

ROUNDING UP

THE ABSENTEES

City and Provincial Police Deal Actively With Draft Law Evaders.

Albert E. Terris, Charles L. McCullough, and H. Ruller will come up in court this morning on the charge of being military absentees. Mike Mazur, Louis Cook, and Pete Jaworski will answer a charge of non-compliance with the Alien Enemy Registration act. All the six were arrested by the city police during the week-end.

The Winnipeg and Manitoba police now have a definite line of procedure in regard to men who have failed to report when called out under draft law. The names of all men who have been called up and failed to report have been supplied to the authorities and it is understood that a definite campaign of rounding up the defaulters will start this week.

The first defaulter to come before the civil authorities appeared in the police court Saturday morning.

Up to the present there has been considerable confusion in evidence as to who were defaulters under the act. Investigations conducted hitherto have revealed the fact that many men who it was supposed had failed to comply with instructions had enlisted with some combatant unit unknown to the registrar. It was found necessary, in consequence, to check the lists of supposed defaulters against the rolls of the various military depots.

First Case Up.

David Wells, first man to appear before a city magistrate, came before the city police court Saturday, and was remanded till today. Captain Goddard stated that it was necessary to secure the consent of the officer commanding the depot battalion before he could be allowed to enlist. If this consent is not forthcoming, the man may be tried as a common deserter.