

Send Paul Labrecque to Judge on Gold Charge

Corporal Holly, Formerly With Hollinger Police, Testifies That He and Other Officers Hid in Bush to Observe Shack. Found Coke Fire, Crucibles and Other Smelting Equipment. Assayer Says Gold Evident in Slag.

Paul Labrecque was committed for trial before a judge and jury after a preliminary hearing in police court yesterday afternoon on a charge of being in possession of high grade gold ore. Principal witness for the Crown was Corporal Charles Holly, who before he enlisted, was Constable Charles Holly, of the Hollinger Police Force. Between the time of the investigation into Labrecque's alleged high grading activities and the preliminary hearing yesterday the police officer joined another and a larger force. Resplendent in the battle dress of the new Canadian army, Corporal Holly took the stand. He said that he and Constable Russell Johnson, of the Provincial Police gold squad, and Chief Kenneth Turnbull, of the Hollinger Police, investigated on September 23 and 24.

First he and Chief Turnbull visited the farm of Salem Despatie in Mountjoy Township, at 9 a.m. on September 23. Before they arrived they saw a car in the locality. They returned and he came back with Constable Johnson, said the witness.

They plunged into the bush and came upon a shack about ten feet square, constructed of logs. Inside they found a stove in which was a coke fire. Nearby were two bags of coke, two hammers, a screen, long handled tongs, some borax in a pail, some coal oil, a basket in which was some slag and a poker that appeared to have been used for stirring flux.

They returned the next morning at 5:45 a.m. and took up positions near the shack. At about 8 a.m. a man accompanied by three large dogs, approached. The dogs detected them and they came from their hiding place to question the man, who turned out to

be Salem Despatie. Despatie said that he had rented the shack to three men. He appeared ignorant of what the men were doing.

In the brush nearby, said Corporal Holly, they found a barrel which contained four crucibles, a large mortar and pestle, a four gallon can of borax and another pail in which there was slag.

While they were there, two men drove up in a car. One man got out but when he saw the police he shouted to his companion who wheeled the car around and drove away.

"The man who was left was Paul Labrecque," the witness said.

Constable Johnson gave corroboratory evidence and added that he sought Labrecque from the time of the investigation until his arrest on December 9.

"There were three men who rented the shack from me for \$10 a month. One was called 'Paul,'" said Salem Despatie on the witness stand. "I later found out his name, Paul Labrecque. He was the one who paid me the rent."

Albert Despatie, 15, son of the former witness testified Paul Labrecque as one of the men he had seen in the vicinity of the shack.

Head Assayer at the Dome Mine, J. Mason, said that he brushed dust from scale pans seized from the accused. The dust proved to be gold. He said that the crucibles were shot with gold; that the hardened slag in one of the crucibles contained gold worth \$3.67 and that the crushed slag in the pail contained gold worth \$63.95.

A mass of exhibits, including all the articles seized by police, was displayed in court. Labrecque said that he had nothing to say before he was committed for trial.

missed; attempted suicide, 1 female charge, 1 withdrawn or dismissed; attempted theft, 2 charged, 2 suspended sentence; begging, 1 charged, 1 fined or imprisoned; breaking and entering and theft in dwelling, 2 charged, 1 fined or imprisoned, 1 dismissed; dangerous driving, 1 charged, 1 dismissed; drunk in charge car, 1 charged, 1 imprisoned; false pretences, 5 charged, 5 fined or imprisoned; possession of gold ore, 2 charged, 2 committed for trial; vagrancy, 5 charged, 5 imprisoned; theft, 4 charged, 3 fined or imprisoned, 1 dismissed; wilful damage, 1 charged, 1 dismissed or withdrawn.

Juvenile Delinquents Act: Theft, 8 charged, 7 suspended sentence, 1 committed to industrial school. Offenses Under Statutes: Breach of H.T.A., 14 charged, 5 fined or imprisoned, 14 withdrawn or dismissed; breach of L.C.A., 6 charged, 4 fined or imprisoned, 2 withdrawn or dismissed; drunks, 13 charged, 13 fined or imprisoned; keep liquor for sale, 8 charged, 6 imprisoned, 3 withdrawn or dismissed; Game and Fisheries Act, 2 charged, 2 fined or imprisoned; Mining Act, 2 charged, 2 dismissed.

Offenses Under By-laws: Traffic by-laws, 2 charged, 2 fined; other by-laws, 2 charged, 2 fined.

During the month of December the two police cars travelled a distance of 4,180 miles, consumed 355 gallons of gasoline and 21 quarts of oil.

