

LANDLORDS FINED ON RENTALS LAW IN LOCAL COURT

**Louis Mascia in Camp
When Wife Increased
Fee, Accused Says**

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Louis Mascia, 48, of 193 Sherman avenue north, to-day was convicted of an offence committed while he was in an internment camp.

Magistrate James McKay convicted him of raising the rent on a house owned by his wife at 155 Birmingham street, and imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

The present tenant testified that he is paying \$21 a month, and A. M. Reed, investigator for the board, said that Mascia admitted to him the rent during the basic period was \$15.

Wife Testifies

Mrs. Mascia said that she had raised the rent to \$25 for the present tenant, while her husband was in the internment camp. Mascia testified that he lowered it to \$21 when he was released in March of this year. He admitted to J. P. O'Reilly K.C., special prosecutor, that the repairs he recently made on the premises—that was his reason for raising the rent—were the first in ten years.

He said that during the depression he had lowered the rent from \$23 to \$15 and had even offered free rental to the tenant then.

The following landlords were also convicted under the regulations of raising rents: Alfred Tidy, 51, of 100 Prospect street south, fined \$25; Alexander Donald, 68, of King William street, fined \$75. An adjournment of one week on a similar charge was granted Mrs. Rosie Januzzie, 46, of 93 Caroline street north.

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