



## *Heavy Fine for Stealing Coal*

At the Police Court on Wednesday, before Col. Holmes and Mr. F. HolmesA'Court, Arthur Curtis, of the Furlong, was charged on remand with stealing 23lbs, of coal, value 3d., on the 14th inst., from Messrs. Wakeman and Bleeck's Office.

According to the evidence, the prisoner, whose mother-in-law keeps the offices, was seen to enter the premises about seven o'clock on Saturday morning, carrying an empty basket, and when he came out the basket was found by Sergt. Maloney, who was watching, to be full of coal.

Prisoner pleaded guilty and asked to be dealt with leniently.

Both Messrs Wakeman and Bleeck stated that they had known the prisoner for many years and he had always born a good character.

Fined £10 and costs.

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