

# "IRON FIST OF POLICE MUST GO" --ROBINETTE

## Police Court Lawyer Makes Vigorous Protest Against Old Methods of Police.

### CAN'T FIND WITNESS

#### Indian Struggled So That Four Men Had to Hold Him on Fire Truck.

"It is not the case itself that we are now anxious about," said T. C. Robinette, K.C., in the Police Court, regarding the case of George F. Reid, charged with disorderly conduct while trying to get the constable's number.

"It is this principle—are the citizens to rule the citizens, or are the police to rule the citizens?"

"The police of this city have, for years past, been taught that they rule the people. The German iron fist is too much in evidence: and it has to be got rid of! The people will stand it now no longer. They don't want it!"

"When I come into this court, you would think the police were a regiment of Kentucky colonels, the way they jump on me," said Mr. Robinette, laughing.

Yesterday, the police announced in connection with the case, when the deadlock came over the obscene language used by Reid, that a private citizen who heard the whole affair tendered his name and address as a witness, and the case was remanded till to-day to have that witness present. To-day, however, the police announced that they had been unable to get the witness, but provided another in the person of Samuel Hickman, the private constable or doorkeeper of Loew's Theatre.

#### Get Duncan to Find Him.

"Now, I want that citizen witness," said Mr. Robinette. "I asked you for his name and address yesterday and you refused it. Give his name and address now to the Clerk of the Court. If you cannot get him, I will hire a private detective agency to get him. I'll get ex-Inspector Duncan to find him."

Hickman, the door-keeper of the theatre, said he had not heard the conversation between the policeman and Reid previous to the bad language, because he was standing inside the door and the altercation took place out on the sidewalk. But he swore he heard the obscene language distinctly. Constable Scott, who arrested Reid, also served the subpoena on Hickman to be present as a witness.

"The citizen has not yet appeared," said the police, at the opening of the case.

"We were unable to find him," said the police a little later, when Mr. Robinette demanded to know more about him.

The case was remanded one week.

#### Indian "Had Drink.?"

Joe Black, a gigantic Indian, was remanded a week on a charge of being "mad drunk."

Last night, a fire-hose wagon returning from the Sunnyside car barns fire, was halted at Indian road by a crowd of men, who were holding the big Indian. A policeman who was riding on the hose wagon got off and the crowd explained to him that the Indian had almost kicked a man to death on the Lake Shore road. The firemen seized the Indian, put him on the truck, and with tremendous struggles from their prisoner, who had to be held by four men, he was taken to the Parkdale Police Station.

#### The Last Chance.

John Brookes, drunk, asked for a chance.

"I'll give you the best chance of all," said the Squire. "It will be \$20 and costs or 60 days."

James McGrogan, who was let go yesterday on a drunk charge, was fined \$10 and costs or 30 days on his appearance to-day.

Harry Fox was drunk in charge of a horse and wagon and kicked the constable who arrested him. He was fined \$5 or 15 days.

Charles F. Matthews, whom the jail physicians found to be quite sane, was let go home with his father.

Mike McLoughlin is always a welcome prisoner in the Police Court dock. He exudes an air of good-feeling and jollity.

"Plaze give me a chance, yer 'Anour! It was damp yistiddy."

"I'll give you one more chance."

"Bliss yer 'Anour. I'll see yez all agin!"

#### Motner Wanted Him Freed.

Because he had been up quite recently before, Tom Nuttley was remanded to Friday to sober up. Into