

# DYNAMITE FOUND HIDDEN UNDER RAILWAY CROSSING

## Discovery Made by the Police---Was it Placed There to be Used When the Overseas Troops Were Moved Out of Kingston ?

Shortly before one o'clock on Monday afternoon six sticks of dynamite were found hidden under some planking at the railway crossing at Cataract street.

Whether or not it was part of a plot to do damage to the property of the railway companies is not known, but the police are making an investigation.

Shortly after the discovery was made, a fifteen-year-old boy went into Dalton's wholesale hardware, with a stick of dynamite in his possession, and made some inquiries as to what it was and who owned it. The police were notified, and the youngster was taken in charge, and is being held at the police station, pending the investigation which is being made.

This railway crossing is used by both the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The finding of the dynamite caused quite a sensation. It was found by a man driving over the crossing, so it is claimed and as soon as it was located, a call was sent to the police station. Constable Robert Sargeant hurried to the scene, and returned to the police station with the explosive.

When taken to the police station the lad stated that he had found the stick of dynamite in his possession, on Princess street.

When Constable Armstrong got the tip that a lad had been at Dalton's hardware with a stick of dynamite, he immediately got busy. Going to the wholesale he got a good description of the youngster, and in five minutes time had him under arrest.

The boy was walking on King street, between Princess and Brock street, when the constable found that he tallied with the description given him. The constable tapped him on the shoulder and asked him if he had a stick of dynamite on his person.

"Yes, sir, I've got it right here," said the youngster, and he unbuttoned his coat and pulled the stick out of an inside pocket. The youngster was as "cool as a cucumber,"

and when questioned by the constable stated that he had found the dynamite lying near a telegraph pole on Princess street.

Constable Armstrong took the boy and the dynamite to the police station, and had only been there a few minutes when Constable Sargeant arrived with his bundle of dynamite.

How long the dynamite was under the planking is not known, but as it was perfectly dry, it is believed that it had only been there a very short time.

The stick the boy had was also very dry, and this casts some doubt on his story that he picked it up on Princess street.

Another report going the rounds was to the effect that the boy being detained was the party who found the dynamite at the crossing.

### Found By A Driver.

It was later found that the dynamite was found by a driver employed by W. F. Kelly of the American Oil Company. He noticed the dynamite as he was driving over the crossing. He notified the police, and then guarded it until the constable arrived on the scene.

It appears that three of the sticks were lying close to one of the rails and the other three were under the planking.

It is believed that the lad who went to Dalton's desired to sell the dynamite if he could. However, he did not get a chance to sell it, and was wandering around with it when taken in charge by Constable Armstrong.

### Was It A Plot ?

Was there a plot to blow up a train? As a result of the discovery all sorts of reports and rumors were going the rounds. Some citizens are of the opinion that it was part of a plan set to blow up the train which will convey the soldiers of the 21st Battalion for overseas from this city.

Constables Bateson, Armstrong and Sargeant are working on the case.