

Richer is the only one amongst  
the sergeants I can see who might  
be as well qualified —

Fahuy, who was employed in  
the Accountant's office, was also  
appointed Detective at the  
same time —

I know of none of the English  
officers who could have fulfilled  
the situation as well as Fahuy.

~~I do not know the rest~~

The wife of Detective Arcand  
is related to Deputy Chief Boegeley's  
wife — Fahuy is also married  
to a relation of Mrs Boegeley, so  
I have been informed — Mr Dulas,  
who occupies a situation in the  
Accountant's office, is a relation  
of Mrs Boegeley — They are all  
competent men —

Cross examined — It is much easier to fill the office  
of Sergeant and acting Sergeant  
than that of Detectives —

I cannot judge of the merits of the  
officers of the central station, as  
I have not little intercourse  
with them, being at a different  
station —

Had further Depoient said  
not and hath signed —

five words signed —

Herbert Paradis

Patrick Murphy, Detective,  
 city Police Force, being sworn  
 deponeth and saith —  
 by Vibou — I have seen money pass between  
 four of the Police Officers two or  
 three times in the Detectives  
 room, the amount that I saw  
 pass at the time, did not exceed  
 five Cents — they were playing  
 Cards at the same time —

I do not consider this gambling  
 but merely pass time, as they  
 were sometimes waiting half  
 an hour. This was done in  
 a private room, for the exclusive  
 use of the Detectives to which  
 no other members of the force were  
 admitted —

And further deponent saith  
 not and hath sworn —

P Murphy

Clivier Bouchard, city Police  
Detective, being sworn, deposes  
and saith -

If I cannot  
say whether  
civil or police  
military

I remember that during the  
~~last~~ ~~parliamentary~~ election  
in this city, some of the officers  
whilst ~~on~~ for their turn of duty  
amused themselves by playing  
cards, for five cents a game, it  
was a game of all-fours - We  
only played on one occasion.

We played some other times, but  
not for money - on the first  
occasion referred to, some  
of the sergeants were with us,  
but on the other occasions  
they were not. The party  
losing most, was understood  
to pay Oysters, which was done  
sometimes - we were sometimes  
months without playing, but  
in winter when there was

not much ~~nothing~~ doing and the ~~four~~  
detectives were together we  
would go up stairs and play a  
game - the room is so situated  
that the public could not see  
us

Question - ~~are~~ Detectives are you not always  
supposed to be on the look-out?  
Answer - We are not supposed  
to be always on the look out outside,  
but we are supposed to be always  
ready when called upon, whether  
inside or outside.

I do not know that the Deputy  
chief was aware each time we  
played - He saw us play a couple  
of times -

big block

~~Is it not to you~~ Was any duty  
ever neglected by your cards  
playing?

It was not only not neglected  
but was sometimes promoted  
by our meeting thus together,  
only one detective being bound  
to be present at night in the  
office - If a report then came  
all the detectives were ready  
to attend to it and this has  
occurred on a few occasions -

- This room in which we played  
was our private room upstairs -

I never heard of any conspiracy  
or attempt of conspiracy against  
Hessard - should it have existed,  
I would have heard of it -

And further deponent  
saith not and hath signed  
one marginal note of <sup>of nine words or so</sup>  
O. B. Richard

Police Committee Investigation  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1874  
7:06 P.M. -

Present:

- Mr. Alderman Geniev, Chairman
- " " Mr. Cambridge "
- " " Wilson "
- " " Bryson "
- " " Taylor "

Mr. Heward, represented by Chas. Wilbow Esq & also  
Mr. Monk for Police Force

Roger Heward, ex-sergeant of the city  
Police Force, being sworn, deposes  
and saith -

I joined the Police Force in 1856  
as Policeman on Beat - in March  
1857, was appointed acting Sergeant  
by the Police Committee, under  
Captain ~~Sergeant~~ Hayes - and in 1860 or  
1861, was appointed full Sergeant, which  
position I held up to the time of my  
dismissal, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1874.

I was reported in 1867 by Acting Sergeant  
Heward for being drunk and was suspended  
but not discharged by the Chief. I was not  
dismissed on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1869 for going  
to a house of ill-fame and insulting the inmates  
and never was reported nor dismissed for  
beating a woman.

In 1872, a new Police Station, at the corner of  
Lyon and Craig was getting ready in the  
fall. As I was the oldest French Canadian Sergeant  
it was understood and promised to me  
by the Deputy Chief that I was to get  
the

the lodging over the station and to be placed in charge of the whole station.

Sergeant Richer, who, at that time, had been appointed full sergeant only a few months, managed to get the lodging in question. The Deputy Chief then asked me if I would not go and live with Richer, and occupy the three rooms on the upper flats. I replied that as I was the oldest sergeant, I should get the lower flat, as there was one room more and I had a large family. The Deputy Chief then went to see the chief and on his return, informed me that the chief said if I did not take the upper flat, I would not get any at all. I then refused to take the upper flat and remarked to the Deputy Chief that Mr Simard would not always be chairman of the Police Committee - I knew that Sergeant Richer and Mr Simard were great friends. Richer still ~~lives~~ lives there and, I believe, got the whole house to himself ever since.

In December 1892, I went with Sergeant Richer to the funeral of the Chief's daughter and in coming back we went into a house in St Lawrence Street to have an oyster soup. Sergeant Richer said to me very abruptly - "hessard, je me sache de vous à cette heure" in English, hessard I don't care a damn for you now. I felt surprised at him coming out so in so abrupt a manner. I then asked him what he meant - he replied it is so -

C'est de-même. I then asked him  
 is it about the lodging you are  
 talking - He replied it was and that  
 I might do my best now, I would not  
 get it. I told him that I had never  
 spoken to anyone about it and that  
 it never had entered my head to do so  
 and from that (I believe it was the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 December 1872) I felt the conspiracy  
 working on me and during the winter  
 of 1873 I was spied in every possible  
 way by the detectives; my contingent  
 book was taken to the accountant's office  
 and examined (I believe). Each sergeant  
 had \$3.00 (Corporation money) to pay  
 for carriage hire & when that was  
 spent, we would take our book to the  
 accountant and draw \$3.00 more.

