

father's with my brother-in-law. Madame Guillemette said to, my brother-in-law, who had invited her to go to Wotton, that I was a bad girl and that my presence at his house prevented her from going there. On the Friday evening before my departure, being in the house of the accused, sitting beside him in presence of his wife and of my brother-in-law, Onésime Richard, I rested my elbow on the knee of the accused. I know that Madame Guillemette spoke in the meanwhile, but I do not remember what she said. She told me, and not once only, that I was a whore and a slut. When I left the house of the accused on the Saturday in question, I went with my father to my brother-in-law, Onésime Richard's, at Wotton, where I remained about three weeks. The accused came to my brother-in-law's on the following Sunday morning, and remained there until Thursday. On the Thursday morning I went out with one of my little sisters, who is about six or seven years of age, to milk the cow. It was the first time that I had done so. While I was milking the cow the accused came to fetch his horse from the pasture. He asked me if I could point out to him any means of getting rid of his wife. The first thing that he said to me was, that if he became a widower he would never have any other wife than myself, because he loved me. He said to me, "If Henriette should die, would you have me?" Henriette means Henriette Gendreau, the deceased wife of the accused. I asked him thereupon what he proposed to do; his wife was in good health. He answered me that although she might be in good health, he would find means of getting rid of her. He said that it was not easy for him to love his wife who scolded him so much. He added that "between this and a fortnight I think I shall be free." I remarked to the accused when he said that he wished to be rid of his wife, that there would be justice for him as for all others, notwithstanding that his wife might be wicked. Thereupon, he did not reply, and began to cry. The accused told me that he could have no pleasure at home because his wife scolded him whenever he arrived. After finishing milking the cow, I went to strain the milk in the dairy. The accused was at the door engaged in harnessing his horse, and he told me that he thought that in a fortnight he would be *clear* of her, speaking of his wife. After I had gone into the house, when the accused was starting, he came to find me, and said to me that he would return in a fortnight, and that he would speak to me. He did not tell me what he wished to talk to me about, but, by his manner, I understood that he wished to speak to me of marriage, and I was quite convinced that it was of that that he wished to speak to me. About a fortnight before my departure from the house of the accused, he took me to the races at St. Victoire. While I was at the house of the accused I washed him a couple of times, because he was too late for mass, and I also combed his hair.

*Cross-examined*: It appeared to me, from the language that the accused used to me, that he wished to speak to me of marriage. When he spoke to me in the field, I told him he might hold his tongue, and I endeavoured to discourage him. When he went away I said nothing to him. When the accused went away from Wotton, I saw him put in the seat of his vehicle a parcel of clothes, among others the jacket which he now has on, of grey stuff, and a pair of trousers of the same. I do not remember having seen anything else.

*Re-examined*: I saw no other clothes than the jacket and the trousers put into the accused's vehicle.

And the said deponent saith nothing further, and declareth that she cannot sign.

(Signed) MARIE x LEBLANC.

The foregoing deposition of Marie Leblanc was taken and sworn before me, at Arthabaska, in the District of Arthabaska, on the day and in the year hereinbefore mentioned in first instance.

(Signed) U. MEREDIC POISSON, J. P.

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