

The Deputy Minister of Justice.

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September 23, 1940.

Apparently Dodge has been advised by someone that he could at the preliminary and at the trial, state to the Court that he did not have a Lawyer of his own, and that he was not ready to proceed.

Having regard to the fact that Dodge is charged with the most serious charge in the Criminal Code and that he will probably be found guilty of either murder or manslaughter; that he has refused to co-operate with me, be guided by my advice, and is apparently, not satisfied to have me represent him, I feel that I must ask to be relieved and retire from the case.

Dodge will be tried at the Fall Assizes in Goderich for the week of November 4th, next, and I trust that you will make other arrangements for his defence.

Yours sincerely,

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