In March, 1873 \$4.00 was given to the  
 sergeants of the Central Station for  
 contingencies, making a sum of \$7.00  
 for each of us. I asked sergeant ~~Arcaud~~  
 what that was for - he answered  
 that he used to go too often to the  
 accountant and annoy him, that  
 he had consequently decided to give  
 us \$7.00 a week. Detective Lapond  
 used to come to me, nearly every time  
 I arrived for duty and used to tell me  
 all sorts of stories, putting himself very  
 close to my mouth - (Detective Cullen  
 examined what I was eating at night, when  
 I was on duty at the station - At the latter  
 end of April, it was rumoured in the  
 force that two more detectives were

to be appointed. Laford came to me  
and said - have you any idea of  
who will be appointed? I said no  
He said it will be either Sergeant  
Arcand and Johnny Valley and Henri  
Dulay will replace Johnny in the  
Accountants Office. I told Laford that  
I did not believe what he said, because  
the three parties he named, were relatives  
of the Deputy Chief and that it was  
too many on one side at a time. He said  
when you will see by the order in the  
book then you will believe it - I said  
yes, but not before then. I afterwards  
saw the order in the order book and  
I read it to the men myself. I believe  
those appointments were made on the  
30th, April, 1843. On the 30th April 1843,  
I arrived at the Central station, about  
9 1/2 A. M. to attend the Recorder's Court  
at 10 A. M. I spoke to Sergeant Richey  
two or three times - He was continually  
turning his back to me - and would  
not listen to me. A few minutes after-  
wards, I met Laford in the station, who said  
to me, do you know that Mr Tessier is  
becoming insane; I laughed and asked  
him how he knew it? he said that since  
September last, he had spent \$20.00 a month.  
He then went away - shortly after, the  
Deputy Chief came from the back Office,  
where Mr Tessier was and spoke to me  
thus: "You went for done?" Thinking  
that he was talking of Mr Tessier, I replied  
"C'est une place de fou -"

I said to Lafon that I did not believe what he said because the three he named were relations to the Deputy Chief and that it <sup>was</sup> too many on one side at a time. he said you will see in the order in the book they <sup>you</sup> will see believe it. I said you but not before then. I saw the order in the appointment in the order book and read the same order to the men myself. I believe those appointments were made on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1873. The 30<sup>th</sup> April 1873. I arrived at the Centre Station about 9 1/2 Am for to attend the <sup>Recorder's</sup> Court at 11. I <sup>tried</sup> ~~intended~~ to speak to Capt. Cook 2 or 3 times he was always turning his back to me & would not listen. a few minutes after the Deputy Chief came from the back office and spoke to me the <sup>Recorder's</sup> Court was over. I replied I met Lafon in the station who said to me, do you know that Mr. Jussier is coming insane. I laughed & asked him how did he know that he said that since September last he had spent \$20-00 every month. he then went away. a few minutes after the Deputy Chief came from the back office where Mr. Jussier was and spoke to me thus. I on went for done. Thinking that he was talking of Mr. Jussier I replied I got some place to go. then went upstairs to attend the Recorder's Court. And while the court was going on and the Recorder <sup>was</sup> sitting, Mr. Leonard the President of the Police Committee at that time, came and interrupted the court and spoke to the Recorder on the bench. whereupon the Recorder immediately cast his eyes upon me who was sitting before him at that time & sharply looked at me and shook his head. the same evening 30<sup>th</sup> April '73. a piece appeared in the daily Witness which was alluding to me. I believe he had heard of it and was making

The next day 1<sup>st</sup> May 1868. Chartrand came to my room about 8 1/2 am and told me that the chief wanted me to pass by his office and <sup>take</sup> Dr Picault's certificate to go to the General Hospital as a witness in an inquest to be held there. I went to the Chief's office and there the chief and Deputy Chief who put several questions to me concerning the inquest I was to attend. I then got a Dr Picault's certificate and started for the Hospital. there I met Baroness Jones who was very communicative that day questioning me at some length on different subjects questioning me on different subjects. The jury came into the room, followed by Dr Roddick who looked sharply at me. the inquest began I gave my evidence and we all started to go and examine the body of the deceased woman Mary Ann Brennan alias Wolford. into another room when the inquest was over I saw the Baroness and Dr Roddick whispering together. we all separate during the summer '73 I saw Lafon standing in a window in the upper story of St. Nicholas Hall, as late as 1/2 pm. when he came down and spoke to me.

As I left the station one night about 11 1/4 pm to go and visit the men on their beats I saw a man in a Carriage standing on Notre Dame St. and the corner of Jac. Cartier St. and as soon as I had passed, the carriage turns around and followed me I took down St. Gabriel St. the carriage took me on the Champ de Mars behind the Cavalry house house the carriage stopped and a man came out of it & took the Champ de Mars. but as I was standing the man turned back and I went back to the station. two days later Lafon was telling me that he was spying around and was in a carriage at the corner of the same St. when Arcand took the Champ de Mars and remained there. I had no other news.

In the fall of 1873, on Christmas week, a piece came out on the wall house written I believe, by an Officer of the City Police Force, which alluded to me, I believe, and was very malicious. It was left in the Sergeant's office on the desk by Cullen and Lafond, so that I would read it. After I had read it, I said to Cullen and Lafond that I partly knew who wrote it. Cullen then said why don't you speak and tell who did it? I said: "no, I won't speak nor tell."

I complained to the Deputy Chief that I was tormented by some of the Officers during the summer of 1873. He answered: "vous vous faites des illusions!"

When I was reported by the Deputy Chief, for being absent from duty without leave, in 1874, I sent my Brother-in-law, Jos. Bourrick, to let him know that I was sick and could not attend to duty, and in March, I sent my boy with a letter to the Deputy Chief that I was sick and could not attend to duty. On the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1874, I had leave from him to absent myself from duty for two days, as I was marrying my daughter on the 7<sup>th</sup> April - I was not suspended on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1874, as I was on duty till Monday morning, the 13<sup>th</sup> April, without having heard any word of it; but I was reported by Fehy for being absent from the station. On Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> April, I moved from St Lawrence street, to Paré street

and

and was to take my turn of duty next  
day at 12<sup>1/2</sup> P.M. but did not go. I was  
sick. Next morning, about 10 O.C. A.M.  
15<sup>th</sup> April, 1874, two special duty men,  
George Barnes and J. B. Hogue, came to  
my house and said that the chief had  
ordered them to come for my clothes,  
that he had dismissed me. I gave them  
my clothes and they went away.  
The chief did not wait that I would  
go back to the station to dismiss me.  
My dismissal was made in my absence,  
and without my knowledge.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> I went, about 1.30 O.C. P.M.  
I went to the Central Station to give  
in some things which I still had,  
belonging to the Department. The  
Deputy Chief called me into the Chief's  
office and said: "Hessard, I want to  
speak to you a little. Try and get  
work somewhere else for about a  
fortnight and then the chief will talk  
you back again, I am sure." I told  
him that I had been treated very short,  
and that I knew very well what had  
prompted him to do so. He then promised  
me that he would see the chief and consult  
with him and I was to get an answer  
on the 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, the Deputy Chief,  
at my request, came to my house and  
I told him about the conspiracy. He  
said nothing in reply. I met him  
again on the 20<sup>th</sup> when he told me, the  
chief was too angry and would not  
listen to him. I met him again

