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## Committed for Trial on Charge of Gold Theft

Joseph Wilfred Boileau Elects Trial by Judge and Jury at Preliminary Hearing Here. \$500 Fine for D. Tremblay on Still Charge. Another "Silent" Court Case. Other Cases at Court Tuesday.

Joseph Wilfred Boileau will face trial at Cochrane next June before judge and jury on a charge of the theft of \$1000 worth of concentrates from the Hollinger mill, he elected in Tuesday's police court before Magistrate Atkins.

He pleaded not guilty, but the magistrate decided that the prosecution had presented enough evidence to warrant placing him on trial. He is out on \$2000 cash bail, posted by Phil Laverdiere.

Boileau was found by Chief Hitch of the Hollinger to have nine little bags of concentrates wrapped in little cloth bags concealed on his person after he had punched his card on the way off shift on December 4th. The total value of the concentrate was found by W. R. Dodge, assayer, to be \$357.00.

### Produces Nine Bags

He had seen the accused coming off shift on the day in question, Chief Hitch said in the witness box in reply to questions asked by Crown Attorney S. A. Caldbeck. Boileau had stepped out of the gatehouse and the chief had asked him to come into his office, which adjoins the gatehouse. "I told him I was going to search him and that he was to lay everything in his pockets on the table. He threw out a few personal things. Is that all you got?" I asked him. He hesitated then reached inside his shirt, took out a little cloth bag and dropped it on the table and said, "I got some stuff." I said "If you've got any more you'd better produce it. I'm going to search you to the skin." Then he produced eight other similar bags.

"Did you know at the time what it was?" asked Mr. Caldbeck.

### "He'd Take the Rap"

I knew it was gold concentrate," The chief had telephoned Mr. Hogarth, secretary of Hollinger Consolidated, and Mr. Wohlrab, assistant manager. He cautioned the man that anything he said might be taken down in writing and used against him. "He'd take the rap, he told me," the chief said. "He'd got it himself under the mills."

The town police had then been told of the charge that was to be laid and Boileau was locked up. The concentrate had been taken to Mr. Dodge for assay, and in the presence of the chief, the bags had been sealed, initialed and placed in the Hollinger safe.

Under cross examination by Dean Kester, attorney for Boileau, the chief said he was in uniform at the time. A sketch of the gatehouse, the chief's office and the surroundings was produced and after some alterations, filed. The interior arrangement of the gatehouse with its eight clocks for punching time cards, four of them for men coming in and four for men going out, was described in detail. The police officer had been standing between the two exit doors when he saw Boileau coming down from the mill.

### "I Got It Myself"

The chief explained that there was an agreement at the mine made some time ago when it was supposed by many that men were being fired without due cause, that no one would ever be fired on someone else's say-so. "From that has arisen the custom that we satisfy ourselves beyond any reasonable doubt that no injustice is being done."

On being further questioned about the conversation between himself and Boileau, the chief asked: "I asked him, 'Where'd you get this stuff from?' and he said 'I got it under the mills.' I said 'I tell you, Boileau, I don't think you got it yourself.' 'Yes I did, I got it myself,' he said."

Boileau insisted that there was no one else in with him. "He said he'd take the rap himself," the chief told the court.

**Can Tell by Looking at It**

Mr. Dodge, who assayed the samples, was placed on the witness stand.

Producing the sealed bags containing the stuff found on Boileau, Mr. Caldbeck asked: "Can you tell by looking at it what this stuff is?"

"Yes."

"What is it?"

"High-grade mill concentrates."

The weight of each bundle was just over half a pound and the value per pound of the stuff varied from \$39 up. The total weight of the contents of the nine bags was 5,798 pounds having a total value of \$357.

**Found on Floor**

Under cross examination by Mr. Kester, the assayer was asked:

"Where's that kind of stuff secured?"

"In the traps and drains, elevators, on the floor where the flow might be washed up. It gathers in the rough spots in the concrete," he replied.

"You mean the floor that they walk on in the mill?"

"Yes, on the floor under the mills." Continuing in his description, Mr. Dodge said: "When the floor is washed down the concentrates run to elevators which carry them up to the classifiers above. The concentrates may collect around the boots of these elevators. These are the principal places where these high-grade concentrates may be found."

For having a case of beer in his pos-

"Are there any other places in mill?"  
"I don't think so."

### Employed There 20 Months

Walter Greaves, foreman at the Hollinger mill, knew Boileau, he said, since the man had worked there for about 20 months. "He worked in the filters—the solution end," he told the court. The place was divided roughly into two parts, he said, the grinding end and the solution end. Boileau had been a repair helper.

