

CHARGES AGAINST SAULT POLICE ARE PUT UP AT MONCTON

Signed by Peter Martensen,
Who Was Tried on Various
Counts Here

A document left in the railway station at Moncton, N. B., in which a charge is made against the Sault Ste. Marie police force was found on Nov. 4, and a copy of it has been sent to the chief of police here asking for information in the matter.

The article was written and signed by a man named Peter Niel Martensen, who, it appears, turns up periodically in different parts of the Dominion and posts up the same notice in some conspicuous part of the town he enters. It reads:

"Public Notice

"This is to certify the crime which were done by the police force of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, by killing of my two children, the authorities intended by this was to put the murder charge on me and hang me and rob my property. I was first blamed for attempt murder then blamed for crossing the allies then blamed for stealing articles from my wife and sent to Burwash prison, still said articles were taken out of my house by the authorities detectives and have not yet been adjusted.

Peter Martensen, of
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont."

Asked about the case this morning, a statement given by Chief of Police R. Vincent is to the effect that Peter Neil Martensen, as his name appears on the police records here, in 1916 served time at Marquette, Mich, for taking aliens into the United States in contravention of the Immigration laws of that country. After discharge from prison at Marquette, the accused was returned to Canada and was arrested by the provincial police for assisting aliens to escape and was fined \$100 or one month in jail. The fine was paid. Subsequently the accused was tried on a charge of theft of his wife's property and sentenced to the prison farm at Burwash. He escaped from there but was later arrested at Sudbury, Ontario.

Martensen was a carpenter in this city for some years, and later bought a farm. He has written several letters to officials here, but it is believed his mind is unbalanced.