next day and I asked him leave to go and see the Mayor without injuring my case in his sight. He said: "Go and see the Mayor, the Chief gives you leave also." Next day, Sub-Constable Melair came to my house and said that the Chief gave me leave to see the Mayor. Next day, I went to the City Hall, but the Mayor was in Ottawa. He returned the following day, but he was still in Ottawa. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, Acting Sergeant Angus came to my house and said that the Chief had ordered him to inform me that I would have to leave my lodging on the 1<sup>st</sup> May next. I went that evening to see the Deputy Chief at his residence in Ontario street, to speak to him about the lodging. He told me to see the Chief next morning and that he would see him also. He then remarked, you went to see the Mayor. I replied yes. He said, even if you wanted to put any one in trouble, the Chief would deny every thing. I told him that I was not a man to cause trouble to any body and never did. The next day, the 25<sup>th</sup>, I saw the Chief about the lodging and he bid me remain there for some time longer and said: "Hessards, it is your own fault. I am well satisfied of your honesty and after awhile, I will want you back here again."

On the 30<sup>th</sup> April, the Chief gave me a first class certificate to give  
 Archives de la Ville de Montréal  
 m/geddes

Mr. Geddes, at the city P. R. R. office, to get a situation as conductor on the Cars. I saw Mr. Geddes, and got the situation on the strength of that certificate, without being obliged to give security. Since then, I met the Deputy Chief regularly twice a week and asked him each time, what news for me with the Chief - His reply was: have patience, it is too soon yet, he will come round after a while, I answered

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June, I met the Deputy Chief and he told me the Chief was waiting the departure for Europe of the Chairman of the Police Committee and advised me to see the chief - I promised that I would and I found it very queer that two months had already elapsed, although I was to be taken back after 15 days - On the 15<sup>th</sup> June I saw the chief and said to him: the last time I saw you, you gave me to understand that you would take me back after a while, he said: I never told you anything of the kind, I said: You did sir. He asked who was present when I said so, I replied Mr. Schaubert, the advocate, and two other gentlemen. Well, he said, I don't want you at all, I said do you believe I am going to lose 17 years service in this way. I offered to tell him about the conspiracy. He said: "you are in the horrors (although I had not been drinking nor tasting liquor of any kind for nearly two months) go and tell it before the committee."

I told him that I was satisfied to make my statement before the Police Committee and let the public know what was being done for me. He then gave me a letter for Alderman Wilson to the effect that I was demanding a meeting of the Police Committee - Alderman Wilson told me that I had better wait the return from Europe of the Chairman Alderman Grenier. I was then advised to send a petition to the Council, which I did - it was referred by the Council to the Police Committee but was not favorably entertained. I then decided to make another petition which I sent to the Council and which is now before you.

An increase of pay was granted to the Police Force in April 1875, with back pay from the 1st February preceding - I did not get my share of this increase of salary, which amounts, I believe, to \$20.00. I have reason to believe that it was given to Sergeant Duffour, who took my place acting Sergeant Burgess. I told me so.

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What do you know personally about the second charge of your petition -

Answer - I have played only once for money myself in the Detectives Room, it was on the day of the last general election - I played with Lafond and two others - I am not positive about the others' names.

I am aware that the Detectives have played for money on other occasions - I do not think that the Chief was aware of it - The Deputy Chief was.

In reference to the third accusation, I believe I have passed twelve years at the Central Station whilst I was in the force, my lodging being in Paré Street Station - After Subchief Flynn left his lodging in the Central Station, it was given to Acting Sergeant Arcand.

On the 30th April, 1876, two Detectives were appointed by the Police Committee they were junior officers - there were older officers as well fit for the position, who did not get it -

Question Is it to your knowledge that the care and management of the Station has been given to junior officers instead of old ones?

It is - Sergeant Riemy, who was appointed Sergeant only a few months, got the lodging at the New Station, after it was promised to me by the Deputy Chief -

Question by Alderman Taylor -

Were these appointments made, regardless of qualification - I answer - I am positive that the parties appointed were qualified enough to the best of my knowledge

Question by Wilson -

~~Is it not true that~~

In reference to the fourth charge, I know nothing personally -

In reference to the fifth charge, I have to say that on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1843 two relatives of the Deputy Chief were appointed to office by the Police Committee - there were old Members of the Force who could have fulfilled these situations, as well -

by Monk -

Sandy played cards once for money in the Police Station - I do not recollect that the Chief reprimanded me for playing cards - there was I remember being once checked for playing checkers; there was then an order given forbidding the Officers to play cards with the men in the Guard Room -

This order was promulgated before the occasion on which I played cards - I knew the order was in force - it was not in the guard-room - it was in the detectives room I played

The chief has not always treated me with courtesy -

Question - On what occasion has he not treated you with courtesy?

Answer - In March 1874, after the Chief had visited me in my house, St Lawrence Main Street, a few days after I went back to duty and was called into the Chief's Office by his deputy -

The Chief said to me - "soez vous fini de vous souler?" there was a gentleman then present in the office - I do not know his name. The chief then said to me "Go to your duty and to the gentleman that is the greatest drunkard in Montreal" -

I am positive this was said of me.

Question - Had you been drinking or not before this?

Answer - I don't see the justice of the question and refuse to answer

Question - Is it not a fact that during your tenure of office, you were on several occasions incapacitated from attending to your duties by reason of drunkenness?

Answer— objected to by Council for  
hesard  
overruled by Committee  
Answer— I will not answer

Question— From your habits, do you think  
that the Chief would have been  
justified in promoting You to be  
a detective or in recommending you for  
~~Answer~~ Such promotion?

Answer— I will not answer  
that question—

Question— Were the men appointed able to  
discharge the duties of detectives  
and were they competent for  
their duties in all respects.

Answer— I think I have already  
answered that question  
that they were—

And further witness saith not  
and hath signed

Sworn and acknowledged four ~~or~~ words erased, null-  
before me at Montreal, Roger Tessard  
this 30<sup>th</sup> September 1874  
J. G. Miller

Police Committee Meeting  
Investigation

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1874  
7 00 P.M.

