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two men struggling together, and heard

break. Witness went up to them and said, "Chapa, don't be fighting; it is New Year's

if the assault or not, but still he had no  
to enter the prosecutor's house without  
permission. The case was dismissed, the  
defendant, in addition to bear the Court  
1866.

thief, named James Keenan (who has been released from Durham Gaol, after serving 12 months for offences committed in 1931).

present theft), was brought up in custody with stealing a number of rabbit skins, the property of Patrick McGlen, at Lanchester, on the 15th of November, 1881.—The prosecutor, who is a lodger with Jas. Hamilton, at Lanchester, testified that in November, 1881, he had 21 skins hanging up in his warehouse at the Hamilton's house, in the charge of the prisoner. He left Lanchester for a short time, and on his return, a fortnight afterwards, he found the skins gone. They were worth about 4s.—

stated that the prosecutor had stayed at the house for three or four years. In November

prosecutor left a lot of rabbit skins in the e at the back of his premises. On Mup- November of the same year, witness was arehouse about ten o'clock in the morning, the skins hanging up all right. The was staying at his house on that particular out half-past four in the afternoon he was ut of the yard, when he met the prisoner a bag, which was filled with something

the road. Shortly afterwards he missed  
it skins from the warehouse, and he gave

to the police.—Jane Hamilton, wife of witness, saw the prisoner in the warehouse at the foot of the river, at about the afternoon of Monday, November 14th, 1881, with the rabbit skins. The prisoner had been in that place.—To the prisoner: She (prisoner) with one rabbit skin, but did not count the skins at the door.—Sergt. Jones deposed that on Wednesday, 3rd January 1882, he took the prisoner into custody from the warehouse at Dosham and charged him

aking into a warehouse at Lanchester and therefrom a number of rabbit skins, the

The prisoner replied "There were no hare  
rabbit skins I got. I sold them to  
Matthews, at Consett, for 6s. I had some  
—". The prisoner, after being charged,  
the offence, but said he would rather  
case tried that day.—The Chairman said  
he had practically taken the matter out  
hands, as his whole life seems to have  
of crimes. They would be obliged to  
for trial at the Quarter Sessions.

an named Thomas Hanley, at Quebec, on

As the complainant fell him with a (which he produced).—The complainant that between eleven and twelve o'clock on day night prior to Christmas Day, he on road to Quebec, and on passing a group of men standing at the corner end, one of his hat off his head and knocked a hole in it. Being a stranger in the place he being at the time, but went straight to his and the defendant it seems lives close by. and the latter in the yard on Christmas

a.—In answer to the defendant, the com-  
plainant testified that he (Harris) asked him whether he

him with the coal rake on the Saturday night that he said he would not have done it, was drunk at the time.—The defendant the complainant kicked up a disturbance here young man on the Saturday night.—Remain: That is a different occasion. We mean to do with it.—The defendant admitted the assault, but affirmed that he only took the complainant because he felled him with the coal-rake on the Saturday night previous. The defendant was fined 2s 6d and pay costs.

accused of having assaulted Catherine young female, on the same date.—The

t alleged that on Saturday evening, the defendant came up and struck her by her eye and bruising her face. He also said "an Irish b——". The defendant said that the complainant hit him first with a shovel, which he held up in court and which laughter. He further averred that she hit him with a brick.—The Magistrate's (Granger): Whose spade is that?—Defendant: To complainant.—The Magistrate's (to Granger): What business have you with it?—Defendant: I was digging for my wife.

ked me with it." (Laughter). I have  
to prove that the complainant hit me

The defendant, spoke to seeing the commit the defendant a blow on the head with a produced. Another witness, called Mrs. Merly person, testified that on the night on, the complainant hit her on the mouth pad, knocking two of her front teeth Chairman: Did she do it accidentally or?—Witness: I do not know.—Sergeant in reply to the Bench, said he was away Moor on the day in question, and knew about the affair.—The Chairman said

... was so very conflicting that the case  
... to be dismissed, the complainant to

POOR LAW ACT.

Hindson was summoned by Mr Ralph  
believing officer for the Lanchester Union,  
tating to contribute towards the support of  
George Hindson, who became chargeable  
Lanchester Poor Law Guardians on the 23rd  
and was still under their charge. The  
Mr Walton stated, was a single young  
he had two brothers, but both were  
and had some children. The officer asked  
of 2s 6d a week.—The Bench made an

FENCE UNDER THE HIGHWAY ACT.

certain wagons travelling along the Bridge Turnpike Road, did unlawfully stop John Smith from passing them.—The prosecutor is a butcher, carrying on business in the city, and stated that about six o'clock on the night of Tuesday, May 1st, he was proceeding in a trap from his house to catch the train at Connell Station, about ten yards this side of West Green, when the defendant coming in an opposite direction met him. Prosecutor shouted at the defendant to stop, but although there was

...and side, he did not do so.—The defen- C2  
mitted the charge and announced his

being guilty of such an act. He denied he heard the prosecutor shout to him. He was dark, and he did not observe the till he was close upon him.—As the did not press the charge, the defendant on payment of 8s 6d costs, was released.

**D FRAUD ON A CONSET TRADESMAN.**  
*Dobbie*, a married woman, was brought charge of unlawfully obtaining, by means of pretences, a quantity of groceries and flour out of 9s 6d, from Mr Arthur Alderson.

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