

He enquired of the women present what was the matter, but they told him they did not know, the deceased stated that she had taken cold, he asked for two cups and mixed some medicine for her, and left her.

He was subsequently sent for in the evening late, and found her worse, and vomiting a greenish coloured fluid, she was conscious, saw a bottle which he thought contained pain killer and oil of savine, went again to see her on Wednesday morning, found her better, had vomited no more, did not complain of her water or her loins (kidneys), nor pain in her back, but had colic, saw her next day when she was dying. Found no disease that would cause abortion or premature confinement.

A post-mortem examination was made on the 11th March by Dr. Baigue, who describes the following appearances:—

F. C. Baigue, Physician and Surgeon stated: On the 11th of March last, at request of Coroner Blanchard, examined the corpse of Josephite Fagan.

No external injury, except a piece of skin worn off.

LUNG was congested, in thorax about 1lb. of liquid blood.

HEART softened and pale, blood in it coagulated.

LIVER congested, gall bladder full of gall and large.

ADHESION of pleura.

STOMACH full of greenish liquid and distended with gas.

UTERUS larger than in its normal state, contained about one ounce of coagulated blood, the posterior part more congested and darker. Concluded deceased had been confined shortly before her death.

Progenitive parts were still swollen, and in the vagina and in opening of the womb, a considerable quantity of coagulated blood, is of opinion that deceased died from the effects of her confinement, having taken place before maturity, and occasioned by certain medicines administered by one or more persons unknown, (from the evidences given) he remarked a considerable derangement in the thoracic cavity, which must have been the result of the pains experienced during and before confinement.

The SPLEEN and KIDNEYS were in their normal condition or about.

The BLADDER appeared in its normal state and was empty.

The LUNGS and PLEURA contained a large quantity of bloody mucus.

The FACE was dark as also the upper part of stomach.

The woman was buried. Subsequently, on the 14th April, the body was exhumed, and Dr. D'Orsonnens of Montreal, was requested to attend, he did so, and at the second autopsy he removed por-