

CAMP Y.M.C.A. IS ROBBED

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(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Niagara Camp, Sept. 22. — The Canadian Camp, Y. M. C. A., was robbed of about \$800 last night, and it is believed that the robbery was committed by an organized gang of crooks, who are in training here as soldiers, and who are supposed to have been responsible for thefts from several canteens lately. The Y. M. C. A. money was in an iron box, locked, and was in the safe in the association's office, a tent in rear of the main tent, but the safe was not locked. The box was abstracted while the cashier, Wyley Wilkinson, who came to Niagara from Petawawa three weeks ago, was at a concert in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium tent, adjoining the main tent, something between 7.30 and 9 o'clock.

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The box was carried to the camp tennis court, where, under cover of partly erected tent, it was broken open. The thieves did not take the entire contents of the box, but left about \$400, of which \$10 was in silver and copper coin, and the balance in cheques. In the box at the time of the robbery were \$700 in cash and \$300 in cheques, the property of the Y. M. C. A. National Council, and approximately \$200 in money deposited by soldiers for safekeeping.

When the loss was discovered last night J. C. Cochrane, Chief of Staff of the Camp Y. M. C. A., notified Camp Headquarters, and Capt. E. A. Godfrey, Camp Provost Marshal, was given charge of the case. This morning Capt. Godfrey had a thorough search of the camp area made, with the result that the rifled money box was found at the tennis court and the \$400 recovered. This afternoon Capt. Hubert Stethem, Provost Marshal for Niagara District, was also called in on the case.

Spanish Influenza Scare.

Some alarm was created in camp this morning by the cancellation of the usual Sunday morning parades for religious services and orders being issued for putting under quarantine the 1st Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment, and the 1st Battalion, 2nd C.O.R., because of a supposed outbreak of Spanish influenza in the Canadian camp. Fortunately it was a false alarm, due to a young medical officer who was temporarily in charge of the Canadian Military Hospital having mistakenly diagnosed several cases of la grippe as the dreaded foreign article. One of the patients in question is a member of the hospital staff, who has been attending Spanish Influenza cases in the Polish camp and is laid up.

Major Thomas Morrison, Director of Medical Services in the Canadian camp, also in charge of the epidemic in the Polish camp, this forenoon revoked the order for the quarantine of part of the Canadian camp, and stated that the cancellation of the Sunday morning services had not been necessary. Major Morrison says there has not been any Spanish influenza in the Canadian camp, so far, but there are four suspicious cases which are being closely watched.

Fourth Death in Polish Camp.

The fourth death from Spanish influenza in the Polish camp occurred this morning. As in the previous fatal cases, pneumonia developed after the patient had been suffering from the influenza for a short time. There were 185 influenza cases in the Polish camp to-day. It is said the disease was introduced into the camp by a recent recruit from the United States.