

# POLICE RAID CLUB AND MAKE ARRESTS

## Betting Charge Laid Against Men Found in Classic Athletic Premises

### BIG BUSINESS ALLEGED

The Classic Athletic Club, 728 Queen Street East, was raided yesterday by Inspector Nat Guthrie and a number of plainclothesmen from Pape Avenue Station. Four men, George Pierson, 71 McGee Street; William Brown, 354 Broadview Avenue; Frank Wynofski, 72 Wardell Street, and Francis Markel, 86 Empire Avenue, were arrested on charges of keeping a betting place. Seventeen others were taken into custody on charges of being "found in."

#### Police Heard of Betting.

The police claim to have received information that an extensive business in race-track betting was going on in the place. There were a number of men playing billiards on the premises when the police entered. Those able to satisfy the police that they were not interested in the alleged handbooking were not arrested. The police report that a number of betting slips were being torn when the raid was made. These were found by the officers. Pierson is said to have had \$132 in money in his possession when searched.

#### Another Charge Laid.

Joseph McDonald, 80 Massey Street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Plainclothesman O'Driscoll on a charge of keeping a betting place. McDonald, it is charged, was taking bets on horse races.

## ST. COLUMBA CHURCH BEGINS VOTE ON UNION

### Meeting Adjourned to Re- sume on January 14 to Hear Result

With some five hundred members present last evening the congregation of St. Columba Presbyterian Church commenced the taking of the vote on Church Union. In accordance with the act the meeting was conducted in Presbyterian manner, though some in attendance were disinclined to accord the chairmanship to the minister.

The recommendations of the joint committee were adopted after long deliberation and the polling commenced, 330 voting last night. The meeting was adjourned until Jan. 14 at 10 p.m., when the congregation will gather to hear the result of the ballot. Voting will take place for two hours on each day except Sunday, and for three hours on New Year's Day.