

SUPER - CROOKS AROUND IN BRITISH UNDERWORLD

Even Small Boys Found in Crime Game There, While Suave Swindlers Apt to be Met Unexpectedly

(By Grant Dexter) LONDON, Feb. 25.—The reasons why British criminals are much better 'copy' than their Canadian prototypes are easily obvious to any one who studies crime in the two countries. Canadian crooks, as a rule, are bad medicine through and through; they are of the criminal type, lacking in psychological perception, with no brighter side to their careers of conflict against society. Only occasionally when a British crook takes a busman's holiday in Canada is Canadian crime illuminated by daring of imagination and execution. Immigration officers at Ottawa will not soon forget the plausible young English swindler who, about ten years ago, passed himself into the highest social circles of Toronto as an Elton boy, marrying a fortune, meeting the Governor-General, deceiving everyone—only to be unmasked and jailed at last.

Yet these super-crooks abound in the small circle of criminals in Britain. The writer has lived in England fourteen months, during which time he has encountered and been deceived by three swindlers. One young, impeccably dressed Londoner executed a false document involving \$250 without so much as a flick of the eyelid. Another pseudo-literary agent had been selling the product of a world-famous cartoonist illegally for many months. He vanished as if by magic and became lost in London's teeming millions. No doubt Scotland Yard will lay him by the heels some day. The third was a gardener and amateur preacher who had built up slowly and with infinite patience an organization among retailers, by which he got a rake-off on all purchases made by his employers. He worked for six people and managed to net himself about \$20 per victim over the course of a year.

The amount of unpremeditated, unplanned crime in Britain, always excepting murders of passion, is comparatively small, and the work of Scotland Yard and the various police departments is correspondingly more difficult. Even small boys are in the crime game, not as amateurs, but as accomplished crooks. This year a ring of boys, aged about 12 years, many of them choir boys in the various churches, was broken up by the police. These lads made considerable sums of money in this way: They bought trifling articles in low-cost stores, wrapped them up and delivered them at residences in well-to-do districts, representing themselves as delivery boys of the great London stores and collecting from their victims about 20 per cent more for each

SHERIFF SALE

The following property will be sold at Public Auction in front of the County Court House, Fredericton, N. B., at 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, MARCH 5th, A. D., 1938, for delinquent Parish and County and School Taxes, Charles Veysey Property, so-called, North Lake.

ALL that certain piece of land situate in the Parish of North Lake in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake standing at the southwesterly angle of the lot granted to Charles H. Kneeland in Green Mountain Settlement thence south eighty-nine degrees east thirty-one chains and fifty links to a stake thence south one degree west thirty chains to a spruce tree thence north eighty-nine degrees west twenty-three chains and fifty links to another spruce tree thence north one degree east eight chains to a stake thence north eighty-nine degrees west eight chains to a cedar tree and thence north one degree east twenty-two chains to the place of beginning containing eighty-seven acres more or less in Green Mountain Settlement. The same having been granted to Samuel Dysart by Grant No. 15590 in Book 90.

Parish and County Taxes	
1928	\$ 2.20
1929	2.55
1930	2.04
1931	3.03
1932	2.60
1933	3.75
1934	1.85
1935	3.15
1936	4.60
1937	4.80
Total	\$30.57
School Taxes	
1931	\$ 2.63
1932	4.90
1933	4.15
1934	1.20
1935	1.20
1936	1.08
1937	1.20
Total	\$16.36
C. N. GOODSPEED, High Sheriff of York County.	

AMBITIOUS QUEST STEADILY PURSUED TO MANUFACTURE 'ABSOLUTE NOTHING'

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 29.—The manufacture of absolute "nothing" is the ambition of William A. Ruggles, research worker in the General Electric Company laboratories. Ruggles is in charge of experimental work on vacuum tubes. Improved methods of removing gases from tubes based on his experiments have resulted in improved radios, better photo-electric cells, more efficient tubes for experimental work on television, and a better knowledge of lighting, company officials said. But despite considerable advancement achieved during the past 25 years, Ruggles reported he still has a long way to go before accomplishing "nothing." "Even with our most modern technique, we are only able to remove the molecules to the extent that more than 50,000,000,000 gas molecules remain in an ordinary 60-watt lamp bulb, after we have evacuated it to the best of our ability," he said. Before being evacuated, he added, the number of molecules in a tube is beyond enumeration. The process of degassing, Ruggles said, is begun by baking the tube for an hour in an electric oven at a temperature of 935 degrees Fahrenheit. This heating removes a portion of the gasses in the tube, since the molecules, upon being heated, expand and are forced out. In the next step, liquid air, at a temperature of 196 degrees below zero, is utilized to remove accumulated water vapor by condensation. Then the filament, or electrode, within the tube is degassed by flashing or heating with high frequency electric coils. An additional amount of gas is drawn from the tube by a pump operated by heated mercury. The completed degassing process varies from as little as 20 minutes in the case of small tubes, to several days for the largest tubes, Ruggles disclosed, adding that it is now possible to create a "vacuum" in half the time required 20 years ago.

EXPERT FINDS FEW VERSED IN WORDS

Says Ninety-nine Per Cent. Adults Can't Define "Utter" or "Inchoate"

(By Ruth Cameron) Every once in a while I read some report on the researches into human intelligence which astounds me beyond words at its findings. Psychologist Johnson O'Connor of Stevens Institute of Technology has tested 20,000 people of all walks of life and come to the conclusion that: An extensive knowledge of the exact meanings of English words accompanies outstanding success in this country more often than any other single characteristic which the Human Engineering Laboratory (his department at Stevens Technology) has been able to isolate and measure. It isn't that which surprises me. It might or it might not be so. I wouldn't know. But his further listing of words which he says are not known to a large proportion of adults simply astounds me. You may care to try these on your group some night and see how you come out. According to Mr. O'Connor in his Johnson O'Connor English Vocabulary Builder, the following words, and many more, these are just samples, are unknown to 50 per cent of adults: Chaste, rectitude, elegiacal, ameliorate, jocose, candor. And unknown to 99 per cent of adults are the words: Enervate, unmitigated, v. rulent, ingenious, quixotic, plethora, unconscionable, ascetic, quizzical, jejune, utter (verb), anfractuous, unwonted, detraction, tenuous, inchoate, collate. Some of these words, I'll admit, are most unusual, but it seems to me that it would be one adult in 100 rather than 99 who wouldn't know the word 'utter' as a verb.

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