

TWO-UP PLAYERS FINED.

Clifford Coulson, Frank Hulett, Hugh Munro, James O'Brien, Bert Dempster and Lewis Watson were charged with playing an unlawful game, to wit, two-up, in Ballarat Road, Braybrook, on May 16, Dempster pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. R. Hall.

First-Constable David Power said that at about 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, he was on duty in Ballarat Rd. Opposite the Braybrook Hotel he saw six men standing in a circle playing two-up.

He saw Watson throw two pennies in the air and the rest of the men bend forward and look at the ground as the coins descended. In answer to questions, each of the men said they were only passing the time away, and were only betting in a small way.

To Mr. Hall: I did not actually see Dempster with money in his hands, but I saw him in the circle.

Mrs. Dempster, mother of Bert Dempster, said her son had gone to the Council Pound, which was only a few yards away from where it was alleged two-up was being played, to collect some cattle of hers that had strayed.

Bert Dempster said he only happened to go over to speak to one of his pals when the constable arrived.

In answer to Senior-Constable Masterson, defendant said he had attempted to hurry away because he was frightened when Constable Power came on the scene.

The six youths were each fined