

TOOK SPOTTERS FOR HUN SPIES

Ho Asserts C.P.R. Conductor on
Trial—Judge Gunn Reserves
Judgment in Case

John A. Irving, the second of the quintette of C. P. R. conductors to be tried for the theft of fares from the company, is still in doubt as to his fate, Judge Gunn having reserved judgment in his case. The hearing lasted all Friday afternoon. His Honor announced that he would not give judgment until after the other three cases had been tried.

Max Plette and H. Boulianne, who were the spotters in the Fumerton case, were the men who collected the evidence in the case against Irving. Their story was that on November 28, they had boarded the train at Mattawa, and rode to Renfrew. They paid Conductor Irving cash fares, the amount being \$3.40. They did not get receipts, but were given hat checks, which checks they produced in court.

Auditor Shearing, of the C.F.R., testified that Irvine's report for November 28 contained no mention of these fares for Mattawa to Renfrew. There were, however, returns of two cash fares from Mattawa to Deus Rivieres.

Conductor Irvine swore that the two spotters paid cash fares from Mattawa to Deus Rivieres, and not to Renfrew. He had seen these men before, and had had them watched, as he believed that they were German spies. Having three boys at the front, he was naturally interested. The men had been put off his train at Pembroke. He saw these men later at North Bay. They were pointed out to him as spotters by railway men.

Boulianne was recalled, and denied that he had been detained at Pembroke as stated by Irvine. E. Dansereau and Arthur Plette were the men arrested on suspicion of being German spies.