

# The Chinamen's Story of Last Night's Riot

FONG QUIN, leader of the Chinese citizens in Halifax, gave a statement to The Mail today in which he told of the origin of last night's trouble. He stated that his people, as far as he knows, are good citizens and like the people of Halifax very much, who have always treated them courteously. According to Fong Quin's story, a man, partly under the influence of liquor, entered the Crown cafe on Gottingen street about 11 o'clock last night. The man ate a hearty meal, but when he was asked to pay, he refused and abused the Chinese proprietor. The man was asked to leave the place, the Chinaman being satisfied to get the man off his premises without obtaining the money for the meal. The man refused and then asked for packages of cigarettes and placed ten cents on the counter. The Chinaman asked for five cents more, the cigarettes being fifteen cents. The man suddenly switched off the light and grabbed for the cash register, from which he is alleged to have taken \$75 in cash. He then dashed the register thru the window and yelled for help. The Chinese thru all this remained in the back of the cafe. A crowd soon collected and a rumor spread about the street that a returned soldier had been brutally assaulted by a Chinaman, which was not so. The cafe was raided and destroyed. Fong Quin says he has wired to Ottawa for the Chinese counsellor to come here. The counsellor is expected here tomorrow. Several of the cafe keepers were badly injured by being hit with stones and are under doctor's care. The Crown cafe proprietor with police will make a tour of the city this

afternoon to endeavor to locate the man that started the trouble. The Chinaman claims that he can recognize the man, who has been a customer at the cafe for over a month.

Fong Wong, a laundry keeper, was badly beaten last night by a number of civies. He runs a laundry on Agricola street and is now being cared for by a north end doctor.

**Charged With Theft.**—After the rioters had left the Busy Bee cafe on Gottingen street last night, a soldier named Beer and a civilian named Kerwin were arrested for stealing dishes, spoons and other articles. The men were taken to the police station by the civilian police.

## Cards of Thanks

**R OACHE**—Mr. Thomas Roache and family wish to thank all those who sympathized with them in their sad bereavement.

**Pillow**—Husband.

**Wreaths**—Maude and Dan, Sister, D. F. Cashen and family, C. N. R. Policeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roache and family.

**Sheaf of wheat**—Grandchildren Jack, Gerald, Marie and Dannie.

**Mass Cards**—Husband, Maude and Dan, Will and Kate, Maude Conway; grandchildren, Mary, Jimmie and Billie, Will, Edith Fader, Owen and Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stone, Little Marie and Dannie, Gerald and Jack, Grandmother and Johnnie, Mrs. McNeil and Marie, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Power, Mr. and Mrs. David Parr, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mullins, Mrs. May Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. H. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Penny, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goudreau, Mrs. Roxie Bowser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pender, Henry and Mary, Mr. S. J. Cashen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles