

In view of this Asst. Commr. Zachary Taylor Wood, in charge of the NWMP in the Yukon, dispatched a telegram to Lt.-Col. Fred White, Comptroller of the Force in Ottawa, requesting inquiries be made in the province of Quebec. East Broughton, Que., is in Beauce County and Mr. White directed a wire to Father J. O. D. Naud at that location.

Comptroller White received the following message from Father Naud July 18: "... There is no Couthiller in East Broughton. Error in name. Must be Leon Bouthillette who left here in first week of June for Yukon Territory." Father Naud also suggested contacting the priest at St. Francis, Que., where Leon Bouthillette had been living for several years. From the latter it was learned that Bouthillette left there June 4 and was to have left Vancouver June 12 accompanied by two French Canadians for the Yukon. He was supposed to be carrying \$400 in cash and a key ring with the address East Broughton marked on the tag.

In the meantime the Mounted Police at Dawson had also been busy trying to find information about Bouthillette. The Marconi Saloon there was frequented by Frenchmen and this was considered an ideal place to commence investigations. Inquiries there turned up Joe Plante who told Police he was a cousin of the wife of a man named Bouthillette from East Broughton, but that the latter had been dead then for about four years. However, he knew that they had a son whose first initial was "L" and word had reached him that this man was coming to Dawson. He said he believed more information could be obtained from Theodore Paulin of St. Francis, Que. So the NWMP sent a wire to Mr. Paulin. The answer gave them something definite to work on. He advised that Leon Bouthillette had left St. Francis June 4 and that a week later he had written from Vancouver saying that he had met Alphonse Constantin and Guy Beaudoin and would be travelling to Dawson with them.



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