

Waives Liquor Count Urges Further Probe

Magistrate Dismisses Controversial Charge Against Elwood Ward With Recommendation. Heavy Fines Imposed in Liquor Infractions. Forger Sent Away for Month.

Suspecting further analysis of seized liquor in order to open up a fresh line of investigation, Magistrate Atkinson acquitted Elwood Ward, of Timmins, in police court on Tuesday. Ward was charged with keeping beer in bottles not sealed with Liquor Control Board caps. The case, which was heard last week, aroused considerable interest in legal and police court circles. At the conclusion of the hearing last week the Magistrate reserved judgment. He remarked that there seemed to be a lack of continuity in evidence presented by the Crown.

Argument by defence counsel, Archie Brown, was based on the fact that Crown evidence did not specifically show that the beer seized at Ward's residence was the beer presented in court. There were other cases of beer bearing the same labels in the liquor vault at the police station, it was maintained, and it might have become mixed. There was a period of three weeks between the time the beer was seized and the hearing of the charge.

On Tuesday Mr. Brown launched into his argument again. He pointed out that there had been five cases of beer bottles bearing the same labels as that which was alleged to have been seized at Ward's place.

Furthermore, he said, under the section of the Act under which the charge was laid, it would have to be shown specifically that Ward put the plain caps on the bottles.

Crown Attorney Goldbick admitted that there had been some confusion as to the analysis of the seized beer, made. There was no confusion however as to whether or not the beer was seized from Ward. He defined this section as meaning that no beer might be kept in the province unless sealed with government seals.

Mr. Brown argued further until Magistrate Atkinson interrupted him with the remark, "If I could get a word in edgewise here I would dismiss this charge."

Admits Forgery
Matthew Kerr pleaded guilty to two charges, one of forging a cheque with the name of John A. Caldwell and the other to being drunk. He was sentenced to thirty days in jail on the first and to an alternative of \$10 and costs or 30 days on the second. Sentences

Sees Employment as Canada's Defence

Supports Proposals for New Roads in North.

While not agreeing with all the promises in the following editorial from The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, the main points will appeal to most thoughtful people. The Northern Tribune says:—

"Mr. J. A. Hubel, M.L.A. for North Cochrane, has confirmed to us the gist of despatches in the papers stating that work is being started at once on a new road route between Cochrane and Smooth Rock Falls, by which the distance between these points will be shortened from 44 road miles to only 30. It follows that Kapuskasing, Hearst and other points west such a marked reduction in motoring mileage to the district seat and points south of it. In conjunction with the pending completion of the high level bridge over the Grundhog river, the shorter road will save time and money for motorists; and they will have more comfort, less annoyances.

"The shortening will be effected by the simple process of building a straight road instead of the present remarkable zig-zag. We never could understand why the road west from Cochrane was permitted to take such a course. The real reason for it was plain enough—politics, votes. By joggling it at concession lines wherever there were settlers, more votes were won for the party in power, although the cost of the road was greatly increased thereby and a positive handicap saddled upon all who lived west of these contortions and required to use the road. This condition has obtained now for over ten years, and it has been a downright detriment to the social and business life of the district.

"Actual construction of the road will not get under way until spring; the winter work will be confined to the preparatory work of cutting and clearing. The new road will strike out of Cochrane northwest, whereas the present road jogs a bit south before turning west. At Smooth Rock Falls it is planned to build a standard size highway bridge over the Mattagami river gorge, replacing the present route over the Abitibi dam and winding through the mill yard, which has never been a satisfactory arrangement.

"While on the subject of highway building, it has again been announced recently that the trans-Canada highway will be built on 'west' from Hearst to White River. According to the announcement, the existing road south from Hearst to near Coppel, about 30

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H. B. Muir, managing director and co-publisher of the Kingston Whig-Standard and for many years prominent in Canadian journalism, who died Jan. 25, in Kingston.

miles, will be part of this great highway. It is the intention to first carry this road down as far as Oba, junction point of the A.C.R. and C.N.R.? This is not clear from what we have thus far read. Oba is developing into an embryonic mining camp of promise, and we think it ought to have the direct road connection with Hearst, not only for the special benefit of that town for the convenience of many Northern mining men. The argument that all mining camps in the North should have the best and easiest road connections with one another is a sound one. As each one develops, there is an increased mutuality of interest with other camps, inducing more motor traffic.

