

The investigators believed from his description that the culprit probably was Alfred Eugene Bent, alias Henry Boyd alias Albert Banks, a youth recently released from Dorchester Penitentiary. This suspicion was confirmed when Bent's photograph in the *R.C.M.P. Gazette*, a confidential police publication, was identified by the several persons to whom he had tried to sell the animal.

Further complaints were received that Bent had also stolen two bicycles from the town of Berwick, N.S., and resold them for \$26 apiece in different districts. Again, his photograph in the *Gazette* was unhesitatingly recognized by the purchasers.

On April 22 a resident of Berwick reported that his automobile had been stolen the previous night. The missing vehicle was subsequently found in a wrecked condition, and it was learned that a young man answering to Bent's description had been picked up nearby and given a ride to Halifax, N.S., by a passing motorist.

Following a widespread search, the suspect was finally arrested at St. John, N.B., on June 8. Eleven days later he appeared before Provincial Magistrate H. B. Dickey at Kentville, N.S. He was unrepresented by counsel while W. D. Withrow, K.C., of Wolfville, Crown prosecutor for King's County, conducted the prosecution. The accused pleaded not guilty to a charge of Theft of Cattle, s. 369 Cr. Code (see s. 2 s.s. 5), and to two charges of Theft of Bicycle, s. 386 Cr. Code, but changed his plea to guilty on the latter two charges. He was convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment on each charge, sentences to run concurrently.

Although Bent confessed* to stealing the automobile, the owner declined to prefer a charge when he learned the outcome of the other three trials.

This case moved the Saint John *Telegraph-Journal* to comment editorially that Bent was lucky he committed his

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