

of magisterial districts; he may appoint magistrates, and magistrates so appointed have jurisdiction to act in any place within the Province of Ontario; and he may appoint "four magistrates for the City of Toronto". This seems to me to indicate that the City of Toronto is a magisterial district.

I would therefore dismiss the appeal.

It is estimated that on the illicit market the narcotics involved in this investigation are valued at anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000; thus their removal and the incarceration of the principles who intended to distribute them is an important step in curtailing the illegal

drug traffic on the West coast. In its efforts to combat the illicit drug problem, the Force's primary objective is to prosecute successfully the non-addict distributor which in this case it accomplished. The large quantity seized of what is commonly referred to as Mexican brown heroin had in all probability been smuggled into Eastern Canada. Obviously it was intended for peddling to addicts in Vancouver, to increase the supplies available there, and indications are that the two accomplices were about to embark in trafficking on an extensive scale.

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*Breaking, Entering and Theft—Stolen Tools Used in Bank Robbery—
Criminal Wounded While Attempting to Escape—Alertness
and Speed Frustrate Robbery*

On Nov. 8, 1947, a garageman of Apohaqui, N.B., five miles south-west of Sussex, N.B., locked up his place of business at about 10 o'clock and went home for the night. Next morning, Sunday, a neighbour phoned to tell him that the side door of his garage was open, and arriving in a hurry he found that the place had been forcibly entered and some tools stolen—an electric drill, two iron bits and a claw bar.

The owner promptly reported the matter to the R.C.M.P. Sussex Detachment whose members shortly afterwards drove up with an electric drill and bit which he identified as his. The identification was an important piece of evidence in a wider pattern of crime involving bank robbery, shooting and quick arrests.

For early in the same morning of the garage break-in, the manager of a branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Hampton, N.B., some 16 or 17 miles west of Apohaqui, had awakened to the sound of a pounding noise. He listened a moment, then got up to investigate, and it wasn't long before he realized the suspicious

sounds came from the bank premises 75 yards from his home. As it was a warm night he walked softly across his yard toward the bank, and through a window saw a stranger inside the bank with the vault door open. Quietly he stole back to his house and didn't turn on any lights as he phoned the R.C.M.P. Sussex Detachment. He was asked to pass the information along to the R.C.M.P. at Saint John, N.B., stay where he was and wait.

It was now 4.30 a.m. A wet and slippery highway that made fast driving dangerous stretched the 22-odd miles between Sussex and Hampton, yet in approximately 23 minutes the patrol arrived, having cruised the last three miles without lights to ensure their approach would not be seen. Its front aimed at the bank the patrol car came to a gentle stop and out of it stepped a corporal and a constable. Silently the former moved to the back of the building while the other made ready at the front and when both were in position, with each commanding a view of two walls, the car lights were switched on.