"Perhaps there is still time to convince the two governments of the fallaciousness of the so-called loop road down to White River, allegedly to give this great area its proper access to the main trans-Canada highway. It is a pitiful sort of compromise, and it will not serve us well nor nearly come up to the expectations of the spoofer who has pushed it off on us.

"The Long Lac mining area is expected to get good connections by road with Hearst and points east through the new road as now plotted, but we fail to see how they will. We still contend that the trans-Canada highway should run straight west from Hearst, doing its part to open up a great country that will make a notable contribution in the future to Canada's security and welfare. Let the other road be continued down to Oba, to become in time a part of a sensible direct highway between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst. This would be a true and logical loop road, having many attractions for motoring tourists coming North via the Ferguson highway; or the tourists could just as easily reverse the process, coming up to Hearst, along the trans-Canada to Cochrane, down to North Bay, etc.

"Literally hundreds of thousands of unemployed men, a large proportion of whom are becoming increasingly restive and embittered, could be put to work on such projects as this. Instead of giving consideration to plans for bringing into the country thousands of new immigrants—no matter from what source—it should be the aim of our governments to initiate projects to provide work and incomes, or at least the means of life, for our present large army of unemployed. Faced with an alarmingly uneasy international situation which seems to point to the need for Canada being prepared for armed

aggression on the heels of fascist propaganda from some of our own leaders, the federal government is finding it possible now to raise millions of dollars for new defence measures. Yet ever since the depression came upon us, each succeeding government has categorically refused to try to raise money to dispate unemployment on an effective scale, and has persisted in that ill-ode right up to the present time. Does the government feel very confident that if somebody blows a whistle calling these embittered unemployed men to the colours to fight for Canada should the need arise, they will troop forward with enthusiasm and turn into good soldiers? We doubt it very much. It seems to us that the country best assured of adequate defence by its own citizens is that country where most of the people are engaged in labour to maintain their own economic dependence, and who then, valuing their freedom, are ready to fight for it.

"Two proposals are heard at this time as a palliative of unemployment and with an eye on the international situation; and we believe both of them are unsound. One is to enlist large numbers of young Canadians in a defence force, taking them off bread lines and setting them up physically and giving them a sop of spending money. The other is to construct a series of large labour camps across the country, each one to house about 5,000 men under a semi-military discipline, and to put them to work on national projects. Mr. Bennett tried the latter plan when he was premier, going so far as he could. He met condemnation from the very outset, and his 'slave' camps were of questionable value at any time; and undoubtedly they were condemned by electorate in 1935. Because the scheme of the Canadian Corps Association leaders is larger, it would be worse instead of better than the Bennett scheme. It is open to grave objections on a number of grounds, and being quite different from the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) camps in the United States, could not duplicate the elaborate set-up which intimately concerns itself with the many-sided facets of the depressed workers' welfare. A few malcontents can cause a lot of trouble in a big camp of dissatisfied men; and if officials become panicky and impose repressive measures, a good deal of public sympathy sways toward the men, all of whom find themselves penalized for the actions of a few.

"Canada is greatly increasing her defence expenditures. We again contend that the best defence that Canada could have would be improved communications such as the coast-to-coast highway; also a population not living on the ragged edge of nothing."

Good Idea to Turn in Some of the Unnecessary Pistols

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal)
Now would be a good opportunity to lessen the number of revolvers and pistols in private possession. It is something in which the public might show its common sense and voluntary cooperation for the national good. By so doing it may avoid stricter prohibitory legislation in the future, which nobody wants, least of all the police who have to enforce laws. It is a chance for individuals to show that they appreciate and can practice that self-discipline on which democracy depends.

Let each possessor of one of these 168,389 revolvers and pistols ask himself whether he is really justified in retaining it. Meanwhile let the authorities think over the possibility of magazines for private arms not immediately wanted.

