

MAGRATH MEN ARE FINED FOR AIDING ALIEN TO ESCAPE

Wocknitz and Leisenmeister Are
Found Guilty in Supreme
Court—Judge Lenient

For aiding in the escape of one Genuselke, a prisoner of war of German nationality, T. Wocknitz and G. Leisenmeister, farmers of Magrath, were this morning sentenced by Mr. Justice Hyndman, at the supreme court, to a fine of \$150 and \$100, respectively, to be paid forthwith, or in lieu of the same, 30 days' imprisonment.

In delivering sentence, his lordship said that he took a lenient view in the fact that both men were indus-

trious farmers. He did not believe the statements of the accused that they were not aware that the man Genuschke, who was on their premises, was not the man the police wanted when they made their visit. He felt that they distinctly evaded the questions of the police and willfully deceived them in seeking to hide from them the whereabouts of Genuschke. It may be only human that the prisoners should have sought to help one of their own nationality in that blood is thicker than water, but this did not excuse them as they should remember that while they lived under the British flag they had to respect the laws of the country. The offence they had committed was a serious one.

The defence was conducted by Mr Hendry.