

QUARTER SESSIONS.

No. 1 Court.

(Before Judge Edwards.)

Crown Prosecutor, Mr. Neill McTague.

ALLEGED SHOPBREAKING.

The hearing was continued of the charge preferred against Ernest Henry Forty, 25, carpenter; Sydney John McCarthy, 34, carter; and Lewis James Bell Allan, 28, clerk, of breaking and entering the shop of John Williams and another, at Sydney, on October 25, and stealing 50 yards of alpaca, 80 yards of silk, 100 yards of worsted, and a large quantity of other goods. There was an alternative charge of receiving.

Mr. A. J. Grant appeared for Forty, Mr. Dovey (instructed by Mr. S. G. Sommers) for McCarthy; and Mr. Hutton (instructed by Mr. A. J. Grant) for Allan.

While Mr. Grant was addressing the jury on behalf of Forty, the latter stood up and objected. Mr. Grant then withdrew from the case, and Forty, in addressing the jury on his own behalf, said that all he knew of the case was what Allen had told him, and at Long Bay he alleged that Allan had suggested that he should say that some other man had been guilty. Allan had promised to get bail for him, saying that he had property in Melbourne. He told Allan that if he did not get a barrister for him he would go into court and tell the whole truth about the matter. He had called upon a tailor named Davis in Rawson Chambers, who wanted him to fit up his shop, and while they were negotiating McCarthy came in with some parcels. Shortly afterwards a detective entered and charged both him and McCarthy with being in possession of stolen property.

McCarthy admitted stealing some goods from Allan, but knew nothing about the robbery, while Allan declared that he was perfectly innocent.

Counsel had not concluded their addresses when the Court rose.

NO. 2 COURT.

(Before Judge Curlewis.)

Crown Prosecutor, Mr. L. J. McKean.

STEALING.

The hearing was concluded of the charge preferred against Leonard Albert Braund, 31, insurance adjuster, of stealing three insurance

preferred against Leonard Aldert Braund, 31, insurance adjuster, of stealing three insurance policies, the property of Patrick Joseph Wrice, at Sydney, on some day in November last. Mr. Moors (instructed by Messrs. Barry, Norris, and Wildes) appeared for the accused, who was convicted.

His Honor, in sentencing the prisoner, said that he had proved himself to be a heartless and wicked man. Wrice was not in good circumstances, and had been trying to put something away to provide for the future. He sentenced the prisoner to two years' imprisonment with hard labour, but he said he would recommend his release at the end of 12 months on condition that he made restitution to Mr. Wrice of £21.

HOUSEBREAKING WITH INTENT.

Norman Fagen, 18, dealer, was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Jan Lee, at Sydney, on February 7, and stealing £100, the property of Way Lee, and £9, the property of Jan Lee. He was alternatively charged with breaking and entering the house with intent to steal.

Mr. L. W. McDonald appeared for the accused, who was convicted on the second count. Prisoner's counsel pleaded for leniency, and asked that his client should be bound over. His Honor said that as the youth had no trade it would be much better were he sent to prison and taught one, as there were too many unskilled men already in the country. He bound the prisoner over in recognisances of himself and one surety in £100 each to come up for sentence if called upon within three years.

ACQUITTED.

PRISONER LEFT WITHOUT A STAIN.

Andrew Rae, 49, for whom Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared, was charged with misappropriating £13/19/, which he had received upon terms requiring him to pay the amount to Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, Australia, Limited, at Sydney, on December 13.

The Crown alleged that the accused had been the bandmaster of the Glebe Municipal Band, which held a carnival last December at the back of Grace Bros. The money taken at the refreshment booth was in the hands of a Mrs. Collis, who said that she kept the money in the drawer of her sewing-machine. Her husband said that he handed the bag of money to the accused, who was to pay an account owing to Nestle's, which he omitted

count owing to Nestle's, which he omitted to do.

After the accused had given his evidence the jury intimated that it did not wish to hear the addresses of counsel, and without leaving the box acquitted the accused, and said that it wished him to leave the court without a stain upon his character. His Honor said he quite agreed with the verdict of the jury, and discharged the accused, saying that he left the court without a stain on his character.

BIGAMY.

Samuel Reginald Bortzell, 33, lift attendant, who pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy last week, and who was remanded for medical examination, was called up for sentence. Mr. Rooney appeared for the prisoner, who was bound over in his recognisance in £20 to come up for sentence if called upon within two years, and to pay to the Clerk of the Peace the sum of £2 a week for Rosaly Otiano (the second wife) until £100 should be paid, or until such time as she notified the Clerk of the Peace that she did not require the money to be paid, or be called up for sentence.