Globe and Mail: Among the metaphors which have become meaningless, apparently, is "as free as the air."

Three Months' Term in Liquor Case

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impounded for a period of three months.

Constable Amelin said that Mr. McGee was trying to park his car in front of the Royal Lunch. He was having difficulty. When he asked him to back the automobile up he had more trouble. He was drunk.

"He was drunk," said Constable Atkinson. The accused smelled strongly of liquor, he said. He first said that he had had one bottle of beer and later admitted having had three inside of half an hour. His hand was unsteady and he had no recollection of time.

Dr. J. E. Leddy said that he examined McGee when he was brought in by police. His breath smelled of liquor, his walking was unsteady and his speech thick. He failed to pass several commonplace tests.

McGee's counsel wanted to introduce evidence to the effect that a Magistrate in another part of the province acquitted a man when his blood showed "twenty-three per cent. alcohol," by test. Magistrate Atkinson would have none of it. It was second hand evidence to begin with, he said, and besides what was the difference if a man's blood was 100 per cent. alcohol or two per cent. so long as he was drunk. He had no faith in such tests.

A witness for the defence was Fred Wee, a Chinese. His principal answer to questions was "Don't know." Another was Mr. Sabin, McGee's employer. He said that he had had three bottles of beer with the accused and when he left him he was sober and in a fit condition to drive a car. He had given the accused man only fifty cents when he left him and knew that that was all the money he had.

Mr. McGee said that he had nothing to drink after leaving Sabin and that he still had the fifty cents on Sunday morning. He admitted that he was not an expert driver and did not like driving but emphatically denied that he was drunk or that he staggered.

The Magistrate ordered that the three days McGee served in jail here while awaiting trial would be counted on his sentence, leaving only seven days to serve.

Canada's Mounting Costs a Challenge to Democracy

Trained in his chosen profession to analyse facts, R. W. Diamond, metallurgist, and assistant general superintendent, Consolidate Mining and Smelting Company, ably demonstrates his analytical skill in his paper on the challenge to democracy in Canada arising from mounting public expenditures, which appears in the January issue of The Bulletin, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Prepared essentially to invite discussion on the subject, the paper lays particular stress on the need for a well-informed electorate. The establishment of an informed populace, in the opinion of the author, is a tremendous, but not a hopeless task. It may be a task calling for nation-wide organization and effort with the use of truth-spreading propaganda on a grand scale, and for a prolonged period. Nevertheless, the education of the people is possible, and must be accomplished if we are to retain democracy. Science and industry, he states, have travelled at such a rapid pace during the past twenty-five years that governmental, social, and economic vision and practice have lagged, with the result that an unbalanced state exists. We are now paying the price for this unbalanced state, and in consequence, Canada's most pressing need today is the re-establishment of equilibrium between these forces. To restore equilibrium, we must first restore that essential element of democracy, a well-informed and interested electorate. If we neglect the responsibilities of democracy we will be forced into accepting some form of dictatorship. We individually, rather than our representatives and our governments, are responsible for the present state of affairs, and it is accordingly the responsibility of each of us to correct it.

Charts showing trends in public revenue; expenditure of the Canadian Government on current account for the past several years; percentage of income taxes to gross income in 1937, with comparative figures for the United States and Great Britain; social service expenditures; and cumulative deficits of the Canadian National Railways are presented.

High taxes, Mr. Diamond believes, will continue with us for many years, and the present problem is not one of tax reduction, so much as one of equitable tax distribution, and of reduction in expenditure. For the immediate future it may be expedient to have unbalanced budgets within reasonable limits provided taxes and expenditures are reduced simultaneously for trade stimulation.

Comparisons are made between methods of applying the various taxes in Canada with those in Great Britain, and the conclusion is reached that taxes in the latter country are for the most part more wisely applied than in Canada, one result being a greater interest on the part of the British people in national affairs.

Edmonton Bulletin: Canadian readers will note there is a Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai; and that it has joined like organizations representing seven other countries there in lodging protests with their governments against the plans to make China a closed area to non-Japanese foreign commerce. Canada is no longer a hermit nation. The war in the far-off Orient is something of direct and practical concern to us.

