

## Stabbing Affray at Aloomba

### An Argument and its Result.

In the Cairns Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. A. B. Gilson, P.M., a man named Sulo Rautlin was charged with having occasioned bodily harm to one Charles Doss, at Aloomba.

Senior Sergeant Hawkes prosecuted.

Constable Rountree deposed that on 27th November he called at the Aloomba Hotel, where he saw accused and said to him, "Where were you last night?" Accused replied, "I was at the hotel." Witness said, "There was a man stabbed here with a razor last night, do you know anything about it?" Accused replied, "I no stab him with razor, me stab him with small knife." Witness arrested accused.

Charles Doss, a cook employed at Mr. Adam McCoombe's farm, stated that on Thursday, 26th November, he, with several mates, was at the Aloomba Hotel. Accused was also at the hotel that night. About 9.30 p.m. he spoke to witness outside a hotel near a hall. Accused had a bottle of beer, and either wanted to kill someone or someone wanted to kill him. He appeared to be sober, and put the beer down. Witness said to accused, "Take your bottle of beer and go home and have a sleep." Accused replied, "You —" Witness said to him again, "Take your bottle of beer and go home and have a sleep." Accused repeated the language, and took his coat off, when he struck at witness with his hand. Witness felt a sting in his right arm, and hit back with

in his right arm, and hit back with his fist. Accused caught hold of witness with one hand, and struck him on the collar bone with the other. Witness felt a sting as if accused had been using a knife. The mates of witness closed in and witness felt blood streaming down his body. Accused ran away and they all gave chase, but could not catch him. Witness and his mates went into the hotel afterwards and he found he had been stabbed in two places. The licensee (Mr. Ross) applied some spirits to the wounds. The following morning witness went to the Ambulance Brigade at Gordonvale, where his wounds were dressed and advice given to see a doctor. Subsequently witness came to Cairns and consulted Dr. Fyrie. The wounds had caused witness a lot of pain. Witness gave the prisoner no provocation to stab him. On the application of Senior Sgt. Hawkes, accused was remanded for eight days.