

# CONFIDENCE TRICK

## 4 Years' Gaol

A sentence of imprisonment for four years with hard labour was imposed by Judge Magennis in General Sessions yesterday on Henry Frederick, who said that his correct name was Horace Fenwick, aged 54 years, of New Zealand, salesman.

Last week Fenwick was convicted of having conspired with two men named Wagner and Malone to defraud Charles Pech, of Green Hills, near Henty (N.S.W.), grazier, of certain money.

"The confidence man is a danger to the community," said Judge Magennis, in sentencing Fenwick. "The inexcusable feature of your offence is that it was done so deliberately. You and men of your kind play your victim until you get his confidence, and then get his money

"You tricked this man out of £1,000, and that is quite enough for one man to lose. It was done very carefully by you and your confederates, and the pity is that they are not here to share your punishment."

Judge Magennis pointed out that Fenwick had had four previous convictions, and that sentences imposed on him had included two years' imprisonment and 18 months' imprisonment

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"As your previous long sentences do not seem to have deterred you," he added, "I think it is my duty to protect the community from you for some time. You are sentenced to four years' imprisonment, with hard labour."

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## SOCKS DEAL SEQUEL

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### Charges of Receiving

As a sequel to a deal in 70 dozen pairs of socks, alleged to be portion of between 350 and 400 dozen pairs stolen from the Centenary Woollen Mills at Carlton, a tailor and mercer and a commission agent are on trial in General Sessions on a charge of having received the socks knowing them to have been stolen.

The accused men are Aaron Lemish, of Noone street, Clifton Hill, commission agent, and Henry Posner, of Park street, St. Kilda, carrying on business as a tailor and mercer in Russell street, city.

For the Crown it was stated that when questioned about the socks in his possession, Posner informed the police that he had bought 70 dozen pairs from Lemish at 3/ a dozen, plus 1' a dozen commis-

had bought 10 dozen pairs from Lemish at 3/ a dozen, plus 1/ a dozen commission. He had paid for them partly in cash and partly by cheque. He had paid part of the commission due to Lemish with 12 dozen pairs of socks.

Lemish, in evidence, said that he was also a jobber in merchandise, including clothing and hosiery, and he had had dealings with Posner and a man named Watson, who also had a shop in Russell street, for 16 or 17 years. Two men, whom he knew as "Snowy" and Jimmie Amos (or Ameer), proprietors of a billiards saloon in Lygon street, Carlton, when he met them at the Ascot races on March 21, had offered him a "job lot" of socks. Their saloon was over a hosiery factory, and he thought that they must be connected with it.

### **"In Chaff Bags"**

By arrangement, the socks were taken to Watson's shop in chaff bags on March 23 by one of the "Amos brothers" and another man. The socks were emptied out and they were all "mucked up," unpaired and unpressed. He arranged the deal with Posner at 3/ a dozen, plus 1/ a dozen commission. He accepted 12 dozen pairs as part of his commission and sold them retail at the market the following Friday. He denied all knowledge that the socks were stolen.

Lemish identified James Ameer, of Canning street, North Carlton, billiard saloon proprietor, as "Jimmie," one of the men from whom he had obtained the socks.

Ameer, on oath, denied all knowledge of the socks and of the alleged deal with Lemish.

Later Lemish identified as "Snowy" William Thomas Ameer, who also denied all knowledge of the socks.

### **Guilt Denied**

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Posner, in evidence, denied guilty knowledge when he bought the socks. He declared that when he saw them they were unpressed and unpaired and he believed them to be just an ordinary "job lot."

Evidence was given by a director of the Centenary Woollen Mills that he usually sold socks of the type stolen at from 18/ to 34/6 a dozen pairs.

The hearing was not concluded when the Court adjourned until to-day.

Mr. Sproule, K.C., is prosecuting for the Crown, Mr. J. M. Cullity (instructed by Messrs. Sonenberg and Goldberg) is appearing for Posner, and Mr. J. A. Nimmo (instructed by Mr. M. S. Minogue) for Lemish.

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## VISIT TO WORKS

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### Aircraft Award

The case for the unions in the hearing of applications in the Arbitration Court for a separate award to cover wages and conditions of employees in the aircraft construction industry was completed yesterday afternoon, and the Court adjourned to allow the employers time to prepare their case. The case for the employers will be stated this morning.

Yesterday morning Judge Beeby and representatives of the parties made an inspection of works concerned in the applications.

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## DENTAL GOODS STOLEN

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## Man for Trial

Frank Edward Hoffman, driver, of Princes street, Port Melbourne, pleaded guilty in the Richmond Court yesterday to a charge of housebreaking, and was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on June 15. Hoffman was charged with having on May 28 broken into the house of Albert Charles Doreian, Bridge road, Richmond, and stolen 1,800 artificial teeth, 12 boxes of dental rubber, a quantity of dental gold, 18 pairs of forceps, clothing, and other articles valued at £230.

Senior-detective Rosewarne produced a statement alleged to have been made by Hoffman, and in which Hoffman stated that about 2.30 p.m. on May 28 he went to a dentist's shop in Bridge road and saw a car leave by the back gate. After ringing the bell and receiving no answer he climbed over the back gate. He removed his false teeth when he saw a woman next door and asked her if the dentist was in. The woman replied that she did not hear the dentist's car leave. He replied, "He promised to have my teeth ready and I have to go to a dance tonight." He then left, but returned later and forced a window, through which he entered the premises.