

28. *Mr. Stevens.*] Having given us an idea of how you propose to pay the inspector, how do you propose that the inspector shall effectually carry out his work?—All the cutters engaged in oystering should be registered, and pay a fee of £1 each, and the master of each vessel should be registered specially, so that he could be held responsible for the small oysters being returned to the bed; his fee might be 5s. Once they got to know there was an inspector they would be very careful.

29. Would registering the captain have the effect of compelling him to do his cultching on the oyster-bed?—Yes.

30. Then, where would you have the inspector stationed?—Not at the Bluff altogether.

31. If he were stationed at the Bluff, would he not require to be provided with a boat, and pay surprise visits?—He could go in the Harbour Board boat.

32. You think there would be means of detecting whether the vessels cultched the oysters on the oyster-beds or not?—Yes.

33. *The Chairman.*] Have you any objection to your name, or the subject of your evidence, being published?—I do not want my name published in the papers.

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WELLINGTON.

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1895.

CAROLINE HINSCH examined.

1. *The Chairman.*] Where do you reside, and what is your business?—I reside in Wellington, and have taken out a patent for a new and wholesome beverage. It is superior in all respects to ale and beer; and I claim for it that it is non-intoxicating. It has been analysed by the Government Analyst, and is found to contain only $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. of alcohol.

2. Are you asked to pay excise duty on it?—Yes. I have not put it on the market yet. Mr. McKellar, of the Customs, says it is dutiable; but my solicitor is of opinion it is not.

3. That has nothing to do with the Customs tariff, but is only a question as to whether or not the person is to have the right to sell it with or without a license?—I want to know whether it can be sold without duty.

4. We have nothing to do with that; we have only to do with the question of the revision of the tariff. Your object is to get it duty-free?—If possible.

5. Do you know anything about the consumption of articles of that kind in the country, or have you had any experience as a manufacturer of non-intoxicating liquor?—I have been experimenting for many years, and my patent is an outcome of my experience.

The Chairman: The subject of your representations will receive consideration.

CORRIGENDA.

KARL LOCHER'S EVIDENCE.

Page 331, line 1, delete the word "always."

" line 2, at end of line add "and not bearing his name."

" line 25, for "buyer" read "supplier."

" line 26, for "now" read "not."

THOMAS WADDELL'S EVIDENCE.

Page 257, line 13, delete the word "Yes," and insert "No" in place thereof.

" line 17, delete the words "on account of the duty."

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