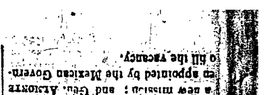

Local Affairs

Examination of a Case.—An interesting case of bastardy was examined at the Police Court this morning, before Justice Dowling. The defendant, a young man named Thomas Hughes, is charged with having committed a rape upon a fellow called Jones, on the person of Margaret Jones, a girl about 14 years of age. The evidence on the part of the prosecution went to show that the defendant, in company with several others, had been engaged in throwing stones at the house of the prosecutor, and that the latter, in order to put a stop to the annoyance, went out and remonstrated with the crowd. Hughes, it appears, then struck him a blow on the face, and knocked him down. The prosecutrix, who was present, then attempted to assist her father, when Hughes seized her and threw her down, and, in spite of her struggles, succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. The defendant, in his defence, stated that he was not guilty of the charge, and that the girl had been in the habit of meeting him for the purpose of having connection with him. The case was adjourned for a week, in order to allow the defendant to procure witnesses to prove his statement.

Assault and Battery.—Yesterday morning, a man named Thomas Hughes was brought before Justice Dowling, charged with having committed an assault and battery upon the person of Margaret Jones, a girl about fourteen years of age. The evidence showed that the defendant, in company with several others, had been