

Q. This room?

A. This room was utilized by the V. A. D's and the Army workers were here in the centre. The outer portion was screened off here and all the blankets and mattresses were kept in that portion of it.

Q. Were there many people coming and going the first two or three days?

A. It was nearly impossible to get through the halls. The building was crowded with people in every conceivable condition.

Q. Do you know anything about any liquor being there in Tracey's office and abstracted from it?

A. I had no knowledge of any liquor being stored there. I had the impression that it was stored down below. I know nothing of any being taken.

Q. Were the four controllers busy with relief work and reconstruction work for the period after the explosion?

A. I think if all other citizens lent their efforts as well as did the members of the Board of Control to discharging their duties here, that they will have no cause for any feeling of regret.

Q. Were the controllers all attending to their duties?

A. They were all active so far as I know. Personally, I have no hesitation in saying that I was kept so busy attending to various requests that I did not have much time to concern myself about the others. I feel that there were many demands on all members of the Board of Control; and at no time did I find anyone unready or unable to help out all circumstances.

Q. Can you throw any light on this investigation?

A. None whatever. I have no hesitation in saying that if any man, whether he be a city official or not, who had any inclination to take anything, happened to take a glass of whisky or anything else under the distressing conditions that confronted this city during those first few days, I should not view it as a crime. I think that if those who are disposed to criticize had been here and gone through the same strain they might view it in the same light.

Q. You would not justify a person being drunk?

A. That is a different thing.

CONTROLLER G. H. TAYLOR, called --

To The City Solicitor --

Q. You are one of the Controllers?

A. Yes.

Q. On the day of the explosion where were you?

A. I was at the Waverley Hotel.

Q. After the explosion?

A. I came north immediately. I went to the cor. of Buckingham Street and saw some sailors running south and I came with them to the City Hall. That was about ten o'clock. After ten o'clock I went to the police station and hunted up Detective Kennedy and Alderman Colwell and we started for the City Prison.

Q. You have special charge of the Police Department and the City Prison?

A. Yes. We had to go up around Hungry Hill.

Q. Was the City Prison injured?

A. It was badly demolished and there were a couple of hundred people housed there. I then thought of getting something for them and I came back to the City Hall and got busy on the first floor. About five o'clock I was appointed on a mortuary committee to go to Richmond and hunt for bodies. I went to Nickerson & Crease's to borrow a team from them, and from there I went to Adams' stables. I took a policeman with me and I got a team, but no driver. The policeman and I drove the team to Richmond and stayed there until about half past seven gathering up bodies and then we came back to the City Hall and stayed here until about half past eleven or twelve. The next day we had a blizzard, and I started out again for Richmond and worked all day until I fell down a cellar stairway carrying a body up stairs and hurt my knee, but I hung on there until well on in the afternoon, and from there I went to the Morgue. There was nobody in charge. The men had left. I came back and got two men at the City Hall to go to the Morgue and stay all night. I went again to the Morgue that evening and stayed there for about an hour and came back to the Hall again. That was Friday the day of the blizzard. I went home and found the house filled with people and I had to sleep on a lounge. I got up the next morning and my leg was pretty bad. That was Saturday. I got a telephone message from Rockhead for food. I went to Tobin's and had a team loaded and that took until noon and then I started here in the City Hall with the food supply. Everybody I knew in ward six wanted clothes, rugs, mattresses and somewhere to sleep and I was pretty busy all that night until twelve o'clock. Sunday I came to the City Hall at eight o'clock. I came to the side entrance, and met a doctor who wanted to go to Camp Hill. I jumped into a team and took him

to Camp Hill Hospital, and then made five or six calls from the Hospital to the Technical for supplies. That took until noon. Then I came back to the City Hall and was on the Argyle Street entrance looking after people coming in and out. The same thing happened day after day. I was either here or at Richmond or looking after Rock-head and it was a pretty busy time here. I hurt my leg so badly that I could not get around very fast, but I kept moving.

Q. Your work was outside?

A. Outside and in.

Q. Were you much in the City Hall?

A. Yes. A lot of the time in the main hallway. I had to look after the food coming in.

Q. Do you know anything about Mr. Tracey's office?

A. I know where it is, yes.

Q. Did you have any cause to go there?

A. No. The first I saw of it was when I took a lady there to have her face dressed. It was occupied by the Medical people.

