

But finally the police efforts were rewarded. The still was located, deep in the swamp and almost hidden from observation. Again followed the tedious but necessary duty of keeping the place under observation.

It was not until the early hours of the following morning that the owner arrived to start operations. When he had lit a fire and the still was working, the patrol made their presence known, and the arrest and seizure followed.

The moonshiner boasted to the police that he had the reputation of making the best whiskey in Ontario. This reputation served him poorly with the Police Magistrate who heard the case. The moonshiner was fined \$1,000.00 and given six months imprisonment, with the option of serving a further six months in default of paying the fine.

### **A Playwright Gone Wrong**

It is a common impression that Chinese drug-traffickers are of a low and illiterate type. This is frequently the case but there are many exceptions to the rule.

In British Columbia, recently, a Chinese of good education, speaking English fluently (but, strange to say, knowing very little of his own language) was arrested for being in possession of a large quantity of narcotic drugs.

It developed that this Chinese was a playwright but he found it necessary to augment his income in other ways, and selected the unscrupulous if profitable drug traffic to do so.

As a first step he secured a position on a ship plying between the Orient and this country. His duties consisted of looking after the refrigerators and ice-boxes aboard, and, in addition, he acted as catering agent for food-stuffs. Whenever the ship docked at this end, he would arrange for the delivery of ten or twenty boxes of apples for the ship's stores. After these boxes were delivered he would return part of the shipment to shore with the excuse that they were "too green".

It was the repetition of this scheme that first aroused suspicion. The innocent appearing boxes of "too green" fruit, when subjected to careful examination, resulted in the discovery of a quantity of narcotic drugs skilfully concealed.

The game was up. The Chinese was arrested. He was convicted on a charge of "possession" under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act.

### **Bootlegging in Miniature**

An individual in Eastern Ontario who had succeeded in gaining a fair amount of notoriety as a "racketeer", recently came within the toils of the Force after an investigation which spread over several months. This man's latest scheme was to fill hundreds of two-ounce bottles with gin, made from alcohol essence and water, and labelled "Walkers London Dry Gin". The labels were a miniature replica of the genuine and, to use his own words, when set beside the genuine article in the form of a large bottle, gave the impression that the larger bottle had given birth to numerous offspring. It was the culprit's intention to distribute the smaller bottles as a novelty, but his scheme was frustrated almost at the outset. His supply of alcohol and an automobile was seized; also many laboratory articles, slot machines, seals,