

# NERLICH CASE TO BE SPEEDILY CONCLUDED

## Will Open Wednesday—Crown Has No New Facts to Bring Forward.

When the high treason charge against Mr. Emil Nerlich opens in the Assize Court on Wednesday morning, the case will be heard by Mr. Justice Sutherland, with Mr. W. C. Mikel of Belleville and County Crown Attorney Greer looking after the prosecution on behalf of the Province. Neither the Attorney-General nor the staff of the deputy expect to put in an appearance in official capacity, as it is now the intention of the department to leave the prosecution in the hands of the two representatives mentioned. Notices have been sent out to all the jurymen to appear on Wednesday morning, and it is expected that the trial will proceed at once.

The hearing against Nerlich on the charge of treason is expected to be brought to a close much more rapidly than was the case of conspiracy, as it was stated to-day by the Attorney-General that the Crown has absolutely no new facts to bring out. The hearing will consist simply of a repetition of former evidence, and the intention now is to wind up the case in two days.

In case the charge of high treason falls down, the Province will not press the matter further.

"The future of the whole proceedings will rest upon the high treason charge," was the statement of Hon. Mr. Lucas. "If we win the case before the Assizes it will doubtless be appealed by the defence. If we lose the case before the jury, the Crown will then consider that it has exhausted its evidence, and that it would be only a matter of persecution to carry the case further."