Present: Alderman Premier, chairman  
" Taylor  
" McCambridge  
" Bryson

messrs Monk and Wilson, being in attendance

~~The~~ Recorder His Honor J. P. Sexton being duly sworn, deposed and said,

I do not remember that in the month of April 1873, the chairman of the Police Committee directed my attention, whilst presiding in Court, to Mr Kessard, as being ~~was~~ labouring under delirium tremens. In fact I am quite positive that neither the late chairman nor any other chairman of the Police Committee ever spoke to me about any thing of the kind. I have no relations with any of the officers of the Police Force, except when in Court. Kessard was frequently in Court on business and I always found him attentive and efficient there. I remember seeing Kessard on the City Passenger Railway cars, and was surprised to see ~~that~~ <sup>him</sup> as I was not aware he had left the force. I may have made the remark that the Chief had not the right to dismiss him, being unaware of any change

an officer but  
only men, without  
bringing them  
before the  
Committee

J.S.P.

in the By-law, as formerly the chief  
had not the right to dismiss, I ~~did~~  
not express an opinion, but simply  
my surprise.

The word Constable or men cannot  
be applied to sergeants and others higher  
up and subordinate to the chief —  
by the word men I mean the rank  
and file the ordinary constables.

by Mr. Monk

Every member of the Force from  
the Chief down is a constable, but  
of different ranks in the Force,  
Chief, sub-chiefs, sergeants and  
sub-constables, who may be termed  
the rank and file of the Force.

And further deponent  
saith not and hath signed —  
one word erased here, margined, note good  
J. S. P.

Joseph Simard, Esquire, Public  
Notary, being duly sworn, deposes  
And saith.

By ~~Refrainant~~

Question Have you had any occasion and  
when to make any and what  
representations to the Chief of Police  
regarding the conduct of the  
petitioner and state what they  
were?

To the best of my knowledge  
I stated to the Chief of Police, that  
he ought to discharge from the  
force Sergeant Messard, because  
he neglected his duty, owing to drunk-  
ness and I have stated that if I had  
the power to do it myself, I would  
have done it. ~~and~~ In inquiring  
from the Officers in the depart-  
ment the reasons for Mr Messard's  
absence, I was told that he was  
at the time under the influence  
of liquor and to the best of my knowledge  
I remember in 1858 ~~and~~ or 1859 when  
the late Mr Reclaire was Chairman,  
and I was a member of the Police  
Committee, members of that Com-  
mittee had spoken of dismissing  
Mr Messard for the same reason,  
and I now state that if the Chief  
of Police had been more severe  
towards his subordinate Officers  
he would certainly ~~do~~ have  
discharged Sergeant Messard  
before the time he did.

I further state that I never made any remarks or reflection to the Recorder on the Conduct of Sergeant Lessard either in the Recorder's Court or elsewhere. My impression is that a Police Officer ought to be a sober man and should not by his conduct, show a bad example to his subordinates -

by Mr. Wilby - Cross-examined -

The Chief has certainly been too lenient and too good-hearted towards Lessard, and if Sergeant Lessard has been discharged by the Chief, he must, from what I know of him, have had very good reasons to do so. I have told the Chief as I state to the best of my knowledge, that he should discharge Lessard, that if it was left to me I would do so. I will state in the mean time, that I am acting in the public interest, without any ill-feeling towards Sergeant Lessard.

Question. Did the Chief obey your order to discharge Sergeant Lessard?

Answer. I consider that the Chief could not legally obey my orders - the Chairman has no right to force the Chief to dismiss an officer - I cannot remember what the Chief told when I said that if I was in his place, I would

discharge Lussard - I donot remem-  
ber that he remarked to me that  
Lussard was an efficient officer,  
was the Chief justified in  
keeping in charge a man like  
Lussard?

Question

According to my views, Sergeant  
Lussard ought to have been long  
before this, discharged from the  
Police Force - but the Chief of Police  
is a better judge than myself  
whether Sergeant Lussard was  
an efficient officer or not.

Question

- If you had been the Chief of  
Police, would you have dismissed  
Lussard -

Answer - I would long previous  
to the time he was last dismissed,  
knowing his antecedents -

To the best of my knowledge, I  
once saw Sergeant Lussard  
intoxicated in the Police  
station - it was between 1858 and 1860.  
My knowledge about Lussard was  
obtained from his absence  
and what I heard from the  
Police Officers. I noticed during  
the last few years, Lussard's  
absence and an enquiry I was  
told by the officers the reason  
why he was not on duty.  
I donot remember the names of  
the officers who told me Sergeant  
Richey never spoke to me about  
Lussard. To the best of my  
knowledge

Deputy bailey mentioned his  
absences to me

and further witness with  
non and hath signed  
three words passed well

W. Maro

Question  
By petitioner

Anthony Magher, Sergeant  
of the City Police Force, being  
sworn, deposes and saith  
So in now to your knowledge of  
that on the 30th April, 1843, an  
acting sergeant was appointed  
Detective, acting Sergeant Arcand?  
and that at the time there were  
other sergeants in the force  
as well qualified as he was,  
to perform the duties of that  
office?

Answer, I know that acting  
sergeant Arcand was appointed  
Detective. I cannot say that  
the other sergeants in the force  
were as well qualified for  
the situation.

Question

Was not acting Sergeant  
Arcand dismissed from the  
force nine or ten years ago for  
drunkenness?

Answer - I believe he was. I cannot  
say when. I know he left the  
force, & cannot be positive,  
the time is so long, but I believe  
it was for drunkenness.

Question

Did Arcand do duty on beat  
as any other constable?

Question - when I first knew  
him, he was sent down to the  
Parish street station as acting  
Sergeant, where I was. He  
then came from the Central  
Station - I am not aware what  
duty

duty he had been doing previously.  
Fahy previous to his appointment  
had done duty in the  
office as acting Sergeant, I never  
saw him do duty on the beat.

Question — Do you believe that there were  
old sergeants in the force that  
knew more about Police duties  
and were better qualified than  
Fahy, a detective, at the time  
of his appointment?

Answer. I am the oldest sergeant in  
the force and if the appointment  
had been tendered to me by the  
Chief, unless compelled to take it,  
I would not have accepted it  
as I do not consider myself  
competent for the office as  
for the others, I cannot say whether  
they were fit or not —

— Cross-examined —

by Monk

— I never saw anything wrong  
with Arcand, since he rejoined  
the force — As far as I could see,  
he is an efficient officer —  
I know that detectives have been  
taken from the ranks, irrespective  
of the officers, for instance Cullen  
and Murphy — I think they  
are very good officers, never  
having heard any thing against  
them — I do not think that  
there is any difference in  
rank between sergeants  
and

detectives -

And further witnesses with  
not and hath signed -

Anthony Mason

John Cancey, sergeant of  
the City Police Force, being  
sworn, deposes and saith

By Petition

I do not remember the time  
Mr Arcand was appointed dete-  
ctive -

I will not swear that at the  
time, there were old sergeants  
in the Force better qualified for  
the place. There were none to  
my knowledge, as ~~you~~ well  
qualified - This, I positively  
swear -

I cannot say if there were  
not others as well qualified as  
Fahy, but I consider him a  
very intelligent man -

I know that Arcand was ~~one~~  
or ten ~~days~~ years ago dismissed  
from the Force but, I cannot  
say for what reason. I don't  
remember whether Arcand, Fahy  
or Dilaz ever did duty on beat.

