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"Did you notice what they were drinking?" asked the court.

"The smell and the froth made it evident to me that it was beer."

"Did you see anyone paying money for beer in that canteen?"

"I did not."

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## CANTEEN INVESTIGATION OPENS SEVERAL WITNESSES EXAMINED

### The Court Hears Charges of the London Temperance League.

Lieut.-Col. Galloway, D.A.A.G., and Major MacDonald, of staff headquarters, Toronto, and Major U. S. Knowles, of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, Dundas, who came here from Niagara camp yesterday, commenced an investigation into the alleged sale of liquor on the camp grounds, which had been complained of by Mr. D. A. McDermid, secretary of the London Temperance League. Mr. McDermid, the executive board, and Prof. Bowman, treasurer of the Temperance League, were the only witnesses for the Temperance League. They told of visiting several regimental canteens and seeing men drinking from glasses, staff which they judged from the smell and appearance to be beer. For the defense, several officers commanding regiments were called, and all testified that although soft water, ginger beer and other soft drinks were sold in the canteens, they knew of no beer or other strong drink being sold, or knew of no drunkenness whatever among the soldiers. All the officers stated that the present camp had been the most orderly they had ever attended. None of the witnesses were sworn.

Mr. McDermid was the first witness called, and before commencing with the investigation Lieut.-Col. Galloway asked him:

"Are there any canteens in particular which you lay charges against?"

"Against all of them," answered Mr. McDermid.

"Well, we cannot go on without witnesses," said the court. "We must have someone from each canteen."

It was then decided that the keepers of the canteens of the various regiments should be called, and that in the meantime Mr. McDermid be heard.

Mr. McDermid was questioned by the court regarding his reasons for not reporting the matter to Col. Peters first, instead of writing to headquarters, as he did. He answered that during a previous camp he had reported to Col. Peters that the sale of liquor was going on in the camp, and that the colonel answered that he considered Mr. McDermid's statements as false.

Another reason why he had written to the Minister of Militia was that before the camp last year he had taken it upon himself to write to each of the officers in command of the different regiments, and request them, for the sake of the young men of the country, not to allow liquor to be sold on the camp grounds. He also requested the Minister of Militia not to allow liquor to be sold on the same grounds, and for this reason felt perfectly justified in reporting to the minister direct.

Mr. McDermid was then asked if the camp on the 6th of June and commencing at the Y. M. C. A. tent in the northeast end of the camp, going southward, visiting first a tent in the Thirty-third Regiment, where a bar had been erected. Several soldiers were standing at this bar drinking. He was not sure whether they were private soldiers or non-commissioned officers.

Mr. McDermid then visited three more canteens. He didn't know whether they were the first three canteens or not, and could not tell which regimental canteens he visited, for he could not see anything to distinguish them by, with the exception of the Twenty-eighth Regiment, for that was directly opposite the lines of the Twenty-eighth Regiment. He only presumed that this was the Twenty-eighth Regiment canteen. He did not see any liquor being sold, and had the appearance of a fruit stand.

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"I was in once and the camp seemed to be orderly."

"Did you see any drunken men?"

"I have seen men under the influence of liquor, but not drunk."

"I would say that on the whole I consider the camp an orderly one," concluded Mr. McDermid.

Mr. B. T. H. Wright was the next witness. He stated that he had just been for a walk about the grounds, and that he had visited the canteens of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, and the Thirtieth Regiment. In the Twenty-sixth Regiment there were several Indians demanding beer, and the bartenders refused them. Several soldiers were drinking and one civilian.

"Did you see anything stronger than beer?" Mr. Wright was asked. "I could not say, for I never tasted beer," said Mr. Wright. "I could not say that the drink was being paid for."

The Twenty-ninth Regiment canteen was also visited, and there several civilians were lined up, three deep, against the bar, doing the drinking. Mr. Wright had to reach over three or four rows to buy a cigar.

