

**Melbourne Man Saves \$200
Because Bottle in His Auto
Contained But "Wee
Drappie."**

Half a mouthful of whiskey in a "Seagram 83" bottle is sometimes quite enough to register a \$200 conviction under section 41 of the O. T. A. which provides that:

not be kept in other than a private dwelling. However, the exception proved the rule in police court this morning, much to the joy of Harold J. Campbell of Melbourne, who informed the court that the bottle with the "wee sma' drappie" had

been placed in his automobile two weeks ago until it should be filled with motor oil to be used on the "innards" of the engine. After casing the \$200 fine, Campbell pleaded guilty to being drunk and was paid a \$10 fine. He was defended in court by J. M. Donohue.

Campbell and a friend from Melbourne, Leonard Lockwood, drove to London from Melbourne shortly after nine o'clock Saturday night, but not before Campbell had fortified himself for the motor trip with a glass and a half of whiskey. Lockwood drove the car, and Campbell sat

This drew the unwelcome attention of the police and a trip to Court House Square was in the offing.

Constable Langford, who drove the ancient "Black Maria" to the scene of the accident, stated that Lockwood was sober, but Campbell was drunk. The bottle was found under the cushion of the seat.

Mr. Donahue submitted that there was not enough liquor in the bottle for analysis, but Chief Birrell thought otherwise and jiggled the bottle in the general direction of Mr. Donahue and the reporters. It made enough noise for Magistrate Graydon to hear and he requested the defense

Campbell, who is a cripple on crutches, made his way to the witness box and stated the bottle, presumably empty, had been put in the car two weeks ago for the purpose of filling it with motor oil.

"If you took the gum out of your mouth I could hear you better," in-

ormed the court. Mr. Campbell complied with the suggestion. Questioned by the chief, Campbell stated he had two glasses of whiskey before leaving home. "How big were the tumblers?" asked the chief, who always shows great interest in the quantity of liquor the prisoners have consumed. "Ordinary size," replied Campbell.

"I don't feel inclined to convict him on the quantity of liquor found in the bottle," stated the court. "I think it would be straining matters to convict him and I will dismiss the charge."

PLAN MANY CHANGES

IN CRYSTAL PALACE

May Spend \$25,000 On

Mayor Makes Suggestions.

If plans which Mayor George Penning has in mind are carried out by the board of directors of the

Changes and improvements estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$5,000 were suggested to some of the directors by the mayor Saturday afternoon.

According to the mayor, the building, as compared with the new manufacturers' Building, is not a

The plans include stuccoing the mole of the outside, building a false of inside, and completing the second floor, when the

and floor where there is now but balcony, leaving air and light wells in the new structure. In addition this, the floors would be taken up and either concrete or hardwood flooring laid.

A contractor who accompanied the mayor to the park on Saturday

rough estimate on the work pro-
posed and his figure was between
\$9,000 and \$25,000.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Attendance Officer Will
Get Busy.**

Mr. Sims said that owing to the fact that The Western Fair had folded close on the opening of the schools, the enforcement had not

the fair was over the pupils settle down into their regular line and carry out the year's program of studies. The absentees and truants will be followed up by the department and

not taken to ascertain why they
not at school. If there is a legiti-
reason for absence, certificates
this effect will be issued, but
otherwise they will have to return
mediately.

r. Sims said he did not think
ble would be experienced.

... would be experienced as parents seemed to realize the necessity of the education of the children.