

AN ARTIST IN THE TOILS, DOCTORS TO EXAMINE

Charles Johnstone, Held on a
Vagrancy Charge, Admitted
He Was a Painter.

POLICE ARE STARTLED

Thought Old Bill Miner Had
Returned From the Happy
Hunting Ground.

Another artist in the toils! The Toronto police are continually picking up poets and authors and editors. This time it was Chas. Johnstone, a tall, beaver man, who reluctantly admitted to the Police Court that he was a painter of portraits.

The charge against him is vagrancy. He was arrested in a restaurant for begging money from one of the waitresses, trying to make himself agreeable at the same time.

Johnstone comes from the United States. He could not or would not say definitely where. His manner was so vague that Squire Ellis remanded him a week to have his head examined.

Remembering other cases of genius in the toils, it is to be hoped that Johnstone won't turn out to be a post-impressionist of fame, or a genre artist looking for local color, or a friend of Rockefeller.

The Police Court to-day gave a unanimous start of alarm when a long, lean old man stood up in the dock. Several of the officials ducked their heads and several detectives reached for their shooting irons—they thought it was old Bill Miner, the famous Western hold-up man. The same big Roman nose and sweeping moustache, the same eagle eye.

But he said his name was John Gibson, and he was fined \$10 and costs or 60 days for vagrancy.

Joe Signorelli and Pietro Piedona were fighting with bricks and horse-whips in Hanover place yesterday. Both were fined \$2.

Wintering at Don Riviera.

The many friends of John Brown, brickmaker, will be pleased to learn that he has gone to spend the winter at the famous watering place, the Don Riviera. He expects to be away about 90 days, unless he has \$13. Vagrancy was the charge.

Clara Reaves was fined \$30 and costs or 30 days for keeping a disorderly house. May Melon, found in it, was fined \$5 and costs or 30 days. Tillie Bresley, found in, was given 20 days, and Thomas McGill, 30 days, without choice of fines.

William Garretty, 16 years old, was given 10 days in jail for shoplifting in Simpson's.

Gregson Graham, who has had numerous convictions for drunkenness, to-day faced his first theft charge, and was sentenced to ten days in jail for stealing a pair of gloves from a Macedonian lodging house.

William R. Johnson, defended by Mr. Tom O'Connor, got off with ten days on four charges of theft. Johnson would call at various liquor stores, claiming to be a collector for George J. Foy Co., getting empty kegs and selling them.

Fred Malkopf, an Austrian, was remanded to January 10th on a charge of robbing Mike Chernick, a Russian. Malkopf was brought up from the ~~Detention Camp~~.

Robert Smith, a car conductor, was charged by Giovanni Costello with stealing a gold sovereign. The Italian said Smith took it for a quarter. Smith said he got only a quarter, and when searched at the car barns, had only silver on him. He was discharged.