

# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

● General meeting Prince Rupert Football Ass'n with the election of officers. Canadian Legion Hall—Sunday 2:30 p.m. (94)

Mrs. Edna Lattery and two children of Smithers sailed from here on the Princess Louise for Juneau where they will pay a visit with Mrs. Lattery's mother.

● Regular Moose meeting Tuesday, April 25th 8 p.m. Installation of officers, followed by social evening. W.O.T.M. invited to attend. (9)

Constable and Mrs. Gordon L. Simons and family were passengers sailing aboard the Prince Rupert Thursday night sailing for North Vancouver to which city Constable Simons has been transferred in the provincial police service after being stationed for a few years at Port Edward and later here.

A. Webster, engineer from the office of the federal Department of Public Works at New Westminster, was a passenger aboard the Princess Louise yesterday going through to the Yukon territory on official duties.

Harold Church of the War Veterans' Allowance Branch and Sam Yates of the casualty section, Department of Veterans Affairs, will be arriving in the city on May 1 from Vancouver and will be here for a couple of days to assist veterans with the discussion of their problems.

Mrs. G. A. Hunter is sailing tomorrow evening on the Camosun for Vancouver where she will attend the forthcoming graduation exercises of the Vancouver General Hospital nurses' training school. Her daughter, Miss Audrey Hunter, will be one of the graduates.

● A special meeting of joint P.T.A.'s will be held in Booth School, Monday April 24 at 8 o'clock to hear convention report. All members please attend. (95)

Johnson Russ of Greenville, Edward Bolton of this city and Godfrey Kelly of Massett, all regional vice-presidents, and Charles Dudoward and Thomas Gosnell of Port Simpson, who were delegates, arrived in the city on the Camosun yesterday afternoon from Bella Bella where they attended the convention during the past week of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia. William Scow of Alert Bay was re-elected president of the Brotherhood.

● Cash for old gold, Bulger's.

## McKNIGHT

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consideration the fact that McKnight was defending himself and, although some questions to crown witnesses were rough, no objection was made.

Mr. Brown strongly pointed out to the jury that, if they believed Violet Sampere's story, then the Crown's case was out. He referred to Const. White's evidence. The constable stated that normally Indians have no clock time sense. "She was completely wrong of the time," Mr. Brown declared, "although the episode is probably right."

There was very little evidence against Thompson, the prosecutor said. Only things linking Thompson with the crime was the crow bar. Jabour testified he was carrying, and an overheard conversation by Miss Sampere. (The native girl testified that she saw McKnight holding a piece of metal and saying to Thompson: "If we had this last night, everything would have been alright".)

Defense counsel for Thompson, R. M. MacLeod, delivered a very short address to the jury. He pointed out that it was never established by the Crown that Thompson was in the store on Christmas Eve. Mr. MacLeod declared that Jabour's and Miss Sampere's evidence was questionable.

"If you find Sampere's and Jabour's evidence not truthful, then there is no case against Thompson."

Mr. Justice Coady explained to the jury that a person is liable to be arrested on a similar charge although he does not actually commit a crime.

"If Thompson were assisting McKnight, then he would be as guilty although he may never have put foot in the building. But, the Judge later stated, if after the crime was committed the bar was carried by Thompson, then he is not guilty. He would not be a principal offender, Mr. Justice Coady said.

Mr. Coady declared that circumstantial evidence was important in the case as that there was no direct evidence of commission of the crime.

He warned the jury panel that, although McKnight and Thompson were always together; lived in the same room, and ate together; it did not mean a relationship exists as far as the charges are concerned.

### Accused on Stand

Taking the stand, McKnight recalled Ernest Jabour, Violet Sampere, W. J. Rance and defence witness V. G. Dow. He asked if they could identify clothing which he was said to have worn Christmas Eve. They could not recall his attire at that time.

Const. Jack White was first crown witness and he testified



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that the safe in Rance and Hardy Coady said Jabour would be protected by the Canada Evidence Act.

"Do you still bootleg?" asked McKnight.

"In a small way," replied Jabour. The court room engaged in muffled laughter. All witnesses were dealt with shortly after 12 noon and at 1:45, pleaded with Mr. Justice Coady T. W. Brown, R. M. MacLeod and that he should not be forced to answer the question. Justice the jury.

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