"I saw some money being passed, and I took it to be in payment for beer," he said. And continued: "There were very few in the Twenty-ninth Regiment canteen who could be classed as sober."

"What time was that?"

"I think it would be about 9:30 at that time."

Mr. Wright continued, "I went from there to the Thirty-third canteen, where I saw into the building by a soldier, who was apparently under the influence of liquor. Three soldiers were drinking beer, and another came inside and ordered beer."

"I saw no money being paid for beer in this canteen."

"Were there any civilians there?"

"I was the only civilian there."

"How many soldiers were there?"

"There were not more than from 8 to 12 soldiers in this canteen."

Mr. J. Henry Bowman, treasurer of the London Temperance League, had also been taking a walk about the grounds last evening with Mr. Wright. He told of visiting several canteens and finding the drinking of liquor by both soldiers and civilians in progress.

He specified the Twenty-ninth Regiment canteen, where he saw lots of men and soldiers standing at a great bar, with empty glasses with froth in them. There was also a strong smell of beer in the air. Mr. Bowman did not enter more of the canteens, because he thought he was known to the camp-keepers on account of his connection with the investigation of last year.

No further evidence for the complainant McDermid are presented.

Witnesses in Rebuttal.

The first witness in rebuttal was Lieut.-Col. Atchison, commanding the Second Brigade of this division. He issued the standing orders of the camp, which he produced a copy and emphasized a strong calling particular attention to the sale of liquors. No report had come to him regarding the violation of any of the rules.

Mr. McDermid asked if there were any canteens on the grounds in which liquor was sold. "I cannot answer that," was the colonel's answer.

Col. Atchison continued: "I have no hesitation in saying that this year's camp has been the most orderly that I have had to do with, and I have seen no evidence of drunkenness amongst the men."

Col. Munro, commanding officer of the First Infantry Brigade, also gave evidence to the effect that so far as he knew all the rules and regulations regarding the sale of liquor had been observed. Colonel Munro did not know of any violation of these orders at any time. He considered the camp most orderly and had not seen any drunkenness.

Mr. McDermid then produced a clipping of a newspaper, in which Col. Munro was quoted as having said that he did not detect that liquor was sold. He denied ever having known anything about any liquor being sold, but admitted that liquor might have been sold without his knowing it.

Mr. McDermid then asked several questions, about who would have the power to sanction the sale of liquor in the canteens. The answer was that no officer had any power in the matter.

"Are there any officers detailed to look after the canteens?" he asked.

"Yes, there are non-commissioned officers detailed to visit the canteen twice a day and report in the morning to the commanding officers, and if there is anything of importance in these reports it is brought to the notice of the brigade general."

During the recent camp not one soldier had been brought before Col. Munro.

Major Wilson, of the Thirty-third Regiment, who was field orderly yesterday, was then called to testify. He visited the canteens once, and if he had not been relieved he would have visited them twice. He called at the canteens of the second brigade between 10 and 1 o'clock last night, and found everything in order, but no liquor being sold. In one canteen where there was a little noise, that of the Army Service Corps, he ordered closed up. He also visited the canteens of the Thirty-third and Thirtieth Regiments and found everything quiet and no liquor being sold.

Mr. McDermid then asked the colonel several questions regarding the conditions he found in the canteens. He asked him whether he had ever examined the rear of the bar in several canteens to see whether there was liquor on tap. He answered that he had not.

In concluding, the officer stated that he had been at camps for 25 years past, but had never seen such an orderly camp as this one.

Capt. J. Justice, the orderly officer of the Thirtieth Regiment for the day, reported that so far as he knew the canteen of the regiment was run in an orderly manner yesterday. He visited the canteen twice yesterday and found all in good shape. At 12:15 p.m. he found the canteen open and several men in the tent, but no drinking that he saw. There were no civilians in the tent. He visited the canteen again last evening and there were between fifteen and twenty men in the tent. There were several outside and the band was

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