"Had he anything to do with picking up concentrates?" asked Mr. Caldbeck.

"He should have had."

"When these concentrates get out of the mill how do they clean them up?"

"They are sluiced down to a sump," said Mr. Greaves, "then taken up by the elevators into a bowl classifier and passed into the circuit again."

"How many men work in the mill?" asked Mr. Kester.

"There are 40 or 50 men to a shift."

"Boileau's job had nothing to do with the solutions?"

"No."

"He just carried machinery from one place to another?"

"Yes. On the solution end only. There are two repair sections, one for solutions and the other for grinding."

Boileau through his counsel, replied that he had nothing to say when the magistrate asked the usual question at the close of the hearing.

Mr. Kester asked that the bail be reduced since the value of the concentrates had been found to be much smaller than at first suspected. Mr. Caldbeck refused to recommend the reduction and the magistrate fixed it again at \$2000.

### \$500 Fine for Still

David Tremblay had been given the option of paying a \$500 fine or going to jail for three months on an illicit liquor charge under the Excise Act. Constable Smith, R.C.M.P., told the court that Tremblay had been found in possession of a still having a capacity of about 20 gallons. He had destroyed 40 gallons of mash and seized a gallon of alcohol. Tremblay had been fined \$100 and costs a year and three months before, he admitted. The maximum fine for a second offence under the Excise Act is \$2000.

### Silent Court Again

Another silent court, the second in Timmins within the year, was held when a 19-year-old deaf and dumb youth was charged with stealing an electric razor from a local drug store.

The questioning of the accused by the magistrate and the answering by the boy was carried on by means of writing.

After showing him the charge, the magistrate wrote out the "option," the formality that gives the accused the opportunity of being tried in police court or in a higher court. Then he wrote: "How do you elect to be tried?"

The boy puzzled over that for some time, then wrote: "I stole the lotion shaving and electric razor. I do not understand."

When the thing had been made clear to him, he signified his desire to be tried in police court by circling the words "by me," that the magistrate had written. To the question "Do you plead guilty or not guilty?" the accused did not answer, indicating that he did not understand. "Did you steal the razor or not?" was the next question. "I did," was the answer.

### Given Another Chance

He had never been in trouble before, his mother told the court. He had just started the stealing a little while before. "It's hard for him to understand," she said. The magistrate again took up the pen and wrote: "Will you ever do anything like this again if I give you a chance?" to which the accused replied, "To the scene of an accident.

Two citizens were fined \$10 and costs for creating a disturbance on the streets.

Five charges involving cheques, laid against C. A. Charrette, were adjourned until December 27th, when court will begin at ten o'clock in the morning. The hearing will be peremptory, counsel for Charrette was told.

A single wage case was dropped by the complainant.

## Over Five Hundred Tons of Snow Moved

Streets of Town Given Their First "Chipping" This Week. Large Amount of Ice and Snow Removed.

Timmins streets got their first chipping of the season during the past few days when a brigade of 30 to 40 men attacked them with picks, adzes and shovels, levelling out the ruts, taking dangerous hummocks from the hard-packed snow roads and generally cleaning up the streets.

Four town trucks were employed on the job and they have removed somewhere between five hundred and one thousand tons of hard packed snow and ice. The men are all relief workers who have been employed by the corporation to work out their relief orders.

That he had obtained in an illegal manner, Jacques Descheneau was given the option of paying a \$100 fine or spending three months in jail.

A charge against William Wrobel of "keeping for sale" was dropped.

Five first offence drunks paid \$10 and costs and Glen Williams, second offender, paid \$50 and costs.

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## Oddfellows' Christmas Cheer Social Fine Success

The Christmas cheer social at the Oddfellows hall on Tuesday night was, as usual, a fine success. There was a good attendance and a fine musical programme, as well as dancing and refreshments. The social began at 8:30 and continued until about midnight. The funds raised through the activity go to make Christmas brighter in a good many Timmins and district homes.

The numbers given during the evening by the children of members of the lodge were particularly fine.

## Good Progress Being Made on the Bidgood Kirkland

Week-end advices from the property of Bidgood Kirkland Gold Mines, Ltd., in the eastern section of the Kirkland Lake camp, are to the effect that the 515 crosscut on the 500-foot level intersected the 520 vein. Slashing was done and drifting on the vein is now being proceeded with.

O. L. Knutson, mine manager, states that the east wall of 515 crosscut at the point of intersection returned the following assays:—24"—\$9.15; 24"—\$3.50; 24"—\$3.90; 24"—\$11.90; 24"—\$54.60; 24"—\$16.60, a six-foot section averaging \$27.50; 24"—\$3.90; 36"—\$4.60; or an over all average of \$12.90 over a width of 17 feet.

