

# Foreign Gamblers-- Police Action

**Servian Arrested for Carrying on a Gambling  
Den, Frequented by the Foreign Element  
in South part of the City**

## **CLUMSY ATTEMPTS TO SAIL CLEAR OF THE LAW**

The suppression of the passion for gambling among the foreign residents in the city is almost a hopeless task. The spirit of gaming is too deeply inspired into the blood of the southern and far eastern European for any civic law to prove powerful enough to eradicate it. Nevertheless the police have to watch every opportunity of doing something to lessen the evil. A case before Mr. Magistrate Fraser this morning disclosed two interesting facts--first, that the police are alive to their duty, and, second, that there is an astonishing ignorance of the British law and methods of conduct in the minds of the foreign immigrants and the sooner they have their eyes and minds opened the better for themselves as well as the country

that is giving them a shelter. In the case in question, a Servian, giving the name of Vasil, was arrested by Provincial officer Pay, and brought before Magistrate Fraser this morning, charged with keeping a gambling house in South Niagara Falls, Ont. Vasil, it appeared, hoped to successfully avoid the law by not actually taking a fee in person from those who frequented his establishment. His system was for those who entered to pick for themselves illustrated cards, and for each one they selected they dropped a ten cent piece into a glass tumbler, handily placed for the purpose. The illegality of this clumsy method was driven home to the Servian by his being forced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.