

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice James.)

Mr. W. T. Coyle, K.C., Crown Prosecutor.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Hector Moxley, 38, Alfred Blakemore, 27, and Esther Cook were charged with having between January 1 and December 22, 1920, at Sydney, conspired to cheat and defraud McDowells, Limited, of a large quantity of hosiery.

Mr. De Baun (instructed by Mr. Clifton Penny) appeared for Moxley; Mr. Niland for Blakemore, Mr. P. R. Higgins (instructed by Mr. C. A. Robinson) for the female accused. His Honor allowed Miss Cook to occupy a seat near her counsel. It was explained that she was in a weak state of health.

In the Crown case it was stated that Moxley was at the time a departmental manager at McDowells, Limited, George-street. Blakemore was acting as the representative of Miss Cook, who had a softgoods agency at Macdonell House, in Pitt-street. It was alleged that hosiery to the value of about £1100 was removed from McDowells by Moxley for Blakemore, and was disposed of to city firms through Miss Cook's agency. The proceeds of the sales of the stolen property were alleged to have been divided by the three accused.

Louis Brodsky, in his evidence, said that

last year he was one of the proprietors of the Austral Dye Works, Balmain. The firm did work for McDowells, Limited. Certain parcels of hose which had been sent to be dyed were, by Moxley's direction, delivered to Miss Cook at Macdonell House.

Under cross-examination, the witness said that hose had been sent by Miss Cook to be dyed.

Mary Bourke, a saleswoman at McDowells, Limited, stated that she was in the hosiery department, of which Moxley last year was the head. She remembered two large quantities

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the head. She remembered two large quantities
of hose being sent to the Austral Dye Works
in November last. When the hose was re-
turned she spoke about the shortage to Brod-
sky, who delivered it, and to Moxley. She
knew Blakemore as a traveller for Miss Cook.

When the Court adjourned at 4.30 his Honor
said that as the offence for which the accused
were being tried was a misdemeanour the
jury would be allowed to go to their homes
for the night.

His Honor allowed the female accused bail
until this morning, and she left the Court
under the care of Dr. Nash.

The two male accused were not granted bail.
