

answered me that with the illness that she had, he did not think that she would last more than a fortnight. When I saw her, she had the toothache, and I thought that as she was very angry, that might amount in her case to a serious illness, and that she might die of it. She was angry, because she maintained that the accused and Marie Leblanc were tricking her. The fire of which I have spoken is that which took place, as I have been told, at the house of the accused, on the night between the Thursday and Friday of the week in which the accused left Wotton, as I have said above, and in which fire, it would appear, were burned the wife and the two children of the accused.

*Cross-examined* : On the Wednesday evening at Wotton, when the accused arrived with Marie Leblanc, the latter got down, and I went out to assist the accused to unharness his horse. On accosting him, I said "You arrive like a lover; if your wife saw you, she would not be too well pleased." I said that jestingly, meaning nothing. It was thereupon that the accused said to me, "I think that within a fortnight I shall be your brother-in-law."

The deponent further saith not and declareth that he cannot sign.

(Signed,)

ONÉSIME × RICHARD.

The foregoing deposition of Onésime Richard was taken, and sworn before me at Arthabaskaville, in the District of Arthabaska, on the day and in the year hereinbefore in first instance mentioned.

(Signed,)

U. MEREDIC POISSON, J. P.

True Copy.

B. THÉROUX, Junr.,

Deputy Clerk of the Crown.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, }  
DISTRICT OF ARTHABASKA. }

No. 4.

The examination of Narcisse Leblanc, workman, and of Marie Leblanc, wife of Prosper Beauchêne, both of Wotton, taken under oath this fifth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, at Arthabaskaville, in the District aforesaid, before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District, in presence of Elzéar Guillemette, formerly farmer of the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, accused this day before me of having, he the said Elzéar Guillemette, on the twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, in the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, in the District aforesaid, feloniously killed and murdered one Henriette Gendreau, his wife, and two of the children of the said Elzéar Guillemette, and the said Henriette Gendreau.

The deponent, Marie Leblanc, declareth under oath, as followeth:—I am the wife of Prosper Beauchêne, farmer of Wotton, where I reside with him. I know the accused, Elzéar Guillemette. I lived at his house for two months, less eight days. I left it on the Saturday preceding the *triduum* which took place at Wotton on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the following week. The newspapers said that there was a fire at the house of the accused on a Friday after the *triduum*. I do not know whether it was the same week or the week following. While I was at Guillemette's he and his wife did not agree very well together. At first it was about the bargains that he made and with which she was never satisfied. On the day that I left I perceived that it was also about me that they wrangled. While I was there not one day passed without their quarrelling. On the eve of my departure Madame Guillemette gave the accused to understand that he liked me better than her. Onésime Richard, my brother-in-law came to Guillemette's on the Thursday before my departure. He went away on the Saturday morning. The accused and his wife wrangled while he was there. Madame Guillemette said to me that I liked her husband better than her. She said to me, "Bitch that you are, my husband loves you better than he loves me, and you love him better than you love me." I do not remember the other expressions that she made use of about me. When Madame Guillemette said that to me, the accused had gone to fetch a load from my