

there may have been something broken, but I did not observe it. Poitras told me all these things without my questioning him. I do not know Poitras sufficiently well to say that there was anything extraordinary about him. I cannot say whether he was changed. Poitras does not pass for a fool, and to my mind he is not so.

JEAN BAPTISTE DUGAS.—I know the accused, Poitras. I see him at the bar; I am distantly related to his wife. Poitras came down from Malbaie last fall; arrived at my house at Ste des Monts, he desired me to take him to River St. Anne. On the way I asked him,—"Poitras, tell me now how it is that Onellet disappeared, and that we have not heard speak of him either through the fishermen or through the Indians?" Poitras replied "my friend that is done on purpose; I put Onellet on board a boat which was going to Moisie." I said to him "you can always find those people speaking of the people of the boat." He replied: They are drowned and probably Onellet with them. Blanchard and Potvin were the people of the boat which took Onellet. Upon my questioning who these people of the boat were, I said to Poitras: "the people of St. Anne tell me that you brought back all Onellet's things from the north shore." "No, only his gun which he gave me." I asked him; "Tell me whether Onellet had much money?" "Onellet had about thirty or forty dollars and he gave me eight for the voyage; he only had some thirty dollars left; I never thought of killing a man for thirty dollars." Mr. Lamontagne says he found a letter on his counter; Mr. Lamontagne says that he will certify that it is in your writing. Poitras said to me: "Baptiste, I have a soul to be saved as well as you; by the part that I hope for in Paradise I never put the letter on Mr. Lamontagne's counter." I asked him: what do they say of you at Malbaie? "Frenette the Advocate says I shall not be exiled or hanged." I asked Poitras: are you clear of everything? Poitras said no, I think that I am not clear yet, if that trial comes up, there will be a quantity of witnesses.

#### Cross-examined.

Poitras is a man of good sense and knows how to read and write a little. It was after having been arrested a first time and before he was arrested for the second time that Poitras told me what I have just stated. Poitras was going home. From the River St. Anne to Poitras' the distance is two leagues and a half.

The words which I have repeated are the same words that Poitras used. Not others. I know neither how to read nor how to write. I did not take a note of those words. I kept them in my memory. I know that the words are the same.

JEAN CHRYSOSTOME OUELLET.—I am the father of Jean Baptiste Ouellet, whom Poitras is accused of having assassinated. My son left our house two years ago this spring; I never saw him since. I endeavored to obtain news of him during the winter following his departure. The last news that I received of him was that he had set out with a man named Poitras for the north shore. He had a reddish beard. His hair was a little more brown. (Those produced are very like them.) He had blue eyes and a fair complexion. The lower jaw was shorter than the upper. When he went away he had a pair of trousers of corded cloth and another pair of black cloth; a pair of trousers of grey cloth and a pair of oilcloth trousers. Five great coats; two of pressed black cloth; one of grey cloth; a black oilcloth over coat more worn, and another oilcloth over coat; three head-dresses. A sheepskin cap, a cloth cap with a large peak and buttons, and a south-west (an ordinary south-wester), four woolen shirts bought from the shop-keepers. These two checked red and black; the others were checked but of different colors; vests of black cloth; three pairs of boots; a pair of thin boots; a pair with double soles and flaps at the knees; a pair of long boots; a pot, an axe, and a gun; socks, mittens, a red flannel under shirt bought from the shop-keepers and one of the country flannel. My son was twenty-six years old when he started. He was about five feet seven inches high. He was of average build but not very stout; his forehead was rather high.

#### Cross-examined.

The articles which I have mentioned were the only articles that he had. It may be that he had others. The lower teeth were deeper set than the upper teeth, because his lower jaw was shorter than the upper jaw.

Dr. ZÉPHIRIN BONDREAULT, physician.\*

I am a physician.

Question.—Supposing that a corpse were put into the ground about the

\* This evidence should come after that of Dr. Jos. A. Hamel, and is the last adduced on behalf of the Crown.

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