

36 PERSONS

A. Mills Pleads Guilty To Charge

The firm of Tomlinson Brothers Limited was fined \$100,000 this afternoon at sittings of the Ontario Supreme Court in Port Arthur. Arthur M. Mills, former department of highways engineer, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with the sentence suspended and fined \$3,500. The \$3,500 must be paid within one month or a six-month jail term must be served.

Arthur M. Mills, former department of highways division engineer, and Tomlinson Brothers Limited, contractors, pleaded guilty this morning to an indictment that charged the former with breaches of trust and the latter with defrauding the Crown of monies by deceit, falsehood or other fraudulent means.

W. S. Tomlinson, C. W. Taylor and Tomlinson Brothers Eastern Limited, who had also been charged under the indictment, pleaded not guilty this morning.

WHOLLY-OWNED

Upon representation by the Crown Prosecutor, C. L. Dubin, the Hon. Mr. Justice Danis said he would discharge both Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Taylor for the reasons stated by Mr. Dubin.

The Highways trial began this morning at the Fall Assizes here, where the Crown Prosecutor pointed out that Tomlinson Brothers Eastern is wholly-owned by Tomlinson Brothers Limited and that none of the monies involved were paid directly to Mr. Taylor or to Tomlinson Brothers Eastern Limited. Mr. Tomlinson, although a director of Tomlinson Brothers, was not an officer of that company, nor did he have even a controlling interest in the company.

Mr. Dubin said that in deciding to accept the pleas of guilty, as advanced by Tomlinson Brothers Limited and by Mr. Mills and not to proceed further against the other accused, the Crown had to take into consideration the death of C. Nelson, former chief engineer, who had had wide powers. Mr. Nelson had died after preliminary proceedings had been held in the highways case, and if he had lived, he would have been named a co-conspirator in the case.

RECOVER MONEY

The Crown Prosecutor added that in the light of the guilty pleas, the Crown is now in a position to recover any sum of money that which was improperly taken.

Upon consent of His Lordship, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Taylor then stepped out of the prisoner's box, Mr. Mills remaining.

Evidence brought out at the trial before His Lordship this morning was that approximately \$360,000 was the sum overpaid in the three contracts entered into between the Highways Department and Tomlinson Brothers Limited.

These contracts, extending between the years 1950 to 1953, were identified as 50-221, 50-222 and 51-3, and covered construction of the Ripple Highway and the Kakabeka Highway.

Mr. Dubin explained that Mr. Mills, as division engineer, had the two-fold task of seeing that the contractor did the work according to contract and that the contractor got paid according to the contract. Payment was made monthly, the accounts being done by Mr. Mills' subordinates, certified by himself and then despatched to the head office in Toronto.

Sometime after the first contract was begun, Mr. Dubin said, Mr. Mills was impressed by a plea from the contractor that costs had gone up considerably. Without authority, Mr. Mills authorized payments to meet those alleged increases, resorting to padding of the amount of work done. Falsification of engineering data followed, but this falsification was not complete at the time the investigation began.

The Crown was therefore able to take possession of documents and to measure the facts.

NO AUTHORITY

J. D. Millar, former Deputy Minister of Highways, testified that Mills had no authority to pay for work not included in the contract or to order the falsification of records. Mills authorized payment of \$1,202,234 on the first contract, \$752,110 on the second and \$478,586.60 on the third.

A. T. C. McNab, provincial auditor, testified that in the first contract, the net overpayment was \$133,641; in the second, it was \$157,276, and in the third, \$73,145.

Attorney G. A. Martin, representing Tomlinson Brothers Limited, pointed out to the court that the standards for the highways had been raised after the contracts had been let, and that the increased standards raised the unit costs. Some additional work had to be done, but a special, recently-organized commission will study (Please turn to Page 2, No. 2)

PET LOON DEER ON MISSING LIST

A popular attraction for residents of Loon summer resort during the past season was a young deer which made its headquarters on the woodlot-farm home of Nick Dzurba, about the half way mark on road in from the main highway.

When the children from Loon went with their elders to see the deer, Mr. Dzurba's call "Bobby" would bring him scampering in from the nearby woods if within hearing. The young folks and their elders would feed the deer and pat his forehead while also admiring his big brown intelligent and trusting eyes. Many of them took pictures of children and animal fraternizing.

"What about him in the hunting seas?" was the question frequently put to Mr. Dzurba. "We plan to lock him up in our barn," was the reply.

