

360. Where did I leave you?—At the corner of Ingestre Street and Marion Street, near the Rink.

361. I would not stay to dinner?—No.

362. What time would that be?—About 1 o'clock.

363. When did I meet you again by appointment?—At 6 o'clock.

364. Where?—At the bottom of Taranaki Street.

365. Where did you go to?—Into a private house.

366. Where was that?—At the bottom of Taranaki Street.

367. Whose house?—George Petherick's.

368. What time was that?—When people were going to church, about quarter past 6.

369. After that where did we go to?—We went home to get notes.

370. Then what did you do?—We went to No. 75, Taranaki Street, to opposite the Royal Tiger.

371. Did you go into a house?—Yes.

372. What did I do?—Stood in the street.

373. How many minutes?—About five.

374. And where did you go to?—I went round to the Baptist Church.

375. Who did you see there?—Arthur Nichol.

376. Only?—Yes; and to the Army Barracks; next to the Forward Movement.

377. And after that?—To the Wesleyan Church for half an hour.

378. And came out of the Wesleyan Church about what time?—7.45.

379. Your reference to the Royal Tiger would be the four or five minutes I was waiting for you?—Yes.

JOHN ARTHUR DANIEL CHISHOLM was examined on oath.

380. *The Chairman.*] What is your occupation?—A watchmaker.

381. *Mr. Taylor.*] Were you with Mr. Denton in the year 1893?—Yes.

382. Obtaining certain information about the number of visitors to certain hotels on Sundays?—Yes.

383. Which hotel?—The Royal Tiger.

384. Can you tell the Commissioners how many people went into the hotel within a given time?

—I did not count the number, but I should say between forty and fifty.

385. What was the date?—It was on the 26th March, 1893.

386. Did you make these notes at the time?—Yes.

387. What was the hour?—About 10 o'clock to a little before 1 p.m.

388. How many went in, according to your notes, in the two hours and a half?—Between forty and fifty.

389. What is the total?—I did not count them up. I went through half of them, and I found I had about twenty-five. I remember distinctly there were about forty or fifty.

390. You never summarised them?—I have just counted through them, and I make it eighty.

391. Did any of the visitors carry bags or bottles or anything with them?—Yes.

392. Do you know how many?—I cannot say.

393. It was distinctly understood at the time you undertook to assist in getting this information that it would not be used for the prosecution of publicans?—Yes.

394. And you were not collecting the information for the police?—Not at all.

395. As a matter of fact, did not the proprietors of the *Prohibitionist* ask that information should be gathered, with a view to ascertaining whether the Sunday-trading clause of the Licensing Act was being observed?—Yes.

396. You do not know whether these people got drink or anything else?—No.

397. The supposition that we worked upon here was that if such information was available to the public they would draw whatever inference they pleased from it?—Yes.

398. You have no absolute knowledge as to what happened in the hotel?—No. There was one thing made me suspicious. A little girl came along, and she was sent away, and then the doors and gate were shut. The companion who was watching with me said, "There is something coming; keep your eyes open," and almost immediately a constable came along, and he talked to the man watching at the corner of the hotel, and then passed on again. After that the doors were opened, and the little girl was let in with a can.

399. Where were you watching from?—In a building not far away. I suppose a matter of about 23 yards.

400. *Mr. Tunbridge.*] Do you still take an interest in this movement in connection with prohibition matters?—Yes.

401. I mean, you take an interest in seeing whether the hotels are still serving, and that sort of thing?—I take this much interest that it seems to be just as free as ever.

402. Can you give me any instance now of any particular hotel where you have recently noticed people going in and out?—I see things as I go about. I cannot say exactly which particular one, but I notice the same thing going on in the hotels I pass on Sunday.

403. You know every hotel in the city?—Fairly well.

404. I would like something a little more definite; can you give us any particular hotel, or any particular Sunday?—I cannot give you any particular Sunday or day, but as a general observer I have noticed that people go in and out of the different hotels when I have been out for a walk on Sunday afternoons.

405. Were you out last Sunday?—Yes.

406. Were you passing any hotels then?—No. I simply went up Thompson Street to the Nairn Street Reserve.

407. Were you out on the previous Sunday?—Yes.