

ALLEGED SPY HAD ACCESS TO HARBOR PLANS

Was Employed as Draftsman by
Quebec Commission and
Could Have Obtained
Chart Copies.

ACCUSED OF GIVING
INFORMATION TO BERLIN

Incredible Laxity Permits Alien
to Copy Important Papers
at Will.

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QUEBEC, Nov. 18.—That F. G. W. Hoffman, arrested at The Pas, Manitoba, November 6, on a charge of spying in Canada for the German government, had copies of charts giving full data for the safe navigation of the harbor of Quebec, was made known this afternoon when the photographic department of Livernois' Studio, in this city, established from their collection of plates that Hoffman, while he was in the employ of the Quebec harbor commission, had ordered copies of a blue print chart of the harbor from Sillery to the Island of Orleans.

It is not known yet whether these negatives were used to make a number of copies for the personal use of Hoffman. He was at liberty as a draftsman for the commissioners to go through all the documents belonging to that body, and furthermore had the initiative of ordering copies of blue-prints, charts or whatever documents he saw fit without control.

The chart, the negative plate of which was found at Livernois' Studio, would be of great help to the safe navigation of the harbor of Quebec. It shows the exact depth of the various points of the harbor on a frontage of over ten miles.

Until it is found out from the records of the harbor commission how many copies of this chart were ordered and how many Hoffman ordered from Livernois it cannot be said whether he had extra copies drawn. The chart showed in detail plans of the citadel of Quebec and the situation of the various forts erected in the vicinity of the harbor.