

# 30 Blind Pigs Raided Near Welland

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Last night O. P. Inspector Mains received instructions to go to Welland with a staff of his constables to meet Inspector Ayearst, of the Licensed Department, Parliamentary Buildings, Toronto. Mains took with him Officers Greenwood, Pay, Kelly, and Wadsworth. This body of five Niagara men were met on arrival by Chief Laing, of Welland, and Chief of Police Taylor, of Thorold, who also were accompanied by forces. The whole party of officers and men proceeded into the steel plant district, in the township of Humberstone, just over the boundary line of Welland. There they raided various boarding houses and stores run as blind pigs, some by women. Thirty-five male and female prisoners were arrested, and are today being charged before Police Magistrate Burgar at Welland with certain infractions of the liquor licensing act.

A Welland correspondent, writing last night, gives another account as follows:—The biggest onslaught ever made on liquor selling in the Niagara Peninsula was sent off tonight by a squad of about 25 men under Chief Laing, consisting of members of the local force, the Provincial Constabulary, special officers and officials from the Liquor Department in Toronto. The raid covered thirty stores, dwelling houses and boarding houses in the foreign section of South Welland and Crowland. Over two dozen charges of the violation of the Liquor Act were laid before Magistrate Burgar tonight. Fines in this section of the town have been frequent and heavy in the past year, and the authorities are convinced that there has been no diminution of the illegal sale of liquor in the foreign section.