

RAPS LAW ON SUNDAY

CLOSING; MAN FINED

Police Arrest Three Grocers for Selling Goods—Merchants' Association Complains.

"It does not seem right to me that a man can come into my store on unday and buy a can of 'snooce,' when I am arrested if I sell the man's neighbor a can of salmon for his supper," said George A. Branton yesterday when arraigned on a charge of selling groceries on Sunday. Judge Cutting admitted that the law is sometimes hard to understand and fined Branton \$1 and costs.

This case, like those of August Johnson and Ben Kenner, which preceded it, is part of a crusade by the police against the opening of small grocery stores on Sunday. Johnson was fined \$1 and costs and Kenner was fined \$5 and costs. Warrants are out for several others who violated the law last Sunday.

The crusade is made as the result of the complaint of officials of the Duluth Retail Merchants' association that the opening of small stores is unfair to the stores that close on Sunday.

After fining Branton yesterday, Judge Cutting remarked that there seemed to be a sentiment among the small grocers in favor of closing on Sunday except for the fact that others would not follow suit. One man said he would be glad to have the day for himself but dared not risk disappointing the few customers who wanted to buy.