

tentiary. All sentences were to run concurrently.

As a result of this investigation the following itemized goods purchased by Schultz in the U.S.A. were seized under the provisions of the Customs Act: house trailer—\$1,200; portable radio—\$135; aluminum holloware—\$40; .22 revolver—\$40; 1953 De Soto sedan.

As Schultz and his associates are not

considered criminals with knowledge to attack a safe it can readily be seen that the unlocked safe was responsible for the sizeable amount of money stolen from the O'Hara store. However, the storekeeper's practice of listing the serial numbers of bank-notes was, to a large degree responsible for this series of offences being brought to a successful conclusion.

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R. v. McGregor

Excise Act

IN THESE days of "housing shortages" it is not at all uncommon to find landlords decidedly chary about their choice of tenants. Thus it was with no little chagrin that a certain Winnipeg property owner found himself duped by a "tenant" during the winter of 1952-53.

The complaint originated with a call to the Winnipeg City Police, but as the

information seemed to indicate an infraction of the Excise Act, it was referred to Division Headquarters of the Mounted Police. Subsequent investigation was carried out by members of the RCMP Preventive Service Branch.

The complainant—a Mr. Murdo Campbell—was found to be a highly respected citizen in his community and owned his home at 565 Banning Street. In addition Mr. Campbell was also the owner of another house located at 251 Scotia Street in West Kildonan, a suburb of Winnipeg. These premises were operated as an investment on a rental basis. In the autumn of 1952, the lease expired and the tenants moved. Not desirous of the premises remaining vacant, particularly during the winter months, Mr. Campbell placed the property in the hands of a rental agency. His wishes were soon rewarded and a lease was signed by the agency in favor of a man named James Mason. The key to the premises was turned over to Mason by a representative of the agency and in due course Mr. Campbell was informed of the occupancy by his agent. The new tenant made no apparent effort to contact the owner after occupancy, which did not disturb Mr. Campbell as he felt that if anything did not meet with approval he would be informed, either by Mason or the rental agency.

As the cold winter months passed, the rent was received promptly but no per-

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