

'DYNAMITE' WHISKEY BOUGHT BY VENDOR

Hartley Dewart Inquires if Such Was Sold to Public.

CHAIRMAN'S OBJECTION

To Question is Upheld by Narrow Majority of Two.

A ruling of the chairman of the public accounts committee upon which the eyes and ears were taken, was the last act of the committee for the present session, the chairman and some of the members pretended the possibility of another meeting.

H. H. Dewart had asserted the right of the committee to inquire as regards the quality and the treatment of liquor sold to the public from the license warehouse of the Toronto government vendors, T. Ambrose Woods, Limited.

The confusion in the committee room was ludicrous, while an ex-employee of the vendor attempted to give evidence upon the point raised.

William Edward Kane, a former clerk in the Woods warehouse, was put in the witness chair by H. H. Dewart.

Chairman McCrea repeated his ruling of last week that the "interior operations" of the Woods Company could not be gone into, and the investigation must be limited to the relations of the government with the vendor.

Mr. Dewart: I wish to take evidence as to the character and quality of the liquor sold to the people by the vendor. I wish to find out whether it is known as "bootlegger stuff" has gone from the license board to the vendor, how it has been treated by the vendor and whether it has been sold by the vendor.

J. C. Elliott addressed the company upon the rights of the public to protection.

Chairman McCrea: The anxiety you profess will be allayed by the legislation now before the house, by which the government becomes personally and directly responsible for the sale of liquor to the public.

Knew Not Intention. Mr. Dewart and Mr. Elliott objected that they knew neither the intention of the bill nor whether it would ever become law.

Col. Machin: Are we to understand that the licensed vendor cannot be held responsible for the class or quality of the liquor which he sells, that there is no authority or jurisdiction over him?

Kane then went into the chair and deposed that license inspector A. E. Sarvis and Chief Inspector Avers had brought liquor from the parliament buildings to Woods. He mentioned seizures from Geoph, North Toronto, Pickering, Mimico, West Toronto, Clinton, Woodbridge.

Mr. Dewart: To Mr. Dewart he said 45 bottles purchased at \$8 a dozen was very poor. It was what is called dynamite in the store, being 50, 55 and 60 under proof.

Mr. Dewart: He said the brand L.M.M. (Italian model mark) whiskey which he had tasted and 24 bottles of which was among the seized liquor sent to the Woods store, \$7.50 per dozen; also what is called Scotch, \$9 per dozen; "Rosebud Rye," bottled in Montreal, might all be classed as "bootlegger stuff." He was heckled up and down upon his ability as a whiskey taster before being permitted to talk about other brands called "Local Sunshine" and "Joy Whiskey" in the same class.

White Horse. Then came the sensation of his evidence. Ten bottles of "White Horse" whiskey had been taken away by Inspector Sarvis, eight bottles in straw and two without, all in a broken "White Horse" whiskey case. There were also twenty-nine samples of "Imperial" rye in the shop, which Mr. Sarvis took away at various times when he was present.

Mr. Dewart then formulated the question upon which the committee divided and upon which the chairman ruled as inadmissible.

"What was done by the T. Ambrose Woods firm with the local liquor that you referred to; what was done with it before it was sold to the public?" the vote stood, ayes, Cameron, Hilliard, Hook, Jacques, Machin, Owens, Parnell, Preston, Sinclair, S. nays, Calder (Oxford), Clark, Dewart, Elliott, Gillespie, Munro, Pinard, 7.

Inspector Sarvis took the stand and swore the "White Horse" whiskey he had taken from the Woods store was taken back by him to the individual from whom it had been taken. As to the samples of "Imperial" he denied the evidence given.

Col. Machin took occasion to repeat that there is a great deal of unrest throughout the province and he would prefer on going back to his constituency.

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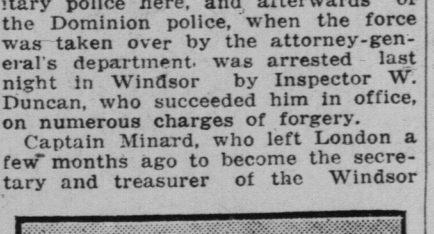
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CAPT. A. K. MINARD IS UNDER ARREST

Faces Charge of Forgery, Following an Inquiry Into Pay Cheque Transactions.

