

Co-operation to Check Smuggling

VICTORIA, B.C., Sept. 30.—Co-operation with the United States authorities in ending the menace of border smuggling is being sought by the British Columbia provincial police, and it is expected here that before long the system of border patrol now in operation will be rendered very much more effective.

The American authorities are even more anxious than the British Columbia government to improve the system, for the United States is hit hardest by the lawless element which operates along the land and sea boundary in the West. The smuggling is invariably from Canada to the United States. Most of the contraband is liquor although large quantities of narcotics are said to have been surreptitiously shipped across the border as well as aliens from the Far East.

Liquor smuggling from British Columbia ports to Washington state is well organized, and the smugglers are well financed and equipped. Their launches in which they transport liquor and other contraband are usually speedier than the vessels whose business it has been to pursue them, with the result that the dry agents and police have been severely handicapped. The United States prohibition enforcement forces recently placed several armed speed craft into commission and these have been effective, but the area that must be patrolled is so great that vast stretches of coast line have to be neglected.

The use of airplanes has now been resorted to by the smugglers and in an effort to strike back it is being recommended that government planes be put in service. Canadian aircraft is at present being used in northern waters to prevent fish poaching, and the provincial police is now negotiating with the federal authorities for the use of an airplane at present stationed at the University of British Columbia, in emergency cases where quick pursuit is necessary.

British Columbia authorities are more interested in running down bandits and other fugitives from justice than in chasing dope and rum runners, although the latter is of primary concern to the United States forces. Within recent months several big robberies have been staged on Vancouver Island, and it is known that in at least one case the bandits made a successful getaway by using a high-powered launch. An airplane, available at short notice, could have overtaken the launch before it had reached safety at a point along the Washington coast and forced the desperadoes into submission by machine gun fire.

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