

DENIES THAT N.W.M. POLICE USED SOFT NOSED BULLETS

OTTAWA, July 21.—A. A. McLean, comptroller of the Northwest Mounted police, emphatically denies a statement made by T. H. Dunn of Winnipeg, before the Ottawa forum on Sunday night to the effect that during the riots of June 21 the Mounted police "fired soft-nosed bullets into the crowd of women and children, of a type which has been barred by the Geneva convention and also in the late war."

"This, like much of the rest of the speech," said Mr. McLean, "is transparent falseness, and is scarcely worthy of attention. Soft-nosed bullets are used in the high velocity, high-powered rifles and automatic pistols. Neither rifles nor automatic pistols are used by the Royal Northwest Mounted police, but only revolvers which discharge solid lead bullets of the type in use before the invention of small calibre, high-powered rifles."

Mr. McLean also drew attention to the finding of the coroner's jury, which investigated the death of Mike Sokolowski, the enemy alien who was shot to death in the riot. The jury found that Sokolowski died as the result of receiving a bullet wound in the heart, fired by some unknown person. The verdict also stated that "the evidence shows that a number of shots were fired by rioters and there is nothing to indicate that the shot which killed the deceased was fired by the police."