

TORONTO TREASON CASE

Montreal Advocate Engaged to Assist Defence

Mr. Bernard Rose, of the firm of Morrison & Rose, advocates, of Montreal, has been retained to assist in the defence of J. J. Rowans, the Toronto steamship agent against whom the York County Grand Jury have returned two true bills charging treason and conspiracy to commit the same offence, the cases arising out of the efforts of Austrian and German reservists to leave the country in order to join their respective armies. Rowans, who has not been long in the country, is a highly-educated Russian and an advocate of the Russian Bar. He stoutly denies the charges, and says that he is the victim of either a misunderstanding or the malice of a number of alien enemies who are now interned. The trial promises to be a lengthy one, as nearly fifty witnesses will be called, and it will be probably the first of its kind in Canada. Mr. T. Herbert Lennox, K.C., M.L.A., of Toronto, will be in charge of the case for the defence, assisted by Mr. Rose, who, with Mr. M. J. Morrison, K.C., is counsel for Israel Schafer, the Montreal steamship agent accused of an offence similar to that charged against Rowans. The Schafer case will come up at the March term of the Court of King's Bench.