Charges Against the Police Withdrawn at Closing Session of Gambling Investigation-

INQUIRY HAS ELICITED NOTHING NEW

Police Commissioners Admit Games of Chance Are Played in the City -Law Seems to Fail.

The investigation into the charges made by The Evening News that the police were standing in with gamblers, was concluded late on Saturday afternoon, after several more witnesses had been examined. In more witnesses had been examined. In view of what transpired at the inquiry, Mr. A police officer handed the Magistrate

H. C. Hocken, the editor of the paper, withdrew his charges, and practically admitted that he had been misled.

Judge McDougall and Magistrate Denison conceded that there was plenty of gambling going on in the city, but both said that, after listening to the testimony at the investigation, they were bound to back up the charges of collusion between the police officer handed the Magistrate a statement which showed that the police a statement which showed that the police were closely in touch with everybody who went in and out of this place. A warrant had been obtained for it, but the place that been watching. John Stewart was also represented by Mr. Johnston. He said he had been keeping a cigar store at 108 West King-street for 14 months, and prior to that time at No. 178.

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there is plenty of gambling in the city, and that two detectives had placed bets. This was a trifling matter, which could be dealt with later.

The difficulties under which the police work, in prosecuting gamblers, were brought out at the final day's sitting of the board. The men who frequent the alleged.

monses were issued, but 13 appeared. The others had probably given fictitious addresses, and could not be found. Those who did attend were found at some time in an alleged gambling house by Inspector Hall.

No. 1 committee room at the City Hall, street?"

"Nothing to do with it."

"Have you ever been employed at the Union Club?" asked Mr. Hocken.

"I decline to answer."

"Do you remember when the Union Club started?"

"No. sir."

"Did you have a room on Richmond-

No. 1 committee room at the City Hall, street?" citizens, including Chief Grasett, Staff In spector Archibald, Inspector Hall, Ser geant Hales, Sergeant McClelland, Inspect or Stark, Detectives Cuddy, Burrows, Davis, Black, Detective Sergeant Reburn, Rev. J. W. Pedley, pastor of the Western Congregational Church, who, last Sunday, gave a sermon on gambling, was also an interested spectator.

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"What was the result of this visit?"

Mr. Newell explained that they found sleeping apartments and put an officer on his door.

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It was nearly 3 o'clock when the investigation was resumed. Detective Burrows, the veteran officer, was recalled, and asked if he made bets extensively with menuated Brennan, James Newell, John Murphy and James Frawley.

"Have you been betting generally?"
"No, sir. I never bet a dollar for the sake of getting a dollar back. If I win, I treat the boys of the department to a cigar or something else."
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"How many times have you been caught?" asked the Magistrate.
"Only once, and that was our own fault."

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"Who was your sub-tenant?"
"A man named Macdonadd."

'Why did he leave?" 'Because he couldn't get enough play-

Magistrate Denison then took the witness in hand, and asked him if he ever got a tip, to which Melbourne replied, "No, What would you do if police came when

you were watching?" asked the Magis-Tell the players to quit." A Watch Was Kept.

Roy Irvin, the next witness, was represented by E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., and examined by the lawyer by arrangement. He was asked for information as to the means for giving warning of the approach the police at the Union Club. "Was a watch kept at the club a year

ngo?"
"Yes, sir." "Was there a roulet wheel?"
"There was a table there."
Mr. Irvin went on, and described how,

was removed, and all that was kept was the paraphernalia for game of pool."
"What became of the table?" asked the

Mr. Irvin would not answer, but admitted that the police could not find it.

"Was it possible for police to go in
and find it there, making ordinary search?"

"Decidedly not."
"Did you ever see police around there?"
"On four or five occasions."
"Was there anything to indicate a pre-

arrangement with the police."
"No, sir; the lookout gave the warn-Continuing, Mr. Irvin said the position of the house and the extraordinary pre-cautions taken prevented the police from

finding evidences of gambling. Door Was Always Locked. "Yes, sir, always."
Mr. Irvin further said that a bell was rung by the watch, and everything went.

