

Treason Case Tried In Toronto

Judgment Reserved on Joseph Snyder of Chippawa

Before the Divisional Court, Os-
goode Hall, Toronto, the case of
Joseph Snyder of Chippawa is being
tried, on the charge of an attempt
to commit treason.

On April 7th last accused was
tried before Chancellor Boyd at Wel-
land, and yesterday the case was re-
opened before the Appellate Court,
and judgment reserved.

J. R. Cartwright, K. C., and E.
Bayley, K. C., appeared for the
Crown, and A. C. Kingstone of St.
Catharines for the defendant.

Snyder, who is charged with aid-
ing four Austrians in an attempt to
cross the Niagara River into the
United States last November, was
originally arrested on the charge of
treason. The charge was reduced in
the trial at Welland to an attempt
to commit treason.

The statement of the defendant is
that he was approached by an Aus-
trian detective, who asked him to

get some 80 Austrians, working on
the canal, across the river. Evidence
was submitted to show that Snyder
did not want to do this. But he was
finally induced to aid them on the
representation that the Austrians
were not reservists and were only
trying to get to Buffalo to report to
the Austrian Consul, with a view to
saving their property. Four men ar-
rived at Snyder's farm to be taken
across the river, and were harbored
in his barn. Snyder also accepted
their money. He was then arrested.

Chief Justice Meredith said: "The
treason with which his charge is
assisting the enemy. Attempting to
assist the enemy is also an offence
under Section 72."

The counsel for the defence pleads
that the act of his client was inno-
cent, being nothing more than an at-
tempt to smuggle men across the
river, which would amount merely
to a contravention of the immigra-
tion act.