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CRIMINALS AND POLICE

Should Canada have a national police system, in addition to the local police forces of the various cities and towns?

This question is suggested by a singularly interesting and illuminating article by Mr. Arthur Woods, in McClure's for May, on The Problem of the Black Hand, Canada has no Black Hand problem, but it is becoming the theatre of an increasing number of crimes by Italian and other immigrants, and as the population grows and more of these people come into the country there will be the greater need of a police force fitted to cope with the criminals who, in spite of the most rigid inspection, will come here to prey upon their fellow countrymen.

Mr. Woods points out that during the past ten years 1,700,000 Italian immigrants entered the United States through the port of New York. Of these a very large number remained in New York city, but others are scattered in colonies all over the country wherever there is a demand for common laborers. The great majority of these people are industrious and self-supporting, but with them come a thin stream of criminals, who prey upon their wage-earning fellow countrymen, and are responsible for the crimes committed. They are the Black Handers. They were criminals in Italy, and they pursue their calling in America. Their fellow countrymen need to be protected from them even more than does the general public. In great cities like New York, these thieves and murderers work in groups, and doubtless the leaders of groups in different localities are in touch with each other. It has been found impossible to keep them all out of the country, or to detect and deport them after they have landed. For example, in New York the total number of policemen who can speak Italian is only about fifty, and only four of them speak the Italian dialects. Even when the Black Handers levy tribute on honest Italians, the latter are in most cases so terrorized that they are reluctant to hand over to justice the persons guilty of the crime, even though it be murder. The criminals soon come to know the few officers who can speak their language and govern themselves accordingly. And because there is no national police system the chances are that a man who has pursued a career of crime in one place until he is in danger of arrest can go to some other city and begin all over again. Almost invariably it is found, on enquiry in Italy, that an Italian who pursues a career in crime in the United States was a criminal in Italy. But even then it is exceedingly difficult under the existing laws to secure his deportation. A clever lawyer can usually save him from that fate. Thus the Italian criminal presents a very serious problem in the United States.

Now how is it in Italy? The most interesting portion of Mr. Woods' article is that which deals with the police system in that country. There they have not only the local police but a body of federal police called carabinieri, who cover the whole of Italy. The whole system is so perfected that the criminal has practically no chance of escape from detection and capture. Let Mr. Woods tell the story in his own words:

"There is every reason why America should attract the Italian criminal. He certainly has a hard enough time in Italy. One thing that annoys him there is the seeming impossibility of escaping the watchfulness of the government. The registry system is so comprehensive and is carried out so carefully that no matter how much a man may move about in the kingdom he can always be traced. If he goes from his home town to another place and puts up in a lodging-house or hotel, the police are at once notified. If he takes a house, the tax assessors register him with the police; and if occasion arises, his whole history can be found in the place of his birth. The records are centralized in this way: from wherever a man moves to, information is sent to the town of his birth, where his complete record is kept. If he gives a false name he can be prosecuted for fraud, and he could not long pose under an assumed name, since a record would be made of

anything he did and he would be looked up in his home town. Anything wrong in his report would easily be detected."

"But the troubles of the criminal in Italy do not end when he has served the sentence imposed on him by law, or even when the law has acquitted him. The two systems, special surveillance and admonition, are the nightmare of the Italian outlaw, and have much to do with making emigration seem to him most desirable. Special surveillance provides that if a man is convicted of crime he must, besides serving a term in prison, serve also, in his native town, a supplementary term of what might be called probation. Conviction for certain crimes carries with it necessarily a period of surveillance; in other cases the addition of surveillance to the sentence of imprisonment is optional with the judge. The conditions of surveillance are strict, and result in keeping the vigilante, as he is called, constantly under the eye of the police. A person coming out of prison and entering his period of surveillance is directed to go to his native town, to find work within ten days, and to report to the police. He is not allowed to carry arms of any kind, not even a razor or a walking stick. He cannot associate with persons who have been convicted of crime or who have a bad reputation, and he is not allowed to enter any places where people are gathered together, such as saloons, churches, restaurants or hotels. He must be in at night at a specified hour, usually sunset, and must not leave home in the morning until sunrise. He must report to the police once a week or oftener. He is liable to arrest at any moment on the slightest suspicion, and can be locked up for forty-eight hours. Special police usually visit a man's house four times a week, and sometimes every day. Special surveillance is imposed from one to five years, and there are severe penalties for violation of any of the requirements.

