

There appeared to the constable the possibility that the driver, upon climbing out of his car to examine the damage, could have slipped down the embankment into the river, but there were no traces in the snow covering the bank to bolster this belief. The only open water on the river was under Foche Bridge, the rest of the river was entirely frozen over.

Moncton Sub-Division was advised by Police Radio and subsequent investigations at that point revealed that Dube had registered at the Windsor Hotel in Moncton on January 3. Close contact was maintained with the manager of this hotel and when Dube had not returned by January 11, a search was made of his room. Several articles of clothing, a club bag and another brief case were found.

It was learned from other members of the hotel staff that Dube was last seen in the hotel during the afternoon of January 8, and at that time, he had intimated to a chambermaid that he would be returning and did not want his room disturbed unnecessarily. The manager was able to furnish a good description of Dube. He was judged to be about 30 years of age, stood five feet, nine inches tall and weighed between 155 and 160 lbs. Of fair complexion, he had a small black moustache, thin features and he stood erect. His nationality was French, and the manager recalled that he did not have a good command of English although he appeared to be an educated man and well mannered. When last seen by the desk clerk, Dube was dressed in a dark blue suit with a faint pin stripe, a dark blue overcoat and a navy blue balmoral beret with red and white plaid band containing a "Thistle Curling Club" badge.

Dube's description was circularized throughout New Brunswick, together with the only details available concerning the accident. It was believed that possibly he was suffering from amnesia as a result of injuries received in the accident.

An official of Success Wax Limited in Quebec City was informed of the details known to the Police. He intimated that Dube had been expected back in Quebec on January 11. He also told investigators that the car Dube had been driving was owned by the company and that the missing man had a reputation for being a good worker and was not known as a heavy drinker.

Thorough investigations began in Shediac and Moncton. Business establishments, garages and hospitals were checked, but the Police met with negative results and dragging operations in the Scoudouc River also proved fruitless.

Inquiries were carried out in Quebec City, but Dube's wife and other relatives had not heard from him since January 8, when the former received a letter dated the day before and addressed from Moncton. From his employer, it was ascertained that the sum of \$50 had been wired to him on January 8. Putting a tracer on the wire, it was found that Dube had apparently received it about 12.30 p.m. that date. However, it was not known for sure if he had cashed it.

Then it was learned that Dube was an ex-member of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, and had suffered with sinus trouble while in this service. He was discharged either in 1943 or 1944.

While in Moncton, Dube had become acquainted with a French-speaking member of the Moncton City Police Force, and had conversed with him daily during his six-day stay there with the exception of January 7—a Sunday. From this constable, it was learned that he had accompanied the missing man on a drive from Moncton to Shediac on the afternoon of January 6. The constable had noted that Dube was a careful driver. He had last seen Dube on January 8 at approximately 3.30 p.m. when the latter visited the Police Station. Dube had at that time related to his newly-acquired friend that he was going to Shediac on business and would likely return to Moncton around 9 that evening.