December Total number charged, 96; number fined or imprisoned, 54; withdrawn or dismissed, 28; suspended sentence, 14.

Total of fines collected in police court was \$279, less \$118.80 to the Provincial treasurer, leaving a total for the town of \$178.20, to which was added \$28 of general police costs. Total turned over to the town treasurer was \$198.20.

A break-down of the number and type of offenses and their disposition was as follows:

Common assault, 5 charged, 3 fined or imprisoned; assault causing bodily harm, 4 charged, 4 withdrawn or dismissed.

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McINTYRE CURLERS ON THE MARCH



Above is a view of the parade at the opening of the McIntyre Curling rink on Saturday. J. P. Bickell, president of the McIntyre at right and R. J. Ennis general manager, left, lead the parade.

over by Maurice Bucovetsky, store manager, who pointed out that on many of the articles there were price tags and cost markings from Bucovetsky's store. Mrs. Ketko took the stand. She said that she bought the man's suit which was displayed, "a year ago among clothes for the old country." She picked out several items which, she said, she bought at Friedman's store. The Magistrate looked at the articles in question several times and found the store label of "Bucovetsky" on it. He finally said to Mrs. Ketko:

"Oh you're an awful liar. There is not much doubt about it." The male accused said that he bought the suit displayed and another one, which, until that time police had in their possession but was unidentified. He said that he bought both of them as presents for his brother in the old country. That he said, was why the cuffs on the trousers were not turned.

Ketko said that he made between \$150 and \$175 a month by his job at the mine. He kept his wife and two children on between \$35 and \$40 a month.

Summing up, Magistrate Atkinson dismissed the charges against Paul Ketko. He said that while the man may have had knowledge that the goods were stolen there was no direct evidence to prove such a contention. Furthermore, he pointed out, the goods would all be returned.

Counsel for the defence asked that the woman be put on suspended sentence inasmuch as this was her first offense and she was a married woman with two children. However, the Crown demurred. "The extent of her operations" made suspended sentence out of the question, said Crown Attorney Caldwell.

Stop Juvenile Street Curb Youthful Crime Trading in Effort to

(Continued from Page One) jewellery stores in Timmins remained open during the week of December 11. "There was one more night left for stores to be open," said Chief Gagnon. "The jewellers said 'Why should we close when the drug stores remain open and sell watches, radios and a complete line of jewellery.' I did not bargain with the jewellers. I just did not say anything when they stayed open."

That town by-law was passed before drug shops set up "department stores," Magistrate Atkinson thought. In any event he believed the issue to be dead now. It was a matter for the new Council and the merchants themselves, to decide, not the police.

The Clerk, P. H. Murphy, pointed out that the by-law was such that it could be repealed only by petition from the merchants.

"If it takes a petition to change this by-law another year I will enforce it strictly and close everybody up and then the petition will be forthcoming," said the Chief.

Chief of Police Gagnon had two ac-

United Church, Timmins Cedar Street and Fourth Avenue Minister Rev. W. M. Mustard, M.A., B.D. Associate Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, B.A. 10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship Communion Service conducted by Mr. Mustard. 12:15 p.m.—Sunday School for 12 and over. 2:30 p.m.—Sunday School for under 12 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship The Sacrament will follow the service. 8:15 p.m.—Friendship Hour for Strangers. On Friday at 7:30 p.m. the Preparatory Service. A Sincere Welcome for All

Christian Science Society Oddfellows' Hall, Spruce Street North SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1940 Subject—"GOD" The Golden Text—"Ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else." (Joel 2:27). Sunday Service—11 a.m. Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Meeting—8:00 p.m.

Building Nears \$100,000 Mark Here in Three Months

Summary of Building For Month December Shows Value Down to \$2,035.

Summary of building for the month of December, released yesterday by the Works Department at the town hall indicates that permits were released for building worth approximately \$2,035.

This amount is low compared with that of other months but that is to be expected in the final month of the year when, because of winter, building operations are at their ebb.

New buildings evaluated at \$400 were erected in the business section and additions and alterations amounting to \$925.

There were no new buildings constructed in the residential section and additions and alterations valued at approximately \$950. Garage and shed construction amounted to only \$60.

A summary of building from October 1 to December 31 shows that building during those three months amounted to \$93,130.

Two permits were granted for new buildings in the business section. Their value was given at \$21,100. Additions and alterations to buildings in the business section amounted to \$13,475.

