

Whalen Found Guilty, Given Life Sentence

John William Michael Whalen, 17, of Dartmouth was found guilty in Nova Scotia Supreme Court Wednesday of non-capital murder in the stabbing death last November of a 51-year-old Lower Sackville merchant, Robert Arthur Ward.

Mr. Justice F. W. Bissett sentenced Whalen to imprisonment for the term of his natural life.

The jury of eight men and four women deliberated a little more than four hours Wednesday before bringing in the verdict.

Barry Rhodenizer of Halifax, convicted on the same charge last week was also sentenced to life imprisonment.

About 40 witnesses testified in Whalen's trial which began last Friday.

Defence counsel Stewart McInnes said at the end of the trial he would appeal the decision.