



Durrington

In The News

USING AN INCORRECT WEIGHING MACHINE

Henry Horsell, of Durrington, was charged, on the complaint of Superintendent Wolfe, with having in his possession a weighing machine which was not correct. Superintendent Wolfe stated that on going to the defendant's house he saw the scales produced in Court. There was a tub in one scale and a piece of coal in the other, the latter to balance the former. The tub was used for weighing coals in, and on testing the scales with the tub in one scale and the piece of coal in the other, he found them weigh nearly 5lbs. against the purchaser.- The defendant said that he had been in the habit of placing two pieces of coal – sufficient to balance the tub – in the weight scale, but that by some accident one of the pieces had been removed from the scale when Superintendent Wolfe called. – Mr R. M. Wilson informed the magistrates that the defendant was a most respectable man; he was known to all the guardians of the union, and he was sure none of them would believe him to be capable of robbing the poor. He could bring the whole parish of Durrington to testify to the respectability of his character. – Mr Hinxman said that the Bench were willing to give every consideration they could to the excellent character which had been given to him, and they were ready to think that he might not have intended to defraud the poor; but still an offence had been committed, and the Bench thought that the defendant ought in the future to be more careful. Under the circumstances the fine would be restricted to 1*l.* and costs.

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