Q. Do you know anything about liquor being stored there?

A. I have seen it there.

Q. Do you know anything of liquor being stored there at the time of the explosion?

A. I did not see the office at all. It was occupied by the Medical Board three or four days after the explosion.

Q. Do you know anything of liquor being stored there immediately before the explosion?

A. I suppose it was there I did not see it. I had not been there for some time.

Q. Do you know anything of liquor being taken away from there?

A. No.

Q. Do you know anything about the door of the office?

A. No.

Q. We had some evidence about liquor being stored in the patrol house down stairs and some evidence of your being here one day with Mr. Northover. Do you remember the facts about that?

A. Yes. It runs in my mind that something happened that called to my mind the whole thing when I commenced to read the evidence. It seems to me that on that day there was a big seizure of liquor on Water Street. The Deputy and I were standing in the hall and a policeman came running through saying -- "Another big seizure." The Deputy started off and I followed along. The liquor seized was on a team and

it seems to me I made a remark to Tracey "Where are you going to put this stuff?" "There is no room for it." It is some time ago and it is hard to remember. I had been fighting with him to get some empty bottles out. "I said "Where are you going to store this stuff? You have not room enough here;" and I think he said to me "I will make room alright." What made me say this was that the Engineer had been kicking about the empty bottles being there and they could not get the cars in.

Q. He said something about the door being open and some liquor being taken out?

A. If the door was open he opened it.

Q. You had no key?

A. No.

Q. You did not open it?

A. No.

Q. You did not have it opened?

A. No.

Q. That is all you recollect about that?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there anything that you wish to say in regard to Mr. Murray's remarks about your not being able to attend to your duties?

A. I think that has been proven by the evidence that I was on the job. I was lame on account of falling down the cellar way.

Q. You did not get any liquor from anyone in the City Hall?

A. No.

To Mr. R. H. MURRAY --

Q. What policeman told you about the seizure being made?

A. I dont know who he was.

Q. You dont know anything about a seizure previously?

A. No.

Q. Do you know that there was a bag of empties by you?

A. No, that is news to me.

Q. Have you ever gotten liquor from Mr. Tracey for your personal use?

A. No.

- Q. He has never given you one or more bottles at any time?
- A. I think I did get a bottle from him one time.
- Q. Have you ever got liquor from him for any purpose?
- A. For the City Home and I think one parcel for Rockhead some months ago.
- Q. Did you give it to Rockhead?
- A. Yes.
- Q. To whom did you give it to there?
- A. Governor Grant.
- Q. Did you tell him that you wanted it for the sick prisoners there?
- A. For medicine, yes.
- Q. You have gotten it on more than one occasion?
- A. On one occasion anyway.
- Q. You are not a teetotaler?
- A. No.
- Q. You had some the day that you went into that patrol house?
- A. No.
- Q. You had been drinking that day?
- A. No.
- Q. You do not know how you got into that store room?
- A. The patrol house was open.
- Q. Was the door open
- A. No.,
- Q. Was it locked?
- A. Yes. Tracey took the key out and opened it when he came. Then, if I remember right, he took off his coat and started to work to clean the place up.
- Q. Why did you go out there?
- A. It was my business to go there. I went to see about the seizure, to see how big it was and to see about putting the cars there. I told him on several occasions to put a new lock on or use the place that I had had fixed up for him in the station.

Q. Have you ever been in the cell where it is stored?

A. No.

Q. How do you explain that there was a bag of beer outside of the door?

A. I did not see a bag of beer.

Q. And you know nothing about this liquor being here?

A. No, nothing at all.

Q. I suppose you took something during the week of the disaster?

A. I took a stimulant, and required it too. I think there were others besides me. I worked hard, was fagged out and had very little to eat. If you were here on the job you would understand.

To INSPECTOR TRACEY --

Q. In regard to the other place, you are aware that I use that too?

A. I dont know, I am sure. I was talking about the elevator shaft. That was cleaned out for you.

Q1 There is another place -- the men's ward?

A. I have heard there were some stores there.

Mr. H. W. Johnston, Acting-City Engineer, called --

To The City Solicitor --

Q. You are Acting-City Engineer?

A. Yes.

Q. The day of the explosion where were you?

A. I was in the City Hall most of the time. I was in my own home at the time of the explosion. I went to Dutch Village to see the fire and came to the City Hall about half past eleven.

Q. How did you occupy yourself during the day of the explosion and the succeeding days?

A. It is pretty hard to tell. I occupied myself issuing orders for paper and glass and assisting in the building. The first day was given up almost entirely to that and after that I stayed in my own office.

Q. Were you up stairs on this floor?

A. I was up here half a dozen times.

Q. Did you notice the doors on this floor?

A. The doors were all broken, The door of the Health Board was blown off.

- Q. Did you notice Mr. Tracey's door?
- A. Mr. Tracey's window was broken. The first time I saw it it was broken. The second time it was boarded up. I dont remember when I saw it first, whether it was Thursday or Friday.
- Q. When it was broken anybody could out his hand inside and turn the latch?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Were you in Mr. Tracey's office?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know anything about any liquor being stored there?
- A. No. you know anything about any liquor being taken from there?
- A. No. I was in there Monday with the doctors, getting a place for them.
- Q. Was there any liquor there at that time?
- A. I did not see any.
- Q. Do you know anything about this investigation?
- A. Absolutely nothing.

FRANK HANRAHAN, Chief of Police, called -- and sworn --
To The City Solicitor --

- Q. Where were you at the time of the explosion?
- A. I was here shortly after in the City Hall.
- Q. In your own office?
- A. Yes.
- Q. That is in the basement?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How did you occupy yourself during the first day after the explosion?
- A. I was in the station, busy all the time. I was not up on this flat at all.
- Q. Do you know anything about Mr. Tracey's office?
- A. No.
- Q. You can throw no light on Mr. Tracey's office up here?
- A. No.

Q. Do you know anything about the storing of liquor in Mr. Tracey's office?

A. I heard him say that he had some stored there, but have no knowledge of it.

Q. We have had some evidence about this store room in the basement. Where is it?

A. It is one of the horse stalls in the patrol house fitted up to put liquor in.

Q. Is there a lock on it?

A. Yes.

Q. Who holds the keys?

A. Mr. Tracey.

Q. Have you a key?

A. No.

Q. Have any of your staff a key?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Do you know anything about liquor being stored there?

A. I heard him say it was.

Q. Do you know anything about the door being open when he went there?

A. I heard him say something about it, and one day I said he had better put a new lock on it, but I think that was before.

To Mr. R. H. MURRAY --

Q. What about the Flemming seizure?

A. I think that took place about five o'clock in the evening, and I was not in the city,

Q. Do you destroy all the liquor by pouring it down the sink?

A. I destroy all I get to destroy, but it has not been given to me.

Q. Has it been distributed to anyone?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Did you ever see a controller drinking any in your office?

A. No.

- Q. Or in any other office?
- A. No.
- Q. You know that the lock was destroyed?
- A. Yes
- Q. Have you had any interview with either Controller Taylor or Mr. Northover about that lock?
- A. No.
- Q. No conversation about it ?
- A. No.

CLARENCE NORTHOVER, Deputy-Chief of Police, called
and sworn --

To the City Solicitor --

- Q. You are Deputy-Chief of Police?
- A. Acting-Deputy-Chief.
- Q. What were you doing on the day of the explosion?
- A. I was in my office.
- Q. Did you spend your day in the office?
- A. The most of it, and the night too.
- Q. Did you have any occasion to come to this floor?
- A. I came to the main floor just after the explosion. I was not on this floor at all.
- Q. Do you know anything of liquor being stored in Mr. Tracey's office?
- A. No, I do not.
- Q. Or about any liquor being taken from there?
- A. No. I was never in his office since he has been Inspector.
- Q. Do you know anything about the horse stall in the patrol house?
- A. I know there is a place where the Inspector previously stored liquor.
- Q. Have you any key for this place?
- A. No.

Q. Mr. Tracey has given some evidence about finding you and Controller Taylor standing there with the door open and some bags of liquor that had been in there removed from it. Is that correct?

