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Counterfeiters Had \$28,300 of the "Queer" Printed and Ready.

A brilliant and clever coup on the part of half a dozen agents of the Federal Police, following weeks upon weeks of persistent, weary, but ever-watchful trailing, brought to an abrupt end yesterday afternoon a counterfeiting scheme alleged to have been framed up by a sextette of Montreal men, before a single one of the \$10 American bank notes said to have been found in their possession could be placed in circulation.

As soon as the final plate had been engraved, and the coiners had commenced the manufacture of their wonderfully perfect product, they were surrounded in a small farmhouse near Joliette, P. Q., by Inspector James Parkinson of the Secret Service, Chief of Provincial Detectives Peter McCaskill, and four or five assistants acting under orders from Colonel Sherwood. Every piece of machinery involved in the photographing, engraving, printing, etc., proof of the "queer" was seized; in fact those in authority state that never before in Canada has such a complete plant for printing American money been discovered.

The men alleged to be involved in the affair are all residents of Montreal. It is asserted, and are now in custody at the jail in Joliette. Five are detained there, including B. Caron, P. Bousquet, E. Pinchaud, E. Gaudet, and F. Eaton, and a sixth, A. Grenier, arrested in a local newspaper office in Montreal yesterday, is likely to be incarcerated in the same prison to day.

Police Got "Tip" Two Months Ago.
The story telling of the arduous and at times tedious rounding-up of the counterfeiters has as yet been only partially disclosed, but those facts which were told last night to a Star reporter read like one of the yarns William J. Burns tells of his famous exploits while in the employ of the United States Secret Service.

The first "tip" on the case came from a Montreal man seven or eight weeks ago, and since that day, when Colonel Sherwood was notified, the Dominion agents have been on the job night and day. One of their "Pigeons" or spies in this city is said to have been "in the know" almost

from the start, and by careful sleuthing all the loose ends were gathered up.

Inspector James Parkinson, one of the quietest, yet cleverest, agents in the Dominion Service, pre-eminently for such a task by education and temperament, was given the assignment of carrying the job through.

An engraver and artist in Montreal were watched without cessation, and every iota of progress made, as they spent their time at first printing the face of the bill, was accurately noted and reported.

A few hours after the face of the bill had been reproduced with a wonderful fidelity on the metal block, it was in the hands of a Secret Service man.

His identity was not suspected, and as he held the masterpiece in his hand, and up before a mirror, he says that it was with perfect ease that he was able to read the reflected figures and letters engraven thereon.

The "artists" next set to work on the back of the note, and spent weary hours of toil on this half of their job. For some reason or other it proved more difficult than the first, and when almost completed a flaw was discovered when careful examination under microscope was made. This meant doing a great deal over, but with dauntless perseverance worthy of a more honest cause the engraver went back to his task to eradicate the blot.

Work in Lonely House in Woods.

The work was principally done in a small farmhouse in the bush about eight miles from Joliette. This place was stocked up with provisions, so that the men could remain there for days at a time, unmolested, if they feared to run into danger by venturing into more settled haunts. Two men originally were the only ones involved in the proposition, but they took in later three or four others, one of whom owned, it is said, the house where the bulk of the work was done.

Every step of the work was known to the Secret Service men, every move of the men was followed. The men were shadowed, all unknown to them.

selves, to and from Montreal and from the house to Joliette, during the several weeks they were engrossed in their work.

Night after night, at times almost frozen to the marrow as they lay in the windy, cold hollows of the sandy hills around the rendezvous, or as they crouched behind the C. P. R. right-of-way, the operatives kept faithful track of the movements of their quarry. They even stealthily stole up to the shack on several occasions, and witnessed the actual work, it is said.

Counterfeits Best in Canada's History.

The men apparently chose to counterfeit American money in the belief that it would be less known to Canadians, and, therefore, the more easily circulated. But so accurate was their engraving and printing that a Dominion Government agent who has handled the product within the past couple of days says that it would take an American bank teller, armed with a microscope, to discover the least discrepancy. Experts who have been engaged on the case assert that never has as perfect a counterfeit been manufactured in Canada.

Five men, plant and everything complete, were seized, and taken into custody by Inspector Parkinson, Chief McCaskill and his aides. The men were taken to Joliette jail, where they arrived shortly before noon.

An inspector of the Montreal police and another official well known in this city, worked on the case, and did work of great value, though for obvious reasons their names are not to be made public.

Secret Service Man Played Nerve Game.

If it is announced within the next few days that one of the counterfeiters has slipped through the police cordon, it may be taken as reasonably certain that this man is actually an employee of the Government, whose nerve work in insinuating himself into the councils was a prime factor in the success of the whole affair. He was treated it is said, as one of themselves by the men and is not to this moment suspected of complicity in their incarceration.

