marie Leblanc was sitting quietly on prisoner's knees, making no resistance. When I told my mother that Marie Leblanc was on prisoner's knee, my mother signed to Marie Leblanc to come to her. She came. My mother spoke to her, and Marie Leblanc went into the room to go to bed. This had happened in the kitchen. On Friday night at prisoner's house, prisoner was in front of the stove, Marie Leblanc had one knee on the ground near the prisoner, and her hand on prisoner's knee. The wife of the latter was behind the stove. Marie Leblanc had one knee on the ground and was looking into the stove. She was not sitting. I am quite certain that she had one hand only on prisoner's knee. She had not her elbow on prisoner's knee. I have already been examined at the inquest. (The witness withdraws) and

*Urgel Mederic Poisson, J.P.*, is called and examined: I observe a deposition given by Onésime Richard, who has just been examined. He made this deposition before me as J. P. The deposition was read to Onésime Richard, to the best of my knowledge, and he affixed his mark to it in the shape of a cross. The deposition contains his expressions as nearly as possible.

*Onésime Richard* re-called and his examination continued. (The deposition proved by Urgel Mederic Poisson is read to the witness Onésime Richard): I have heard my deposition read, and when I read it I was under oath and that oath obliged me to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. I stated at the time all I knew. I think I stated at the inquest before the Justice of the Peace all that I have stated here. I have stated here that Marie Leblanc was seated on the prisoner's knee at Wotton, because you had asked me as to the fact. Two gentlemen from Arthabaska came to hold the inquest. I remember that I said this morning that Marie Leblanc had placed her hand only on the prisoner's knee, and not her elbow. It seems to me that before the J.P., I said that Marie Leblanc had placed her hand on the prisoner's knee. I cannot say at what hour the Retreat finished on that day.

*Re-examined*: I went to the Retreat but I came back before it began. When Marie Leblanc placed her hand on prisoner's knees, I think it was because she was afraid at the quarrelling of prisoner's wife. Prisoner had two overcoats at Wotton, one black and one grey. He had grey trousers and gaiter boots. The grey overcoat was of country cloth.

10. *Marie Leblanc*: I am the wife of Prosper Beauchéne. I know the prisoner. I knew his wife and children. I was living at his house in 1868. I lived there two months less 8 days. Prisoner's wife enjoyed very good health. She only complained of toothache. I left them on Saturday at noon to go to Wotton, at which place I arrived with my brother Narcisse Leblanc. Prisoner and his wife did not agree well together whilst I lived there. Their quarrels related to the bargains made by the prisoner. When I left the prisoner's house, there was a quarrel between him and his wife, and I think it was in relation to me. When Onésime Richard arrived at prisoner's house, the latter had decided to go and see the lauds at Wotton. I then asked the prisoner whether, if there was nothing to do, I might go to Wotton and see my sister? He replied, that if there was nothing to do, I might go with him, if I liked. Thereupon the wife of prisoner said, "It is not you that will go, but I will go." The prisoner said to his wife "you will not come with me and play me the trick you did the first time. The first