

ant, at a time just before the occurrence, but the Defence Counsel, John O. Yeiser, showed each witness was a gambler and hence interested in putting the accused out of business. His task was harder, however, when two sisters gave a similar story, saying they saw him at 2.15 p.m. To substantiate their story, they produced a picture of themselves which had been taken at that time on the steps of the nearby church.

The next day, an unexpected witness

appeared for the Defence. He was the Rev. William Rigge, S.J., Professor of Astronomy at the nearby Creighton University. He showed that the picture, introduced to condemn Erdman, actually saved him, for the position of the church steeple shadow showed, by calculation, that the picture was taken at 3.20 p.m. This was actually *after* the bomb had been found!

As a result of this testimony, the accused was acquitted. ●●●

## Kamloops Mountie Gets the Bird . . . But Literally

By RON POWELL

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KAMLOOPS—You've heard of the mountie getting his man.

This particular constable got the bird. Not figuratively. Actually.

Perched atop a highway patrol car the other day was a budgie bird.

The constable—about to drive off about his business—tried to coax the small bird by the usual routine under the circumstances. He whistled, he beckoned with his finger, he made cooing sounds.

For all we know he may have asked the bird if he would "please come quietly".

Budgie would have none of these blandishments. He chirped back at the officer, fluttered his wings and altogether showed complete lack of respect for the law.

. . . There was no provision in the rules and regulations, nor in the Criminal Code for that matter, to cover the apprehension of budgie birds on police property.

But the constable knew a lady who had a budgie. He borrowed the bird, cage and all, and set the trap—*cherchez la femme*.

The wandering male budgie just couldn't resist the call of the feathered wench in the cage. Down he came.

Strutting before the other bird he failed to notice when the constable opened the cage door—and after Mr. Budgie's proud entry—quietly closed it again.

The fact that the budgie had been found was broadcast and a grateful owner recovered the bird.

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