

immediately after the prisoners have been dealt with.

Witnesses.

576. In all Police cases the officer in charge of the case will be responsible for the due attendance of his witnesses at Court, and shall see that they are ready to be called when wanted.

In indictable cases he shall see that the witnesses do not leave the Court until properly bound over to appear at the Supreme Court.

When the Supreme Court opens he shall see that his witnesses are all in readiness to be called before the grand jury, and afterwards, if necessary, before the common jury.

For further instructions *re* witnesses see "Prisoners" and "Civil Cases."

577. Where Crown witnesses have no means to defray their train or boat fares, they shall be supplied by the Police with tickets, which may be obtained on requisition.

The requisitions must in all cases show that the tickets are required for witnesses, whose names must be given therein, also the case in which they are to give evidence.

Any member of the Force issuing a requisition shall at once report the same to the officer in charge of his district, who must take steps to collect the amount from the Court or otherwise as circumstances direct.

578. Witnesses shall be paid by the Police in all summary cases according to scale laid down by the Department of Justice for the payment of witnesses' expenses at the Supreme Court.

579. In the case of prisoners who plead guilty, and are committed to the Supreme Court for sen-

tence, the witnesses shall be paid on the same scale, and the vouchers charged to the Department of Justice.

Wrecks.

580. The Police must promptly report, by wire if necessary, the finding of any wreckage to the nearest Collector of Customs, and must take steps to secure the same until the arrival of a Customs officer or until instructions are received for its disposal.

581. In case of wrecks where lives are lost the Police must be promptly on the spot, and take steps for the recovery of bodies, their removal to a convenient place for inquest, and for the due security of property.

582. Where a body is not identified a full description must be taken both of the body and everything found on it, and if the body is not too decomposed a photograph should be taken to aid in identification.

583. Where there are any survivors of the wreck, they must be rendered every assistance to reach the nearest town or settlement, and, if necessary, supplied with food and clothing.

584. Information of such wrecks must be promptly telegraphed to the Commissioner, and also particulars of the steps taken in each case.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eighth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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Minister of Justice.