

JULY, 1898.

Auckland.—One case under the Shops Act, for failing to give assistant the half-holiday ; penalty, £1, with £1 11s. costs.

Christchurch.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing lad under sixteen years of age overtime without permit ; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

Dunedin.—One case under the Shops Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday ; penalty, £1, with £1 15s. costs. One case under the Factories Act, for employing women overtime without permit ; penalty, £1, with £2 4s. costs.

Invercargill.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing lad under eighteen years of age without certificate of fitness by Inspector ; penalty, 5s., with £1 10s. costs.

AUGUST, 1898.

Auckland.—One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, for charging excessive fee ; dismissed.

Wanganui.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing assistant on the half-holiday ; penalty, 5s., with 9s. costs.

Wellington.—Two cases under the Factories Act, for failing to grant the Saturday half-holiday to lads under eighteen years of age ; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs, in each case. Three cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act : One for failing to close shop on the half-holiday ; penalty, £1, with 11s. costs. The other two for failing to grant the half-holiday to assistants ; one of them (against an auctioneer), penalty, £2, with £1 8s. costs, and the other 10s., with £1 8s. costs.

Ashburton.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to grant the half-holiday to two assistants ; penalty, 5s., with £1 1s. costs.

Dunedin.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to grant carter the half-holiday ; penalty, £1, with £1 10s. costs.

SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Auckland.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for delivering bread on the half-holiday ; penalty, 10s., with 17s. 6d. costs. One case under the Factories Act, two charges for employing females on Saturday afternoon ; penalty, £1, with £1 19s. costs for the two charges. One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, in which the Inspector was sued by a registry-office keeper for refusing to renew license. Counsel for the Inspector argued that according to the Act the Inspector had discretionary powers. The Judge disagreed with him, and judgment was given for the plaintiff.

Napier.—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to grant the half-holiday to assistants ; penalty, in one case, 10s., with 11s. costs. The other case, for employing driver of a baker's cart, dismissed.

Wanganui.—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing assistants for more than eleven hours and a half in one day ; penalty, in one case, 1s., with 9s. costs. The other, for failing to grant the half-holiday to assistants ; penalty, 10s., with 9s. costs.

Wellington.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to register ; penalty, 1s. One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to grant the half-holiday ; penalty, 10s., with £1 8s. costs.

Christchurch.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing persons under age on Saturday afternoon ; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs. Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to have proper sanitary accommodation in connection with shops ; penalties, 1s., with £1 8s. costs each.

OCTOBER, 1898.

Wellington.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing lad under sixteen years of age before 8 a.m. ; penalty, £1 10s., with £1 8s. costs. Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing carters on the half-holiday ; two charges. As the defendant had been only a few days before convicted for a similar offence, he was now fined £2, with £1 8s. costs, on the first charge, and £3, with £1 8s. costs, on the second.

Nelson.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to register sawmill. The case was dismissed, as the information was not laid within one month from date of offence.

Christchurch.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to grant the Saturday afternoon holiday to two girls ; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs. Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, one for hawking goods on the half-holiday, the other for failing to close on the half-holiday. Penalties, £1, with £1 8s. costs, in each case.

NOVEMBER, 1898.

Auckland.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing females on Saturday afternoon, four charges ; penalties, 10s. each, with £4 1s. costs.

Gisborne.—Three cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shops ; penalties, 5s., 5s., and £1, with 7s., 7s., and 9s. costs respectively.

Hawera.—Seven cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act : Two for failing to close shops on the half-holiday ; penalties, £2, with 18s. 6d. costs each. Two for failing to grant the half-holiday to assistants ; penalty in one case, 5s., with 10s. 6d. costs ; the other case dismissed, as the offence was unintentional. Three cases : Two for failing to close office for the half-holiday, and one for failing to give the office employé the half-holiday on Saturday. These three were dismissed.