

if they were enforced. The existence of those rules and regulations, or their non-observance, if they existed, might, in case of death arising from such omission, render the responsible party apt to be found guilty of manslaughter

Your duty is also to establish if these human remains are those of one or more of these 26 persons who at the time of the fire were immediately above that part of the ruins where such remains were found. If at the time of the fire they were alive; if at the time of said fire the House was fit to meet the ends for which it was intended. If said establishment was provided with tools and implements necessary to suppress fire; and if it was so provided, was the best use made of them? If the staff of the institution was sufficient, both as to number and efficiency, and if the patients in their helpless state received at their hands all the available assistance?

Such are, gentlemen, the propositions which I have considered my duty to submit to your careful consideration, and which your oath binds you to resolve.

I shall now proceed to the examination of the several witnesses.

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#### EVIDENCE OF MR. VINCELETTE.

CLÉMENT VINCELETTE, Esq., of Quebec, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:

I am Warden of the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, and I have held that position since the 1st of October, 1864.

The Asylum is the private property of Doctors Landry and Roy.