

From the position of the body, I was impressed with the idea that it had been placed there after the commission of some evil deed.

(Objected to by the defence, on the ground that the witness gave his impressions; ) objection over-ruled, and the witness further said that some crime had been committed. I returned to Les Isles de Mai twenty-two days afterwards with Mr. Têtu. This was in August 1868, and we went there to assist at an inquest.

(The defence here demanded the production of the proceedings at that inquest; The Clerk of the Crown stated that it was in the hands of the Solicitor General, who sent for it last summer and had never sent it back. The Court decided that the proceedings at the enquiry had nothing whatever to do with the trial, as the said trial is based upon the Coroner's inquest.)

We found the body in the same position as when I first saw it; it was quite decomposed. I remarked a linen rag on the right arm, placed there with gum, also two pieces of cotton on the fingers of the right hand. We also found hair, and portions of the beard. The beard was of a reddish colour, the hair was brown and of a lightish hue; a woollen undershirt, a woollen cravat round the neck. Mr Têtu picked up the shirt, and a piece of the cravat, which he placed in a box. I remarked the appearance of a blow from a cutting instrument, because the severing of the shirt corresponded with that of the flannel undershirt. (The Court here ordered the opening of the box. Mr. Frenette, for the defence demanded permission to ask the witness some questions respecting the contents of the said box before opening it. Granted by the Court.)

*Witness examined by Mr. Frenette :*

The rag round the arm was white, but dirty, the cravat, or necktie, was knitted and of a whitish colour. The shirt was red and black. It was mended at the elbow with a red and black patch, but of a different pattern. These articles were placed in a box similar to that now produced; this box looks very much like it, but there might be similar boxes. (The box was then opened by order of the Court.)

*Examination-in-chief,—Continued.*

I recognize the shirt and the end of the cravat as those found on the body, which were placed in the box in my presence. Mr. Têtu, after his enquiry had a box made, and placed therein the human remains, and he buried it at the same place. He placed a black cross over the grave. When I then saw the body there were a great many worms, and the bones seemed almost denuded of flesh; when I saw it the first time the colour seemed fresh; the second time it was one mass of worms. The rags now produced I recognize as those found upon the body. The hair and portions of beard also produced, are similar to those found upon the body. After my second trip, I returned to Les Isles de Mai, with Dr. Hamel, and Dr. Bonndreau, to show them the body supposed to be that of Ouellet.

We found it at the same place, and in the same box deposited by Mr. Têtu. We transferred it to "Cailles Rouges," for the purpose of holding the inquest.

I was present at the inquest.

The bones, beard, hair, and rags, were in the box. I recognized the box, containing the bones; it was the same box deposited in the grave by Mr. Têtu.

I live at Moisie, and have resided there for six years. I am a mail conductor on the North Shore, and have been in that position for the past two years.

I convey the mails twice a week between Moisie, and "Les Bersinis," "Les Isles de Mai," are situate between these two places. "Les Sept Isles," are between "Les Isles de Mai" and Moisie. Leaving "Les Isles de Mai," eastward, the first inhabited place is "Les Sept Isles."

There is a house at St. Margaret's River but it is not inhabited; from "Les Isles de Mai" westward, the first inhabited place is "Cailles Rouges" at Mr. Riverin's residence. In order to reach the first habitation eastward, after leaving "Les Isles de Mai," it is necessary to go to "Sept Isles," and westward to "Cailles Rouges," there can be no other way of reaching civilization, except by travelling one hundred and eighty leagues through the woods, in order to reach Hudson's Bay. The whole of this trip would be through an uninhabited country.

I know the locality called on the plan "Les Isles de Mai." I never saw J. B. Ouellet on the North Shore, and I never heard it stated by anybody that he had been seen alive, on the North Shore.