

241. *Mr. Taylor.*] What were the total number of visitors to the hotel that day?—One hundred and sixty-five.

242. What hours were you watching?—From 7.30 in the morning to 6.47 in the evening.

243. Were you by yourself?—No; Mrs. J. Westfield was with me.

244. She is dead since?—Yes.

245. Did she sign those notes?—Yes; here is her signature and my own.

246. Do the notes give any particulars as to the class of people who frequented the hotel that day?—Yes.

247. Were there any people carrying kits or baskets, or bearing any evidence that they were going to carry liquor away?—Several of that class. Some had slippers on, others were in their shirt-sleeves, and others carrying kits and bottles.

248. Were there any people showing signs of being intoxicated that day?—There is nothing mentioned in the report about that.

249. You knew the information was to be used for the purposes of the *Prohibitionist*, and was not to be used for prosecutions?—Yes.

250. Have you ever made any systematic observation since?—No.

251. Were you not somewhat surprised after finishing this Sunday observation to find such a number of people going to the hotel?—No, I have thought it was always so; in fact, at the hotel near our own house at Newtown, I often see people going in on Sunday.

252. Is that the Park Hotel?—Well, it was called the Waverley Hotel.

253. *Colonel Pitt.*] About refreshments during this day, were you stationed there from 7.30 a.m. till 6.47 p.m. without anything to eat?—I brought my own refreshments.

254. *The Chairman.*] Where were you stationed?—I was in the vicinity of the hotel.

255. You were hidden from public gaze?—I was under cover. I do not know about being hidden from public gaze.

256. *Mr. Tunbridge.*] You have seen people going into the Park Hotel? Yes.

256A. Did you know any of the people who were going in there?—I have not taken particular notice of them going in. I do not know their names particularly, but I know they are people who live in the neighbourhood.

257. Can you say where they live?—I did not take that particular notice to say who they were, but I know they are inhabitants of Newtown.

258. Was there any one watching to see if the police were coming?—I did not notice, but while I was watching the Star and Garter there was a man stationed outside the hotel the whole day watching.

259. Did you notice any similar arrangement in respect to the Park Hotel?—I did not take notice.

260. How long ago is it since you have noticed people going into the Park Hotel?—Every Sunday.

261. What time?—When I am coming home from church between 12 and 1.

262. What door did they go in?—The door I saw them go in by was up a right-of-way between the hotel and a private house.

263. You did not know they were going to the hotel beyond going down the right-of-way?—I suppose they were going to the hotel. I do not suppose they were going to the private house.

WILLIAM HURRELL examined on oath.

264. *Mr. Taylor.*] What is your occupation and address?—Carriage maker, Crawford Street, Wellington.

265. Did you assist in collecting information as to the number of visitors to certain hotels in Wellington in one or two years?—In one year.

266. What year was it?—1893.

267. Have you got the date there?—Yes, Sunday, 7th May.

268. What hotel was it?—The New-Zealander in Manners Street.

269. *The Chairman.*] Who was watching with you?—Stanley Chisholm.

270. What hours were you there?—From 8 a.m. till 8.20 p.m.

271. *Mr. Taylor.*] What was the total number of visitors?—Seventy-nine.

272. Any women?—Yes, there were eight.

273. What class of customers were they—did they seem to be travellers, or residents in the neighbourhood?—As far as I could judge I should think there would be one or two travellers, the others I do not think were.

274. You thought the majority of them lived in the neighbourhood?—Yes.

275. Did some carry kits or bottles?—Some carried kits and some carried bottles, and others just came out with all the appearance of having a drink.

276. What do you call appearance?—Coming out and spitting and wiping their mouths.

277. You drew the inference they had just been having liquor?—Yes.

278. Have you made any systematic observation since that date?—None whatever.

279. That was the only hotel you made a systematic observation of that day?—Yes.

280. And you knew you were collecting information for the *Prohibitionist*?—Yes.

281. You have no positive evidence these people got liquor inside?—None whatever.

282. Were you in the vicinity of the hotel when you were making your observations?—Yes.

283. You heard nothing—you were too far away to hear anything, but you could clearly see people who were going in or out?—Yes.

284. *Mr. Tunbridge.*] Did these people go into the building itself?—Yes.

285. Not into the gateway leading to the back premises?—No, into the doorway from the side street.