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INCOME TAX CASES HEARD

Twelve citizens pleaded guilty to a charge of neglecting to file federal income tax statements in the police court yesterday afternoon and others offered a variety of excuses for having failed to comply with the law. Magistrate Ritchie said he would consider the evidence submitted and render a decision at an adjourned session to be held this afternoon.

Those who pleaded guilty to the offense were: Herman Sivovolos, Humphrey, J. Sheehan, Abraham Perchanok, Dr. F. H. Neve, J. Fred Belyea, Hilton Belyea, Harry A. Belyea, Oliver A. Akerley, Stanley A. Williams, H. Colby Smith and William Baxter. Others, who gave various reasons for neglecting to make the necessary return were Frank Scott, Thomas J. Phillips, H. L. McGowan, Fred T. Kee, Peter Campbell, Peter William Campbell, E. Perry Howard, Robert J. Armstrong, James Pullen defended his case and another defendant, Dr. E. J. Broderick, did not appear.

In his argument in his own defense, Mr. Sivovolos said he did not keep books, so had no way to figure his earnings. Mr. Sheehan said he did not file his statement until after he had received his summons to appear in court. Frank Scott said he did not think he came under the act, as he was not making enough money. Thomas J. Phillips said that when the notices were issued he did not know anything about the law. His income was not sufficient to be taxed and he was not in position to pay. Mr. Perchanok said he was in Montreal at the time and did not know about the serving of three notices and a registered letter sent out by the finance department at Ottawa but said his wife did not tell him anything about the matter. Mr. Tilley, in this case, asked the magistrate for a conviction and a fine. Dr. E. J. Broderick was called three times and did not appear; the magistrate considered this contempt of court and said if the defendant did not appear this afternoon a warrant would be issued for him. Dr. Neve said he was under the impression that he had filed, so pleaded guilty. Mr. McGowan said he had mislaid certain information but he was sure he had made a statement. Mr. Kee said he understood his employers, F. W. Daniel & Company,

made out the statements for their employees. J. Fred Belyea pleaded guilty and said he would have to go down to the \$100 fine were imposed. Mr. Howard said procrastination was his excuse and that he had paid the fine for not submitting the statement. Belyea said he lost \$4,000 in the fishing business in 1918 and \$4,000 in 1919; he was given an extended time to pay his fine under these circumstances. Mr. Akerley said his income was derived from rentals; he was the owner of three or four properties but it was difficult to determine the net revenue. He admitted that it was his neglect and his fault in not making a return, but said he could not pay any fine. Mr. Armstrong said he filed a statement since the summons was served on him. William Campbell, appearing for his father, Peter Campbell, said he had filed a 1918 statement for both his father and himself on Feb. 20, 1919. Mr. Wilson said the records showed that a statement for 1918 for William Campbell and a statement for 1919 for Peter Campbell were received, but no others.

The affidavit in connection with the charge against James Pullen was presented by Mr. Logan on the grounds that no certificate of the attorney was attached. This objection was withdrawn when Mr. Tilley said he would make another information against Mr. Pullen. Mr. Logan said the attitude of Mr. Tilley was virtually: "If you don't put up with what we say, you'll suffer for it." There was an autocratic government in power at Ottawa, said Mr. Logan, and it was ably represented by its counsel. Mr. Pullen, in his defense, said he had made out a statement and had submitted it to A. W. Sharpe, federal inspector of taxation, who was not satisfied with it; this was early in 1919. The matter then slipped his memory; he did not receive any letters from the department of finance and when he received the summons and was told that letters had been sent to him, reminding him of his neglect, he reprimanded the clerk at his office. He had since filed the statement in question. Mr. Logan, in reviewing the defense, said there was no evidence that Mr. Pullen was trying to evade the law and that he had made a statement, as required by law.

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Robbed of Large Sum, Now Have to Face a Charge of Gambling.

Pittsburg, Nov. 24.—Dr. Jos. Kramer, dentist, of Pittsburg, and three other men who were held up and robbed of more than \$12,000 in the doctors office Monday night, were arrested yesterday on charges of gambling and held in \$1,000 bail each for a hearing today.

