

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 Bal-
ance Sheets.

(Special Cable to The New York Times
and Montreal Gazette)
London, Dec. 5.—Gerard Lee Bevan,
former chairman of the City Equi-

table 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, al-
though he drew in salary and com-
mission £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 had
declined to say by whom, and he in-
structed 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 govern-
ment securities for the day the bal-
ance sheet was made up. He drew
a distinction between honest and dis-
honest "window-dressing," saying:
"Suppose a shopkeeper put in his win-
dow 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 bor-
rowed.' What would you think of
him?"

"Yet that does not differ from the
action of the company in recording its
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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 expendi-
tures made last year and sanctioned
by the executive in office at the time,
Donald Sinclair, counsel for David Roy,
former secretary of the Dominion Foot-
ball 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 foot-
ball 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 Lea-
gue, 2.
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nes, 3.
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