A. It is utterly untrue. On the day that I understand Mr. Tracey is speaking of Controller Taylor and I were in our office and we came out to the police room and Policeman Clarence Johnson came running through the Police Station and sung out "A great catch this time," and I said "What?" and he said "Booze" and I said "Where did you get it?" and he said "Flemming -- a whole flat wagon full of it," and he kept going on through. He went through the big doors leading out of the patrol house, and it turned out that Johnson had been with the Inspector at the time the seizure was made. I followed Johnson out into the patrol house and the Controller followed me. I did not see him when he came into the patrol house. I saw him a few minutes later. He was not far behind me anyway. I got as far as a horse stall that is boarded up and the door was locked. In the meantime Johnson had thrown open the doors and it was not more than a minute from the time we arrived in the patrol house until the team came in with the stuff. A whole flat wagon load. Inspector Tracey was pushing on the back of the team helping to push the wagon into the patrol house. When Mr. Tracey caught sight of me he made a couple of bounds along-side the front of the wagon and he said "Was the door open?" and I said "What door?" and he said "This door. I thought I saw it open," and I said "Which door?" and he said "This door" and I said "Not to my knowledge." Then he took a key out of his pocket and opened the door.

Q. The door was not open?

A. No.

Q. Who opened the door? Did he open the door?

A. Yes. Then he started cleaning up and I said "Will you have room enough to put this stuff here?" and he said "Yes." I did not stay there more than a couple of minutes after that and I came back to my office.

Q. And Controller Taylor -- was he there?

A. Yes. He followed me there. I think I left him in the patrol house when I came back to the office. That is all I know about it. I would not have been there at all but for Johnson coming through saying they had made a seizure. There were three doors there and he might have caught sight of the other door and believed that the door was open. I believe he did think that the door was open but it was impossible for the door to be open. He took out his key and opened the door.

To Mr. R. H. MURRAY --

Q. Do you mean to tell me that the door was not open when you went in there?

A. I say the door was not open.

Q. Did you ever say "Blame the right person?"

A. No. I said that I could prove who opened the door, meaning himself.

Q. You say that he opened the door?

A. He did open the door. I do not think that he will deny it. He will be telling a falsehood if he does.

Q. Did he use the words "What are you doing with the door open?"

A. No. He rushed up and said "Was the door open?" I said "What door?" and he said "I thought I saw the door open."

Q. Did you see any bags inside the door?

A. I saw bags.

Q. Had you ever had occasion to go there before?

A. No. I had never seen inside the place before. That was the only time. The first time and the last time.

Q. Have you ever taken any of this liquor yourself?

A. No. Certainly not. I emptied about six hundred dollars worth one night. I emptied twenty dozens from eight to eleven at night. The Chief told me to do it. I do not want any booze.

Q. Dont you drink booze?

A. I taste it sometimes but I do not drink it.

Q. Did you ever have a drink with Controller Taylor?

A. No, certainly not.

Q. Have you ever had any interview with Mr. Tracey about that?

A. About a month later. Tracey was coming out of the Court Room and he said "Deputy, there is some of that liquor missing and you are the only one I saw there," and I said "You are a liar. I was not in the store room." It seems he had lost some stuff.

To INSPECTOR TRACEY --

Q. That was in the police department, the patrol house?

A. The patrol house, but not your store room.

Q. It was in the police precincts of the City Hall?

A. In the patrol house.

Q. You have heard me make remarks that liquor was missing.

A. I dont know that I had.

Q. On three different occasions after that I mentioned to you about that incident, didn't I?

A. You might have.

Q. You deny being in that door when I entered that patrol house and having the door open?

A. Certainly I deny it. I was not in the patrol house one minute before you came in.

Q. Do you remember my asking you what you had the door open for?

A. No. You did not. You said was the door open.

Q. You said you were looking if there was room enough there?

A. I did not. I said "Are you going to have enough room here?"

Q. Then didn't you go out shortly after?

A. Yes, I went out and did not come back.

Q. The next time I mentioned to you about that you used the expression that I was a "liar"?

A. Yes, I told you you were a liar.

Q. Then the next time what expression did you make?

A. I dont remember.

Q. Did you not day to me to blame it on the right man? Didn't you say who was with you?

A. No. I said I could prove who opened the door.

Q. Did you say who was with you?

A. I dont know.

Q., Didn't you say "Blame it on the right man?"

A. No.

- Q. You deny it?
- A. Certainly I deny it.
- Q. How do you account for the mystifying disappearance?
- A. I am not trying to account for it at all. That is for you to do.
- Q. You know nothing about a bag standing outside the door?
- A. No.
- Q. Right by the door?
- A. I was not looking into the other stall. I was not there long enough to look into the other stall. I was not looking for beer or anything else.
- Q. Why were you there?
- A. I came down to see what the big seizure was.

