

**ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO
MURDER.**

A case of alleged attempted murder has come under the notice of the Footscray police. On Tuesday night two men, residents of Braybrook, named Warren Epps and Charles Davies, made their appearance simultaneously before Sergeant Rutledge, each accusing the other of gross and violent conduct. The tales given were so contradictory that the sergeant advised them to consult the clerk of courts with a view to police court proceedings. They accordingly did this yesterday morning, the result being that Epps took out a warrant against Davies for shooting with intent to murder, and also sued him for unlawful assault, besides suing Patrick Collins, an employe of Davies, for unlawful assault. On the other hand Davies has sued Epps for unlawful assault. Davies was arrested under the warrant, but was released on bail, in his surety of £300, and two others of £100 each. The cases will be heard on Monday next at the Footscray Police Court. From what can be gathered, it would appear that the two men are poultry dealers. Epps went to Davies's house, and asked him the price of a pair of geese. The reply was, 16s. 6d. per pair, so Epps says, but Davies states that he told Epps to leave the place at once. He hesitated, and then struck Davies, after which he produced a tomahawk and a bar of iron, and with one of these he struck Davies on the head. Davies then got a gun, and threatened to shoot Epps if he did not leave. This he did not do, so Davies fired over Epps's head to frighten him. Davies says that the gun contained nothing but powder, but Epps declared that some of the pellets struck him on the hand. He certainly bears some blue marks on one hand, but they do not look as if they were made by pellets. Davies has a severe cut and bruise on the face and chin.