

198. Quite so, but these totals have been seen by you and Nicol?—Yes.

199. They were the same people. Nicol could not have seen forty-one people and you forty-one other people—they were the same people?—Yes.

200. Are you clear that yourself and Mr. Nicol saw the same people going into the house?—You did not see forty-one, and he forty-one other people?—No.

201. You saw the same people?—Yes.

202. If you saw a drunken man he ought to have been able to see him too?—Yes.

JAMES ROBERT CRAWFORD examined on oath.

203. *The Chairman.*] What are you, and where do you live?—Blacksmith, Ingestre Street, Wellington.

204. *Mr. Taylor.*] Did you assist in getting information as to the number of visitors to certain hotels on Sundays in Wellington?—Yes.

205. On one or two occasions—one or two years?—Two years, in 1893 and 1894.

206. What were the hotels?—The Pier, the Post Office, and Rylands's. There were three or four of us, and we were taking turn and turn about. Most of the time I was watching the Post Office Hotel.

207. Where you watching the Post Office Hotel most of the time both years?—Yes, I think so.

208. *The Chairman.*] Are those the notes you made at the time?—Yes; the most of them are mine.

209. *Mr. Taylor.*] What were the figures for the Post Office Hotel in 1893?—Two hundred and ninety-two.

210. The Pier?—Thirty-eight.

211. For Rylands's?—There does not appear to be any total made up for Rylands's.

212. *The Chairman.*] What were the hours?—From 7.30 to 7.30.

213. *Mr. Taylor.*] Did you assist in making any observations since then?—No.

214. Only those two years?—Yes, that is all.

215. What were the figures for 1894?—Four hundred and nine for the Post Office and eighty-one for the Pier.

216. Do you remember whether Rylands's Hotel, in 1893, was closed all day?—It was closed in the afternoon and opened again at 6 p.m.

217. Did there appear to be any custom after they opened again at night?—Yes, at the rate of one for every minute and a half for two hours. I had a note of it yesterday, but I mislaid it.

218. The house appeared to be closed part of the day?—From 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock, and then it was open from 6 till 8.

219. *Colonel Pitt.*] You say people went in at the rate of one every minute and a half after 6 o'clock at Rylands's. Is it not strange that Beaglehole and Nicol, who were watching with you, have no note of watching those people?—That is another Nicol who gave evidence here today.

220. But how is it Beaglehole cannot give us the numbers?—I cannot say. I had the note of it, but I cannot find it now. I am almost sure I saw the note of it yesterday here.

221. *The Chairman.*] You did not watch Rylands's?—No. I might have watched for about five minutes.

222. *The Chairman.*] Was any one on watch apparently at any of the houses?—Yes, at the Post Office Hotel there was one on watch all the time.

223. Did you see any policemen?—There were two entered the first year.

224. *Mr. Tunbridge.*] Did you count them in the number?—Yes.

225. Did you see any other policeman go into the hotel besides those two?—There was no one in uniform.

226. Were there any in plain clothes?—I could not say.

227. These two policemen went in in 1893?—Yes.

228. Did you see any go in in 1894?—There was one, I believe.

229. He was in uniform?—Yes.

230. Was there a man watching in 1894 as in 1893?—Yes.

231. Did you observe the man do anything when the police were approaching?—Yes, he put his hand just inside the door as though in the act of ringing an electric bell.

232. Is there any electric bell there?—Yes, I believe so. I cannot be certain, but I may say I am almost certain we heard a bell ring.

233. Did the people who were inside come out?—Yes, just after the police got in the doorway.

234. Do you know what number?—In 1893 there were between eight and twelve came out when the two police-officers went in.

235. In 1894, did you see people coming out when the police constable went in?—That I am not sure about.

236. *Mr. Taylor.*] Are you sure absolutely of the other year?—Yes. You see, the Post Office one year I was on all the time; I was hardly ever away from it.

IRENE DIANNA JONES examined on oath.

237. *The Chairman.*] Where do you live?—No. 1, Ferguson Street, Newtown.

238. *Mr. Taylor.*] Did you assist in getting information in 1894 as to the number of people who visited certain hotels on a Sunday?—I did.

239. What hotel did you get information about?—The Star and Garter, at the corner of Cuba and Webb Streets.

239A. Have you a memorandum of the total number of visitors on that day?—I have.

240. *The Chairman.*] What month was it?—The 4th March, 1894.

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