POLICE OFFICER CLARENCE JOHNSON, called and sworn --
To The City Solicitor --

- Q. Do you know anything about Mr. Tracey's office up-stairs?
- A. No. I don't know where it is.
- Q. Do you remember this occasion that Mr. Northover has been talking about?
- A. Yes. I was with Mr. Tracey the day he made the raid on Peter Flemming. He had either eight or nine barrels of bottled ale. When we took it out there were so many bottles in one barrel that we made an extra barrel. There were ten altogether, and we left one barrel with Peter. Then there were two casks of some sort of liquid. I would not swear it was ale. We brought it up to the patrol station. It was about twenty after five. The horse was light and had a heavy load. I rushed in the side door of the Police Station. Controller Taylor and Deputy-Northover were talking together and I rushed in and said "We have a big catch this time." Mr. Northover said "Who?" and I said "Peter Flemming" and I went in and they followed. Deputy Northover came through near the stall where Tracey keeps his booze. Controller Taylor stood near where the old horse was standing. I opened the doors. In the scrambling of the horse the Deputy had to stand back. Mr. Tracey jumped from one side of the wagon and said "Was that door open?" and he said "I thought I saw it open" and Northover said "No." "What door do you mean?" and he said "This door. I thought I saw it open," and that is all that was said. Tracey put his hand in his pocket and opened it with his own keys. I saw him do that. I am positive that the door was not open, to my knowledge.

To Mr. R. H. MURRAY --

- Q. Could not the door have been opened between the time you came to the door and Tracey came in?
- A. Impossible. It could not be. There would not be time to do so from the time I opened the doors and Tracey ran in.
- Q. It was not open?
- A. It was not open until Tracey opened it.
- Q. Did you see any bags?
- A. No.
- Q. Have you talked over this with anybody?
- A. Mr. Northover said "There is a piece of paper for you about Mr. Tracey's inspection."
- Q. How many times have you talked it over with anybody?
- A. With nobody but Mr. Northover.
- Q. How many times have you talked it over with Mr. Northover?
- A. Just since I got the paper.
- Q. You have had no occasion to recall the incident since last August?
- A. Certainly not. I never thought any more about it.
- Q. You have talked this matter over with Mr. Northover? How did he put it to you? Did he say "This is the way it happened?"
- A. No. He didn't. He said "Do you remember anything that happened that day of Peter Flemming's raid?" and I said "No, only about letting you into the patrol house." I thought it was a joke.
- Q. This is the first time the story has been told?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember what day it was?
- A. No. It was in August.

To INSPECTOR TRACEY -

- Q. Do you remember coming with me on the team?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you went in the alleyway?
- A. No in the Duke Street door.
- Q. Why did you go in the Duke Street door?
- A. I do not make a practice of going in the alleyway.

Sometimes these gates are locked after five o'clock.

Q. Were not the doors wide open?

A. No.

Q. Were not the men going in?

A. No. There were men inside, but no men going in.

Q. Thwy had left the gates open?

A. The gates may have been opened.

Q. Why did you go to Duke Street when the gates were open?

A. Because I dont make apractice of going in through the alleyway. I will take my oath to it that I went in the Duke Street door.

To His Worship the Mayor--

Q. Do any of the police go in that door?

A. No, Your Worship, they do not. Unless they are very nigh late; they go in that way.

To INSPECTOR TRACEY --

Q You notified Controller Taylor and Deputy Northover. Where were they?

A. They were in the room. I rushed in and said "We have a big catch this time." Northover said "Who" and "Where" and I said "Peter Flemming" and with that I went in and they came in after me.

Q³/₂ Did you see Deputy Northover at the door of the store room?

A. Certainly. When he came in he stood by the door.

Q. Did you see him snap the door?

A. No. The door was not open.

HORACE KENNEDY, Detective, called and sworn --

To The City Solicitor --

Q. Do you know anything about this matter?

A. No. I know nothing about this.

Q. This incident of the patrol house?

A. No.

Q. The liquor stored in Mr. Tracey's office upstairs?

A. Nothing whatever.

MICHAEL LAWLESS, Driver of Patrol Waggon, called and sworn --

To The City Solicitor --

Q. You are driver of the patrol waggon?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know anything about this liquor being stored in the City Hall?

