

AUGUST, 1900.

Auckland.—Two cases came under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for failing to close shop on the half-holiday (the door of the shop had been kept open in order to lead to a billiard-room); case dismissed. In the other case there were two charges: One for neglecting to give a female shop-assistant an hour for dinner; penalty, £1, with £1 3s. costs. The other charge was for employing the girl for more than fifty-two hours in one week; dismissed, the Stipendiary Magistrate ruling that domestic work was not included in the work of a shop-assistant.

Pahiatua.—One case (two charges) under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 11s. costs. The second for refusing to admit the Inspector; penalty, 10s., with 10s. costs.

Rangiora.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing lad under fourteen years of age in flax-mill; penalty, £1, and 9s. costs.

Lyttelton.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to give a bar-assistant a half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 14s. 6d. costs.

Christchurch.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

Dunedin.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 13s. costs.

Invercargill.—One case under the Factories Act, for allowing girl to remain in factory on the statutory half-holiday; penalty, £2, with £2 7s. costs. Six other charges *re* same employé withdrawn.

SEPTEMBER, 1900.

Auckland.—Three cases under the Shops Act: One for employing lad under eighteen years of age for more than fifty-two hours in one week; penalty, 10s., with 12s. costs. One for employing girl for longer than eleven hours and a half in one day; penalty, 10s., with 9s. costs: a second charge for neglecting to allow the girl an hour for dinner, dismissed through evidence of the girl. The third case, for employing assistants for more than half an hour after prescribed time of closing; penalty, £1, with £2 14s. costs.

Napier.—A man sued his late employer for refund of deductions (£17) for accident insurance; judgment was given for £1 10s., amount already paid into Court, as that was all that was recoverable under section 4 of "The Wages Protection Act, 1899." The Magistrate ruled that the Truck Act allowed deductions for insurance.

Wanganui.—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for failing to close photographic studio. The Magistrate ruled that in this case goods were not exposed for sale, and dismissed the case. The other case, for failing to close shop; defendants held that the sale of coal and wood was wholesale, as the retail depots were closed; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs.

Wellington.—Three cases under the Factories Act: One for employing girls later than 6 p.m. without permit; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs. Two for failing to report accidents; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs in each case. One case, under the Shops Act, for delivering goods on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs. A man sued his employer for £11 19s., compensation for injuries received by chisel falling upon him; judgment was given for the amount, and £2 6s. costs.

Rangiora.—Three cases under the Factories Act: Two for employing lads under fourteen years of age in factories where more than three persons are employed; penalties, 5s. and £1, with 7s. costs in each case. The third case, for employing lad under sixteen years of age without permit from the Inspector; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

Invercargill.—One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act (three charges): Two for receiving fees in excess of those allowed by the Act; penalty, £1. The third, for failing to keep the books and records required by the Act; penalty, £1; no costs allowed.

OCTOBER, 1900.

Auckland.—One case under the Factories Act (two charges): One for employing lad under eighteen years of age on Saturday afternoon; penalty, 10s., with 9s. costs. One for employing lad under sixteen years of age without certificate of fitness from Inspector; penalty, £1, with 9s. costs.

Napier.—One case under the Factories Act (two charges): One for employing two females after six o'clock without permit; the other for neglecting to keep outer door of factory unfastened; penalty, £2, with £1 10s. 6d. costs, for each charge; total, £7 1s.

Wanganui.—Six cases under the Shops Act for failing to close shops on the half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with 7s. costs, in each case.

Wellington.—One case under the Shops Act, for failing to close shop on half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

Dunedin.—A charge under the Shops Act, for failing to give a carter the half-holiday, was withdrawn, as the employé was working only five minutes after the prescribed time.

NOVEMBER, 1900.

Wanganui.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to register factory before using as such; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs. One case under the Employment of Girls or Boys without Wages Prevention Act, for failing to pay girl the wages required by the Act; penalty, 5s., with 9s. costs.

Christchurch.—Seven cases under the Shops Act: Three for failing to give the half-holiday to assistants; penalties, £1, £1, and 1s., with 7s. costs, in each case. The other four for failing to close shops for half-holiday; penalties, £1 each for three and 1s. for the fourth, with 7s. costs each.

Ashburton.—One case under the Shops Act (two charges): One for keeping auction-room open on the half-holiday, the other for failing to give the half-holiday to assistant; penalties, 5s. each charge, with £1 15s. costs.

Timaru.—One case under the Shops Act, for employing a lad under sixteen years of age for longer than eleven hours and a half in a day; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs.