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**PORT ARTHUR
 POLICE COURT**

A young mother of five children who neglected them while drunk yesterday, pleaded guilty and was fined the minimum of \$10 and costs or 15 days. Chief Connor said the fires were out and the five children, ranging from one to seven years of age, were alone when police investigated their Beck street dwelling at 8:20 last evening. The mother was found outside drunk. Chief Connor stated that "the proper authorities" had been advised of the case.

Onni Nalle, 43, of Secord street, pleaded guilty to driving while his ability was impaired by alcohol and was fined the minimum of \$50 and costs or one month. He was charged Saturday afternoon after Constable Dejardin observed with interest Nalle's efforts to park his car on Cumberland street near Park.

One man was fined \$10 and costs for drunkenness and another \$10 and costs for being drunk plus \$25 and costs or one month for committing an indecent act at Armstrong Jan. 15. They were brought in by Provincial Constable Gamble.

Three Geraldton men were fined \$100 and costs or three months each and a fourth \$10 and costs for drunkenness, as a result of a wine-party incident at Geraldton, Saturday night.

Vincent Horschek pleaded guilty to acting as agent or intermediary for the sale of liquor; Gilbert Lagarde and Desmoulins to having liquor not legally purchased; Patrick Lagarde to being drunk.

According to evidence by Provincial Constable McEwen, the wine was purchased from Horschek, caretaker at the Geraldton skating rink, by Gilbert Lagarde and Desmoulins and they invited Patrick Lagarde to join them. It got to the attention of the police when the young men's landlady complained that they not only came to her place to drink—but evicted her from the premises.

Six drunks were fined or jailed.

Payroll Fraud

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that the type of span cost from \$50,000 to \$125,000," the story said.

"It was reported to be one of the major items in the \$1,000,000 swindle that came to light through a three-month investigation by six government auditors and three senior engineers who went over plans of the 55 miles between Terrace bay and Marathon and 77 miles of the Atikokan-to-Fort William highway," the paper added.

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto Star says in a newspaper story the Ontario government paid upwards of \$1,000,000 to highway construction firms for work that was not done on sections of two roads in the Fort William district.

"Most of the swindle, it was stated by one man close to the investigation, occurred on the \$7,000,000 stretch that completed a link between Fort William and Atikokan," the paper said.

Quoting a well-informed source," the story said contract bidding had to be "rigged" to accomplish the swindle. This was done by collusion between engineers on the highways department staff and the contractor, one of a number working on that stretch of road, the paper added.

Some Fired, Demoted

The Toronto Telegram says in a newspaper dispatch from Fort William that firings, demotions and retirements—as well as the laying of five criminal charges—have resulted in a top-to-bottom shakeup of the highways department branch there.

At least half-a-dozen out-of-town foremen have been discharged, one of the top engineers was retired a few weeks after the probe began and another top engineer has been demoted to instrument man on a survey party working in the bush," the story said.

Five officials of the department were arrested Wednesday night, and freed on bail.

Charged with breach of trust and fraud is E. A. M. Mills, 60, divisional engineer; charged with conspiracy to defraud the government are three clerks—Douglas Frank Cutting, Donald T. Gandler and Graham W. Turner—and the superintendent of the asphalt plant, Thomas Ayres.

**Truce Broken
 If Prisoners
 Freed: India**

**Toronto Woman
 Captures Suspect**

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