A. I do.

Q. What do you know?

A. One Sunday morning I had some beer stored there in an open place in the patrol house and I saw some was gone out of that and I did not say anything about that, and I came back again Monday morning and I examined the place with Mr. Tracey and I saw that it was broken into and four or five cases broken and a lot of whisky stolen and I reported it to the Chief of Police. The reason I did not report it Sunday was that I had none to put it on and I thought I might get some information by keeping it to myself. The next time was the Saturday night afterwards. I do not remember the date. I made a report. I think the Chief and Mr. Taylor investigated and had the man dismissed.

Q. Then after that?

A. I saw Mr. Tracey handing some packages out.

Q. Had you any keys of this place?

A. No I did not have a key of this place at all. I have a lock that Mr. Tracey gave me to put these bags in the Police Station. These are the keys. you cant get a key to fit a Yale lock. Mr. Tracey may have two keys. The lock cannot be picked. I said it was kind of queer as I am there pretty nearly all the time only when I clean up the Station. and I always examined the place and I reported it.

Q. Do you know anything about this time that they brought liquor from Peter Flemming's?

A. I knew nothing about that until Mr. Tracey told me. I go to supper at five and come back from six to eight and I was not there at the time.

Q. Can you tell us something more about it?

A. No. That is all I can tell you about down there

To Inspector Tracey--

Q. You just work in the day?

A. And Saturday night,

Q. Other days?

A. From eight to eight

To CONTROLLER TAYLOR --

Q. Is the alleyway door of the patrol house ever locked?

A. I had a Yel lock on that. The Engineer wanted to get his car sometimes in a hurry to go to the lakes and it was a nuisance to him. I think I told him to leave it off.

Q. It is open to the public?

A. No, it is not open to the public. The public cannot get in there without going through the police station.

Q. When you take your patrol wagon out you leave the doors open?

A. Yes, they can get in then. When I go out in the night time the door is open until I come back again because I can't leave the team stand and go around Duke Street.

POLICE OFFICER GEORGE E. MULLALEY, called and sworn --

To The City Solicitor --

Q. Do you know anything about any liquor being stored in Tracey's office upstairs?

A. No. I was only in the office once last summer when I put some liquor there.

Q. Do you know anything about liquor being stored down stairs?

A. Sometimes I helped him put some liquor in down stairs. I was with him when he made that seizure

Q. Do you know anything about it?

A. I know nothing about it at all.

Mr. R. H. MURRAY, asked that Inspector Tracey be re-called

INSPECTOR E. S. TRACEY, re-called --

To Mr. R. H. MURRAY --

Q. You heard what Controller Taylor, Deputy-Northover and Policeman Johnson said. Is that correct?

A. No.

Q. What do you say to that?

A. When I came in with the load of stuff from Peter Flemming's on August 16th. It was on the 10th when I first noticed liquor disappearing from my store room and I found that three or four cases had been opened seized from the International Clothing Co. and quite a lot of the liquor had

been removed. I notified the Chief of Police and I had another Yale lock put on, but it still went on. On the 16th I made a seizure from Peter Flemming's and Mr. Northover and Controller Taylor were present in the patrol house. Mr. Taylor was some distance away and Northover was in the door. I judge the door was about one-third open. I do not think I was very excited. I think it was rather on the other hand. I asked him why the door was open and the remark he made to me was he wanted to see how much room there was. I said "What do you want to see about room for?" and with that he went out of the store room. Mr. Taylor was there at the time and he stayed with us and we got off the load of stuff. The bottles that Mr. Taylor complained of were outside. All full bottles were kept under lock and key.

Q. Was any liquor disturbed at the time?

A. There were three stalls in a row there. In the next stall to mine was a barrel half full of ale, and in the next stall there were six or eight bottles.

