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COMMITTS O'MEARA;
BAIL REFUSEDLondoner Goes to Trial on a
Charge of Perjury.

MORE TEN-DOLLAR STORIES

Crown Witnesses Contradict One An-
other as to the Molding of
Envelopes.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Nov. 1. — John O'Meara, charged with perjury, was arraigned today. Mr. DuVernet stated that his witnesses were not present and it was announced that Mr. Stephen O'Meara, the prisoner's father, had been subpoenaed, but is ill in bed and unable to come. A doctor's certificate was produced by Mr. Curry and it showed that Mr. O'Meara, senior, was unable to be present for several days.

Mr. Curry created a sensation by declaring that two crown witnesses from Brantford, called to identify O'Meara, had failed to do so and were not placed on the stand by the prosecution.

Mr. DuVernet claimed he was not aware of it.

Mr. Curry then asked for the names of the witnesses Mr. DuVernet has subpoenaed to identify O'Meara and they were given him.

In a passage at arms between the magistrate and Mr. Curry the latter stated that there had been much perjury on the part of the prosecution in the effort to identify O'Meara.

The magistrate retorted that he had no doubt that O'Meara is the right man.

"Is there a possibility in your mind of his not being the man?" asked Mr. Curry.

The magistrate would only say there might be a slight possibility.

Mr. Curry asked for bail, but Mr. DuVernet objected.

"If you keep this man in jail," Mr. Curry said, "how am I to get witnesses to prove that he is not the right party. Don't you see that it is impossible for me to get witnesses to prove an alibi unless he is allowed to go to Brantford and hunt them up?"

The magistrate was obdurate, however, and O'Meara was committed for trial.

"You may use your arguments for bail before a higher court," his worship said.

"But why should the man be put to this expense?" Mr. Curry asked.

Major Beattie was in the court room in Brantford when the alleged impersonator was arraigned, and he says it was so dark he could not see whether the man had gray hair or black hair. And yet we have witnesses who swear they saw O'Meara in the same room and they now identify him as the same man. It is preposterous.

Robert J. Orr, of the witness called in the election conspiracy charge this morning, Mr. Orr brought down the records of the office at the instance of the prosecution, to show that Daniel Wiley, a clerk in the customs department, had been absent several days at the time of the election.

Mr. DuVernet said that he wanted to show that Wiley was absent from the customs house when he is alleged to have been paying bribed voters with Collins in Lewis' hotel the first and second day after the election.

The magistrate did not think much of the point. "Surely, if Wiley wanted to he would have had time to sign his name in the book," he said.

Wiley's name did not appear in the book from the 12th to the 17th of June, 1905.

Frank F. Wilkinson was next called. He swore that at the time of the Beck-Rumball election he boarded at the Clarence House, of which Mr. Fitzpatrick was the proprietor. The latter told him a man wanted to see him, and later Harry Rananah went to him (Wilkinson's) room with Fitzpatrick. In the room Rananah gave Fitzpatrick an envelope with \$10 in it, the money to be given to witness if he voted for Hyman.

In the general elections a stranger gave Fitzpatrick an envelope with \$10 in it for witness.

In the by-election the witness swore that Rananah called on him and asked him about his vote, but as Wilkinson was about to leave the city nothing was done.

Fitzpatrick Denies It.

John Fitzpatrick, former proprietor of the Clarence House, on being called, refused to testify until his fees had been paid him. He was assured he would be paid, and was then examined. He said he kept a hotel in Seaford. He denied that he had received any money from Wilkinson. A man had handed him an envelope for Wilkinson, but Rananah was not the man. Witness admitted having shown Rananah on one occasion to Wilkinson's room.

"Wilkinson swore positively that it was Rananah who gave you the envelope. Are you prepared to contradict him?"

"Well, I can't remember."

"How many envelopes did you hold during the election?"

"I can't say. There were many envelopes at all times for people who were at the house."

"Election envelopes?"

"I don't know what they were."

"Was there anything said about being Wilkinson?"

"No."

"He swears there was."

"There was not."

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Spence Says a Ballot Box
Was Opened to Scan VotesTo Learn if Those "Fixed" Had Voted Right in the Beck-Rumball
Election—Testimony of a West London Deputy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 31.—The investigation into the London election case was resumed this afternoon.

William Spence, of West London, testified to having been a party to the opening of a ballot box in the Beck-Rumball election, when it was sought to learn how certain voters who had been "fixed" had voted.

The prosecution made an attempt to show that funds for the South Essex campaign in the general election of 1905, when Mr. Clarke was the Liberal candidate there came from London through Mr. George M. Reid, but the stories told the crown counsel re this matter were proven to be foundationless. It was 6 o'clock when the adjournment was made this evening.

The Afternoon Session.

When the case was resumed at 3 o'clock this afternoon it was announced that Daniel Wiley was ill and could not appear in court. No objection was raised by the prosecution.

Jerry Collins was called to contradict certain testimony of Wm. Spence, but Mr. Wilkie objected, and he was sustained by the court.

Mr. Spence's examination was then resumed. He repeated that he was not sure that Tom Lewis was paid the witness when the money was paid the witness.

"Did you discuss with Jerry," Mr. DuVernet asked, "the matter of Steve Collins making a noise because he did not get money he had been promised in the Beck-Rumball election?"

"I told Collins that I had heard his brother had not voted right and that's why he hadn't got the money."

"You had heard that Serviss was

holding the money?"

"Yes, I told Collins that."

"Did you ever tell Jerry that Steve had better hold his tongue and not be holding around?"

"No."

"You were the returning officer at the place where Steve Collins voted?"

"Yes."

"Sifton was the scrutineer?"

"No, Serviss."

"Did you tell Collins that you and Sifton and Serviss had gone over the ballots twice and that you knew how Steve Collins voted?"

"No."

"Did Serviss ask you to go out and leave the ballot box in Serviss' house over night?"

"Yes."

"Did you leave it?"

"Yes."

"Who had the key?"

"I had."

"I am prepared to show that you told people that the three meantime went over the box?"

"I never told anybody."

"Did you do it?"

"Yes."

"What for?"

"To see how those who had tickets voted."

"What tickets?"

"I didn't see any."

"So that Sifton, Serviss and yourself went over the ballots to see how they voted?"

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