In reference to mill operations it is stated that millheads are gradually improving and the mill is operating satisfactorily, treating 70 tons of ore daily. Development work on the 500-foot level is now encountering better widths and values than previously intersected, with the result that ore reserves are being steadily increased and there is now an appreciable tonnage of good grade ore ahead of the mill.

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## Do Your Christmas Shopping Early Now

Stores Open Evenings Until Christmas, but the Sooner You Shop the Better for All.

Most Timmins stores remained open last evening until ten o'clock to allow Christmas shoppers ample time to choose from the wide selection of gifts with which they are stocked. They will remain open every night until Christmas.

Although it is expected that a large number of people will take advantage of the evening shopping hours during the balance of the week, there are many who have deferred their shopping until Monday and Tuesday evenings, since Monday is pay day at all the mines. Those who can are advised to get all their shopping done before Saturday in order to relieve the staffs of the shops as much as possible.

## Cornish Social Club to Hold Christmas Tree, Dec. 21

The annual Christmas tree of the Cornish Social Club — always a big hit at this season of the year — will be held in the Hollinger Recreation Hall, Dec. 21st, Saturday of this week, beginning at 6 p.m. sharp. Members are asked to bring refreshments. Youngsters and adults alike are sure of a big and happy time at the Christmas tree event. In addition to the presents and the wonderful things to eat, there is always a pleasing programme of musical and literary and other numbers.

Winnipeg Tribune.—There were many careless drivers in the old days, but not as many accidents. The horses had some sense.

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## Boys of Upper Canada College Tour the North

Count Nicholas Ignatief in Charge of Party of Thirty Lads on Tour of Inspection of Mining and Papermaking Industries of the North Country.

thirty boys of Upper Canada College,

accompanied by one of their masters, Count Nicholas Ignatief, arrived in Timmins last night on Train 47 by special car. While touring the North, they will get intimate views of the two great industries—papermaking and gold mining.

This morning the large party was split into two groups of fifteen each. One party was the guest of the Hollinger mine while the other was received by McIntyre officials. During the morning the boys were shown through the underground workings of the two great Porcupine mines; in the afternoon they inspected the mills and surface arrangements.

This evening the students of the Toronto prep school are to be the guests of the Timmins High and Vocational School. To-morrow they leave on the morning train for Iroquois Falls where the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company will show them operations in the making of paper from the bush to the final roll at the mill. The boys will arrive

back in Toronto for the weekend.

Count Ignatief is well known in the Porcupine. Just a few weeks ago he was a welcome speaker at the local United Church when he went very thoroughly into the European situation and from his deep study of international affairs brought a new understanding to those who heard him. Years ago, when he first arrived in Canada, he came North, found work as a mucker at the "big Dome mine," later shifted to Vipond, and after many years of struggle in which he gained a wide knowledge of the North and its peculiar problems, attained his present position.

The Porcupine may well be proud of having given Count Ignatief the good impression of Canada he received when he first came and which he has continued to have in the years he has been here. His efforts in arranging their tour through which more young Canadians will learn something of the vast country of the Laurentians is highly commended by all who have the interests of the North at heart.

## Both Hollinger and McIntyre Pay on 23rd

Report that One of Them Would Pay on Friday Not Correct. Two Double Pays This Month.

Neither the Hollinger nor the McIntyre will pay until Monday. The Advance was told yesterday on a check up of a rumour that gained currency which said that one of the big mines would have their Christmas pay tomorrow. A story published in The Advance early in December on the two double pays at all Porcupine mines on the 10th and 23rd during the month was printed only after officials had been interviewed.

The Christmas pay this year leaves only two days for shopping, Monday and Tuesday.

## Port Arthur Officer Shot While Attempting Arrest

Constable James Wilson, of the Port Arthur police force, was shot in the abdomen and critically wounded while attempting to make an arrest this week. The trouble seems to be that it was too well conducted to suit the rowdy element. The trouble broke out when the hotel doors were closed at 11 p.m. The next day the gang again took possession of the beverage room. Windows were smashed by flying missiles, but no one was injured. There were no less than 70 glasses smashed, while 15 tables and a number of chairs were broken up. The provincial police have investigated the affair and a report has been sent by them to Toronto.

Habeas Corpus Writ Fails to Secure Man's Release

Last week effort was made to secure the release of Harry Thachuk, Sudbury, an employee of the International Nickel Co., who had been taken in charge for the Rouyn police who wanted him in connection with a charge of being a party to an unlawful assembly in connection with the May Day trouble at Rou