

Manitouwadge Road

Hearing Is Slated On May 31

The third Port Arthur man to be charged at Fort William this week in connection with Ontario highways irregularities, W. S. Tomlinson, vice-president of Tomlinson Bros. Limited, was remanded this morning until May 31 on \$10,000 cash bail.

He was charged with conspiring with Arthur M. Mills, former Highways department division engineer, Cameron W. Taylor, a Tomlinson superintendent and one R. F. Petursson to defraud Her Majesty, The Queen, by deceit and falsehood. Petursson is a federal highways inspector now at Victoria B.C.

Tomlinson returned from British Columbia by train at 6.20 this morning. He was reported vacationing when a warrant was issued against him by the Ontario attorney-general's office earlier this week.

FINGER PRINTED

He surrendered to the Port Arthur OPP detachment at 11 a.m. and was booked and finger printed. He was accompanied by T. P. Callon, local barrister who was acting as agent for G. Arthur Martin, Tomlinson's Toronto lawyer.

No plea was taken at the hearing this morning in Fort William police court.

Dressed in brown hat, trousers, and top coat, Mr. Tomlinson was affable and unperturbed as he talked to reporters and posed for pictures in front of the police station.

He was escorted to the Fort William Police Court. (Please turn to Page 2, No. 2)

Deny de Castries A War Criminal

GENEVA (Reuters)—A rumor that Brig.-Gen. Christian de Castries would be tried as a war criminal by the Vietminh Communist rebels was called "absolutely without foundation" by a Vietminh spokesman today. Earlier a senior official had said the United States would take a "serious view" of any such trial of the Dien Bien Phu garrison commander if the rumor proved true.

Admits Fatal Beating of Child But Student Still Unemotional

DETROIT (AP)—An unemotional high school student told police Tuesday night he fatally beat and slashed a tiny four-year-old girl, but doesn't know why he did it.

Marion Jo Zobrovitz was found Tuesday by three playmates in a garage behind her home, her body torn and bleeding. She died in hospital after doctors fought four hours to save her.

Police said 15-year-old Terrence de Moss told them he had struck the girl with a two-by-four beam, then slashed her. The boy gave no reason for the attack.

De Moss is a juvenile under Michigan law and cannot be charged with a major crime in criminal court unless probate court waives its jurisdiction.

Mrs. Doris de Moss, his mother, told police that she knew her son was the slayer, but police arrived before she could call them. In a formal statement to police,



ARRIVES TO HEAR CHARGES

ON ARRIVAL HERE from British Columbia, W. S. Tomlinson, (centre) vice-president of Tomlinson Construction Company, surrendered today to Provincial Police who booked him in and

then escorted him to Fort William Police Court where he was remanded in connection with the current Highways probe. With Mr. Tomlinson are his attorney, T. P. Callon, LEFT, and Sgt.

Ivar Lellava, of the Port Arthur detachment, Ontario provincial police. The three are seen on the Court House steps this morning before leaving for Fort William. —Staff Photo.

Claims More Irregularities In Highway Department Work

TORONTO (CP)—Albert Wren, Liberal-Labor member of the provincial legislature for Kenora, said today he has uncovered new evidence of irregularities in the provincial highways department and urged that highways minister George Doucett give evidence under oath.

He said in a statement he will seek to have Mr. Doucett recalled as a sworn witness before the legislature's select committee investigating highway contracts. Mr. Doucett has already appeared before the committee, not under oath, to describe the highway department structure.

HAS MANY QUESTIONS

Mr. Wren said he has uncovered "even more evidence of irregularities in the highway divisions outside of Fort William and Huntsville" where 11 men and three

companies are now facing conspiracy charges.

He said he wished to swear in Mr. Doucett "because I've a lot of embarrassing questions ready for him to answer." In addition, he said he will ask the select committee to call "several prominent contractors—including some now facing trial on conspiracy charges."

Tuesday, in a speech on the highways department, Ontario Liberal leader Farquhar Oliver said a cabinet minister who can't run his department should resign.

However, he said later he was not calling for the resignation of Highways Minister Doucett. "I am not going to suggest to the premier what he should do with his ministers."

In another development, Donald C. MacDonald, Ontario CCF leader, sent a letter to Premier Frost asking for a royal commission investigation of the highways department. So far 11 men and three companies have been charged with conspiracy in connection with the department.

LIKE COMMISSION RULE

Mr. Oliver told a meeting of the Toronto Liberal Business Men's Association the appointment of a special construction committee to supervise, government contracts was taking administration out of Mr. Doucett's hands.

"This makes some semblance of commission government," he said. Mr. Oliver said: "I believe in ministerial responsibility. I believe you should say to a minister: 'If you can't run your department properly, get out of the road and I'll find someone who can run it to

the public satisfaction.'"

In an earlier address in London, Ont., he said the irregularities which caused five men to be charged last winter in Fort William went on "to a greater or degree" in other divisions.

Warrants Tuesday named the three companies as Tomlinson Brothers Limited of Winnipeg and Fort William, Standard Paving Limited of Toronto and Bergmann Construction Co. Ltd., of West Hill, just east of Toronto.

SIX CONTRACTS MENTIONED

Six contracts totalling between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 are reported involved.

Ontario Provincial Police at Port Arthur said W. S. Tomlinson, President of the Tomlinson Company, will report to them on his arrival there from the west coast, possibly today.

A retired highways engineer, Harry Phipps, another of the accused men, was flown from Port Arthur for a court appearance on a conspiracy charge.

Remanded to June 1 along with Phipps were: Walter Bergmann, president of the Bergmann Construction Company; John A. West, the company's superintendent; Cecil H. Nelson, former chief engineer of the highways department; Donald S. Patterson, suspended Huntsville division engineer for the department; William Bredin, highways department instrument man at Huntsville.

Neither Elmer Birdsall, vice-president of Standard Paving Company, nor R. F. Petursson, federal government highways construction supervisor now in British Columbia, have been arrested. They are scheduled to appear in court in Toronto May 18.

Remanded to May 31 in Fort William were C. W. Taylor, a Tomlinson Company official, and Arthur M. Mills, suspended engineer of the highways department's Fort William division.

Sun Comes Back, "Hot" Tomorrow

There is nothing unusual about today's fine weather in Port Arthur; the only thing unusual is its lateness in arriving. This story isn't dictated by the Chamber of

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ard's majority report, ac-y the company, granted a an hour increase and 40-ek. The men received the boost last Jan. 1. The ma-report was submitted by ylor, chairman, and C-ward, QC, Toronto, con-ointnee.