

## Police Court.

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### A CHARGE OF WILFUL DAMAGE.

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On Tuesday morning, before Messrs. C. R. Doust, and W. D. Johnson, J's.P., Gustav Kaarna, Adolph Neilson, and Elias Sipilanen were charged with damaging plate glass windows at Mr. P. Berthold's stationer's shop. Neilson pleaded guilty and the other two prisoners pleaded not guilty.

P. Berthold said that he left his premises intact on Monday night, and when he returned he found the plate glass windows in the door and the north window of his shop had been broken. The value of the damage done was £10 15s.

A. E. Blakers said he was going home on Monday night about 11 p.m. and he heard a crash of glass. He saw Mr. Stephens there and he told him something, and witness then followed the three prisoners to Mrs. Brown's shop, where afterwards the police came and arrested them.

Geo. Stephens gave similar evidence, adding that when he heard the crash, he saw the three prisoners going away from Mr. Berthold's shop.

P.c. Lewis said that from information received he arrested prisoners. Neilson had a bottle of beer in his pocket and he found a broken bottle in the shop doorway, and it bore a similar label to the one found on Neilson.

The prisoners had nothing to say in defence.

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The Bench said they had considered the case against Neilson and were satisfied that he was responsible for the damage. He would be fined £2 2s. and 15s. costs, and £10 15s. damage or three months. He was also informed that if he came before the Bench again he would be sent to gaol without the option. The other two prisoners were discharged.