

Judgment Reserved in Involved Liquor Case

Charge is of Keeping Liquor in Bottles Not Capped with L. C. A. Caps. Defence Maintains Continuity of Evidence Destroyed by Three Weeks' Interval While Beer in Vault.

A charge of keeping liquor in a package or container not sealed with an official Liquor Control Board seal, against Elwood Ward, of Timmins, almost developed into a test case in police court, on Tuesday. Magistrate Atkinson reserved judgment for a week. He wished to have a week to "think it over," he said.

Sergeant DesRoches said that he and Constable Guolla entered Ward's residence at 139 Waterloo Road at 2:40 p.m. on December 18. In his bedroom they found a quantity of beer and spirits. Included were thirteen bottles of mixed beer, capped with plain caps. The thirteen bottles, although they were plainly capped bore the label of a well-known brewery.

Cross-examined by Ward's counsel, Archie Brown, Constable Guolla admitted that three of the bottles were sent away for analysis three weeks after the seizure was made. During the interim the beer was in the liquor vault at the police station, he said.

Chief Gagnon said that the bottles were sent away after he had been notified of Ward's application to the Liquor Control Board for return of the beer. The analysis indicated that the alcoholic percentages of the bottles were 5.72 for one, 5.19 for another and 5.49 for the third.

Argument for the defence was based on two salient points. It would have to be shown, said Mr. Brown, that the beer in the bottles was that of the brewery indicated by the labels. It would also have to be definitely shown that the accused had put the plain caps on the bottles of brewery made beer. His authority for such contentions were decisions in former similar cases.

Quoting cases to strengthen his contention, Mr. Brown said that the police should have given the accused a sample of the beer so that he could have had an independent analysis made if he wished to do so.

"I remember no instance where a case was quashed because an independent analysis was not made," said the Crown Attorney.

Defence counsel insisted that where such a charge was laid, with its serious penalties, evidence should be more explicit and complete. It should dovetail more perfectly.

"The question is," said Magistrate Atkinson, "is this beer the beer that was seized from Mr. Ward?" He pointed out that the continuity of evidence had been lost when the beer was left in the vault, along with a large quantity of other beer, for three weeks. He considered the point about the independent analysis irrelevant.

Vagrancy Conviction Quashed

Mrs. Augusta Allen who appeared before Magistrate Atkinson some weeks ago and who was warned to mend her ways, was charged with being drunk and also with being a vagrant. On the first charge she was given the alternative of \$50 and costs or one month

in jail. In the second she was sentenced to serve an indefinite term up to six months.

Yesterday morning it was learned that Mrs. Allen had an income of \$20 a month. Hearing that the woman did have "visible means of support," and therefore was not a vagrant, Magistrate Atkinson quashed the vagrancy conviction. Mrs. Allen will serve only the one month for being drunk.

Unemployment Plan of Dominion Govt.

Four-Point Programme Outlined at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—A vast governmental project designed to stimulate private industry through public expenditures, and to employ many thousands of the nation's jobless, was outlined to the House of Commons on Monday by Hon. Norman McLeod Rogers, Federal Minister of Labour.

Coupled with his announcement was a blunt warning to private employers that they must co-operate with the government to take up the slack of unemployment, for otherwise, said Mr. Rogers, there would be a terrific pressure upon the government to undertake burdens which it could not possibly bear.

A change in the Dominion government's system for grants-in-aid to the provinces was also revealed by the Minister, and henceforth the Dominion contributes on a 40-40-20 basis with the provinces and municipalities. The new arrangement will be effective in the next fiscal year.

The Labor Minister did not reveal how many millions of dollars the government would pay out in its unemployment project, but he outlined his proposals in detail.

It is a four-point program, covering many industries, including building and mining, and is designed to penetrate to the small urban areas as well as large industrial centres. Transients and jobless youth are included.

Following is the project: "Our agreement with the provinces for the next fiscal year will be based on the readiness of the Dominion government to adopt the following principles and policies in relation to unemployment and relief:

"The Dominion government is prepared to pay dollar for dollar with provincial governments for material and (direct relief) up to a maximum federal contribution of 40 per cent. in each province. Under the maximum this would mean in general terms a 40-40-20 division of the costs of material aid among the Dominion, the province and the province and the municipality. Under the proposed agreement the Dominion government will provide for a sharing of the cost of aid given to transients on a 50-50 basis with the province.

