

## FALSE PRETENCES CHARGED

### Picture Manager Sent for Trial

The part heard case, in which George James Leslie Johnson, 30, picture manager, was charged with false pretences, came before Mr. M'Kensey at the Central Police Court again this morning.

The charge set out that on December 7 last accused pretended to Oscar Strom that he was a well-known city business man, that he had an office at 341 Pitt-street, Sydney, and had a financial interest in a business carried on under the name or style of "Quality Pictures," and had lately been paying as wages to one Ferguson £3 a week for his services at the office; that he had paid £125 for the right of a picture film entitled "The Freedom of the World" and four other motion picture films; that he was making arrangements for conducting a country tour for the purpose of exhibiting the films as a business, and that he would, in consideration of Strom lending him £40, pay him half the profits derived from the proposed business, by means partly of such false promise he obtained £25 from Strom, with intent to defraud.

Accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.