

and opium, and any preparation thereof, whether liquid or solid, and any other intoxicating drug or substance, and tobacco or tea mixed or compounded or impregnated with opium or with other intoxicating drugs, spirits or substances, and whether the same or any of them are liquid or solid;"

The Magistrate reserved his decision and allowed the accused out on bail. The Indian absconded, but was later arrested in a nearby city and returned to Court for judgment, the Magistrate stating that he was of the opinion that Indians were subject to the White man's law in as far as possession of drugs was concerned, and sentenced him accordingly.

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The Commercial Hotel at St. Paul, Alberta, was recently purchased by Stanley Blozak, who, after making various alterations and refurnishing it, heavily insured the premises. Shortly after this a mysterious fire broke out and destroyed the building and contents. Members of our St. Paul Detachment suspected that Arson had been committed and conducted an investigation, being assisted by Detective-Corporal H. Shandruk who pursued his enquiry to Flin Flon, Manitoba. The investigation was exceedingly thorough and finally three persons were committed for trial, being later admitted to bail.

Stanley Blozak, the instigator of the crime, upon appearing for trial and while the prosecution was in progress, apparently realizing that conviction was certain, poisoned himself by swallowing a quantity of Strychnine. He was at once removed from the Courtroom, but later died. This incident clearly indicates the need for thorough and careful searching of all prisoners, including those who have been on bail. This, however, is rarely done until after conviction or until the prisoner is being placed in the cells during a Court recess or adjournment.

The two other persons implicated in the burning were convicted of false pretences and received sentences of one year and eighteen months respectively.

During the trial the prosecution relied to a very great extent on documentary evidence, a total of forty-four articles of this nature being entered and accepted by the Court as exhibits.

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The value of the radio as an aid to criminal investigation was exemplified recently when the Post Office and General Store at Buffalo Lake, Alberta, was entered; the safe containing money and other valuables, also merchandise, being taken. Enquiries were immediately conducted and details of the crime given to the Radio Station at Grande Prairie, these particulars being broadcasted at frequent intervals. As a result, the finding of the safe was promptly reported, which enabled us to effect the arrest of the men responsible for the commission of the crime with the evidence still in their possession. Charges were later placed against the men for an infraction of Code Section 460, and upon being found guilty they were sentenced to serve three years in the Penitentiary.

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Members of the Force stationed at Liverpool, N.S., received information to the effect that a married woman residing with her husband was in the