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FIFTEEN CASES AT TOWN POLICE COURT

Charges, However, Not as Serious
Generally as Sometimes.

For the past few months every day here at Police Court has been a busy day for Magistrate Atkinson, and Thursday last was no exception to this rule. As the majority of those charged, however, pleaded guilty on Thursday, and as only one or two of the cases were what may be classed as serious cases, court was practically over by noon.

In the case of the boys charged with stealing wood from a lot owned by Mr. J. P. Bartleman, Magistrate Atkinson adjourned the cases "until called on," which is equivalent in effect to letting them drop. The cases against some smaller lads had been already dismissed. The men concerned with the "theft of shrub or underbrush," were found guilty but allowed to go on suspended sentence. The Magistrate suggested to Solicitor J. E. Cook, who had appeared for all the defendants, that he advise them in future not to trespass on other people's property or to touch other people's wood. "A very wise judgment, Judge," said Mr. Cook.

Mr. N. Perrin pleaded not guilty to having stolen property in his possession. He explained that the article in question—a rifle—had been bought by him from a young fellow who was in a dead broke condition. He knew the fellow, but did not know his name. He had paid \$1.00 for the rifle. E. A. LaSalle, second-hand dealer, gave evidence showing that he had only offered \$1.50 for the rifle, as it was old and used. Mr. Flynn identified the rifle as one that had been stolen from his house some weeks ago. The Magistrate warned the accused "to be more careful in buying goods in future, and then dismissed the case. The rifle was ordered handed over to its owner, Mr. Flynn. "I would sooner have the thieves punished," said Mr. Flynn.

Arthur Staddo, L. White and J. Deschambeaux were charged by Constable Greer with being intoxicated and doing wilful damage in one of the restaurants recently. The last named accused escaped with \$19.60 fine and costs, while each of the other two paid \$20.60.

Sam Grusha, charged by W. R. Lowrey and G. Capra with obtaining credit under false pretences, was acquitted. Grusha was apparently or perhaps one of three partners concerned in the running of a boarding house. Goods were obtained from the two firms named on what afterwards appeared to be false representations. Grusha was so innocent and polite, that it was no wonder the Magistrate suggested a "Civil" action instead of a criminal one for the recovery of the price of the goods obtained.

A. Biscornet, who last week pleaded guilty to selling gold ore illegally, was allowed to go on payment of a \$200 fine. Many creditable things about the young man's character and circumstances no doubt influenced the finding which met the ends of justice in view of all the facts brought to light.

Henry Lundstrom, arrested by Constable Greer for being intoxicated and doing wilful damage at Fat's Cafe, was fined \$20 and costs and ordered to pay the damages. As a consequence it cost a full total of \$46.70.

Geo. Hotsen, an Austrian arrested by Constable Greer, was fined \$20 and costs for being drunk on the street.

Provincial Officer Ackroyd charged W. Fawcett with being drunk. The fine was \$20 and costs.

Constant Gregore was remanded one more week in order to get his papers to prove that he is not an alien enemy.

P. Barrado, arrested by Constable Greer, was charged with being drunk, and fined \$10 and costs. Constable Melnis had similar charges against S. Valentino and G. Riva, and each of the two were fined \$10 and costs. Barrado, Valentino and Riva were the three men connected with the attack upon James Ferra a couple of weeks ago. Other charges arising out of the assault were dropped at South Porcupine.

The many friends of Mr. Morley, of Moneta, will be pleased to learn that he is making excellent progress towards recovery in a Toronto hospital, and will suffer no worse consequences than a slightly disabled foot. He cut his foot badly across the instep with an axe several weeks ago, and lost a great deal of blood before he reached and secured medical aid. Later blood-poisoning developed and he was hurried to Toronto for special hospital treatment. There his condition first became very critical and Mrs. Morley went to the city in the fear that he was about to succumb. He has been able, however, under expert medical treatment, to get rid of the poisoning and is now well on the way to recovery.

MINING MAY BE BIG HELP TO COUNTRY

In Assisting in Meeting the Heavy
Debt Charges After the War.