Johnston. He admitted that he had observed what was going on at the premises. Is 4 West Wellington-street. He pointed out that the police could be seen coming along the street. Nobody could enter from the rear. If a bell was rung at the door, everything inside could be removed in less than a minute. The bell was only rung at the approach of danger. If a member wanted to get in, he would be let in by the doorkeeper, If auybody rang the bell, they would be allowed in, only after every.

Thomas Downey testified that he kept the Stag Hotel. Magistrate Denison explained that someone had written a letter to him saying that several policemen had placed bets there. This Mr. Downey denied positively, but admitted that detectives came to his place on police business. Inspector Stark pointed out that his instructions to his men were to keep in touch with all classes of citizens, and Mr. Downey was allowed to step down.

Crown Attorney Testifies. they would be allowed in, only after everything had been removed.

Mr. Johnston described a table, and asked Hare what it was.

"A wheel of fortune."

"Have you ever been there when the warning was given?"

"Yes, sir."

"What would they be doing when the police entered?" fisked the Magistrate.

"Playing billiards."

Mr. Hare explained that the place was fitted out like a club, and each man would be smoking. They were to drop into 'nnocent attitudes, If a game of 'wheel of fortune' was proceeding, the time that would elapse after the warning was given would admit of the persons in the place going into other rooms.

Continuing, the witness related what had occurred on one occasion, when Mr. Hocken of the late Mr. Justice Rose. He also declared that, from Chief

was there looking for information, over a year ago.

"If Mr. Hocken had looked round, could he have found the table?"

"No, sir. He could find nothing except the craps, which I showed him."

Mr. Hare then went on and declared that he had been present once when the police came, and the door bell warning was given. The officers were allowed to enter without delay.

"Was there anything to give Inspector Hall information that it was a gambling house?"

Grasett to the man on the beat, he did not know of one who would give information to a person likely to be charged with an offence. As for himself, Mr. Curry said there was not a man in Forento whom he was not at liberty to prosecute. The efforts that had been made by the witness end Judge McDougall to have certain far-reaching amendments made to the gambling law, which would, if passed, have made playing cards for money an offence, were referred to. Subsequently it was deemed advisable to ask the Legislature to make fillegal a game in which a rake-off was

"No, sir."
Mr. Hocken asked Mr. Hare of the same was not run on Bond-street. Looked Like an At Home. "Not the same club."
"Do you remember a place "I won't say."

Only a Few Got in.

brought out at the unal day's sitting of the board. The men who frequent the alleged gambling places are clever, and are not going to be caught red-handed.

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when a warning was given, everything was removed out of the way of the police.
"Do you know if the table was removed protection?"

In conclusion, Mr. Irvin said the police never got sufficient information to secure a warrant to raid the place.

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This was all the evidence offered, and Magistrate Denison pointed out that, aitho there had been plenty of testimony adduced to show that there had been gambling, there was no evidence to show that the police were standing in with the players. He also pointed out the extraordinary shrewdness and foresight of the men engaged in the business when watching for the police. He regretted that these qualities were not put to better advantage. In conclusion His Worship said he believed that because the city was becoming prosperous there was more gambling.

Judge McDongail pointed out that it was a serious matter for journals to make charges that were only backed by apparent evidence, and he hoped the outcome of the investigation would be a warning to other journalists.

Explosives With Matches Thrust Into Them Discovered Between the Bales.

Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 24.—An attempt was made to-day to burn and bow up the British steamship Cayo Largo, 2223 tons, which is loading a cargo of 16,000 bales of cotton at the Commandacia-street dock of the Louisville and Nashville Ballroad for Bremen. The plot was frustrated by one of the cotton crew men, who was at work in the hold, discovering strewn in the lower hold a large number of heads of matches.

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