

treaty by which Canada was ceded to Great Britain, the ordinance was most certainly in force. This is fully settled by the judgment pronounced by his own court in this very cause, upon the 29th of June 1865. Now, although the Chief Justice, availing himself of his position, may safely treat such a man as I am in a characteristically offensive manner, he might evince some show of respect for the tribunal of which he is the organ. Nor shall I affect to conceal my indignation and disgust that after such a decision, and after six years of litigation, after a trial by jury which lasted 24 days, after the examination of 81 witnesses and countless documents, and after from \$2000 to \$3000 of costs had been incurred, the Chief Justice should set about sustaining, and by such language, an imaginary demurrer, the offspring of his own brain, certainly not suggested by the able counsel who appeared at the Bar on behalf of my adversary.

Verily the death of Chief Justice Lafontaine, like that of Caligula, was followed by strange results.

A. GUGY.

Quebec, 22nd January, 1872.

P.S.—Fearing that my impecuniosity may long continue, I desire that the public will notice how continually the Judges, the very Judges, differ. Now, they can't be all right, and it seems to me that those who use *jejune* language, who can neither group the facts nor draw just conclusions, nor apply the law, are very probably persons who occupy positions for which they are not qualified. On that ground alone a little criticism, some gentle castigation, may have its use. But let the contrast be noted. A Judge by a wrong decision entails upon a family (including unborn generations) all the