

# CAUGHT WOLF IN SHEEP'S GARB

Fingerprint System of Police Reveals Identity of Seemingly Harmless Vagrant.

PROVED TO BE SMITZ, EXPERT TRAIN JUMPER

Leaped From Train on P. G. E. While in Custody of Officer.

An instance of the great value of the finger-print system in the tabulating and tracing of offenders against the provisions of the law cropped up in Magistrate South's court.

One John Anderson was before the court a day or so ago on a charge of vagrancy, and because his face was familiar to some of the officials, was remanded for further investigation.

Inspector James Anderson (no relation to the man in the dock), dived down in his records of finger-prints, after getting those of the accused, and shortly discovered that Anderson was possessed of other names than the one he was then travelling under.

It turned out that the man was Adolph Smitz, who some two years ago, was arrested at Squamish, charged with selling liquor to Indians. During the trip down to New Westminster Smitz, who was in custody of a member of the provincial police, made a daring escape from the moving train, the officer, without a moment's hesitation, diving after his prisoner.

Smitz made good his escape, the officer sustaining a bad fracture of the leg through his fall and being unable to continue the chase.

Later the man was again arrested and sentenced to a further term of imprisonment for escaping from custody, being afterwards taken to the internment camp. He also escaped from the camp, but is emphatic in his denial of the latter charge, stating that he 'just walked away.'

Smitz denied his identity when questioned by Inspector Anderson and Sergeant Hood, but the photographs and fingerprints at last proved too strong against him, and he reluctantly admitted he was the man wanted. He will be held pending further investigation. The arrest of Anderson was made by Detectives Crewe and Imlah.