

Charge of Gambling Fails



TWENTY MEN ARRAIGNED

Twenty men were charged at the Sunshine Court on Tuesday last with being in a common gaming place without lawful excuse but the charges were all dismissed.

The men charged were Albert J. Barnes, Albert Broadhead, Alan Broadhead, James Mannix Caulfield, Matthew Cinnamon, Clifford Coulson, Ernest H. Crawford, William J. Dean, Frank Hatton, John Holden, Ray Albert Jensen, Don McCann, Alex Munro, Edward Patrick Ogilvie, James Patrick O'Shea, John Payne, Budrick Pickett, Ronald Pickett, Gilbert Walsh, Robert L. Wilson.

Evidence was given by Constable Power that on Saturday, 1st Feb., in company with other police, he went to the rear of Crittalls and he saw a number of men engaged in what appeared to be two-up. The men were surrounded and their addresses and excuses taken. The area in which the men were playing was that piece of land bounded by the factory wall, the fence bordering Derby Rd., the railway fence and the timber yard fence.

Cons. Power said that he had seen men playing two-up on the land in question, during January and at various times last year. He had not seen any coins tossed only a scramble and the men picking up the coins.

Constables Shaw and Murphy gave evidence of a similar nature.

The members of the police were all cross-examined by Mr. Jones, solicitor, who appeared for one of the defendants, on the exact location of the piece of land.

He sought to prove that the men were in the backyard of the factory and advanced the submission that as the firm of Crittall's was quite a reputable one, they would not give permission to play two-up on their

reputable one, they would not give permission to play two-up on their property.

The defence was that the place was not a common gaming place and that there was no evidence that any of the men were playing two-up.

After consideration, the bench, which comprised Mr. T. Hammond, P.M., and Mr. R. K. McDonald, J.P., dismissed the charges.

