

endorsed on its back with the words " a true bill," and when, on the contrary, it is considered to be unfounded it is indorsed with the words " no bill." In both cases it is so indorsed by the foreman, or by his substitute, who signs his name under the entry and writes his official designation below his signature. All bills so passed upon and indorsed are brought into open court and are delivered to the clerk, who then publicly announces the findings.

You must only proceed on the bills which are submitted to you by the crown or public prosecutor, or which the presiding judge allows to be preferred to you by a private prosecutor.

You must keep the secret of what transpires at your sittings, and you should therefore avoid all communication with the accused and their counsel with respect thereto. Should any attempt be made to corruptly influence any of you, it will be your duty to inform the presiding judge of such attempt, which would constitute a crime, called embracery, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

I regret to see by the docket, or the list of the cases which will be brought before the court at the present term, not only that the number of cases is unusually large but that there are many charges of the gravest character. Montreal is growing rapidly, and with