

Katherine Notes

PLANS AND INVESTIGATIONS FOR NEW TOWN

Mr. Beveridge, a surveyor from the Local Town Planning Commission, with a party from Darwin, was in Katherine during the week, surveying the new town site.

Of great interest to the people was the recent visit of Mr. Dundas, a representative of the Taxation Department, who is investigating the feasibility of increasing the taxation exemption for Zone A.

A deputation from the A.L.P. committee, led by Mr. N. Davis, interviewed Mr. Dundas to point out to him the disabilities suffered by the inhabitants. Later the representative attended a meeting of residents in the Railway Recreation Hall. All the problems were well aired, including the high cost of living, housing, etc., and Mr. Dundas expressed his appre-

Dundas expressed his appreciation of the assistance he had received from all he had met.

Election day in Katherine was a quiet day. The town was "dry," and quite a few of the boys availed themselves of the opportunity to take a trip to Darwin for the occasion.

Ice Works, But No Ice

Although there are two ice-works in the town, neither of them is working, and yet there is urgent need for ice to preserve the precious fresh food.

Here are machinery and buildings worth hundreds of pounds slowly disintegrating

while the whole town is in need of ice. It is understood that the rental fixed by the department for the ice-works is so high that no-one will take a lease of them, yet the department will not use them.

Some time ago local organizations were conducting a campaign for the opening of the ice-works, but the demand died down and no result was achieved. With the

sult was achieved. With the advent of the hot weather it once more becomes important.

Assault Case

Mr M. Kivlen, of Maranboy, is in hospital being treated for injuries received when he was allegedly attacked by an aboriginal named Peter who was employed by him. Peter, it is alleged, when spoken to about his work, assaulted Mr. Kivlen with a rake.
