

police station by prisoner at 4.45 a. m. on the second January. That letter was handed to witness by constable Holbrook and taken up by witness to McLaughlin. The prisoner was present when Holbrook gave witness the letter. The Chief asked witness when he had received the letter, and witness replied just then. Saw the prisoner on coming down stairs, and asked him to wait. Witness went again upstairs for a couple of revolvers, intending to take two men with him to Mr. McGee's. Prisoner said that his friend was waiting for him, and he could not stop. Witness then went on to Mr. McGee's house, which is about a mile away. Met no one on the way.

*Cross-examined* by Hon. J. H. CAMERON—The other police station nearest that of witness's is about a quarter of a mile. The chief station of city police is also a quarter of a mile distant down the river.

To Mr. O'REILLY—The city police station is nearer to McGee's than witness's, and is passed on going to the latter.

Constable BENJAMIN HOLBROOK sworn—Is one of the Montreal water police. Was on duty on the wharf on New Year's night. Knows the prisoner. Met him on the morning of the 2nd January at the corner of Grey Nun and Common streets, about 4.45 a. m. He was then with constable Choquette, who told witness that prisoner had a letter for the Superintendent. Witness asked for the letter. Whelan pulled it out and gave it, saying that he had been looking for Chief McLaughlin. Witness said, "You are all right now," and asked whom the letter was from. Prisoner said from Mr. McGee. Witness asked if there was anything up. Prisoner said no. Witness asked how it was he had not brought the letter before. Prisoner said he had been to Chaboillez-square station, and had been sent thence to the Central Station, and fooled about all round. Witness asked prisoner to wait to see if there would be an answer. Prisoner said, "I don't think it." Witness left him in the station. It is about half a mile thence to the Central Station. Never saw the prisoner before.

Constable CHOQUETTE sworn—(the Court intimating that it did not see the necessity of his evidence)—Was on duty as one of the police of Montreal on the morning of 2nd January. Saw prisoner coming down the wharf as from the Bonsecours Market. At the corner of Grey Nun and Common streets, prisoner handed Holbrook a letter in witness's presence.

To Mr. M. C. CAMERON—Does not know if there was any report then current as to Mr. McGee's health.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN sworn—Is Chief of the Water Police of Montreal. Sergeant Hunter handed him a letter on the morning of the 2nd January. [Letter produced and identified.] This was at twenty minutes to five o'clock.

PIERRE LABELLE sworn—Was in Ottawa in April last employed as messenger in the House of Commons. Recollects the night Mr. McGee was killed. Was at the House until its adjournment. Then went home about 2.30 a. m., to Bolton street, Lower Town. Went home by the Russell House. Saw a crowd taking Sparks street going up. Went on across the bridge. A man overtook and passed him. The man said in passing "Have you heard the news? Mr. McGee is shot." It was a man witness knew, and whom he addressed as John. It was John Buckley. When witness addressed him saying, "Is that you John?" he made no reply, but ran across the bridge, which they were just coming to. The man ran, and disappeared in a straight direction. Witness turned up Sussex street, and saw Mr. Pinard, whom he told that Mr. McGee was shot. This was at Lapierre's. The word witness used was *tire*. He spoke in French. Buckley was not running fast.

*Cross-examined* by Hon. J. H. CAMERON—The man who ran had a low-crowned black hat. There was a messenger walking down the street after witness, who joined the latter before reaching Lapierre's, which he entered with witness. This messenger's name was Roberge. It was three or four acres from Lapierre's that they joined company. Both constables were inside the tavern when witness came up. He did not know either of them was there when he entered. Saw nobody else coming down Sussex street, although he looked up and down before going in. Saw nobody in front either. Is quite positive of this. Did not then know Lacroix, and did not see him that night.