
PROSECUTE ALIEN CROOKS UNDER IMMIGRATION LAWS

THIS MAY BE SIGNIFICANCE OF JUDGMENT IN A WOODSTOCK CASE.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Woodstock, June 17.—A case of unusual interest was tried here this afternoon when five alleged American crooks were charged before Police Magistrate Ball with infractions of the immigration act of Canada in having entered Canada by misrepresentation at Windsor, Niagara Falls and Sarnia. The names of the suspects are Joseph Dister, Detroit; Geo. Thompson, Detroit; George Morrissey, Toledo, Ohio; John Morrissey, Toledo, Ohio, and William Slater, Northville, Mass., and the last two months residing in Toronto. They arrived in Woodstock on Friday last, when the Barnum & Bailey circus appeared here. The immigration authorities at Ottawa were notified of the arrests, and asked to take action.

Accordingly, Travelling Inspector Reynolds arrived here yesterday and laid information against the five aliens. Crown Attorney Ball conducted the prosecution, and S. G. McKay defended the foreigners. Besides Inspector Reynolds, Inspectors Wilcox of Niagara Falls, Clydesdale of Windsor, and Bell of Sarnia, officers at the ports of entry where the aliens entered Canada, were the Crown's chief witnesses. All of them gave testimony that the accused entered Canada by misrepresentation when they told the officers that they were merely coming to Canada on a visit.

After hearing lengthy arguments of counsel, Magistrate Ball reserved his decision until Thursday. If a conviction is recorded it will mean that all alien crooks which the police are unable to convict can be prosecuted under the immigration laws of Canada.

Inspector Reynolds left here tonight for Berlin to investigate the cases of the four alleged pickpockets arrested there on circus day.
