

CONFESSION OF A DYNAMITER

Windsor, Ont., March 6.—Chas. Reepa, alleged dynamiter, pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice Falconbridge this afternoon at Sandwich to three indictments charging him with causing an explosion at the Peabody plant, Walkerville, placing explosives near the Windsor armories with intent to re-destroy the building, and conspiring with William Lefler and Albert Kaltschmidt to destroy property. Crown Prosecutor J. M. Pike, outlining the case to the jury, said the prisoner was entitled to protection under British law and asked them to return a verdict strictly in accordance with the evidence. R. L. Bracken, of Chatham, is defending the prisoner.

Crown Has Confession

The feature of to-day's evidence was the introduction by the crown of a confession over Reepa's own signature of his part in the dynamiting plots and seriously implicating Albert Kaltschmidt, wealthy Detroit pro-German who some time ago was indicted by the Essex county grand jury as being the instigator of the outrages.

The confession, which according to the crown, was given to the Walkerville police following his arrest on Aug. 29, was admitted by Chief Justice Falconbridge despite vigorous objection by defence counsel.

The document stated that on the

night of June 20 Respa placed dynamite, fuses and clocks under the Peabody factory in Walkerville, which was working on uniforms for the British army, and under the Windsor armouries.

The confession added that Kalschmidt had promised Respa \$200 for the two jobs and that Kalschmidt had stated that "We'll get the whole place." The confession further stated that Kalschmidt kept stores of dynamite in his garage in Detroit and had on several occasions taken dynamite from Detroit to Windsor.