

Wellington.—One case under "The Factories Act, 1894": Employing females after 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoon; conviction obtained; nominal penalty of 1s., and costs £1 18s., the Magistrate remarking that, as it was the first case here under the Act, he would inflict a nominal penalty, and it would go as a warning from the Court.

"The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1892": One charge, for failing to grant half-holiday during the week ending the 22nd December. A conviction was obtained, and a penalty of £5, and £1 14s. costs, inflicted.

Dunedin.—"The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1892": Two charges for failing to grant weekly half-holiday to his assistants. Offence admitted; fined 10s., and £1 15s. costs.

"The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1892": Six charges failing to grant weekly half-holiday to assistants. Offence admitted; penalty, £1 10s., and £3 3s. costs.

Riverton.—"The Factories Act, 1894": Failing to comply with order of Inspector under section 52—viz., to provide proper sleeping-accommodation for men employed at shearing-shed. Conviction obtained; penalty, £2, and £4 costs.

January, 1895.

Auckland.—There was one case under "The Factories Act, 1894": For keeping females longer than four hours and a half without a meal; fine, £1, with £1 8s. costs; and for employing females after 6 p.m., 10s. penalty, and £1 15s. costs. One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1892": For employing youth without giving him half-holiday. Case dismissed, as Magistrate ruled that he was not a shop-assistant.

Napier.—One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For keeping shop open on the afternoon appointed for the half-holiday. Case dismissed, as defendant carried on business without any assistance.

Wellington.—Two cases under "The Factories Act, 1894": For working a lad on a statutory holiday; fine, £2, and costs, £3 6s., on the two cases.

Dunedin.—Two cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": One for keeping shop open on day appointed for holiday, 5s. fine and 17s. 6d. costs; the other for working an apprentice 59½ hours in one week—fine, 10s., and 19s. 6d. costs. One case under "The Factories Act, 1894": For not giving holiday to employé on Saturday, the 29th December; case dismissed, but appeal entered against the decision.

February, 1895.

Gisborne.—Eleven cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for half-holiday. In one case 1s. penalty, without costs, was inflicted. The other ten cases were dismissed: six proving that they carried on business solely; one proving that his wife carried on his business solely; as one closed his shop on half-day after prosecution entered; as one proved he was resident on premises; and the last, dismissed, as not being a naturalised British subject.

Hastings.—Two cases under "The Factories Act, 1894": For failing to register factories. Penalty 5s., and 7s. costs, in one; the other withdrawn, with 7s. costs, as defendant had registered after summons issued.

Hunterville.—Four cases under "The Factories Act, 1894": For failing to register factories. Two convictions, 5s. and costs each; the other two withdrawn by leave of Court.

Hawera.—Two cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for holiday. Fine 1s., with 7s. costs, in each case.

Palmerston North.—Three cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for holiday. Penalties, £5, and £2 2s. costs, on the three cases.

Greytown North.—Twelve cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for holiday. Penalty, 5s. for each, with £8 17s. costs on all cases.

Wellington.—Twenty-three cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for half-holiday. Penalties, for first twenty cases, £1 and 17s. costs each; two dismissed, the Magistrate ruling that the shops were not shops within the meaning of the Act; the last dismissed, the Magistrate ruling that a wife is not a shop-assistant.

Dunedin.—Five cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close on afternoon of day appointed for half-holiday. Aggregate penalties, £4 10s., with £5 3s. 6d. costs.

March, 1895.

Onehunga.—One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shop on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Case was dismissed, through error in information, which said that the shop was on the east side of the street instead of on the west side.

Napier.—Three cases under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shop on afternoon of day appointed for half-holiday. Penalty, 10s. each, with £2 0s. 6d. costs inflicted for two cases; the third case was dismissed, as no evidence was brought forward to prove that Wednesday was the statutory half-holiday, nor to prove that the sergeant was properly authorised to act.

Maniaia.—One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shop on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Penalty 5s., with 2s. costs, inflicted.

Hawera.—One case under "The Factories Act, 1894": For failing to register workroom. Penalty, 1s. There were no costs in the case.

Greytown North.—Six cases, under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894": For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Penalty, £2 15s., with £5 5s. costs on all cases.