Two masked bandits, armed with pistols, robbed the four men, according to the police.

In addition to Dr. Kramer, those held on the gambling charge were: Morris Stein, Detroit, Mich., who lost \$12,000 in the hold up; M. Schutman, Pittsburg; Sydney Kramer, Pittsburg.

SUCH A GOOD BOY, TOO.

Mrs. Nan Brown, a noted settlement worker during an earnest plea for funds at the Cooper Institute, New York, said: "The great problem now is to educate our immigrant children. Not only do they not understand our language and our ways, but the war has practically taken from them all sense of right and wrong. A typical case in point is that of the little boy who was recently sent to the reform school. A neighbor was trying to console the lad's mother. 'Yes,' said the latter, 'it is a shame. He was such a good boy, too. Everything he stole he used to bring right home to me.'"

NOT GUILTY IN THEFT CASE

John McDonald, charged with stealing lead pipe from J. M. Queen, and against whom a true bill was found by the grand jury yesterday morning, was found not guilty at the hearing of the case in the afternoon. A case against John Lane, charged with stealing money from Mike Segee was laid aside for lack of witnesses.

HARDING FRIENDLY

Halifax, Nov. 23.—In an address before the Canadian Club, John A. Stewart, chairman of the Sulgrave Institution Board of Governors, New York city, made a strong and moving appeal for the promotion of good relations and abiding friendship and unity between the English speaking peoples. Mr. Stewart quoted Senator Harding as sympathetic towards closer understanding between the U. S. and Britain.

TEACHER TRAINING.

The fourth session of the Inter-Church Training School met last evening in the Church of England Institute. The attendance was good in spite of the bad weather. Rev. Frank Milligan, secretary for religious education for the Presbyterian church in the maritime provinces, gave a general lecture and held a conference with the Sunday school officers. Groups were led by Rev. A. S. Bishop, Archdeacon Crowfoot and Rev. H. B. Clark. A discussion regarding boys' work was carried on by Mr. McEwen of the Y. M. C. A. Plans for the future activities of the school were discussed during the session and will be definitely decided upon at the next meeting.

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ELECTION RESULT

Taken as Evidence of Demand for Change of Government, Says Hon. Mr. King.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Ottawa, Nov. 23.—"The result in East Elgin is but another evidence, if such were needed, of the growing demand of the people for a change of government. It is an expression of the public disapproval of the present administration," declared Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King today.

McKelvie Has 430.
Vernon, B. C., Nov. 23.—With six polls yet to report this evening's early figures give a majority of 430 in the Yale by-election to J. A. McKelvie, government candidate over Colonel C. E. Edgett, Independent.

McDermand's Plurality 256.
St. Thomas, Ont., Nov. 23.—According to figures given out today by H. H. Huntley, chief returning officer, in the East Elgin by-election Mr. McDermand's plurality over J. Stansell, the government candidate, has been increased to 256. Mr. McDermand's total vote is given as 3,094, Stansell's 2,838 and Charlton 2,000.


MARRIED BLISS WINS.

An interesting debate took place on Monday evening at the Centenary church under the auspices of the Centenary Young People's Society. The subject was: "Resolved that single blessedness was preferable to married bliss." The affirmative was led by Captain Marsh, who was supported by Mrs. Alexander and Miss E. Good; the negative was taken up by Mr. Colter, supported by Miss Eva Hawthorne and Miss Anne Tait. The chairman, J. W. Tait, made humorous remarks as he introduced the various speakers, which also added more laughter as the debate proceeded. The judges were B. Jordan, H. Blake and Rev. E. E. Styles. During the retirement of the judges a short programme of singing and readings was rendered, as follows: Reading, Miss E. Good; violin solo, Master Truman Seeley, accompanied at the piano by Miss Gladys Dyleman; solo, Aubrey McKee. After the programme had ended the judges reappeared with their verdict in favor of the negative. The rest of the evening was spent in singing and social intercourse.

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