



Showing features common to the questioned signature on the laundry slip (Q) and known signatures (K) of the accused.

weapon and that that weapon was the gun of the accused. Also that the marks on the discharged shell were made by that arm. He explained how the bolt is a very important part of it because it makes the major marks on the discharged case and it contains the firing pin and the extractor. Now you heard that specialist on firearms. He struck me as a very capable witness and he satisfied me that that evidence is correct and true. The question is did he satisfy you? I did not take the trouble to examine the charts. It is not enough for these experts to say, "It is my opinion", but they must go further and give you reasons for that opinion. He had these charts before you and enlarged photographs and he showed you the photographs of

these marks. I did not see it. It is for you to be satisfied, not me, in that respect. He purported to show you what he called the signature of the rifle. I suppose a great many people think to this day that a bullet fired out of a rifle bears the same marks as a bullet fired out of another rifle of the same make; and there are hundreds and thousands of them made, and many think they would all bear the same marks . . . But it was an education to listen to that man on firearms. But I guess you gentlemen must be satisfied now that each rifle has a signature of its own, the same as a man's handwriting."

The accused was not yet 18 years old when he committed this brutal crime which netted him only \$5.

R. v. Whyte and Bradley

Breaking, Entering and Theft—Finger-prints—Stolen Revolvers Used in Attempted Hold-up—Firearms Section—Cooperation Between Police Forces

On the night of Aug. 30-31, 1945, the Ottawa, Ont., premises of the 4th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment (P.L.D.G.), Reserve Unit, were broken into and four Smith & Wesson .455 calibre service revolvers stolen from a storage cabinet. Next morning the crime

was reported to the R.C.M.P. Criminal Investigation Department, Ottawa.

Immediate investigation disclosed that entry into the building had been effected by removing some wire screening from a window, while access to the storage cabinet had been gained by partially