

SAYS 'SHOOK DOWN' AMBITIOUS COPS

Witness Gave Former Saloonkeeper \$26,300 to 'Fix' Promotions.

New York, Feb. 14.—Police Officer Patrick J. Twomey, who was suspended last March in connection with alleged promotion graft, was a witness in General Sessions at the trial of Michael J. Burke, a former Harlem saloonkeeper, who is charged with taking \$26,300 from eighteen policemen un-

der the pretence of obtaining for them promotion to the rank of sergeant through fraudulent Civil Service examinations. Twomey was the principal witness at an investigation of the charges against Burke in 1922 by Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld. At that time he was alleged to have admitted that he accepted \$1,600 from the policemen and turned \$26,300 over to Burke, who formerly was a policeman. Burke was alleged to have pretended that he had influence with employees in the Civil Service Commission who could "doctor" the examination papers so that the names of the eighteen would be placed at the top of the eligible list. However, when Twomey was called to the witness stand by Assistant District Attorney Carstarphen, he asserted that his memory had failed him on many important incidents, although he had testified before Commissioner Hirschfeld and later before

the Grand Jury to collecting the money and giving it to Burke. Reminded by Judge Nott that he was under oath, Twomey said: "When I testified before Hirschfeld I was a sick man. I hadn't slept for weeks. I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and later on I was told by a clergyman to get the matter off my mind or I'd go to an insane asylum." It was not until Judge Nott told him that he would go to the Tombs on a perjury charge if he wasn't frank in his testimony that Twomey admitted he was introduced to Burke in August, 1921, a few days before the Civil Service examinations were to take place, and that he gave Burke the \$26,300, which he had received from the policeman. He said that the month following the examinations, and after Burke had sailed for Ireland, he heard that the names of the eighteen policemen had not been placed at the top of the eligible list and inquired at the office of the Civil

Service Commission why the policemen had not been permitted to pass the examination. Twomey also admitted that it was this inquiry which led to the investigation and that he had given to one of Hirschfeld's men a paper containing the names of the eighteen policemen and the amount of money he had received from each. GIVE CHILDREN PARTY. St. Andrew's church C. G. I. T. gave a Valentine party yesterday for the children in the Children's Home and the small people had a wonderfully happy time. Their entertainers played games with them and then provided a fine supper of which a cake was an important part. There are 30 children in the home at present and all but the five babies were old enough to share in the pleasure. Miss Alice Murdoch is the leader of the C. G. I. T. group and Miss Margaret Porteous, president.

HON. W. P. JONES, K. C. HEADS BARRISTERS

Fredericton, Feb. 13.—At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society here last night Hon. W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock, was elected president of the association. Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., of St. John, was elected vice-president, and Dr. T. C. Allen, K. C., secretary-treasurer. The council of the society was elected as follows: M. G. Teed, K. C., Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., and C. F. Inches, of St. John; P. J. Hughes, K. C., J. J. P. Winslow, K. C., and C. D. Richards, M. L. A., of Fredericton; and Ivan C. Rand, of Moncton. The ex-officio members are Attorney-Gen-

INTEREST KEEN IN VOTING CONTEST

The three contestants in the Mayoralty election were running very close in the voting competition at St. John the Baptist High School last night but Ronald A. McAvity still held the lead. The votes followed: R. A. McAvity, P. L. Potts, 1,980; and Mayor G. Fred Fisher, 1,930. The contest will close at 9:30 Friday evening. There was a "mysterious lady" last night and William Alexander guessed correctly that she was Miss Jeanette Fraser. During the evening St. John the Baptist orchestra gave a fine programme of music. The watch, a prize at the spon table, was won by Rev. H. Ramage. The bean board prizes were won as follows: Ladies, Miss M. O'Brien; gentlemen, Joseph Breen.

NO INQUEST NECESSARY.

After making an investigation into the death of Brenton Gibson, colored, who was found dead yesterday about noon, Coroner F. L. Kenney decided that he had died from alcoholism and no inquest was necessary. His relatives at Sheffield Mills, N. S., have been notified and his brothers are on the way here to look after the body.

HURT AT LONG WHARF.

Charles Jones, aged 25 years, residing at 35 Broad street, was injured early yesterday morning while working as a longshoreman at the east side of the Long wharf. Jones with others was engaged in discharging steins from a car. One of his feet was crushed by the sling. The city ambulance was called and the injured man conveyed to the General Public Hospital, where he is being treated. While the injury was quite severe it is understood that it is not serious.

STEAMER COOK IS PAINFULLY HURT

William Aitkenhead, second cook aboard the steamer Canadian Planter lying at the east side of the Long Wharf, was badly injured on Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock. He had been ashore and was returning to his room on the ship. In boarding the steamer he stepped from the gang plank and then on a hatchway with the result that he fell into the hold of the ship. The fall was not considered very much by Aitkenhead and he climbed out quite satisfied that he had received no broken bones and retired to his berth. Yesterday morning at 9:20 o'clock he found that his side was hurting considerably. The city ambulance was called and he was conveyed to the General Public Hospital where he is being treated and it is thought that perhaps he has suffered a fracture of a couple of ribs in his fall.

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