Permits were granted for a total of 19 new buildings in the residential section of the town. Construction there for new buildings was expected to amount to \$43,925. Additions and al-

Men From Timmins Who Have Enlisted in the Canadian Service Forces

Royal Canadian Engineers has Fifty-nine from Timmins. Seven in the Royal Canadian Force. Five in Toronto Scottish. Others Scattered in Various Branches of the Service.

Below will be found as complete a list as it has been possible to secure of Timmins men who have enlisted in the Canadian Army Service Force. This is the list used by the town in sending Christmas greetings and cigarettes to the boys on service. It is known to be incomplete, despite the most careful checking and enquiry. For example it is known that George Cooper was one of the very first to enlist from Timmins yet his name has not appeared in any of the lists secured. It is left here almost as soon as war had been declared.

Anyone knowing of other enlistments will confer a favour by forwarding the names and any other particulars to The Advance.

Here is the list as at present:— Royal Canadian Engineers Royal Canadian Engineers, 2nd Field Company, Fort York Armouries of Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Ontario. Armstrong, Allan. Brazeau, Leo. Corrigan, Keith; Carrol, Patrick J.; Charbonne, P. Day, J. H.; Duncan, W.G.; Dunsmore, Alex; Daley, Tom. Espeletor, Miguel; Ethier, Ernest. Forsyth, John. Guise, Wm.; Graystone, S.; Girardet, Chas.; Gauthier, M.; Gibbs, A. Hancock, S. Kellow, C.; Kennedy, Larry P.; Keon, Hugh. Lang, Mel; Landry, Acysius. McKinnon, L. A.; McIsaac, Archie; MacDonald, Duncan; McNeill, James; Morr, Jack; Malo, Jerry; Murphy, Geo.; Merchoff, John; Murphy, Monty; Mathews, Melvin; Munro, Ian J.; McNulty, Courtney; Murphy, John. Norkum, Stan. Prestley, Wm. Robinson, Francis E. Saxby, Gavin; Seaward, Chas.; Spence, A.; Stinson, John A.; Swartz, Ralph. Tallon, Ernest B. Woodman, W. Young, J. J. Royal Canadian Engineers, 12th Field

Company, Toronto, Ontario. Duffy, A. Gibbons, M.; Gilmour, C. A.; Graham, Wm. Holley, Chas. Johnson, Burnett. Lirdsay, Ernie; Livingston, D. M. Chesney, Donald; McDade, Jas.; McWhinney, A. St. Cyr, Frank. Royal Canadian Air Force Mark Banning—17 Charlote St. Crediton, Devon, England. H. A. Charbonneau—R.C.A.F., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Geo. W. Dalgarne—10391 AC 2, Manning Pool, Toronto, Ontario. Gordon Gauthier—Flying Officer Gordon Chas. Gauthier, Communication Squadron, Royal Air Force Components, Headquarters, Army Post Office, France. Gordon O'Toole—Trenton. Jack Rickard—53996, Squadron 2, Flight B. Manning Pool, Toronto, Ontario. J. A. Stevenson—Royal Can. Air Force, No. 11 (BR) Squadron, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Toronto Scottish M. E. Bell—Toronto. A. Chisholm—Toronto Scottish—Gun Battery Division. Wm. Harris—Toronto Scottish—Gun Battery Division. John Melville—Toronto. R. J. Stephens—C 76050 Fort York Armouries, Toronto, Base Post Office.

Others Hugh Bannerman—Black Watch, Highland Regiment, Montreal. Corp. Wm. Colborne—Fleet St. Armouries, Royal Regiment. Owen Johnson—Machine Gun Corps, Toronto, Gov.-Gen. Bodyguards. Frank Peetzel—Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto. Lance Corp. Geo. Luff—C 3590 E. Section, 2nd Company, R.C.C.S., Military P.O. 302, Kingston, Ontario. Lieut. S. M. Smith—R.C.E. Halifax. Joseph A. Dizley—57 Silver St. Cobalt, Ontario, Box 504. Lieut. H. T. Airey—Montreal R. C. Regiment. Norman Laventure—Montreal R. C. Regiment. John A. Neame—R.C. Regiment Box 84, Timmins, Ontario. Serg. W. Penington, Corp. A. Godin, Priv. B. Beaudin, Priv. B. Cutcher—Algonquin Armouries, Timmins, Ontario.

Alterations to buildings in the same section of the town accounted for 34 permits and an estimated total of \$12,445. Thirty-five permits were granted for new sheds and garages for a total of \$2,140 and one for additions and alterations to sheds and garages. Total for the last permit was \$45.

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