

IS ISSY BELL A BIGAMIST?

THAT he had married twice—on the second occasion bigamously and had deserted both wives and families was the allegation made against Isaac Bell, aged 40, a watch-maker, at Glebe Police Court, last week, when Bell was committed for trial on a charge of bigamy.

The first wife, Sophie Bell, told the Court that Isaac left her after 10 years of married life, and abandoned her, with four children, in Melbourne, in 1922.

The count against Bell was that, at Carlton, Melbourne, on March 19, 1912, he married Sophie Ziven, and that, while so married, he went through a similar ceremony with Ellen Hall at Glebe, on January 9, 1925.

"Yes, I would not have married a second time only I thought my first wife was dead," was the statement said by Sergeant George Stinson to have been made to him by Bell at Glebe Police Station, when he showed the man two certificates of marriage.

That she was a widow, and lived at Glebe-road, Glebe, was the statement of Ellen Hall. She had about £600, she said, when she first married Bell, and this she had put into a watchmaking business, but had lost all the money.

In committing Bell for trial, the S.M. fixed bail in £60.