
CHARGE OF BIGAMY

WOMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

At the Redfern Police Court to-day Matilda Strachan, aged 49, was charged with bigamy, it being alleged that she married James Strachan at Windsor in July, 1881, and while Strachan was alive she married Henry Scott at Redfern in October, 1907.

Senior-constable Moore said that he told accused on the 7th inst. that Scott had obtained a warrant for her arrest for bigamy. She replied, "I got married at Windsor to James Strachan before I was 21 years of age. He has since got married, and I did not think I was doing any harm to get married again." When charged she said, "I suppose that I will get years for this."

James Henry Strachan, a dealer in vegetables, living in Vine-stret, Darlington, after being warned that he need not give evidence, said that accused was his wife, to

whom he was married at Windsor on July 9, 1881. He lost sight of her 20 years ago, and for some time thought her dead, but seven years ago he saw her in Belmore Park. her maiden name was Matilda Potts, and five children were born of the marriage.

To the Accused: He did not leave her in an empty house with three children. He declined to say whether he was married to Florence Prendergast.

Henry Scott, a dealer, of Garden-street, Alexandria, said he was married to accused at Redfern in October, 1907, but he did not know she was previously married. Finding out down at the markets that she was married, he left her, but she had a warrant issued for his arrest for wife desertion.

To Accused: He did not get married to her knowing she was married to get some money that was coming to her.

The Accused, who said she would make her statement at the Sessions, was committed for trial, bail being allowed—self in £25 and sureties in a like amount.
