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POLICE FIND 1000-GALLON ACTIVE STILL

Most Important Seizure in Local Annals Made Saturday

15 GALS. A DAY CAPACITY

Liquor "of Good Kind" is Made While Officers Look on

At the end of a path in the thick woods on the farm of Joseph Chappelle, north of Tweed in the township of Hungerford, was found on Saturday afternoon one of largest stills ever discovered in the county of Hastings or in the inspectorate of Major Bumpstead. The story as related by the provincial police seemed almost a dream of moonshining on a mammoth scale.

Fifteen gallons a day of October distillation is the estimated capacity of the still.

It was in full swing and steaming; everything was hot and the still was operating when Inspector Walter Exley of Napanee and Provincial Constable H. E. Thompson came upon the scene. The local authorities had been suspicious for some time and were prepared to surprise the plant. They did, for nobody was near when they arrived, although a boy dropped in apparently to stoke up the fire a bit.

One thousand gallons of mash was found and destroyed by the officers. It was contained in nineteen oak barrels of fifty gallons capacity, and there was thirty gallons of water. Old mash which had been discarded was spread over a pasture field. The material used for the "home brew" was of the best, corn, wheat, and so forth. There was one hundred pounds of sugar stored nearby.

While the officers was there the plant, which was a double-jointed affair, went on its work and made a gallon of the distillation. Quite a large quantity of liquor was found and it is said to have been of a good character.

Chappelle, who owns the farm, was not there. He was not arrested, but a charge will be laid against him. The path leads from his house to the still.

Officers Thornbury and Storrey, who are working in Haliburton, found a still of fifteen to twenty gallons daily capacity, and its owner was fined \$450, according to Inspector Bumpstead, who received word today.