"But a man does not have to be convicted of crime in order to be put under restraint. The police have the power of presenting to a judge 'bad men,' with the object that they be placed under 'admonition.' The 'bad men' are vagabonds, persons who do not work and have no visible means of support, or persons who have been arrested a couple of times, tried on serious charges—such as murder, felonious assault, making threats, resisting arrest, theft, highway robbery, extortion, blackmail, receiving stolen goods—and have been acquitted. In spite of the fact that they have been released by the court, if the police regard them as suspicious, as undesirable men to have around loose in the community, they are taken before the judge specially designated by the president of the Tribunal, and he, if he deems it best, places them under admonition. The requirements of admonition are practically the same as those of special surveillance, though somewhat less stringent, although the man may be picked up by the police for any cause whatever and kept in confinement for forty-eight hours."

Naturally the Italian criminal is glad to escape from his native land to one where the police system is less effective. Criminals from other parts of Europe doubtless have a like desire. The United States has become an asylum for these people. Canada will also have its share of them as its foreign born population increases. It is worth while to consider seriously whether it would not be well to have a national police force, not necessarily large in numbers, but composed of exceptionally clever men, with a certain number for each province, always on duty and always in touch with the police authorities of the province. Then when a crime was committed there would be the assurance that within a few hours after its discovery there would be set in operation a system which would in the majority of cases bring the criminal to speedy justice. The Northwest Mounted Police perhaps afford the finest example to be found anywhere of a thoroughly disciplined and highly efficient force. A small national force of like calibre would do much throughout the country in the interests of law and order.

The United States senate has voted against free lumber. Which means among other things that the destruction of Canadian forests will not proceed at as rapid a rate as some people had hoped.

The remarks of Judge Forbes relative to small boys and tobacco are timely and proper. No serious attempt is made in this city to check the growth of the cigarette evil.

The low-browed section of the Conservative press, by continuing its attacks upon Hon. Dr. Pugsley, increases the numbers of the minister's supporters.

Revelations of civic corruption in Montreal suggest to Canadians that all the graft in cities is not confined to those south of the American border.

The fire-cracker habit should be put down with a heavy hand by the police. It is entirely too dangerous a pastime.

The spring season is unusually late this year, and farming operations are therefore delayed.

RIGHT IN IT

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Bounded eye by muddy walls,
Silent live the patient fish,
Deaf to nature's joyous calls.

Seeing not the graceful swallows
Lightly skim the prison pond;
Hearing not the daybreak concerts
In the grand old grove beyond.

Heeding not the beckoning clover,
Nor the waving of the corn;
Seeing not the jewelled grass blades
Sparkling in the radiant morn.

Missing all the summer roses,
And the fragrant lilies fair;
Not a gleam of golden sunshine
Penetrates the darkness there.

For these luckless little creatures
I can do nothing but
But I'll get a line and fish-pole,
And assist a few to land.
—Elizabeth White.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A WISE JUDGE
Judge—You are accused of snatching a turkey from a grocery window.
Prisoner (in a pleading tone)—I got it for a year, your honor.

Judge—No resemblance whatever. You must have been drunk. Sixty days—Boston Transcript.

THE REVISED VERSION
Maud Muller, on a summer's day
Put up a bluff at "freckles";
But on the highroad kept an eye,
In case a judge came riding by.

And sure enough, a judge did pass
At forty miles an hour, alas!
It gives to romance quite a jar,
The modern book-honk touring car.

THE EXACT WEIGHT
They were weighing the new baby, and Ebel was an interested spectator. The weights, all but the four-pound one, were lost. The fond parent of the newly-arrived desired it to make a creditable record of weight and began placing on the scales every available article he could find, to be weighed after the baby was removed from the scales. Before this was done Ebel hastened to the next door neighbor and reported proudly:
"My little new sister weighs four pounds, a bunch of keys, a pair of penknives, and an apple."—New York Times.

A CURE FOR FRECKLES
"Is it true Doctor," asked the summer girl, "that eating cucumbers cures freckles?"
"Of course," replied Dr. Kidder, "under certain circumstances."
"Really? What circumstances?"
"Well, provided the freckles are on the cucumbers."—Philadelphia Ledger.

HE WAS QUEER
"Isn't he queer? He asked me to marry him last night, but he never said a word about loving me."
"Just like him. He told me he loved me, and didn't say anything about marriage."—Cleveland Leader.

IT MOVED OFF
Weary Wilkins—Yes, mum, I had a fine comfortable home, but it just moved off.
Mrs. Goodwin: Poor man. How did it happen?
Weary Wilkins: An engine backed up and pulled it away.—Chicago News.

