

# CROWN EVIDENCE HEARD AT TRIAL

## Lavallee Denies Three Counts Alleging Irregularity

Quebec, Dec. 18.—(CP)—Crown witnesses were heard yesterday in the court-martial of Major Ludovic Lavallee, 52, of Neuville, Que., charged on three counts in connection with alleged irregularities in the medical examination of prospective army recruits.

Major Lavallee is being tried on each charge separately after pleading not guilty to each of them. Today he faced the first charge, that of having examined various persons before they were examined by a medical board, contrary to instructions issued by his commanding officer.

Capt. G. A. Grondin, one of three officers who have already stood trial, said that he did not know if Major Lavallee had carried out medical examinations alone or not. Crown Prosecutor Lieut.-Col Laval Fortier asked to have the witness declared hostile, but the court ruled after deliberation that such was not the case.

"Major Lavallee spoke to me about illnesses of certain persons," Capt. Grondin said. "In one case he told me about a man by the name of Joncas who was suffering from a certain illness and who would have undergone a medical examination before the board. He also spoke to me about Richard Legare, who would also appear before the board."

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