

# Timmins Trio are Sent on to Higher Court After a Preliminary Hearing Here

**Nellie Rich, Phillip Toutaint and Marguerite Segouin Will Appear Before Judge and Jury on Charge of Theft Laid by Provincial Police. Did Not Present Defence at Trial Here.**

Three Timmins people who were accused by the Timmins detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were sent up for trial by higher court when they elected to have a preliminary hearing here on Wednesday morning. The crown's evidence was heard but the defence was reserved for the trial. The three persons, Nellie Rich, Phillip Toutaint and Marguerite Segouin, were accused of stealing \$400 from Marie Larche in a restaurant in Mountjoy Township on May 16th.

The case had been remanded for weeks after one of the witnesses had left town but the witness was located in Niagara Falls last week and arrived in Timmins for the preliminary trial on Wednesday morning. The case had been made peremptory for this week and if the important witness had not arrived the charges would have been dropped.

Mrs. Marie Larche, the victim of the robbery, was the first witness called by the crown and she said that on the night of May 16th she had gone to a restaurant across the Mattagami river bridge. Accompanying her were another girl and a man. When she went to this restaurant she had \$665 on her made up of \$400 in a small purse, \$265 in another small purse and \$8 in small bills and change that was loose in a big purse. The eight dollars was being used for spending money and expenses that were incurred during the night. The zipper on the larger purse that they were carried in was broken, the witness said.

The witness testified that she had stayed at this place for about three hours and then had left to have lunch about one o'clock. She had later told her girl-friend that she was going to her home to put her money away and that after that she would go and sleep with her. She asked her girl-friend to go with her. When she arrived at her home she discovered that the purse that contained the four hundred dollars was missing and she told her girl-friend that she had lost some money. She then went back to the restaurant to see if she could find her purse.

When she arrived at the restaurant she was told by a woman there that another woman had picked up a small purse and had left in a Diamond Taxi with the driver and another girl. Mrs. Larche said that she immediately got

Teck Township Police, had gone out on the highway to look for a car from Timmins after receiving instructions from the provincial police here. They had been supplied with a description of the car by Constable Stromberg of the Timmins detachment and had been told why the car was wanted.

The car was stopped by them about six miles south of Kirkland Lake and the occupants were questioned. They were first told that a sum of money amounting to \$400 had been stolen in Timmins and that they were accused of the theft. They were then asked how much money they had on them.

Nellie Rich produced a small purse containing a hundred dollars and she had another eight dollars that was in the bigger purse loose. Marguerite Segouin had \$154 on her and Toutaint, the driver, had another \$75. This money was all taken from them and placed in separate envelopes and on the outside of the envelopes was written the number of each denomination of bills that was contained in the envelopes. These envelopes were all handed in as evidence.

The coroner then questioned them as to where they were going and Miss Rich said they were going to Montreal. She explained that it was her birthday and that she was going to Montreal to visit her boy-friend.

At the conclusion of Corporal MacDougall's evidence, the crown announced that that was their case and Magistrate Atkinson commented that they had very little evidence against the Segouin girl and Toutaint but had a case against the Rich woman. Crown Attorney Caldwell argued that the Segouin girl and Toutaint were accomplices after the crime and that they were, therefore, just as guilty as Nellie Rich. The magistrate then decided to commit them for trial.

## Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago Lt. Col. Cecil Williams, chief organizer for the Navy League of Canada, was in Timmins and delivered an eloquent review of the work of the Navy League and its purposes and scope. The address was given in the New Empire Theatre on a Sunday evening after the church services, and was under the auspices of the Admiral Beresford Branch (Porcupine) of the Navy League. The mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, presided at the meeting. The Timmins citizens' band provided music for the occasion and there was a further musical programme including a girls' quartet, a trio, Mrs. J. K. Moore, A. W. Snow, Jas. Geils, E. R. Street, and others. Mrs. J. W. Faithful presided at the piano. Mr. Guster, organizer for the North Land, also spoke on the Navy League work.

Notice was given in The Advance twenty years ago that the visit to the North Land of the Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of Ontario planned for June of 1921 had been postponed indefinitely. The reason given President Ostroser of the Timmins board of trade was that Toronto expected to have a number of conventions in the city during the summer and it would not be well to have the business men of the city away in the North during the summer. The Advance was inclined to be quite sarcastic about the matter, questioning the business judgment of the business men of the South for throwing up the opportunity to get better acquainted with one of their best customers—the North Land.

It is interesting to recall the fact that twenty years ago the Associated Goldfields of Larder Lake had a caterpillar tractor for use on the Larder Lake road. This was one of the first efforts on the part of the North to make use of this more up-to-date method of transportation. In this connection The Advance twenty years ago said: "The Associated Goldfields of Larder Lake have purchased a caterpillar tractor for use on the Larder road. It is a 5-ton tractor that will draw about ten ton a load. At full load it is expected to make three miles an hour, while with a light load it may reach as great a speed as five miles per hour. This caterpillar tractor is so constructed as to be good for use on particularly any kind of road. The success following its use will be watched with general interest in the North Land. If it is found successful it will suggest a comparatively economical method for many mines to overcome the transportation problems incidental to properties lying several miles from a railroad line and with roads that are as perfect as the Farmers' Government or the O.T.A. It is understood that the Associated Goldfields have purchased also trailers and gravel loaders so that the tractor may also be of additional use in road and repair work. The Associated Goldfields management shows an ingenuity and originality in surmounting difficulties and so there will be a general wish that in this case they are successful in showing a new way out of the difficulty of transportation of heavy material over light roads."

The Advance twenty years ago under the heading, "Enjoyable At Home at Porcupine Lodge Monday," said:—"The At Home given on Monday evening, May 23rd, in the I.O.O.F. hall at South Porcupine by the Porcupine Lodge A. P. & A. M. proved a very pleasant and successful event. Cards, dancing, a musical interlude and the best of refreshments featured the pleasant evening. A large number of the members of the Order and their friends were present and all were delighted with the evening. Colombo's orchestra furnished the music, the orchestra including Gene himself, C. Hornby, J. Reid, W. W. Wilson and Lefty Parr. The musical interlude was

particularly pleasing. There were four special numbers, all excellent. The solo by Mr. Bushnell was a popular number and brought very hearty and merited applause. Mr. C. Hornby, on the violin, delighted the gathering with his able rendition and excellence. The quartette by Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Armes, Mrs. C. McCaffrey, and Mr. Max Smith was the fourth number of the musical interlude and it was up to the high standard of the other selections and much appreciated by the gathering. Mr. H. Martin added to the effectiveness of the programme by his usual excellent work as accompanist. Porcupine Lodge can add the event of May 23rd to its list of successful and pleasing events."

Twenty years ago one of the subjects for general discussion here was the question of assistance to the Fesserton Lumber Co. starting in town. Everyone in town was anxious for any new industry here, but some thought the town could pay too much in this line. The Advance twenty years ago had the following reference:—"The town council had a busy time on Monday, the two chief matters before the board being a letter from the Fesserton Lumber Co. seeking encouragement for the establishment of a new industry here, and the question of passing the by-law regarding the debentures for the waterworks extensions. The Fesserton Co. said the mill they proposed establishing would employ 150 men. They asked the town to provide a tree site for the industry. The council were agreed on the benefits of the new industries here but at the same time some thought the town should very carefully consider any terms that would be in the nature of a bonus to new industries. A special meeting is called for today and a representative will likely be present for the Fesserton Co. and the whole question can be carefully considered. At this meeting also the matter of the waterworks debentures by-law will likely be dealt with."

## CUTE

A shop near Drake Circus, Plymouth, England, displays a single onion with the following tag: "Not for sale. Just to make you weep!"—North Bay Nugget.

## Contemporary Designs in Home Furnishings

(From New York Times)

The changing expression of contemporary design in home furnishings from the earlier bizarre shapes through the stark rectangularity of functionalism to the present more graceful style is no doubt a sign of the vitality of the art. Yet these various phases of the new decoration make it almost as difficult for the average home decorator to choose the best of the modern fashion as it is to select good American Federal or other period furnishings. As a guide to the perplexed, we can heartily recommend the annual year book "Decorative Art 1941" (Studio Publications).

The war has curtailed the usual international scope of the book and thrown into greater prominence the work of American and British designers. About half of the hundreds of illustrations are devoted to American work, and a study of these reinforces the view that we should be less modest about our contribution to modern design than we have been.

Brought out through the illustrations, many of which are in colour, is the ingenuity of American designers here shown in adapting furniture and room arrangements to practical use, obviously modernity is avoided, and less self-consciousness is seen. Many of the furnishings pictured are distinguished by an understanding on the part of the designer of the intrinsic possibilities of materials—light-hued woods, for example, and a practical economy in their use, attained through simplifying the design. In the decorative effects form and line play an important part, and the excellence of design applies whether the furniture, fabrics or other decorative accessories are made in exclusive design or produced by the hundred.

Noticeable also is the drawing together toward a common style by the designers of this country and those who work abroad. Especially is this notable between American and British designers; it is difficult, in fact, to tell in most cases without looking at the captions whether a room was designed in this country or in Britain. Continental work is more differentiated.

The material in the book is inter-

estingly presented, the first part being devoted to modern architecture and the later sections to various rooms of the home, a grouping which encourages critical comparison of the work of different designers. Comment by authorities in the field of architecture and decorative furnishings together with generous captions with all the pictures, offer a comprehensive view of decorative art which the reader, whether designer or layman, will not find elsewhere.

## Family Resented This Provision of the Will

For 25 years a large and fully equipped country residence stood untenanted. Situated in Bergen County, New Jersey, it was kept up just as when William H. Oakley, president of the National Citizens Bank of the City of New York, lived there with his five children. It was kept ready to be opened on a moment's notice.

In the will written 1893, Mr. Oakley provided that his "country place" be kept intact for 25 years, for any unmarried or widowed daughter—and any child or children of such daughter or daughters—who might wish to make use of it. The provision was made lest any of his daughters be in need.

The will was read to all the family assembled in the old homestead shortly after Mr. Oakley's death. It is said that each in his turn got up from his seat and walked out of the house never to return. In the exodus they left

the unwashed dinner dishes on the table, the silver—they did not even stop to take their clothes—closets were filled with wraps and suits just as the family left them the day the will was read.

In Norwood if a person wanted to give a party they rarely thought of giving it in their own house. They would get the key and go over to the Oakley place. Here was everything, from a grand piano to all the dishes and glassware that they needed.

Oakley had not been able to see the coming of the automobile. In the barns were the finest phaetons, victorias and buggies—sleighs with gilded gooseneck runners—and cutters—for his daughters and their children.

Only recently the colonial house and its one and a third acres of land were sold.

## A MEAN FELLOW

They were discussing a mutual friend.

"Brown is a good fellow, really," said one, "but he treats his poor wife miserably."

"What do you mean?" the other asked. "Does he beat her?"

"No, no! He just refuses to argue with her!"—Globe and Mail.

North Bay Nugget:—Eleven of a Kentucky woman's 12 children are ill, which leaves one to answer the door bell and say "We don't want any."

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