

100 YEARS AGO
(April 10th, 1913)

AN interesting ceremony took place in the Doll on the evening of Monday when Miss Barbara Batters, Lower Doll, was waited upon at her residence by a deputation and presented with a purse of sovereigns on the occasion of her retiring from the duties of post-runner for the district.

Miss Jessie Jane Murray and Miss Maggie Macbeath handed to Miss Batters the well-deserved present and expressed the regret with which the people of the Doll learned of the termination of her services.

Of a most obliging disposition, Miss Batters was extremely popular in the whole district, the liberal response to her testimonial indicating the high esteem in which she was held.



A CASE of assault which attracted a good deal of attention was heard in the Burgh Court on Wednesday. There was a large audience.

The accused was John Gunn, farmer, Drumdivan, who was charged with assaulting Walter Sutherland, shepherd, Evelix, by striking him on the head with a stick, knocking him to the ground, pulling his whiskers, twisting his nose, compressing his throat and tearing his shirt.

The charge was denied and the hearing of the case occupied two hours.

It appeared from the evidence that on 3rd April defender had given delivery of some tups that were being wintered at Evelix to Robert Sutherland, Craigton, Rogart, at Drumdivan.

Gunn passed some remarks regarding the condition of two of the tups and Sutherland replied that if they were thin it was their own teeth to blame because they had not been wintered in the wood like his.

From this it came to worse. The attack was described as a most impudent, unprovoked and cowardly one.

The Baillie found the case proven and, after delivering a severe castigation for conduct so unbecoming, imposed a fine of 21s or 10 days.