They are certainly capable to  
perform that duty. I cannot say  
why they did not do duty on beat.  
You must apply to the Chief  
for information on that point.

I really could not say if the  
Deputy Chief knows anything  
about it.

Question

Do you know of any other  
members of the Force, who have  
not done duty on beat and  
who have been appointed Officers?

Answer: I do not.

by book

Cross examined.

Were not Sub Chiefs Paradise and  
Hughes appointed, without  
having been on the beat?

Answer: They were. In my  
previous answer, I understood  
that the word Officers merely  
applied to the Detectives.

Arcaud, since his return to  
the Force, has been in it some  
five or six years; during that  
time, I know nothing bad of his  
conduct.

And further deponent saith  
not and hath signed.

John Hurvey

Police Committee

Investigation in re Lussard

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 1874

7 o'clk P.M.

Present: Alderman Grenier, Chairman

" Taylor

" McCambridge

" Wilson

Depts York and Wilbou present: Bryson

Dr Roddick, of the city of Montreal, being sworn, deposes and saith:

Question

Is it to your recollection that an inquest was held at the Montreal General Hospital in May, 1873 on the body of Mary Ann Wakar which Mr Lussard was present:

~~I have held out I do -~~

Question

were you told at that inquest by any Police officer or by any other person that Mr Lussard was becoming insane and to examine him thoroughly

I have no recollection of any thing of the kind - No Police Officer or any body else ever asked me to do it - I never examined to that effect - I have not spoken to Mr Lussard except on matters appertaining to ~~inquests~~

by Mr Monk

Question

After having read over to you that portion of the evidence of the petitioners, relating to you, are you not satisfied that the petitioners

making that assertion was labouring under hallucination?

Answer. I am perfectly satisfied that he was labouring under hallucination and that the examination was all unnecessary -

Question - Are not persons labouring under mania potit<sup>a</sup> subject to hallucinations of this nature?

Answer - They are subject to hallucinations and are very apt to imagine that those about them, are conspiring about them, when in fact no real cause exists -

by Debon - I do not remember that Mr Hessard was labouring under hallucination on the occasion referred to. I have answered the question, as a medical man.

Question - when you say that after having heard read the assertion made by Mr Hessard, to what assertion do you refer?

Answer - I refer to the assertion about the Coroner and myself whispering together and looking sharply at him -

And further witness oath not  
and hath signed -

two words and are well  
J. Roddick M.D.

Alphonse Cinqmars, Clerk Police Court  
 being sworn, deposes and saith  
 Question — Is it to your recollection that  
 depositions were taken at the Police  
 Court and sworn to against three  
 detectives of the Police Force of  
 the City of Montreal?

I don't — there have been no depositions  
 sworn to for perjury — on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
~~September~~ November last, three depositions  
 were sent by the Chief of Police  
 to Police Magistrate Beaubien, then  
 presiding in the Police Court, these  
 depositions were made by Detectives  
 Lafond, Pakey and Arcand, accusing  
 me of having accused the License  
 Commissioners of theft, or having  
 received money to ~~assist~~ license.  
 These depositions were sworn to before  
 Recorder Sexton. I took advice  
 whether I should prosecute the  
 above named parties for perjury,  
 but when the law-officers and  
 others advised me not to mind the  
 matter, as they could not injure  
 me, I let the matter drop.

Question — Would you believe any of these  
 three detectives, Lafond, Pakey  
 or Arcand, under oath?

Answer — They can certainly testify to the  
 truth in certain cases, but in  
 my case, they did not state the  
 truth, if however it is alleged  
 that I stated I saw Mr Beaubien open  
 a letter and take what it con-

tained in a license matter—

Mr Prehant told me they were sworn to

compensate that

Question

Was there a warrant issued against Detective Spang on the 8th July last or thereabout for assault and battery on one Joseph Latour?

Answer— I know that a warrant was issued but I do not know what was done with it— the warrant was for assault and battery at the Hotel de France—

I would believe Detectives Laford, Hekey and Breard under oath in any other case than that above referred to, in which I was concerned— Portions of the depositions above referred to, were read to me by Mr Prehant, who held them in his hand at the time—

Question— was it stated in these depositions that you stated that the License Commissioners received money?

Answer— It was so stated particularly in one of the depositions—

I produce now a letter addressed by the Chief of Police to Mr Prehant, in reference to these depositions—

Question— From what you know of the Police Detectives, do you ~~not~~ consider them honest and worthy of their position?

Answer— Against Cullen, Murphy and Bouchard, I have nothing to say— I always found them to be gentlemen. I am not called upon to express an opinion on the

efficiency or honesty of the ~~the~~  
but, the chief ~~is the~~ ~~and~~ the  
Police Committee are the best judges  
in that respect. I do not like them  
I have never gone to inspect the  
stations -

Question - ~~Are you personally aware of~~  
Have you any personal knowledge  
of the conduct of Detectives Lafond,  
Fahny and Breard, and do you consider  
them worthy of the trust placed in  
them by the city of Montreal?

Answer - What I know, is hearsay or info-  
-mation given to me - what I know  
personally, I have no wish to say  
anything about it, but I know  
something personally -

Crossexamined - Please state personally  
what you know of these men?

In a case against Feron, now in  
the penitentiary, I cannot now give  
the exact date but can produce  
it, it is to my personal knowledge  
that for a larceny committed in  
St Lawrence Hall Street, the prisoner  
would not be where he is now, if  
it had not been for Bissonnet  
or his assistant, because ~~there was~~  
the prisoner ~~was~~ ~~let~~ would  
have been let off by Lafond,  
although he was personally  
aware of the larceny -

Question How was Lafond aware of the  
larceny to your knowledge?

Answer - Because ~~the~~ ~~was~~ it was stated in  
the

the office that it was Lafond who had found the stolen goods —

Question — Do you know that Lafond had found these goods?

Answer — I do not know of my own knowledge, I was not there —

Question — Who arrested this prisoner?

Answer — In the case that I refer to it was the officers of our court. I can produce witnesses to prove that Lafond knew of the larceny —

Question — Does it not often happen in the Police Court especially that persons are often arrested, discharged and re-arrested for the same offence?

Answer — Yes, but duly discharged by a Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace —

Question — Have you not an antipathy to the Chief of Police and certain of the Detective Force and are you not in the habit of taking notes of everything you imagine could be turned against them?

