

Former Polish Art Custodian Denies Chopin Prints Missing

OTTAWA (CP) — Joseph Polkowski, former custodian of the Polish art treasures, said Monday there were no daguerreotype portraits of Chopin among the treasures he brought out of Poland in 1939.

He was commenting on a Warsaw dispatch referring to an interview in which Zbigniew Drzewiecki, chairman of the Warsaw Chopin Institute, was reported as saying the portraits were missing from among the treasures stored in two trunks in an Ottawa bank.

"There must be some misunderstanding of what Mr. Drzewiecki said," commented Mr. Polkowski, who last week turned over custody of the treasures to Dr. Jerzy Szablowski, curator of the Cracow State Museum near Warsaw.

"I never saw the Chopin portraits," Mr. Polkowski said. "I never saw them in Poland or in France or in Canada. They may have existed but I never saw them."

WARSAW DISPATCH
The Warsaw dispatch quoted Mr. Drzewiecki as telling the official Polish news agency, PAP:

"According to our records, a collection of Chopin daguerreotype portraits was also deposited in the Bank of Montreal but we could not find them there. Daguerreotypes were not included in the items listed by the bank."

Bank officials here commented

that they never had a list of the items in the two steel trunks stored in the vaults since 1946. They said they received the trunks sealed and they remained sealed for 12 years.

Bank officials do not know details of the items in the trunks, except that they were part of the Polish treasures.

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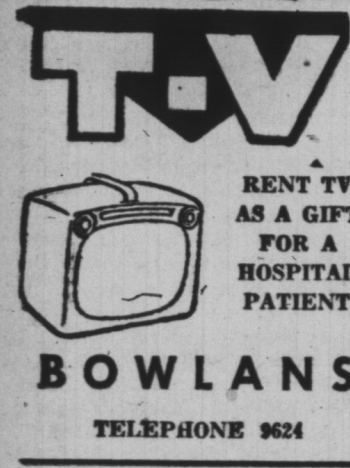
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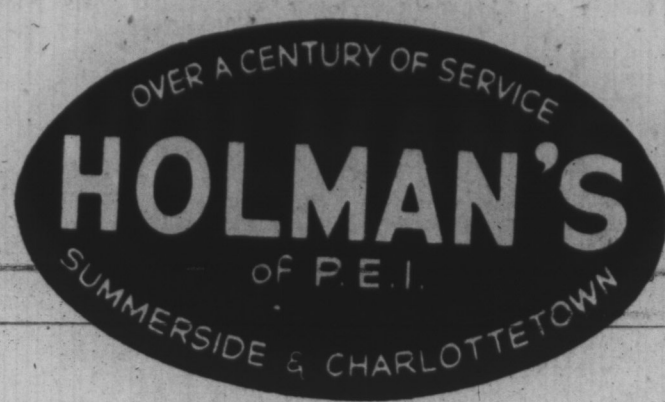
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