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after he began working for him in the fall of 1948. After quitting his job in December, he had enjoyed himself, spending freely both in the Maritimes and later in Toronto. He now owned a car, which he had purchased in Toronto, and said he still had a large sum of money stored in a rented room in that city. In addition \$521 was found in his pockets. His companion was not implicated in the theft.

One of the investigators repaired to Toronto and there found \$1,510 in a trunk in the room the self-confessed criminal had rented. Appearing before Magistrate W. Limerick at Fredericton on Aug. 31, 1949, Robichaud elected trial by the magistrate, pleading not guilty to a charge of Theft of Money, s. 386, Cr. Code. Crown prosecutor was Ralph Limerick of Fredericton. After McMurtrie, the farmer, had given evidence at the trial, Robichaud was told he could question him. Instead he said:

"It was \$11,000 I stole from you, not \$5,000."

The statement he gave to police admitting the crime, was ruled not admissible as evidence, but Robichaud destroyed this point in his favor by his actions in his cell. The trial had been postponed for a week. In an effort to introduce the accused's admission of guilt, a local resident agreed to spend a night in the cell. To him and to another inmate, Robichaud bragged of his activities. At the next hearing on September 7, part of this evidence was admitted into court, but when the accused took the stand his only statement was to claim part of the money found at Toronto.

On September 14, Magistrate Limerick found the accused guilty of the charge, and on September 23, sentenced him to two years in penitentiary. In addition the magistrate ordered that all the money found on Robichaud and in his Toronto