MURDER CHARGE

Two Girls On Trial In Supreme Court

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"The contention of the prosecution is that this plainly was a callously planned and premeditated murder, committed by two highly intelligent and perfectly sane but precocious and dirty-minded girls," said the Grown Prosecutor (Mr A. W. Brown) in the Supreme Court yesterday, summarising to the jury the case for the Crown against Pauline Yvonne Parker, aged 16, and Juliet Marion Hulme, aged 15 years and nine months. The two girls are charged with murdering Honora Mary Parker at Christchurch on June 22.

Mr Justice Adams is presiding at the trial of the accused, who both pleaded guilty,

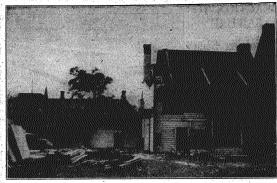
Eleven witnesses were called by the Crown yesterday and Mrs Hulme, mother of Juliet Hulme, was being cross-examined by counsel for the defence when the Court adjourned until this morning.

At 9.30 a.m. about 25 persons were waiting at the entrance to the public allery of the Court and when the hearing began there were about 70 seated in the gallery.

Three jurors sought exemption when their names the was the re called on the panel and two had their application and a supplemental to the content of the con

Mr P. T. Mahon is appearing with the Crown Prosecutor. Parker is represented by Dr. A. L. Haslam and Mr J. A. Wicks and Hulme by Mr T. A. Gresson and Mr B. McClelland.

The Crown stood aside five jurors and the defence red nine, five by Mr Gresson and four by Dr. Hasla A prison matron sat between the two accused in the



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