

At 2 that morning Henry Weston who has a gasoline pump on the main highway at Upper Gagetown was roused from his sleep and saw three men, one of them wearing glasses, carrying out boxes of goods from the general store next door, and putting them into the back of an automobile which was then driven away without lights in the direction of Fredericton.

Weston immediately set out and walked to the house of the owner, Miss C. Burpee, a quarter of a mile away. It was subsequently ascertained that the front door, one of the two glass panels of which had been broken, had been pried open by a heavy implement thought to be a pinch bar.

When Weston got back home half an hour later he noticed that his gasoline tank had been broken into. This must have occurred shortly before the break into the Burpee store. The two padlocks had been knocked off the tank—which is the double glass-cylinder type—, and about twenty gallons of gasoline stolen;

each of the two bowls, which had been full when Weston went to bed, was now empty.

Weston at once notified the R.C.M.P. Fredericton Detachment. A patrol soon arrived at Gagetown and discovered that among the articles stolen from the store were a small radio, a camera, a pair of men's shoes and some cigarettes. Cigarettes and tins of tobacco were strewn about the floor. No finger-prints or other clues could be found except that some very indistinct tire tracks, believed to have been made by the crime car, seemed to be diamond tread from rear wheels. There was little doubt but that these crimes had been perpetrated by the same gang responsible for the other crimes.

After proceeding six miles toward Fredericton, the gangsters switched off and headed for St John where at approximately 3 a.m. the hardware store of A. Keith was entered and five shotguns and a .22 rifle were stolen. The plate glass in the front door had been