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SPRINKLING.—The June Term of the Supreme Court for Prince County was opened at St. John's on Tuesday and closed on Thursday by His Honor Justice Peters presiding. The Grand Jury were selected on Wednesday, there being only two criminal cases before them. One of these was the Queen at the prosecution of Sarah Jane Wray, a girl of 15 years of age, vs. Charles Adams, for assault with intent, &c. A true bill having been brought in against him, he was tried and convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment for labor, and to stand one hour in the pillory on the 1st day of July next. Another criminal case was the Queen at the prosecution of Joseph Green against William Gallant for larceny. Gallant was found guilty, and sentenced to three months imprisonment. The Queen vs. Patrick Rooney for assaulting a bailiff in the execution of his duty, was also tried, and the defendant was sentenced to three months imprisonment. On the civil side of the docket there were only two cases for trial. The most important of these was John McKay vs. Arvid J. McLaughlin, which occupied two days. It was an act of trespass in order to test the validity of a deed. Verdict for the Plaintiff, damages one shilling. There, with some seventeen appeals, which were all either settled or dismissed, completed the list. The Grand Jury made a present, serving, which was returned by the Attorney General, Edmund Wallace for obtaining a license to retail spirituous liquors with fictitious names.—Pictou.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

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