CUPID'S WARDROBE
"Why do they always make pictures of Cupid without any clothes?"
"So that he won't be out of style."—Cleveland Leader.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick

It is predicted that all the lumber cut on the Restigouche and tributaries will reach the booms this spring. In all the small streams and brooks the logs are down to within easy reach of the main river or are already in the river. On the main river the drifting has been exceptionally good and a large quantity of logs is at present in the boom, with more running in every hour. This season the driving has been exceptionally good. The cut on the Restigouche is about an average one, while in other sections of the province it is somewhat curtailed. The drives on the Charlo are also in the boom or in safe water. In the Nepisiguit the drives are also all in safe waters, and some of them are in the booms.

Large scows of huge stones are being landed at Dorchester from the Beaumont stone quarries, for the Maritime Penitentiary. They will be used for construction purpose. The proposed new stone walls, to take the place of the wooden palisades, and the proposed new south wing, to the prison proper, calls for an immense quantity of quarried stone. The inexhaustible quarries of the Dorchester Stone Co. will supply all that is required. The stone is being transferred from the Island wharf to the prison siding by the I. C. R. authorities. The contract calls for its delivery at the prison siding. It is taken from thence to the prison, stone-cutting yards by convict labor. The work of dressing the stone according to the plans will be done entirely by convict labor, under the direction of Trade Instructor Sherrard.

The I. C. R. Board of Management and the chief officials of the road leave tomorrow from Montreal on an inspection trip along the line. D. Pottinger, F. P. Brady, G. R. Joughins, W. B. McKenzie, T. C. Burpee and R. W. Simpson left on the Maritime Express last night for Montreal and with J. Tiffin, who is already in Montreal will compose the party. Le Lavoie and H. S. Thomas also will be with the party.

Mrs. George Tidd, of Digby, received the sad news that her brother, Joseph Murray, of Yarmouth, was drowned in Boston harbor. The finding of his body in the dock at Rowe's wharf was the first intimation of his death, although he had been missing for a couple of weeks. He was second steward of the steamer Bay State on the Portland route. Deceased was thirty-two years of age, and is survived by a wife and child.

Nova Scotia

Several cases of smallpox are reported at Old Town, Cape Breton, but prompt measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. All the churches and schools have been closed and physicians are vaccinating all who have not recently been vaccinated.

The Sydney Post says:—"It is announced that Hon. Mr. Templeman, minister of mines, will shortly visit Nova Scotia, and interview mining men of this province. This is good news to the men who are interested in the advancement of this industry, and it is to be hoped that good results will flow from the minister's visit. Simple conferences, without some move in the direction of developing or planning for development, will be of little use, and the mining men should approach him in the spirit of insistence that co-operation be accorded by the government."

Amherst News:—"There are now, or will be inside of a few days, thirty-five motors in active use in our town. There is no town in Canada of the population of Amherst that can approach this record and if we are not mistaken Amherst has now more motors in use than either Halifax or St. John."
Yesterday's Amherst News says:—"His Honor Judge Patterson was in Amherst today. He left for New Glasgow on the C. P. R. this evening. Judge Patterson will be one of the principals in an interesting event to be held in Lunenburg on June 2. Accompanied by his bride, he will leave for the Pacific Coast on a two months' trip."

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LOWELL'S POLICEMAN MAYOR STILL AT WAR

Lowell, Mass., May 25—Mayor George H. Brown called the board of aldermen together in special session tonight and asked that the city rescind its action whereby the legislative act relating to pensioning police officers on half pay was accepted here.

This action followed the retirement of Superintendent W. H. Moffatt on half pay yesterday at the end of the hearing on charges against the board of police, in which Superintendent Moffatt's record was not attacked. The aldermen postponed action on this and referred the matter of the legality of the superintendent's pension to the city solicitor.
In the mayor's communication to the board of aldermen he declared that the pensioning of police officers was becoming a burden on the taxpayers that he had intended to prefer charges against the superintendent and that the pension act does not legally apply to the office of superintendent of police. He asked for the right to petition the legislature to exempt from the pension statute, the city of Lowell. The matter is the climax of last fall's political campaign when Mayor Brown, then a member of the police force, was the subordinate of the superintendent. They clashed then and they have clashed occasionally since. As a member of the police state association, Mayor Brown was on the committee which obtained from the legislature the act which he now seeks to annul so far as Lowell is concerned.
Mayor Brown announced, after the afternoon meeting, that while he is mayor he will not sign any pay roll which would permit Superintendent Moffatt to draw his half pay and that he would not be

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