

FINE LANDLORDS ON RENT COUNTS

Seven Are Convicted of Raising Rates Above Fixed Level

Magistrate Burbidge yesterday afternoon convicted five more landlords for charging rents in excess of those paid January 1, 1941, when rents were fixed by order-in-council. This brought to seven the number convicted during the day when 11 landlords, charged by the war-time prices and trade board, appeared in court. Judgment was reserved in one case, that of Misak Totoian, of 610 Barton street east.

Following are those convicted and the fines imposed: Mrs. Nellie Spratt, of Toronto, \$50; Tony Tosky, of 1121 Beach road, \$20; Mike Lovay, of 235 Picton street east, \$50; Norman Lock, 77 Gage avenue south, \$75. A suspended sentence was granted William Steel, of 101 Rothsay avenue.

Adjournments were granted to Dr. Edward B. Blain, of 684 Main street east; Dr. George Husband, of 129 Main street west, and Max Hoffman, of 125 Cannon street west.

The adjournment in the Dr. Blain case was made necessary by the non-appearance of a crown witness. His Worship issued an order for his arrest as a material witness, but refused to dismiss the charge.

"It is to be hoped that these small fines will not be taken as precedents—they are going to be much bigger," observed His Worship, after the roster had been cleared.

J. P. O'Reilly, K.C., prosecutor for the war-time prices and trade board, agreed.

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