2—Civic Improvements

"The Dominion government is prepared to offer its co-operation to provincial governments which wish to enable certain of their municipalities to enlarge their normal programs of civic improvements as an alternative to direct relief. To this end the Dominion government under its agreements with the provinces will contribute 50 per cent. of the direct labor costs of such projects as have been submitted by municipalities and approved by the provincial and Dominion governments, it being understood that the provincial government in the case of such approved projects will also contribute 50 per cent. of the direct labor costs, and the municipality will bear the cost of materials and supervision. In approving applications from municipalities for assistance to civic improvements due consideration will be given to (a) the extent of unemployment in the municipality, and (b) the value of the proposed improvement to the community and the relative cost of materials in relation to the total cost of the project.

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ments in the municipality for material aid to the unemployed. This form of assistance to civic improvements will be available to municipal projects which are accepted for another form of federal aid under the Municipal Improvements Assistance Act.

3—Single Unemployed Persons and Transients:

"(A) Youth training. Proposal will be submitted to parliament to increase the usefulness and efficiency of this project by insuring its continuity over the next three years. On the basis of the existing federal appropriations an annual sum of \$3,000,000 is now available through joint contributions for the Dominion-Provincial youth training program.

"(B) Other projects: "As announced in the Speech from the Throne, the assistance given to forest conservation will be extended to other work of national importance in order to provide an opportunity for useful work and national service to single unemployed men. It is intended to develop both Federal and Dominion-Provincial projects in order to extend the employment, and training available to single unemployed men under the forest conservation and farm employment plans now in operation in British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces.

4—Public Works

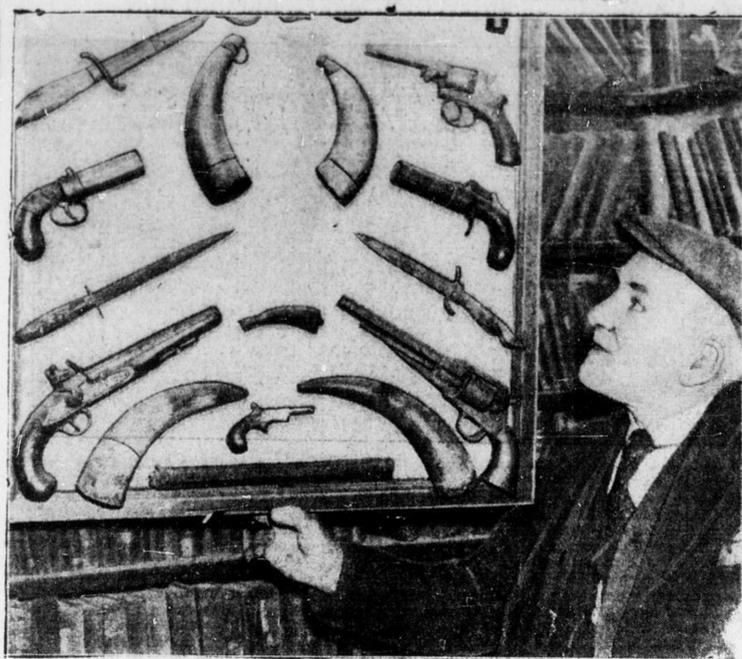
"It is proposed to continue and in some cases to extend the various projects of conservation and development which have been placed before parliament in special supplementary estimates at previous sessions. These projects include aid given to trans-Canada and tourist highways, mining roads, national parks, historic sites, airports, water conservation, rehabilitation of drought areas, elimination of level crossings and harbor developments. Particular of these projects will appear in the supplementary estimates."

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POST OFFICE HOUSES 10,000 RELICS



For 39 years, since he became postmaster of the little crossroads hamlet of Duart in Oxford County, Ont., Robert Currie, 72, (ABOVE), has been collecting old Indian relics, coins, books, pistols and other quaint and curious objects. To-day the little post-office is filled with some 10,000 objects. One of them is the foreleg of a prehistoric mastodon, found near the village 29 years ago. A library of 2,000 fairly old books fill shelves at one side of the 10 by 20 building. In 1935 he received the King George V. Silver Jubilee medal for studying and excavating remnants of Indian villages nearby.

ence, chanting a ringing challenge to the past, for it is against the past that life is always fighting, against the bequeathed prudence of dead men, the legacy of crafty experience called "virtue."

