

QUEEN'S BENCH, MONTREAL

MR. JUSTICE WÜRTELE'S

CHARGE TO THE GRAND JURY

Tuesday, 3rd September, 1895.

GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND JURY :

The organization of a court of criminal jurisdiction contains four component parts : the judge, who presides, expounds the law, and ordains the enforcement of its decrees ; the grand jury, who examine the accusations brought before the court and see if there is reasonable cause for believing the charges laid ; the petty jury, who hear the evidence in support of the charge against an accused person and his defence, and decide after hearing both sides if he is innocent or guilty ; and the clerk, who issues process and records the proceedings.

The grand jury is chosen from the citizens of the judicial district who possess the qua-