

Mr. CARLSON said the water went on to the place which was now the railway.

man to perform £150 worth of work for £100. It did not believe in a cheeseparing policy. If it got a good man, and paid him well, the work would be done to their satisfaction.

CHARLES WILSON said if they got a man for a year and he did his work well, and was more, they might then add £20 or £30 to his salary.

Mr. HIRSON thought £100 was sufficient. The paymen, he was afraid, would not be satisfied if they gave a man more. Things were dull, and he feared that many people would not have money in their rates during the ensuing winter.

then proposed by Mr. LAY, and seconded by Mr. JOHN ANNANDALE, that the motion made at the meeting fixing the salary at £100 per annum be rescinded, and that the salary offered be £120, the motion: Messrs. LAY, Smith, Dickinson, and John ANNANDALE—4. Against: Messrs. MARSHALL, Wheatley, Chas. Wilson, and Sam Wilson—5. The motion was therefore carried.

MR. SMITH hoped that canvassing would not be resorted to. (Mr. John ANNANDALE: Hear, hear.) and already had more than one application.

MR. MARSHALL: So have I.

It was decided that there was to be no canvassing, that the advertisement for an officer should be placed in the *Consett Guardian* and the *Newcastle*.

IMPROVEMENTS.
CHAIRMAN read the following letter which he received from the Clerk to the Benfieldside Local Board :—
 Benfieldside Burial Board, Blackhill,
 30th July, 1878.
 Sir,—At the last meeting of the Burial Board, held at my inst., I was directed to ask your Board to kerb, level, and pave, with blocked stone, the carriage way in front of the New Cemetery, Blackhill. As the New Burial Ground is shortly to be opened for interments, the Local Board are desirous the above work may be done with as early as possible.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,
 THOS. WHINNEY, Clerk to the Board.
 The Chairman of the Benfieldside Local Board, Shotley Bridge.

CHAIRMAN said the work was very necessary, and JOHN ANNANDALE said the kerb and channel were left short at the Church gate, and in wet weather the water ran on to the footpath. He thought the Surveyor ought to be instructed to level and channel the place he had named. The motion of Mr. WILLIAM WILSON, seconded by Mr. LAX, it was decided to accede to Mr. ANNANDALE's request, and also to lay down the kerb and channel suggested by Mr. ANNANDALE.

PLANS.

Plans for three cottages to be erected by Mr. ANNANDALE in Benfieldside Edge Road, and for additions to the property owned by Mr. MARSHALL were passed. The meeting then terminated.

Local Police Courts.
CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.
NDAY, Sept. 16.—Before Mr. TOWN (chairman),
 Mr. CLAYTON, and Mr. PRIESTMAN.
DRUNK.
 m. Armstrong, engine-man, Allendale Cottages,
 summoned by P.C. Cumming for having been
 drunk at Broomhill, on the 2nd inst. The constable
 defendant wanted to fight, and refused to
 go when requested. Defendant did not appear.
 P.C. Smith informed the bench that Arm-
 strong's wife had that morning called at his house
 left some money to pay the fine with, defend-

himself being unable to attend because his father was on her death-bed. —A fine of \$5. and costs imposed. —Richard Armstrong, blacksmith, Madsley Edge, who was represented by his father, was also summoned by P.C. Madsley for being drunk. The officer at the offence committed at Madsley, on the 8th inst. fined \$5. and costs charged with having been drunk. Madsley, was charged with having been drunk at Madsley, on Sunday night, the 8th inst. P.C. Madsley and defendant swore in the street for summoning for ten minutes. Cooper, who had no de-
fence to make, was fined \$5. and the expenses. —George Lister, miner, Hamsterley Colliery, charged with being drunk at Hamsterley Colliery, on the 8th inst. P.C. White with having been drunk and causing disturbance at Hamsterley Colliery on the night of the 7th inst. was also ordered to pay \$5. and costs.

Bridge Hinchey, married woman, was summoned for being drunk at Consett, P.C. McClymont said between ten and eleven o'clock on Friday night he was on duty in Pitt Street, where defendant creating a disturbance with her neighbours. She was drunk. He put her into the house, but she returned to the street, and when mess next saw her she was being dragged out of the gutter by her son.—Mrs. Hinchey said her son was in the act of ill-using her as the policeman came up.—P.C. McClymont, in answer to defendant's question, said he had seen her arm bleeding on a previous occasion, but he could not say that it was caused by defendant's son.—Mrs. Hinchey said her son was in the habit of ill-using her. He was the only person who had been summoned.

2a, 6d, and costs. James Rutledge, summoned by P.C. Robinson for having been drunk at 106d, was fined 5s. and costs. Ellen O'Neill, arrested by P.C. Gibson with a similar offence in Florida Street, on Saturday night, was fined 6d. and costs. Rowland Burdoun for a similar offence, was fined 5s. and costs. Sergt. Trimmer used the case. John Doran was unmoved by a similar offence. P.C. Cusson said defendant was creating a disturbance in front of Mr. Seymour's public-house. Fined 5s. and costs. Michael O'Neill pleaded guilty to being drunk in Front Street, Connelt, and was fined 5s. and costs. The defence was proved by P.C. Cameron. John O'Hagan, charged by P.C. Robinson with a similar offence at Connelt, on Saturday night, was fined

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Lugh Thompson, a boy living at Hobson Colliery, summoned for damaging a turnip field belonging to Mr. McQueen. P. C. Turner said on the 31st he was on duty near Lintz Colliery and saw Thompson and several other lads go into a turnip field. Defendant went into the middle of the field and pulled up five or six big turnips, with which ran away. Defendant said he was never near turnip field that day. P. C. Turner, in answer to question, said he knew Thompson, and had no doubt in his mind as to his being the lad he saw take the turnips. As defendant had previously been convicted of a similar offence, he was fined 5s. for the damage and costs. — Geo. Laven, another

residing at Linz Colliery, was summoned by P.C. McQueen for damage to wheat. On the 1st of September P.C. Turner said he saw defendant pull a wheat field on his hands and knees and pull handful of corn out of one of the stocks. He followed to the road, and distributed the corn among several companions. Fined 1s. and the charge and costs. — John Harris, a young man, residing from Clough Dene, was also charged with helping one of Mr. McQueen's fields. P.C. Turner said he saw defendant pull a quantity of wheat from which he put in his pocket. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 1s. and the charge and the expenses.

been, clerk, at Leadgate. Both defendants pleaded not guilty. Complainant said on Sunday morning, the 1st September, about seven o'clock, he was returning to his house, having been out for a walk, and in crossing the street defendant's driver passed him by the leg. He had a stick in his hand

One duck, given by Mr. E. W. Whannan, for a
two Scotch cabbages, grown by the cottagers of South
Moore—J. Curran.

A steel garden grape, given by Mr. F. Hardy, for
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Moore and Oxhill), viz., two cauliflowers; two carrots;
roots of red reet—Ralph Proudlock.

A garden spade, given by Mr. J. Curran, for a col-
lection of vegetable (for the cottagers of South Moore
and Oxhill), viz., six kidney potatoes; six round pota-
toes; one Scotch cabbage; one savoy cabbage; two leeks
—J. Hardy.

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