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Police Court. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

BEECROFT SAPLINGS. Thomas Kiely proceeded against Henry Cox for alleged theft of a number of saplings, cut on his lease at Beecroft between the 23rd and 28th October last. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

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Bark Strippers. - The general saying is to “make hay while the sun shines,” but the reverse has proved beneficial to some this week, who have been making bark whilst the rain poured. On Tuesday a couple of men were hard at it most of the day stripping the pick of the trees on the Crown lands close by the roadside, and by night they left with as much as their horse could draw away. Such individuals do a great deal of harm to the timber in the district, and it is a pity come one does not take action to prevent them so doing. Tuesday's performance was open enough for anything, and even the carting of the bark away was open enough, as the road through Ryde was the route taken in the direction of Sydney.

Roads. — The work of forming and clearing Copeland-road has been completed, and thus another big improvement has been made in the district. Nichol's Hill and other newly formed places, where much clay has been used in the road making, have all been cut up very badly through the recent wet weather.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 11 Jul 1896**

There in good competition is the wood carting line at Beecroft at the present time, the public of course reaping the benefit.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 12 Dec 1896**

Public School. - Good progress is being made with the erection of the new public school by the contractor Mr. Causey. Lutherborough Brothers are busy at clearing and felling timber ready for the fencing. Other locals, Messrs. Herb. Bellamy and Drake, are also hard at work wood-cutting. The site is very heavily timbered and the contractor is having every inch of the wood saved for sale. This week carters from Botany wore up carting the wood to the station for transit to Sydney.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 Oct 1898**

Beecroft.

The Tennis Courts. — Good progress is being made by Mr. G. Willis, the contractor, with the preparation of the new tennis courts on the village green for the Kennedya Tennis Club. The whole of the required space has been entirely cleared of the heavy timber with which it was studded and the excavations have been commenced.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 24 Jun 1899**

BREACH OF THE TIMBER REGULATIONS. — At the Ryde Police Court on Thursday, before Mr. G. M. Pope and Mr. H. E. Jordan, J's.P., David Willis appeared in answer to a summons issued at the instance of the police, charging him with occupying Crown lands, to wit, reserve No. 544, at Beecroft, for the purpose of cutting and removing timber. He pleaded guilty, and the police asked for the imposition of a nominal penalty only, as the defendant held a timber license, and was not aware that he was committing an offence by going

to this reserve for timber. He was fined 2s 6d, with 4s 10d costs of court, to be re-covered by a levy and distress.