

ruin the reputation of the prisoner, and if they could not do that, their object was to send him to the Penitentiary to drag out a miserable existence. A space of five years between the day on which the theft was alleged to have been committed, and the bringing of this prosecution was sufficient to indicate the motive of the party in the case.

The trial continued during Monday, Tuesday and Thursday on which latter day —

Mr. Justice Aylwin in summing up intimated to the Jury his conviction of the prisoner's guilt. The delivery of the Judge's charge occupied three hours.

The Jury retired, and after an absence of five minutes returned a verdict of "Guilty."

Sentence will be pronounced the last day of the term.

From the standing and position of the prisoner, who, it is said, is worth upwards of £50,000, the greatest interest was manifested in this trial. During the three days which it occupied, the Court was crowded to excess.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM AT TORONTO.

We glean the following facts from the very short report, presented by Dr. Workman, to the House of Assembly, during the present session. The total number of patients at present under the superintendent's charge is 428; of whom 198 are males, and 230 are females. The total admission from 18th October, 1856, the date of last report, to the present time 1st March 1857, has been 134. The discharges in the above period have been 51. The number of deaths in the same period has been 25, in a total of 504 patients under treatment. Of the 428 patients now remaining in, 4 have been inmates over 16 years; 20 from 12 to 16 years; 58 from 8 to 12 years; 54 from 6 to 8 years; 66 from 4 to 6 years; 48 from 3 to 4 years; 40 from 2 to 3 years; 39 from 1 to 2 years; 14 from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 year; 84 under $\frac{1}{2}$ year.

"The present ages of the above 428 patients remaining in are as follows:—6 are under 20 years; 98 from 20 to 30 years; 154 from 30 to 40 years; 108 from 40 to 50 years; 45 from 50 to 60 years; 23 are over 60 years."

"A Lunatic Asylum is," says Dr. Workman, "in many respects the best place for the treatment of the insane; but the transmission of every case of the malady to an institution of this character is neither necessary nor advisable; under no consideration other than that of unavoids-