

NORTH COAST NEWS

Mr. T. Rainey, Coff's Harbor, had an encounter with a carpet snake the other morning. On opening the feed shed at the recreation ground, he saw a carpet snake hanging from one of the rafters, in the act of swallowing a kitten. Mr. Rainey attacked the snake with a broom but the reptile escaped.

The local butter factory, at Coff's Harbor, is making great progress, the output now being between seven and eight tons weekly.

The Casino Co-operative Dairy Co. last week broke all previous records when they manufactured thirty-three tons ten boxes of butter. Their previous record was thirty tons thirty-one and a half boxes. The prices, too, were a record, being 116s per cwt. in Sydney.

Up to Saturday last the following applications for Crown lands in the Casino Land district were lodged at the local Crown Lands Office:—Parish Mongogarrie, county Richmond ; F. G. Chaseling, sp.l. 96½ acres, parish Geneva, county Rous; E. B. Hollingworth, cr.l. 110 acres ; A. Easterbrook, improvement purchase, one rood, parish West Fairfield, co. Drake.

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Some very nice cheques were received by district dairymen last pay. The top amount was £155, while another was £146.—Alstonville "Record."

Mr. R. G. Conchar, who camps at Black Head, awoke at three o'clock this morning, and on glancing outside the tent saw a strange light in the sky. At first Mr. Conchar thought it was moving, but he settled down for half an hour, and at the end of that time was convinced the light was motionless. The radiance of it was so bright that the whole beach was lit up, and then the watcher was convinced that a new planet had made its appearance.—"Beacon," Ballina.