At the Canadian Mining Institute at Montreal last week, Dr. A. W. G. Wilson, of the Department of Mines, Ottawa, argued very forcibly and ably for greater attention to the mining industry at the present time. He showed that the prosperity of the country could be much increased through the development of the mines, so that the heavy interest charges on the national debt could be met to some extent through the increase in this line of the country's industry. He said much more capital was required for proper development of the mines of Canada, while an expert consideration of the requirements of foreign markets was essential. Dr. Wilson also dwelt on Canada's dependence upon outside sources for much necessary raw and partly finished material. He said that if the United States coal supply were to be withdrawn, the eastern Canadian coal fields could not be sufficiently developed to take the place of the U.S. supply before three years. He also suggested consideration of a measure of control over the establishments of basic war industries by the Government. At present the control in a number of cases was in foreign hands. Another thought expressed by Dr. Wilson related to the fact that the public should be better protected from fraud in mining schemes of one kind and another.

HARTLEY DEWART, M.P.P. PLAYS A LONE HAND.

Last week Hartley Dewart, member for Southwest Toronto, was the only man in the Legislature that opposed the bill to extend the life of the Provincial Parliament until the end of the war, and so avoid the turmoil and disadvantage of an election in wartime. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Proudfoot, rebuked Mr. Dewart for some of his unfounded statements, and explained that the Opposition had made the suggestion to the Premier that the Legislature's time be extended, and in caucus the party had all been in agreement, even Mr. Dewart not objecting. All understand the loss of time and good spirit through an election contest. The ladies had made particular objection to an election, pointing out that the Dominion election had seriously interfered with patriotic work. As the women would vote in a Provincial election, the trouble be more marked than before. The Legislature decided, with Dewart's one dissenting voice, to have no election while the war lasts.

PEOPLE'S RAILWAY COSTS LESS THAN \$70,000 A YEAR.

When the vote of \$636,711 for the T. & N.O. was before the Legislature at Toronto last week, Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, gave some interesting figures. He said that last year the road had done better than ever before. The net earnings were \$556,000. Since the road was constructed, the Government had \$21,000,000 invested in the T. & N.O. on capital account, and interest charges since 1905 had amounted to \$7,941,520. "From the T. & N.O. Commission during that period we have received \$6,964,000," said Hon. Mr. McGarry, "including operating revenue of \$4,838,245 and a Dominion subsidy of \$2,126,000. That leaves a net charge to the Province in thirteen years of operation of \$976,000, or an annual charge upon the Province of only \$69,000." The Provincial Treasurer stated that expenditure on capital account was practically at an end. He anticipated that when the war was over and settlers began to pour into the north country the T. & N.O. would be a big money maker.

IS THERE TO BE ANOTHER BIG GOLD CAMP IN POWELL?

Mr. Frank C. Loring, M.E., has recently spoken in very promising way about the prospective new gold camp in Powell Township, about 30 miles north of Elk Lake, on the Montreal River. If the surface indications hold out at depth, this new camp will be a hummer. Among those who have taken interest in claims in Powell are:—the president of the Utah Mining Co., and others, who have taken an option on the Otisse property, at the reported price of \$1,250,000, with a large cash payment; M. J. O'Brien, the Cobalt and Renfrew magnate; the Nipissing of Cobalt; the Mining Corporation; the Kerr Lake Mine; and Messrs. F. C. and H. H. Sutherland, the mining brokers, of Toronto. The Nipissing, according to reports has an option on nine claims in Powell Township, the price for these claims running up to \$100,000.

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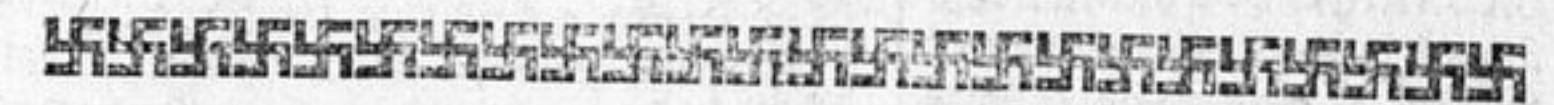
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