

## MURDER CHARGE.

### ACCUSED REMANDED TO CHARLEVILLE.

When the Criminal Sittings of the Supreme Court were opened this morning, before Mr. Justice Shand, the Crown Prosecutor (Mr. J. J. Kingsbury) presented an indictment against George Connand, an elderly man, charging him with having, near Charleville, attempted to kill Charles Barker. A second count was presented against Connand, charging him with unlawfully wounding, with intent to kill.

Connand pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr. Salkeld (Public Defender).

Mr. Kingsbury, in asking that the case should be remanded to the Charleville sittings of the Supreme Court, to be held on September 20, stated that at his own request the prisoner had asked that in order that his trial might be expedited he should be tried in Brisbane. He had come to Brisbane to be medically examined, and the doctor found that he was in a fit state of health to stand his trial. The first charge that had been preferred against prisoner was that of assault, occasioning bodily harm, but since then witnesses had come forward which justified the authorities in altering the charge to one of attempted murder. All the witnesses resided in the country and it would not be possible for them to get to Brisbane in time for the sittings of the Court. It was in the best interests of the prisoner that he should be remanded to Charleville.

Mr. Salkeld objected to an adjournment, but the Judge acceded to Mr. Kingsbury's request and the prisoner was remanded to Charleville.