

"If it be true she said this, she carried out her threat to some extent at least.

"This occurred on Sunday. The following morning the defendant again saw a platter or plate on top of a pile of wood-supported by the separating fence, again containing a more or less quantity of Paris green. He again went to his lawyer, and his lawyer studying his Criminal Code, advised him to lodge a complaint under sec. 500. Hence the complaint.

"The preliminary investigation was heard before Mr. H. Lanctot, who then occupied the position of District Magistrate for the District of Joliette, and who is now Magistrate in the City of Montreal.

"The complaint, the present defendant was examined, and called witnesses in support of his complaint.

"The female plaintiff (the then accused) made her voluntary statement, and elected to examine witnesses, and did examine witnesses before the Magistrate, without hearing all the proof offered on both sides, came to the conclusion that a *prima facie* case had been made out, and committed the female plaintiff (then accused) for trial before the court of King's Bench; at the same time accepting bail, which bail was from year to year renewed, there being for six years at least, apparently, a dearth of criminals in the District of Joliette, and owing to that dearth of criminals, no Court of King's Bench convened.

"In the month of September, 1910, apparently there had been gathered together a sufficient number of criminals to warrant the summoning of Grand jurors, and a panel of Grand jurors was summoned and empannelled, and among other indictments, the indictment against the then accused, now the female plaintiff, was preferred.

"The complaint upon which the committal intervened was in the terms of the statute. The learned Crown prosecu-