



Typical Bakers Cart

## Rival Bakers

Tom Marshall and John William Barker were summoned by Frederick Nicholas for having assaulted him on the 9th inst., in the parish of Fisherton Anger.

It appeared, from the statement of the complainant, that, on the day mentioned, he was delivering bread to his customers when he met a van driven by the defendants, who were also delivering bread. When he pulled up, Barker got off his van and said to him, "What cans't thee do now thy brother is not here! Complainant replied, " Same as I could before," upon which Barker struck him in the chest two or three times. Complainant remonstrated with him, and whilst doing this, Marshall appeared upon the scene, and ordered Barker to get into the van, remarking that complainant had "too much mouth." Some words passed between complainant and Marshall, and the latter then struck Nicholas in the face with his open hand, and also pulled his nose. William Chapman corroborated the complainant's evidence as far as the alleged assault by Marshall was concerned.

Defendants both denied that they struck complainant, but Marshall admitted "putting his hand up against complainant's face." He, however, said this was owing to the great provocation he received. According to his statement, the parties have not for some time been on friendly terms with each other, and Marshall alleged that he had been frequently annoyed by complainant, who on one occasion stated that he (Marshall) had been discharged from a situation for dishonesty, an allegation that had not the shadow of foundation. On this particular occasion, he found, on coming from one of his customers' houses, the complainant and Barker quarrelling. He ordered the latter to get up from the van, and did so himself. As he was driving away, complainant said when they came up Wilton Road they would get a good hiding. Witness asked if he meant that for him, and he replied "yes, for both of you." Witness then got off the van and pushed complainant, but he denied that he struck him in any way, though he threatened to do so if complainant did not hold his tongue.

The Bench ordered defendants to pay the costs, and bound them over in their own recognizances of £5 to keep the peace for six months.

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