Windsor, Ont., April 16.—Captain Asa K. Minard, for some time head of the civil branch of the garrison military police here, and afterwards of the Dominion police, when the force was taken over by the attorney-general's department, was arrested last night in Windsor by Inspector W. Duncan, who succeeded him in office, on numerous charges of forgery.

Captain Minard, who left London a few months ago to become the secretary and treasurer of the Windsor



CAPT. ASA K. MINARD. Formerly an officer of the American Club and 97th American Legion in Toronto, who has been arrested in Windsor, charged with forgery in connection with the Dominion police military branch.

branch of the Great War Veterans Association, was well-known and well liked in London. Those who came in contact with him here were astounded when they heard today of his arrest and impending trial for so serious an offence as that alleged against him.

The arrest came as a result of investigations which Inspector Duncan has been engaged in making for some time. The fact that several men of the staff over which Captain Minard had control had failed to receive pay cheques on various occasions during 1913, first led to an investigation and Inspector Duncan, who was formerly an inspector of detectives on the police force of Toronto, was instructed by the government to conduct a searching inquiry. The result of his work was the strong suspicion was directed toward Captain Minard.

E. B. LASCHINGER DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Taken suddenly ill Tuesday morning at one o'clock, the death occurred on Tuesday night at nine o'clock of Edmund B. Laschinger. The deceased was born in New Hamburg and received his education there and in Toronto. He was, for a number of years, Sir William Mulock's private secretary, later becoming connected with the government as assistant deputy postmaster. He was later with the Cavithra Mulock Company and was an executor of the Cavithra Mulock estate. He became vice-president of the National Iron Works and was also vice-president of the Royal Alexandra Theatre and of the Canadian Bread Company. He is survived by a widow and five young children, three boys and two girls.

GLUE FACTORY PERMIT FOR KEATING STREET

City Architect Pearse has issued a permit to W. Harris & Co. for the erection of a glue factory, four stories high, costing \$148,738, to be erected on Keating street, near Cherry. Another factory permit was granted to the Toronto Steel Construction Company for a one-story steel and galvanized iron mill building, to cost \$20,000.

U. E. TRACT SOCIETY.

The eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Upper Canada Tract Society was held in Knox Church Wednesday. The attendance was good. J. K. Macdonald, who has been associated with the society for over fifty years, occupied the chair. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. R. B. Cochrane, M.A.

An address was given by Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M.A. Other interesting addresses were given by the workers of the society: "Along the Waterfront," Toronto Harbor; John Wood; "Our Helpers," Geo. D. Duggan; "The Grace of Giving," Deaconess Duggan; "Books for Soldiers," G. Speedie.

JUDGE FERGUSON BETTER.

Hon. Justice W. N. Ferguson, who recently underwent an operation at the Mayo Brothers Hospital, Rochester, Minn., is reported to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

APPOINTED DELEGATES.

Dr. Caroline Brown, Mrs. A. C. Courtice, Dr. Hunter and Mrs. Groves will be the Toronto board of education delegation to the Ontario Association of School Trustees.

A business meeting of the Women's Press Club was held yesterday afternoon to consider future activities.

Soldiers' Vote Has Wiped Out Prohibition in New Zealand

London, April 16.—The vote of New Zealand soldiers has wiped out the majority for prohibition which was rolled up in that commonwealth on April 11, according to a despatch to the Central News from Christchurch.

SALVATION ARMY SPECIAL PARADE

Good-Friday March Includes Displays of All Activities.

Good Friday will be observed by the Salvation Army in Toronto in a special manner. There is to be the customary spectacular parade, when the entire strength of the Salvation Army in Toronto will march from Queen's Park to Massey Hall, the route being College, Yonge and Shuter streets.

There will be many unique phases to the procession, which will include displays, illustrative of women's social work, military work, men's social and prison work, with nurses, officers, inmates of institutions and hundreds of soldiers representing eighteen Toronto corps.

The parade is scheduled to leave Queen's Park at 9.45 a.m. Arriving at Massey Hall, the annual Calvary assembly will take place when a special program of music and song will be rendered.

