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GETS SEVEN YEARS PENAL SERVITUDE

G. L. Bevan Sentenced at the Old Bailey

Found Guilty on 15 of 16 Counts in Fraud Charges—Judge Dwelt on Honest and Dishonest Methods in Presenting Financial Balance Sheets.

(Special Cable to The New York Times and Montreal Gazette)
London, Dec. 5.—Gerard Lee Bevan, former chairman of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company, was found guilty at the Old Bailey today on fifteen of sixteen counts in charges of fraud brought against him, and was sentenced to seven years penal servitude.

The Bevan case attracted an enormous amount of public attention, not merely because of the magnitude of the financial speculations in which he was concerned, but also because of the social position of some of his fellow-directors in various companies. His flight to the continent by airplane and arrest in Vienna added to the sensational aspect of the case.

Mr. Justice Avery, in summing up, dealt with the defense's contention that Bevan had signed certain minutes of the board meetings of the City Equitable Company without reading them, and so failed to detect their error. He asked the jury to consider how that could have been possible unless Bevan had done it with his eyes shut, and he declared that it was impossible to doubt that Bevan was the dominating spirit of the directorate.

When the court took up the 296-

000 overdraft which had been allowed to General Manager Mansell, although he drew in salary and commission £8,000 or £9,000 per annum, Bevan had excused the matter on the plea that Mansell was so valuable to the business, but the judge asked whether there was good reason to keep a dishonest servant because he obtained business. The court pointed out that Bevan's only explanation of his flight was that he had been asked to leave the country, but he declined to say by whom, and he instructed the jury that if they held him guilty of the charges they could not leave out of consideration the fact that he fled and could give no real explanation of the reason.

Finally, the court dealt with the "window-dressing" of the company's balance sheet by purchasing government securities for the day the balance sheet was made up. He drew a distinction between honest and dishonest "window-dressing," saying: "Suppose a shopkeeper put in his window attractive goods with attractive prices, and then when a customer

hands over money for them he keeps the cash, but says, 'I cannot deliver the goods because they are only borrowed.' What would you think of him?"

"Yet that does not differ from the action of the company in recording its assets in its balance sheet securities that it does not possess. I hope it is not true that such 'window-dressing' is an everyday transaction in the city of London."

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FOOTBALL.

Says Charge is Mistake
Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—Saying that the alleged deficiency in club finances was the result of unauthorized expenditures made last year and sanctioned by the executive in office at the time, Donald Sinclair, counsel for David Roy, former secretary of the Dominion Football Association, who is charged with the theft of \$4,127 from the associa-

tion yesterday declared that the charge against his client was a mistake.

British Games.
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Dec. 7.—Old Country football results today were as follows:
Cup Replays—Swansea, 0, Merthyr, 1; Newport, 1, Aberdeen, 1; Clapton, 2, Dulwich, 0; Norwich, 2, Southern, 1; Highamferres, 0, Chesterfield, 1.
Friendlies—Oxford, 1; Isthmian League, 2.
Northern Union—Hunslet, 5; Widnes, 3.
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