

PREPARE FOR TRIAL OF MR. EMIL NERLICH

Trial Will Likely Be Adjourned for Week, After Jury Is Sworn.

Final preparations for the trial of Emil Nerlich, now charged with committing high treason, which will take place in the Assize Court on Tuesday were made this afternoon, when on behalf of Crown Prosecutor W. C. Mickel, K.C., County Crown-Attorney Greer applied to Mr. Justice Britton now presiding in the Assizes, to direct that a full panel of sixty jurors be present. This step was taken because of the seriousness of the charge and that several of the jurors who were present when the Assizes opened three weeks ago have left the jury, and others have been excused from duty. Ten days' notice of the day of trial must be furnished the accused, and as to-day is the tenth day, the sheriff will proceed to empanel the necessary jurors. Mr. Greer explained that in this trial the challenges are likely to be more numerous than in other cases.

The jury, however, will have to give way to the appeal case before the Court of Appeal. Both trials were scheduled for Tuesday next, but the Department of the Attorney-General has decided to give precedence to the appeal hearing. When the case is called in the Assizes, an adjournment for one week will be arranged to permit the lawyers interested to attend the Appeal Court.

The stated case in the appeal against the conviction on a charge of conspiracy against Mr. Nerlich, has been prepared by Mr. Justice Mulock, and the argument before the Court of Appeal is expected to occupy one day. The Attorney-General hopes that the Court of Appeal will give their decision in time to permit the Assize case to proceed a week from Tuesday.