Q. Was it there the day before?

A. It was not there at my last visit.

Q. Do you know where it came from?

A. It came out of one of the cases. It was the same liquor that was in one of the cases that had been opened.

Q. What about the door being closed? Did Mr. Northover close it?

A. Yes. It closed by a Yale lock.

Q. How was he standing when he closed it?

A. He had to turn his face to the door.

Q. What was the condition of Mr. Taylor at the time?

A. Well, if I were to judge rightly I think Controller Taylor had been drinking a little.

Q. From what would you judge that?

A. From his actions.

Q. Did you make a complaint then to Mr. Taylor?

A. No. It was some time after I made the complaint.

Q. During the week of the explosion did you notice Controller Taylor under the influence of liquor?

A. No. I was not here, except a couple of times.

Q. When the relief work was going on did you notice Controller Taylor under the influence of liquor?

A. I did on one occasion. I advised him to go home, and I judged that night that he was under the influence.

Q. How did he show it?

A. I can't exactly say, only he was a kind of excitable going round. There were quite a number of comments at the time.

Q. Was he walking straight?

A. He was complaining of having hurt his knee.

Q. Did you smell any liquor on him?

A. Yes, I did. I advised him to go home and get a rest and he said alright. There is another statement I wish to make. Later on I spoke to Mr. Northover and said that the liquor was still disappearing, and as I had caught him at the door I thought him responsible and he said that I was a "bloody liar" and I did not see him there. On another occasion I mentioned it and he said to blame the right one, didn't I see who was with him? Those were the three different times it was brought up.

Q. Did you give Controller Taylor liquor more than once for Rockhead?

A. Yes, on several occasions. Controller Taylor came to me several times for liquor for Rockhead.

Q. What for?

A. He told me he wanted it for the prisoners.

Q. Do you know if it ever got there?

A. I don't know anything further.

Q. Has he ever asked you for it personally for his own use?

A. He has asked, but I never gave him any. The night before the office was broken into the last time he was in my office and asked if I had anything open and I said No, the stuff was all seized pending a court of enquiry.

To Controller Taylor --

Q. You remember the thing very well?

A. Yes.

Q. Finish the conversation that night and be fair about it? Didn't I tell you that Controller Hines and Mr. O'Bryan had asked me for some for the City Home and I said if you have some Mr. O'Bryan will come down and get it?

A. Yes.

Q. Did anybody else besides me visit your office that day?

A. After I said I had not anything for you if I remember rightly than you told me that you wanted something for the City Home.

Controller Taylor -- I had visited the Library and Health Board and was passing your office and remembered that Mr. O'Bryan wanted something.

INSPECTOR TRACEY
To The City Solicitor --

- Q. This time, the seizure of Peter Flemming's, you opened the door?
- A. Yes, I opened the door and put the stuff in.
- Q. The walls are all alike, are they not?
- A. All alike.
- Q. There is a door on this one, but not on the other
- A. Yes, one has a door.
- Q. How is the light in there? It is all underground?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When the doors are closed it is quite dark, is it not?
- A. There are windows all along the side from the alleyway.
- Q. They are very small and the alleyway is very dark?
- A. No, it is quite light there. You can always see quite well. I don't often have to have a light in the day time.
- Q. When the City Hall door was opened where were you?
- A. Coming in the large door.
- Q. When this large door was opened you could see that the door of this place that you have was open too?
- A. Yes, it was directly in front of me.
- Q. How long from the time you discovered that the door was open did you come up to your place?
- A. Several minutes, because I was behind the team.

- Q. Were you behind the team?
- A. I was behind the team when the door was open.
- Q. Were you pushing the team?
- A. I dont remember. Very likely because there is a steep grade there.
- Q. When the door was opened you were behind the team and pushing the team?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When did you come around from behind the team?
- A. After the team had stopped.
- Q. Up to that time you had been behind the team?
- A. Yes.

To Mr. MURRAY --

- Q. Did you see Mr. Northover standing outside when you were behind the team?
- A. No. I was behind the team.
- Q. When you came out from behind the team Northover was standing behind the door?
- A. He was moving away.
- Q. What time did you have the conversation with him?
- A. I went right over to him when he closed the door.

To His Worship the Mayor --

- Q. Are the relations between you and the Police Department strained?
- A. Not that I know of. Mr. Northover has snapped me up, but he is the only man I know of. The Chief and I are friendly. Controller Taylor has been perfectly friendly.

To Controller Taylor --

- Q. You say that July was the first time the place was broken into. Do you think you are right on that?
- A. I think I am right.
- Q. I think it was June?
- A. I have an account of it.

Deputy-Chief Northover -- There are doors on all three of these stalls, all alike.

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