

"DOC" LAMOTHE WAS ACQUITTED

Judge Holds Diamond Ring Was Won in Game of Chance.

(Montreal Star.)
"Doc" Lamothé, well known in sporting circles in Montreal, was this morning honorably acquitted by Judge Bazin, sitting in the Court of Sessions, of stealing a diamond ring from F. W. Bentley. Judge Bazin in rendering judgment gave it as his opinion that the ring had been won in a game of chance.
Lamothé's story was that he and Bentley were playing dice for \$200 a throw at the Business Men's Club, that Bentley lost \$800, and that the ring was taken by him as payment. Bentley, he said, suggested the game, but as Bentley

Bentley had taken the ring off his finger and laid it on the table. They threw the dice about twenty times. During the game Bentley had drunk beer, and he apparently in the possession of his senses. After losing the ring Bentley asked him to keep it, so that he could pay him the money and redeem it.

Bentley's evidence was that he had come to Montreal last August to "enjoy the liberties the people of the United States are deprived of." He and Lamoignon had gone together to the Business Men's Club, but he denied that there had been any gambling. He was drunk and had no sleep for seventy-two hours.

The complainant Bentley was this morning the first witness. He testified that after leaving the Business Men's Club he had gone to another club on University Avenue, where he had played dice and also played the "wheel."

Questioned by N. K. Laflamme, K. C., who appeared for the defence, Bentley said that he had heard all the evidence given at yesterday's hearing but that as "Doc" had given his testimony in French he did not understand it. He asserted that the evidence of all the other witnesses for the defence, mentioning the chauffeur, Collins, and Be-

not go and complain to the police immediately he discovered the loss of his ring, Bentley said he looked for the defendant but could not find him. He had also been informed that night by Jimmie Parker, manager of the club, that he would do his utmost to get his ring back for him.

Dan McLaughlin, of the Canadian Detective Agency, who arrested the defendant, gave evidence as to the arrest. Mr. Lafamme then stated that he was willing to admit that "Doc" Lamothe in his testimony yesterday had made a mistake when he said that Mr. McLaughlin had attempted to have him square the matter.

the past thirty years and been his career as a police officer had been impeccable.

Mr. Leflamme and Ernest Bertrand who represented the Crown, addressed the court. Judge Bazin in delivering a lengthy judgment stated that he had no doubt "Doe" Lamothe had played the part of a sport all through. When two men such as Bentley and Lamothe came together for any length of time there was no doubt that games of chance would be discussed. He said that Lamothe had tried to protect the club where the transaction took place.

THE NAVY LEAGUE

The New York League of Canada has inaugurated a Dominion-wide campaign for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to carry on its work. At present canvassing committees are being organized in Montreal. The campaign will culminate next week, which includes Trafalgar Day.

It is explained that the objects of the league include the preservation of British supremacy on the sea and to maintain the Canadian ships, mercantile as well as the active navy, by Canadians. For this purpose, the organizers state, the Canadian people must be trained "in a sea-conscious spirit."

It is claimed that the continuous

the boys' avaval brigades of the league, is having an effect upon our maritime future. Since May last sixty of these lads have completed their training and passed into the Canadian merchant navy, and fifty more are on their way to man the new ships of the re-organized Royal Canadian Navy.

**RESIGNS BUT THEN
DECIDES TO STAY**

Warsaw, Oct. 16.—General Joseph Pilsudski, president of the republic of Poland, tendered his resignation as chief executive yesterday. At the request of the government, however, he withdrew his resignation provisionally.

The body of Robert Mott, who died suddenly in Fairville yesterday, was taken this morning to Central Cambridge, Queens county, for interment. Services were conducted last evening at the home of Edward Straigt, Fairville, by Rev. J. H. Jenner. Many friends were present.

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