Answer — It is not the case. I always respected the Chief of Police; I have always done my best to help his men and have often at the peril of my life come to their rescue. This I can prove by the whole Police Force. I always tried to make their cases ~~as~~ stronger, especially when they expressed a desire to get ship of prisoners; and if I had any antipathy for the Chief, the day that

he accused me in his office of being a "Morpion" and threatened to beat me, I would have taken an action against him — If I have taken notes, I did it to the best of my knowledge, after the affidavits above referred to were sent in against me. I did it in self defence and to protect myself — I have always respected the chief and was formerly employed under him. He gave me a recommendation to the Grand Bank for a situation — Against Fabeu and Alcaud, I have nothing to say except what I stated about the affidavits — I know nothing personally about the informations given me concerning them —

Question — Is it not true that you did accuse the License Commissioners of receiving money to grant licenses?

Answer — One day passing along Jacques Cartier Square, on my way to the Police Station, two or three of the Detectives were standing at the door of the station on the steps, to the best of my knowledge, Lafond, Fabeu and Alcaud, were conversing together, we happened to refer to the License Commissioners, we each expressed our views on the subject in a joking manner and I state positively that I never said

that the license Commissioners  
received money, as stated -

Question - Did you ever open a letter address-  
ed to one of the Commissioners  
or not?

Answer - I swear - No -

Question - Did you ever state to Lafond or any  
one else that you had opened a  
letter addressed to one of the  
Commissioners and that when  
you found it contained money  
you closed it up again and  
if not state what you did,  
state on that occasion and  
to whom?

Answer - I swear that I ~~do~~ never said any  
such thing to Lafond or any  
other one -

Question - Did you state to any one  
of the Detectives or to any other  
person, that after a license had  
been refused by the Commissioners,  
such license had been granted  
after money had been paid for  
procuring the same?

Answer - I would not have said so to Detec-  
tive Lafond, because I consider him  
too dangerous and I would not  
risk telling him - I might have  
said so in joke, but I never meant  
it seriously - If I said so, it  
was in joke, (but I do not recollect  
having said so -

My intercourse with Mr Lafond  
is of an official nature - a boy

complained at our office that Mr. Laford did not do his duty in not arresting her servant girl who was accused of theft, because she was a country-woman of his. He came to my place to ascertain if proceedings were being taken out against the girl and I treated him - The girl was afterwards found guilty - all I know of this, is what I was told by the lady -

As Police officer, I do my best to like him, but otherwise I do not. by Wilton - when you say in your cross-examination that you always make cases better for the Detectives, what do you mean by that expression "better"? Answer - when the Police brings a prisoner to court, for instance a person attacking a policeman in the discharge of his duty, instead of having him tried for assault and battery, I have him tried under the law which can give him six months in gaol or \$100 fine or both &c. I do not mean that I employ any illegal or unfair means to procure a conviction - I desire to state that I did not wish to come here of my own accord. I did not come on receipt of the first subpoena and that I have not

not feeling towards the Force, but  
am ready on all occasions to  
render them all the assistance  
in my power.

twenty five words erased as well  
Alphonse Ing-Bars.



Esther Lesage, épouse de Jim Adams,  
 étant assermentée, dépose et dit:

J'ai me rappelle avoir porté plainte  
 contre un officier de Police, il y  
 environ 5 ans - ~~Je me suis plainte~~  
 C'est ma fille qui est aux États  
 qui a porté 'plainte' - Je n'ai  
 jamais tenu une maison de  
 prostitution - Mon mari ne  
 faisait rien depuis vingt ans,  
 il était malade - C'est le sergent  
 Lessard contre qui j'ai porté  
 plainte - Je demeurais sur la  
 rue Craig, ~~près de Marché~~  
~~Papineau~~ dans la maison de  
 Mr Lamarche près de la rue  
 Montcalm - J'ai parlé au vicier  
 chez qui je laissais du lait, à la  
 station de la rue Paulty de la  
 grossiereté qui m'avait été faite.  
 Ce vicier demeurait dans le  
 logement en haut de la station  
 Je n'ai pas connaissance que  
 ma fille ait été à la station  
 faire des plaintes - J'ai deux  
 filles - Je n'ai pas été à la station en bas -  
 et le témoin de clare ne  
 savoir signer -

Police Committee Investigation  
 Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 1874  
 7<sup>1/2</sup> P.M.

Present: Alderman Genies, Chairman  
 " Wilson  
 " McCambridge  
 " Bryson.

Messrs Monk & Wilton.

Herbert Paradise, sub chief of Police, being sworn, deposes and saith.

I heard that Hessard had been reported in 1869 at the central station by a woman and her daughter, but I was not present at the time. I saw ~~the~~ the order for Mr Hessard's discharge, but the same as others, I had hopes that the chief would take him back after some time, I don't remember having entered the chief's office shortly after Hessard's dismissal.  
~~I never stated this.~~

And further Deponeut saith not and hath signed.

Herbert Paradise

Mr Wilton applied to have Mr Hessard heard, before closing the evidence -

The Committee, taking into account the understanding come to at last meeting and the peculiar position of Mr Hessard, Resolved that it is inexpedient to hear the witness.

Police Committee -  
Investigation in re Lussard -

Wednesday, 23<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1874

7 06 P.M.

Present: Alderman Grenier, Chm<sup>r</sup>  
" McCambridge,  
" Bryson  
" Taylor

Mr Lussard appeared before the committee and

was granted the  
privilege of being  
assisted by his  
attorney, Chastillon Esq.  
At their request  
the committee  
proceeded to hear  
the reasons for  
which Lussard  
was dismissed  
from the force.  
At the request of  
Mr Lussard's attor-  
ney, the committee  
proceeded to  
hear the reasons  
for which the  
Chief of Police  
dismissed Mr  
Lussard from  
the force -

Roger Lussard, being duly sworn  
deposes and saith -

J. W. L. Aubou, Esq. Chief of Police  
being duly sworn, deposes and  
saith -

Sergeant Lussard has been in  
the Police Force, I believe, sixteen  
or seventeen years - he was discharged  
for habitual drunkenness and I filed  
a letter from him, under date  
11<sup>th</sup> June, 1867. This was after he had  
been suspended for drunkenness -  
In 1869, 9<sup>th</sup> September, he was dismissed  
again from the force for being drunk  
and going to a house of ill-fame  
and insulting the inmates and on  
the 22<sup>d</sup> of the same month, the Chief  
of Police having taken his case  
into consideration and with  
a promise of his having taken  
the pledge he was reinstated  
by me - On the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1874  
he was dismissed for his con-  
tinual neglect of duty and  
habitual

habitual drunkness

When he was dismissed, he had been suspended from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>d</sup> September —

Question by Chairman

During the time that elapsed since ~~September~~ <sup>September</sup> 1869, to the time of his dismissal, what was Whessard's conduct?

