

Conflict in Evidence

Fireman against Constables at Sheffield Court

The extraordinary feature of a case heard in the Second Police Court, at Sheffield, to-day, was one police officer (a fireman) refuting the evidence of two other police officers, who gave evidence against three men charged with gaming with coins in a yard in Burnt Tree Lane, Portobello. The fireman was visiting a house in the yard occupied by one of the defendants. Two of the men were followed into this house, and though the fireman heard all that took place between court men and the officer he said nothing, but in court asserted that the men were not gambling. Asked for an explanation in court, he said "I did not think it was my business to interfere at that time." Though the two officers saw 20 men gambling in the yard, the fireman saw no one.

The Magistrates thought the cases too doubtful, and dismissed them.