

at Moisie. I pass the whole summer at this place, and I only convey the mails in winter. I am a hunter during both summer and winter. I do not travel much during the summer. I know that Blanchard and Potvin were drowned, because they left my house in a boat; that they have never been alluded to since as their boat was found on the North Shore. Blanchard lived on the North Shore and was a married man. It has already happened that a boat has broken her painter. I do not recollect having been heard as witness by Mr. Tetu. The first time I saw the body, it was about two feet from the edge of the wood. I do not recollect having stated at the Coroner's Inquest that it was at 20 feet from the edge of the wood, (The inquest of the Coroner here read mentions 20 feet) I am positive in stating that the arm drawn out the first time was the right arm. My memory is not very good, and I may have forgotten and have stated to the Coroner either that it was the right or left arm. I then swore to what I believed to be the truth. I unearthed the left side and of this I am positive. The woods on "Les Isles de Mai" are to the North west of the sea. The head of the corpse was at the side of the woods, facing towards them, with the back towards the water. I may have sworn before the Coroner that the head was to the south-west and that the face was towards the South. The corpse had its face upwards. I found the corpse in the evening with my hand, and I unearthed it in the morning with a paddle. My companion thought that it might be the body of a person who had died of a contagious disease. The corpse had on an old pair of socks, a shirt, a cravat and a flannel under-shirt. I swore before the Coroner that all these were worn by the corpse. My evidence was read to me by the Coroner. (The evidence before the Coroner being now read, it is found that mention is only made of the shirt and flannel under-shirt. When I gave my evidence before the Coroner, I intended to allude to my first trip to "Les Isles de Mai," when I saw the body for the first time. The body was buried in moving sand.— There was a piece of bark over the face which I did not remark the first time, but which I saw the second. (Evidence before the Coroner was here read.) I did not swear before the Coroner that the piece of bark was there the first time. (This fact is mentioned in the examination before the Coroner.) The second time, there was skin on the belly, on the right arm, and in several places. The body when I saw it the second time was a mere skeleton. The first time I saw it, it was on the right side and back. I now recollect that it was the left arm I pulled out.

The beard, hair, shirt and cravat were placed by me before Commandant Tetu, on board of "La Canadienne." The cut in the shirt was on the right side. I think this cut may have been from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches in length. There were a great many worm holes in the shirt. (The Coroner's inquest here establishes that witness stated at the time that there was on the left side a hole made with a cutting instrument.)

The second time, when I returned to the place with Commandant Tetu, we found a whole cravat. (Evidence before the Coroner read.) I do not recollect having stated before the Coroner anything respecting the cravat.— The hole in the shirt was split, but this split was nothing particular. The herbs or grasses growing on the borders of the woods, are found on sand in different places. I cannot say whether the wood extends any distance, as I did not visit it all. If I had anything to hide, it certainly would be safer to hide it in the wood. The custom on the North Shore is to bury the bodies where they are found.

Re-examined.

"The place where I found the body is a hunting ground. Mink, foxes and game are found there. It is one of the best hunting grounds on the north shore. It seems difficult to think that the tide could rise to the place where the body was found. By the tide mark, I could see that it could not reach that point; I passed the whole of the summer of 1867 at Moisie. I commenced to carry the mails in the commencement of December, and it was on the 10th of December that I made my first trip with them.

There was not sufficient earth in the woods in which to bury a corpse without bringing some from the surrounding places.

FRANCOIS POITRAS, examined:

I know the prisoner. I do not know whether I am a relative of his or not. In September 1867, I left Mont Louis with my wife, and Francois Gagné to go as far as L'Ance a Jean. I stopped at prisoner's house. He was about leaving for the north shore with J. B. Onellet who was then also at his house.

I asked J. B. Onellet to accompany us, as he said that he wished to visit his family at Rivière Onelle.—Onellet then said that he had a trip to make to