Answer He had several times been under the influence of liquor, (drunk) In the month of March last about the middle of the month I called at Whessard's house St. Lawrence Main Street, and found him in a beastly state of intoxication; in fact bordering on delirium tremens —

Cross-examined by Wilson —

You say in your examination in chief that Whessard was dismissed by you in 1869 —

Answer — I do — it was on the report of ~~the~~ Police Officer, I can not say by whom — but my deputy can state by whom —

I have not seen him in the house of ill-fame referred to I saw him drunk several times I now remember that it was my deputy who reported him, for being in a house of ill-fame —

I swear that Whessard was suspended from the 9<sup>th</sup> September

I am not in the habit of going to taverns - but I do go some times - I am not in the habit of going many times a week - I may go once or twice a month.

I do not think that Mr. Kesler was on duty when I saw him drunk at Bertin's - at the election was then over.

I was not present when the woman complained to the Chief.

I know that Mr. Kesler was suspended, for having seen it on the order-book.

I swear positively I did not accompany Mr. Kesler to see the woman.

I cannot swear positively whether the order-book contained his dismissal or suspension but I swear positively that an order for either his dismissal or suspension was written therein.

Question - When you say that you often saw him drunk, what do you mean by that word? Do you mean a state unfit for duty?

Answer - I mean to say that when he was drunk, he was unable to do duty, some times lying on the floor, other times on the guard beds and in the office.

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I saw him but once drunk  
on duty - but out of duty  
hours, Captain carried him  
upstairs on my ~~trunk~~ back  
- the time I saw him drunk on  
duty was about three or four  
years ago - I remember well  
one occasion when I had to  
perform his duty myself it  
was on the Queen's Birthday  
two or three years ago - ~~that~~  
for I know that he was drunk for  
two days, for having seen him  
myself - on the last day  
the Chief saw him also in  
my presence - he was able to walk  
but was trembling all over  
he was then recovering - he was  
~~not~~ drunk - The Chief remarked  
to him "I see, Shepard, that you  
have been drinking again -  
~~and further I am not aware~~  
~~of any conspiracy~~

And further deponent  
either nor and hath signed  
twenty eight words erased, and  
Joseph Reekie

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Police Committee Investigation

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1874

7 00 P.M.

Present:

Alderman Grenier, Chairman

" Wilson

McCambridge

Bryson

The Chief of Police having stated that the men under his command, desired to be represented during the investigation by an advocate, in the same manner as Mr Lessard -

Resolved - that ~~Mr~~ Mr Stone, Esquire, be allowed to appear before this Committee to represent the interests of the force -

Mr Stone having objected to the receiving of any more evidence, relating to the reasons for Mr Lessard's dismissal from the force, in as much as sufficient evidence had been already adduced to justify the chief in his dismissal and the Committee being consulted on the matter,

it was

Resolved - that in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient at the present stage of the investigation to proceed any further with the hearing of evidence relative to the reasons for Mr Lessard's dismissal from the force -

The Chief of Police then produced the order - Book referred to in Rich's evidence

F. W. L. Penton, Chief of Police,  
being sworn, deposes and saith:

I now produce a Book called  
the Defaulter's Book, ~~which is a~~  
~~true copy of the Order Book~~

In this Book is entered under  
the heading "Roger Lessard"

"Dismissed from the Force  
on the 9th September 1869 for  
being drunk and going to a house  
of ill-repute and insulting the  
inmates"

The above entry is an  
exact copy of an entry made  
in the Order Book and which  
was torn out by the late Deputy  
Chief S. L. Yete - the entry is in  
his handwriting -

The Order Book is kept for the  
detail of duty and the satisfaction  
of the Council and Police Committee.  
The public are not allowed to see  
this book.

The Defaulter's Book is kept  
for my information as to the  
men's character and good  
behaviour and can at any  
time be examined by the City  
Council and Police Committee.

I admit having ordered the late  
Deputy Chief Yete, to tear out the  
sheet of the Order Book on which  
the above charge was entered,  
to save Mr Lessard from  
disgrace amongst his brother officers.

Question - Was it at Mr Lessard's request that you gave the order to have the sheet torn out?

Answer - Had Mr Lessard asked me anything of the kind, after all I had done for him on previous occasions, I would certainly have allowed the report to go to the different stations and to remain on the order book.

All the entries in the order book are sent to the different stations. The entries are sent sometimes immediately sometimes next day. I could not say how long the entry in question was allowed to remain on the order book. It might have stood on the books for two or three days -

I never had any ill-will towards Sergeant Lessard.

Question - Why did you not send the entry in question to the different stations and was it not your duty to send it -

Answer - It was not my business or duty to send it. It was the duty of my deputy. The nine words erased, since

W. L. P. P. P.

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Subchief Parades, being sworn  
depose and saith —

I know that Sergeant Lessard  
was Sergeant at the Central Station.  
He was lodged in the Panet Street  
station. The lodgings are disposed  
of by the Committee, the Sergeant  
in charge has the lodging generally.  
Some of the Sergeants have no  
lodgings —

Question

Was it not understood that the  
Chief would lodge Lessard  
at the station, corner Craig and  
Gair?

Answer. I never heard anything  
about it — except that the  
lodging was about to be divided  
between Richer and Lessard.  
Richer now occupies it alone.  
He had not been appointed a long  
time, full Sergeant, when  
he was appointed to that station.

Question

Is it to your knowledge that in  
April 1873 an acting Sergeant  
was appointed detective?

Answer — I know there were appoint-  
ments made about that time,  
but I do not recollect the  
date — acting Sergeant ~~if~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~was~~  
was then promoted — The situation  
of Detective is a better one than  
Sergeant, it is more profitable,  
the pay, I believe, is greater —  
I do not know of any of the Sergeants  
who were better qualified for the situation



Charles P. Paegely, Deputy Chief of Police, being sworn with - Mr Messard was discharged for habitual drunkenness and continual neglect of duty. I reported him in 1867 for being drunk - also in 1869 - for being drunk and beating a woman. From 1867 to 1869, I reported him several times to the Chief, for which he was reprimanded by him in my presence - I reported him also from 1869 to fall of 1873 for the same offence. About September 1873, he absented himself from duty for four or five days - when I went to see him in Parrot Station, he was then near Delirium tremens - he then lodged at that station, though doing duty at the Central Station - In February or March 1874, he absented himself without leave for seven or eight days. At the beginning of April 1874, being on duty in the Central Station, in the afternoon, and during the time the Police Committee was passing in the Station, Messard was drunk in his chair in the station - On the night of the 6th. to the 7th April, he should have been on duty at the Central Station, and I had to replace him by Acton.

