

GAVE WAY TO FEAR OF BEING KILLED BY MOB

Policeman Smith (521) is Dis- missed From Police Force for Cowardice

Policeman Smith (521) was yesterday afternoon dismissed from the police force by the Board of Police Commissioners on a charge of cowardice in deserting a comrade.

A fight occurred at Broadview avenue and Queen street on March 25th, when a crowd of fifteen hundred persons, composed of soldiers and civilians, attacked a Pape avenue station policeman. Smith, according to the Chief Constable, fled to the station and did not return until reserves were summoned from other divisions and the military picket brought from the centre of the city.

In answer to the charge made by Inspector Pogue, Smith stated that he did not want to be killed.

Veteran Officer Retires.

The personnel of the force was further affected by the resignation of mounted Police Inspector Gilks, who is granted the customary leave of absence that he may obtain his pension on May 1st and leave at once. Detective Murray, who has had much cavalry experience here and in the old country, may succeed him. He is now Acting Registrar of **Alien Enemies**. Chief Constable Grasett, after the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, said he was sorry to lose Inspector Gilks. Inspector Gilks came to the police force with Lieut.-Col. Grasett from the Life Guards.

Given a Merit Mark.

Policeman Shearer (271) was given a merit mark for his efforts to resuscitate Mr. Jacob McDermott of Brock avenue, who died from illuminating gas poisoning.

Police action taken recently after Mayor Church described Sunday recruiting meetings as Yankee movies and vaudeville shows received the approval of the Commissioners. The tag day of the Citizens' Recruiting League and the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association will be held on May 4 and be known as Kitchener Day.