The partridge season opened earlier this month. It wasn't exactly the season feared by Mr. Dzurba in his consideration for his pet animal's safety, but one morning near the close of the bird season he said to his wife, "Tonight, when Bobby comes in I am going to lock him up where he will be safe." Bobby hasn't been around since.

Teachers Worry About Pay, Overlook Education Levels

Teachers have been so busy improving their salary level in recent years that they have tended to overlook what they can do toward improving standards of education. This view was expressed Saturday by F. D. Sawyer, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Mr. Sawyer was addressing a luncheon at the Royal Edward Hotel, Fort William, held as part of the annual meeting of Superior District No. 13, OSSTF.

PROMOTE LEARNING

The speaker recalled that when the Federation was organized, its principal aims were to promote the cause of education, and to advance the welfare of teachers in salary matters. "Up to that time, we had been pawns in a system whereby salaries were very low," he said. However, through the efforts of the Federation, great progress had been made in raising salary levels, setting up superannuation plans, and securing tenure of position.

"Now, I would like to see us take up the challenge of improving secondary education in Ontario," Mr. Sawyer said.

Nobody was in a better position to do this than the teachers themselves, the speaker pointed out. "We have 6,500 secondary school



London Dock Strike Grows, Industry Hit

LONDON (AP)—London's dock strike spread today to the Mersey river waterfront at Liverpool and Birkenhead, threatening a creeping paralysis of Britain's industrial life.

Agitation spread among dock workers in Southampton to tie up that port of the great transatlantic passenger liners. The 83,000-ton liner Queen Elizabeth, inbound from New York, increased her speed so she could berth two hours instead of an hour before the Southampton dockers were due to mass for a special meeting.

Temporary dockers began unloading thousands of tons of tomatoes and bananas at Dover. Six ships, diverted there from London, were worked by an emergency labor force.

The disorganization, caused by the dock strike in London is compounded by a wildcat bus strike, now in its sixth day, in defiance of union leaders.

With the Mersey dockers out, fewer than 31,000 of 75,000 dock workers in Britain are left to handle vital export cargoes and food imports.

TRAILER

This is an aerial view of flooded trailer village bridge, a Humber Valley the path of the full furricane Hazel. Trailers

Five In Nipigon

News-Chronicle Correspondent NIPIGON —A rash of accidents broke out in the area over the week-end crashes being reported by Ontario Provincial Police office. Property damage was and several persons were

Saturday night at 7.30 collided on Highway 17 west of Nipigon resulting to three persons. A car Allan Hannula of Nipigon veering west when it collided with a car driver Simms of Port Arthur, amounted to \$800 for the car and \$1,000 for the other

Taken to Nipigon Memorial as a result of the in Rosalie Dampier, 16, Nipigon cuts on the scalp and right eye; Patricia Hageron, injured knee; and 1 Ross, 168 Summit Ave., Thur., bruised chest and pelvic fracture.

The crash was investigated by Const. Roy George

At 6.50 Saturday night met on Highway 17 west of Nipigon. A car Weikko Jokamaki of Nipigon travelling east and sustained damage. A car driver Porvey of Red Rock was to the extent of \$300. There were no injuries.

At 1.30 Sunday morning and car crashed on Highway 14 miles west of Nipigon

LAST - MINUTE

Report Bodies

OTTAWA (CP) — a report that a nuclear reactor at the RCAF headquarters

Working Round

TORONTO (CP) — said today bridge around the clock to Hazel.

Give \$250,000

TORONTO (CP) — day that the Atkin \$250,000 to the central Ontario.

Busmen Urged

LONDON (REUTERS) — don's 44,000 strikers to work Wednesday

CLOSE TO 100

Close to 100 teachers attended the luncheon. Grace was said by Rev. Gron Morgan, and the toast to the Queen was proposed by Miss E. Stevenson.

Vocal duets were presented by Diane Aubry and Christina Young, both of Port Arthur, and piano selections by Don Hassard, Fort William.

Two minutes silence was observed in memory of H. G. Henley, of Marathon, and Ralph James, of Kenora. Tributes were paid to Mr. Hanley and Mr. James by L. A. Spencer, Port Arthur, and Alice Batho, Kenora.

The guest speaker was introduced by R. W. Loffree, Chairman of the luncheon meeting was W. B. Book, president of District 13.