Bergeant

Renquart Desjardis because he did not come to all

On the night of the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> April last being on duty at the Central Station he left at 9.30<sup>PM</sup> and did not come back till four in the morning.

He should have been on duty during that time — on the 14<sup>th</sup> April between 10 o'clock in the afternoon he should be on duty. I sent to his residence Sub Constable Dubreuil to see why he did not come — Sub Constable told me that he was on his way to the station but he did not make his appearance for the whole afternoon — Next morning, 15<sup>th</sup> April eight o'clock I sent Detective Lafond to warn him if he did not come for duty that morning he would be dismissed. He did not come and accordingly I reported him to the Chief —

I cannot say that when he beat the woman above referred to, that he was in a house of ill fame —

Question by Duboy when you reported Desardis in 1867 for being drunk and beating a woman were you personally aware of those things?

Answer I did not see it myself

it was reported to me by a civilian in Sergeant Riches's presence, who knows all about it—

I reported him to the chief and Mr Lessard was discharged—

He remained about nine other days discharged— he was taken on again, because he promised to take the pledge—

I did not report Mr Lessard on the occasion referred to when the Police Committee was passing at the station—

It was my duty to report him on several occasions, but I did not do it—

I did not report him, because I had some consideration for him. He was an efficient officer when he was not drunk—

He was drunk more than <sup>once</sup> to my own knowledge about fifty times— I cannot say that I reported him every time he was drunk— He knows it well himself—

I would not have kept any other person, conducting himself in the same manner as Mr Lessard did, so long in the office—

It was in the evening that at 8 o'clock that I sent before to warn him that he would be suspended if he

were not in the office on  
duty with morning & evening  
shift positively if it was in the  
afternoon or in the morning  
that I sent Lapond I sent  
both Dubreuil and Lapond  
at different times of the  
day to warn him -

I swear positively that I sent  
Sub Constable Dubreuil at one  
o'clock, who reported to me  
that Mr. Lessard's wife had  
informed him that her husband  
had ~~left~~<sup>just</sup> left for the station at  
~~twice~~ but further witness  
saith not and hath

Signed  
four words ~~was~~ hull  
C. J. Nagel

Sergeant Richu being sworn  
deposedth And saith -

Since I know ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> these last  
thirteen years, I know him to  
be a drunkard, but an honest  
man when sober - when he was  
drunk, I do not know if he  
was honest, because he did  
not know himself what he  
was doing - on the last evening  
of the late General election  
for the House of Commons,  
about 8 o'clock I was called  
with a friend of mine to  
have a glass of ale - I saw  
it - Sergeant Bessard in the  
Bar - room of Mr Bertram  
near the Station - We took  
a glass together - there were  
four or five of us - I remarked  
that Sergeant Bessard was  
drunk - I asked him what  
is the matter with you? he  
replied - we got a few glasses -  
I said to him - you are tight -  
he answered that makes  
no difference and then I  
asked him to come home  
with me - we started off  
Sergeant Burke, he ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup>  
myself and Sergeant Bessard  
to bring him home, as he  
was not fit to remain  
in the station on duty -

Question. Please state what occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1869, when Messard entered a house of ill-fame and insulted the inmates? —

Answer. I do not remember the date of the occurrence, but I remember the case well enough.

A widow woman I cannot know remember her name, but I can easily find her who used to live in Craig Street, two doors from Montcalm Street, came to the Parrot Street Station one night that I was on duty, and complained of being insulted by a Sergeant whose name she did not know. I asked her what the Sergeant did to her. She said he came to my place and asked for drink. She replied we don't keep any liquor here. The sergeant replied if you don't keep liquor you keep girls — referring after my daughter at the same time.

I replied to the woman that I had nothing to do with the case, that if she had such a charge to make, she should go and make it to the Chief.

The night previous to that report, I saw ex-sergeant Messard coming into the station (Parrot Street)

street) drunk and with a black  
eye - It was on the same night  
that the occurrence, complained  
of by the woman, had taken  
place - It was only the following  
night that she lodged her  
complaint with me -

Question ~~how~~ How came you to  
know that the sergeant  
complained of by that woman  
was Lt Sergeant Lessard?

Answer Some time afterwards  
he was suspended for that charge  
and came to me asking me  
to see the woman in question  
in order to settle the case - that  
is how I came to know it was  
Sergeant Lessard - I refused to  
go with him -

by Chief - Please state what you  
have heard Lt Sergeant Lessard  
say on several occasions  
regarding the Deputy Chief  
and myself -

Answer I never took any  
date of these things as I never  
expected it would come to  
this but on several occa-  
sions I remember Lt Sergeant  
Lessard told me at each time  
that he had been reported for  
being drunk, I may thank  
Mr. Baileys for having gone  
to the Chief and interceded  
for me, else I would have been

- dismissed -

Question

- As it to your knowledge that  
Lt Sergeant Lessard went to  
a fortune-teller at the Mills

and to consult her regarding  
his dismissal and whether  
answer was to him?

Answer - About five or six  
years ago, when he was sus-  
pended for a while, for another  
case of drunkenness, he came to my  
and asked me to go with him  
to see Mrs. Viger, a fortune-teller.  
I refused at first - but he insisting  
that it would see how truthful  
she was I went with me,  
as did also a constable named  
Blaine - She refused to let me  
in, with Lt Sergeant Lessard  
in the same room. On coming  
back from the place, he was  
laughing and said: "No, I will  
not be discharged this time,  
I inquired why? Because the  
fortune-teller says that a friend  
of mine will save me from  
that scrape - I asked him  
who the friend was - he answered  
that it was Mr. Baegley - because  
said he and I remember well  
the expression he used, Mr. Baegley  
do a father to me -

Question -

Please state what Lessard  
acknowledged to you two or  
three days after his last

dismissal?

Answer He told me that he was sorry for what happened but that he knew very well he deserved what he had got. The chief he added, told ~~him~~ that he would get him a situation and if he kept sober he might take him on again after a few months. I am aware that the chief got him a situation - Lessard himself told me so.

By ~~Mr~~ Cross-examined -  
By Milbou - ~~that~~ I never heard of any act of dishonesty on his part when drunk.

The court says are not forbidden to go into taverns to drink.

Our superior Officers have always forbidden us to go drink in taverns when on duty or in Police clothes.

We are not allowed when in uniform to go drink in taverns.

On the night of the election before referred to the other sergeants and myself were in uniform. The persons that were with me at Berthiaume's tavern, were sergeants Kehoe, Burke and Duffours - they were in uniform. I do not recollect if ex-sergeant Lessard was in uniform or not but being on duty all day he should have been