Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the Petition of the Attorney-General for the Province of British Columbia for special leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council in the matter of Rex v. Walkem, from the Supreme Court of British Columbia; delivered the 27th July 1908.

Present:

LORD MACNAGHTEN.
LORD ATKINSON.
LORD COLLINS.
SIR ARTHUR WILSON.

[Delivered by Lord Macnaghten.]

This application touches several very delicate and difficult questions on which their Lordships desire to express no opinion. In any case they would be very slow to interfere, at the instance of a prosecution, with a new trial directed by the Court of Appeal in favour of the accused; and on that ground they find it impossible to advise His Majesty to grant special leave to appeal in this case. The Petitioner must pay the Respondent's costs of the Petition.