Commissioner W. J. Richards will give an address and Colonel McMullan, chief secretary, will give the whole territorial headquarters, men's and women's social, and training college staffs, will assist.

As this is the first Good Friday celebration following the signing of the armistice, the assembly is expected to take on a tone appropriate to the occasion.

SUDDEN HEART-FAILURE.

Harry Laydon, aged 35 years, was stricken with heart-failure near his home at 512 Eastern avenue at 2.30 yesterday afternoon, and dropped dead. The body was taken to the morgue, where it is unlikely an inquest will be held.

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I. O. D. E. WILLING TO ASSIST WELCOME

Auxiliary Chapter to 48th Would Do Their Best for Homecomers.

Despite the rain a well-attended meeting of the 48th Highlanders' Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held at St. Andrew's Institute yesterday afternoon. Mrs. C. E. Warren Darling presiding. The meeting had been called in advance of the regular time for the purpose of considering what part the members might take in extending welcome to the homecoming men to whom they have been so faithful an auxiliary.

Messrs. Scott, Griffin and Ivy, in response to a request for information in connection with the reception, were present. They explained that arrangements were already planned, but that doubtless some way might be found by which the chapter might be represented at the Exhibition grounds or during the series of entertainments already arranged. After some discussion it was moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Miller that the executive form a committee to interview Mrs. Albert Brown, who has charge of the women who will assist at the Exhibition, as to the manner in which the chapter might assist in services either to the men or their dependents. A good balance on hand was reported by the treasurer.

To Experiences. Dr. S. Grant addressed the meeting, telling of his experiences in an overseas "trip taken since the signing of the armistice. The speaker said the visit had been undertaken for the purpose of getting in touch with the chaplains' service and demobilization from the chaplain's standpoint. The address told of visits to a Canadian hospital, in which he spoke to 1200

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OSGOODE HALL NEWS Weekly Court. List of cases before Mr. Justice Masten for Thursday, April 17, at 10 a.m. (standard time): Re Bailey Cobalt. Armstrong vs. Keys. Abell vs. Woodbridge. Re Douglas Estate.

The second appellate court will deliver judgment at the opening of court today in Read vs. Whitney. There will be no more sittings of the appellate court until Tuesday next week.

NOTED EDUCATIONIST DEAD. San Francisco, April 16.—Professor Henry Morse Stephens of the University of California, prominent educator and author, dropped dead at the Union Ferry Depot here today after attending the funeral of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hoar.

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DEBAUCHERY DISTRICT, IS MINISTER'S PLAINT

Before the public accounts committee yesterday a letter written by Rev. R. E. Morton, Iroquois Falls, to H. H. Dewart, complaining of debauching conditions arising out of the shipment of liquor to the district during the "flu" epidemic was read.

It appeared from correspondence brought down from the license board that the whiskey was requested by Mayor McCoubrey of Iroquois Falls and was shipped to the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Co. to be used in their hospital under the direction of Dr. Dorsey. The doctor had at first refused to use it, but afterwards had used some. The balance was returned to the board in Toronto with the exception of some diverted for medicinal purposes to Porcupine.

Some of the members were in favor of demanding an apology from Rev. Mr. Morton. It was decided to send him a copy of the evidence.

BROWN TAKES LEAD IN SALUTING FLAG

Brown Public School Home Club is applying to the board of education for permission to take the lead in instituting a form of salutation for the Union Jack, or Canadian ensign. The Brown Home Club offers to present a flag to the school for the purpose. The legality of authorizing flag saluting in the public school grounds will be reported upon, and if the reply is favorable the request will be granted.

BAPTISTS CALLED ON TO CONTRIBUTE TITHES

W. C. Senior, secretary of the Baptist union budget committee, and a deputation of Toronto ministers are this week touring the Baptist churches. Every member is asked to give a tithe or proportionate part of income to religious funds.

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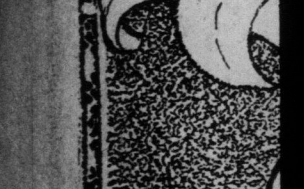
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