

Dunedin.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to give lad under eighteen years of age the Saturday afternoon holiday; 10s., with 9s. costs.

DECEMBER, 1900.

Wellington.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing girls on Saturday afternoon without permit. Penalty on two charges, 10s. and costs; two other charges dismissed. Another case under the Factories Act was adjourned.

Dunedin.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing woman after 6 p.m. without permit from Inspector; penalty, 5s., with 9s. costs.

Balclutha.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to safeguard machinery in flax-mill according to directions from Inspector; penalty, £1, with 9s. costs.

Invercargill.—Two cases under the Factories Act: one for employing lad under fourteen years of age without certificate of fitness from Inspector; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs. The other against a sawmiller for using machinery with saw unguarded, and for removing pulley contrary to the Inspector's instructions; penalty, £2, with 7s. costs.

JANUARY, 1901.

Auckland.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to safeguard machinery. Case dismissed owing to opinion of Inspector of Machinery.

Napier.—One case under the Shops Act, for failing to close shop on half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with 8s. costs.

Wellington.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing girls overtime without permit; penalty, £2, with £1 8s. costs.

Timaru.—Two cases under the Factories Act: One for employing lad under sixteen years of age overtime without permit; penalty, 5s., with 9s. costs. The other for employing two women overtime without permit; penalty, 5s., with 7s. costs.

FEBRUARY, 1901.

Auckland.—Two cases under the Shops Act, for failing to close shops on the half-holiday; penalties, £2 and £1, with costs 7s. each.

Wellington.—Four cases under the Shops Act, for failing to close shops on half-holiday. One dismissed, although offence admitted; penalties in three other cases, £1, £1, and 10s., with costs £1 8s. each.

Christchurch.—One case under the Shops Act, for employing clerks in office longer than allowed by Act: penalty, £2, with costs £1 8s.

Dunedin.—Two cases under the Shops Act, four charges in each, for employing females for longer than nine hours and a half twice in one week; penalties, 5s. for each charge (£2 in all).

Naseby.—One case under the Shops Act: (1) for failing to close shop on half-holiday, and (2) for employing assistants later than half an hour after prescribed time of closing. Case dismissed; rehearing applied for.

Invercargill.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to report accident; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs. Two cases under the Shops Act, one for failing to give half-holiday to assistant, and for failing to close; penalty, 1s., with 7s. costs; the other for failing to give bar-assistant half-holiday; penalty, £1, with costs 7s.

MARCH, 1901.

Napier.—One case under the Employment of Boys or Girls without Payment Prevention Act, for failing to pay the minimum wages; penalty, 5s., with 9s. costs.

Foxton.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to register factory; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

Wellington.—Two cases under the Shops Act: One against hotelkeeper for failing to grant half-holiday to bar-assistant; penalty, 1s., without costs. In the second case there were two charges—one for allowing assistant to sell newspapers on the half-holiday, and the other for failing to close shop. Both dismissed.

Mosgiel.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing a young person under eighteen years on Saturday afternoon; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs.

DAYS APPOINTED FOR THE CLOSING OF SHOPS.

COMPLETE list of days appointed by City and Borough Councils and Town Boards for the closing of shops in their respective districts for the year 1901:—

Tuesday Afternoon.—Papakura.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Arrowtown, Auckland and suburbs, Blenheim, Brunnerton, Bull's, Cambridge, Campbelltown, Clinton, Clyde, Cromwell, Dannevirke, Devonport, Dunedin and suburbs, Feilding, Foxton, Gore, Green Island, Greymouth, Halcombe, Hamilton, Hampden, Hastings, Havelock, Hawera, Hawksbury, Hokitika, Invercargill and suburbs, Kaitangata, Kaikora North, Kihikihi, Kumara, Lawrence, Marton, Matura, Motueka, Milton, Napier, Nelson, Ngarua-wahia, Normanby, Onehunga, Opotiki, Opunake, Ormondville, Otautau, Pahiatua, Palmerston North, Palmerston South, Patea, Petone and Lower Hutt, Picton, Queenstown, Riverton, Ross, Rotorua, Southbridge, Tapanui, Taradale, Turakina, Waipawa, Waverley, Wellington and suburbs, Winton, Woodville, Wyndham.

Thursday Afternoon.—Akaroa, Alexandra South, Ashburton, Balclutha, Birkenhead, Carterton, Christchurch and suburbs, Featherston, Geraldine, Gisborne, Greytown (Allanton), Greytown North, Hampstead and Tinwald, Helensville, Inglewood, Kaiapoi, Kamo, Masterton, Mosgiel, Naseby, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Rangiora, Richmond, Roxburgh, Stratford, Tauranga, Te Aroha, Te Awamutu, Temuka, Thames, Timaru, Waimate, Waitara, Wanganui, Westport, Whangarei.

Friday Afternoon.—Manaia.

Saturday Afternoon.—Amberley, Outram.