It was stated around town yesterday that \$5 and \$100 bills also were printed, but this is not correct, \$10 bills being the only denomination reproduced. A large number of these were printed within the past two or three days, it is said, but not a single one got into circulation, according to a statement made to the Star last night.

No further arrests are expected, and a final report on the matter to Colonel Sherwood is about to be turned in by the men of his department who have worked so assiduously and indefatigably to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

No announcement has yet been made as to the location of the preliminary hearing. Police officials at Joliette stated over the long-distance phone last night that the men were held in the local jail, and no arrangements had been made, as far as known, for bringing them to Montreal. It is believed here, however, that within the next twenty-four hours everything may be brought to this city, men, plates, bills, ink, paper and so forth.

Department at Ottawa Receives 'Phone Message.

Ottawa, December 20.—The Dominion Police have not received any detailed report of the arrest of the alleged counterfeiting gang near Joliette yesterday beyond a telephone message from Inspector Parkinson to the effect that it had been successfully carried out.

Col. Sherwood, C.M.G., Commissioner of Federal Police, told The Star last night that there had been suspicions for some months of counterfeiting operations being carried on, but he denied emphatically that the circulation of bogus notes had been at all extensive. The Commissioner would not discuss the clues upon which his men worked, but it is known that the chase has been long in progress and has involved a great deal of searching and investigation in different parts of the country. Instructions have been sent to move the whole outfit to Joliette to-day for the preliminary trial.

Boxing Pays Big Dividends.

Game in New York Has Turned Over Large Sum to Date.

New York, Dec. 19.—In filing the annual report with the new Legislature at Albany, the State Athletic Commission will show that since the boxing law went into effect in August, 1911, about \$110,000 has been paid into the state comptroller's office this money being the amount of the five per cent. tax on the gross receipts of all licensed clubs operating under the statute. There has been a falling off in receipts during the last year, due probably to the poor quality of many so-called star bouts.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.

Healthy and Unhail by Lighting

Gas, it may be said, vitiates the atmosphere. True. But it also helps to purify it. Its purifying power is greater than its vitiating power. Electricity does not vitalize, nor does it purify. Hear what three eminent men have said:—

Much evidence has lately been adduced to show that gas is more useful than the electric light in promoting efficient ventilation of air. It is for this, amongst other reasons, that gas is being frequently substituted for the electric light. The latest example is, perhaps, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, which has recently installed gas on its premises, after experience with the electric light.—Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry.

He would merely add that no member who had experience of their meeting room under the old conditions could deny the improvement that had taken place since gas had been substituted for the electric light and the new system of heating and ventilation had been installed.—Dr. Reginald Duffield, before the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

I have in my mind's eye, at the moment, a hall which, in the old days, was lighted by gas, and in which a large audience could, with comfort, sit through an hour's lecture, or with pleasure through a three-hour dinner, but which with the march of civilization, had its illumination changed from gas to electricity, the latter being employed with all the latest refinements to effect the lighting under the best conditions, with the result that any large gathering within its walls leads to a state little short of asphyxiation.—Vivian B. Lewes, Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—Nov. 11.

Drama and Comedy

AT THE CRESCENT PALACE.

The opening bill of the third week at the Crescent Picture Palace is the strongest seen for some time in St. John's. Those who had the good fortune to witness the great dramatic picture Secret Service Sam, will have the pleasure of seeing another two-reel film of a similar nature on to-day and to-morrow when the headliner at the Crescent will be a feature of merit entitled "In the Secret Service." The astounding ability of the republic diplomatic detective force is marvellous. The selected comedies are Billy in Armour, featuring Billy Quirk in a very amusing act. Helen's Marriage is also very comical and one that will surely be appreciated. The vocalist Mr. David Parks will sing Don't You Wish you were Back Home Again, the latest New York hit. Mr. Parks has won many friends for the new Theatre, and the introduction of America's most popular song at the present time could not be placed in better hands. With the above bill the Crescent Palace will continue the remarkable success that has favored it since the opening night. The usual sessions, afternoon five cents, and evening ten cents, will be continued all during the week.

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Manager Kieley, of the Nickel Theatre, has arranged a delightful programme for to-day's performance, which will no doubt attract hundreds. During the year now closing, the Nickel Theatre has given some most creditable shows, and it is the intention of the manager to keep that high standard. The best singers and accompanist have been obtained, and everything has been of the best, so there is no wonder why the Nickel is the most popular house of entertainment. There will be a big holiday programme New Year's Day.

FOUR ARRESTS.—Considering the season matters were quiet in police circles Saturday evening and only four arrests were made.

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