"Sketch in Verse" is one of Burns' poems that is not as well known as many poems by the Scottish author are to-day, and in honour of the anniversary it is quoted in this column:

Sketch in Verse

Inscribed to the Right Hon. C. J. Fox, (by Robert Burns)

How Wisdom and Folly meet, mix, and unke,
How Virtue and Vice blend their black and their white,
How Genius, the illustrious father of fiction,
Confounds rule and law, reconciles contradiction,
I sing, if these mortals, the critics, should bustle,
I care not, not I—let the critics go whistle.

But now for a Patron whose name and whose glory,
At once may illustrate and honour my story.
Thou first of our craters, first of our wits;
Yet whose parts and acquirements seem just lucky hits;
With knowledge so vast, and with judgment so strong,
No man with the half of 'em 'er could go wrong;

With passions so potent, and fancies so bright,
A sorry, poor, misbegot son of the Muses,
For using thy name, offers fifty excuses,
Good Lord, what is Man! for as simple he looks,
Do but try to develop his hooks and his crooks;
With his depths and his shallows, his good and his evil,
All in all he's a problem must puzzle the devil.
On his one ruling passion Sir Pope hugely labours,
That like th' old Hebrew walking-switch, eats up its neighbours:
Mankind are his show-box—a friend, would you know him?
Pull the string, ruling Passion—the picture will show him.
What pity, in rearing so beautiful a system,
One trifling particular, TRUTH, should have miss'd him;
For, spite of his fine theoretic positions,
Mankind is a science defies definitions.

Some sort of all our qualities each to its tribe,
And think human nature they truly describe;
Have you found this, or t'other? There's more in the wind;
As by one drunken fellow his comrades you'll find,
But such is the flaw, or the depth of the plan,
In the make of that wonderful creature called Man,
No two virtues, whatever relation they claim,
Nor even two different shades of the same.

Though like as was ever twin brother to brother,
Possessing the one shall imply you've the other.
But true with abstraction, and true with a Muse
Whose rhymes you'll perhaps, Sir, ne'er deign to peruse:
Will you leave your justings, your jars, and your quarrels,
Contenting with Billy for proud-no-d laurels?
My much-honour'd Patron, believe your poor poet,
Your courage, much more than your prudence, you show it:
In vain with Squire Billy for laurels you struggle;
He'll have them by fair trade, if not, he will smuggle;
Not cabinets even of kings would con-

If You Like Books

(By A. H.)

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GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS

The 106th I.O.D.E. Girl Guides held their weekly meeting in St. Matthew's Church hall at seven p.m.

The patrol marks were read and inspection taken by Lieut. Johnson. Horseshoe was formed and the flag raised by Ruth Hansen, assisted by Betty Simpson and Margaret Chinn of the Iris patrol. Patrols then went to their corners for badge work.

Mrs. Carson came for our second singing practice. Later Scouter Wheeler came to give a lesson on first aid which will be continued next week. The meeting then closed.

Captain Bailey would like all Guides to come to the meetings in full uniform.

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Pleasing Report of the Dominion Bank

Increases Shown in Commercial Loans and Deposits and the Bank's Business Generally.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of The Dominion Bank was held in Toronto on Wednesday, January 25th. The statement of the bank's affairs presented is outstanding in respect to the increases shown in commercial loans and deposits and the Bank's business generally.

One of the most important features is the increase of \$5,693,542 in current loans and discounts in Canada, which are \$47,119,796 or over 13 per cent. higher than a year ago.

Call loans in Canada and elsewhere were \$7,774,239, lower by \$1,720,702. Letters of credit and acceptance totaling \$2,975,524 at December 31st showed an increase of \$908,829. The bank's circulation, \$5,260,489, decreased \$239,252, provision having been made for the statutory decrease of 5 per cent. effective January 1st.

Holdings of high grade securities, principally Dominion and Provincial Government bonds, aggregated \$55,424,072. This total was \$1,375,330 above the previous year's.

Total deposits, last year \$117,782,320, have grown by \$4,533,917 and now stand at \$122,316,237.

A strong liquid position is maintained. Immediately available assets of \$89,313,872 are 69.48 per cent. of liabilities to the public, and cash assets of \$25,811,061 are 19.79 per cent. of these liabilities.

After provision for Dominion, Provincial taxes higher by \$22,215 and totalling \$259,526, the bank's net earnings are \$960,121. These profits are \$16,717 less than a year ago but not as much as the increase in taxes. Profits have been distributed as follows: \$75-

000 contributed to the Officers' Pension Fund, \$130,000 written off bank premises account, \$703,063 provided for dividends, and \$35,151 carried forward to profit and loss, bringing this account up to \$865,937.

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