

# RCMP METHODS GESTAPO-LIKE, CROWN HOLDS

Quebec, Nov. 8 (CP).—Defense and Crown rested their case late today in the 14-day-old manslaughter trial of two Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers—Fernand Savard and Roger Lizotte. Mr. Justice Romeo Langlais will charge the jury tomorrow morning.

Crown Prosecutor Noel Dorion told the jury that the verdict in the case, which arose out of the fatal shooting last May of Georges Guenette, 24, at near-by St. Lambert de Levis, "will have extraordinary repercussions."

Mr. Dorion added that he hoped, "with all other persons fond of liberty and peace, that the verdict will be a sign on the wall for those who now are using Gestapo-like methods against peace-loving men."

Mr. Dorion added:

"We are in a free country and not a police corps, even the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is allowed to kill people without reason."

"It was proved during the trial that the accused are guilty of criminal negligence, and that they could have easily arrested young Guenette without shooting. And, even in shooting, they could have used better judgment."

Referring to the testimony of Lizotte yesterday that he was suffering from poor eyesight and that his left eye was useless to him, Mr. Dorion declared he was surprised that those who hired Lizotte as special constable did not seem to "bother too much about that."

Defense Counsel Lucien Gendron earlier said that the Crown's evidence failed to remove the possibility of accidental death in the case.

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