Promises No More Forty Below Zero This Winter

Rev. A. J. Bruce, of Copper Cliff, who in recent years has achieved considerable fame as a weather forecaster, is quoted now as saying that this winter has already seen the most and the worst of its severe cold weather. "There will be no more forty below zero weather this winter," is a statement credited to Rev. Mr. Bruce in his prophecy that the rest of the present winter would be milder than it has been up to date. "We've had our lowest temperatures, and now milder weather will come, but there will be lots of snow during February," is the way Mr. Bruce is said to have summed up the whole question of the balance of this present season's weather. He added that the first sign of break-up would come in the early part of March, but despite this the winter would be a long-drawn out affair. While setting March 4th or 5th as the date when the thaw would begin, Mr. Bruce added:—"But remember this will not be the end of the winter by any means."

Paper Reviews Treatment of Industrial Minerals

Some modern methods in the milling of industrial (non-metallic) minerals are reviewed by R. K. Carnochan, Engineer, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, in his paper on the subject appearing in the January issue of the Bulletin, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

A very recent development in the grinding of industrial minerals is the use of an "electric ear" to control the feed to the pebble mill. When the pebbles are making very little noise the "ear" cuts down the feed to the mill, and conversely, when they begin to make a lot of noise the feed is increased.

A new method of washing clay has also attained prominence, and is now being used commercially, the two principal features of the system being the use of sodium silicate to disperse the clay, and thus facilitate the separation of sand from it, and the addition of aluminium sulphate to the refined clay to coagulate it before the thickening and pressing.

The use of improved high-intensity magnetic separators for purifying industrial minerals is growing rapidly, and such separators afford apparently the only way in which the iron content of nepheline syenite can be reduced sufficiently to permit use of the minerals in glass making. The magnetic separator is also used widely in the purification of sands and crushed quartz for glass making. Even the reduction of the iron content of minerals is regarded as worthwhile, as the present tendency is to obtain sands lower and lower in iron with the idea of securing clearer glass, which the public, and particularly housewives, are demanded in their milk and fruit containers.

Honoured for 40 Years of Service to Association

Toronto, Jan. 31.—In recognition of his 40 years of service, Mr. C. S. Macdonald, president of the Confederation Life Association, was presented with a life-size portrait of himself after the Association's 67th annual meeting last week at head office in Toronto. Mr. Macdonald, in turn, presented the portrait, painted by Kenneth Forbes, R.C.A., O.S.A., to the Association, and it will hang in the board room along with that of his father, the late J. K. Macdonald, who founded Confederation Life in 1871.

On behalf of the board of directors, R. S. Walde, vice-president, unveiled the painting before an audience of more than 500, including policyholders, staff of head office and Toronto branches, and several managers and field men from points outside Toronto.

In presenting the portrait, which was draped with the Macdonald plaid, Mr. Walde recalled that Mr. Macdonald had served the Association nearly as long as its historic head office and that business in force had grown from only \$28,000,000, in 1898, to more than \$423,000,000 today.

B.C. Young Lady Becomes Romantic Over Aeroplanes

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 31.—It used to be the knight in shining armour. Today it's the airplane pilot in blue gauding his gleaming craft over the distant skyways. Here's a letter received this week in the Vancouver office of the Trans-Canada Air Lines:

"To the Pilot of the plane that goes East at 7 o'clock each night:
Dear Friend: I am writing to tell you I look forward to hearing and seeing your transport plane going east every evening.
When I hear your plane go over, I go out and watch, because I see your red, green and white lights, and watch till they disappear.
Your tail-light is like a moving star disappearing into the night.
I wonder, as you pass, what you carry, and what you think of when you speed into the night.
What do you think when you see the little lights of the country speeding beneath your wings?
And what's 'night-riding the skies' like?
Please, if you don't mind and you've got a little time to spare, send me an answer.
I am 5 feet 3 inches, weigh 116 pounds, have brown hair and eyes, and age 13.
Wishing you 'Happy Landings,' I remain, Grand Pal, Barbara."

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