

per week to the boy for the whole time he was employed in the factory. William Henry Cummins (father of the boy mentioned in the previous case) was also fined 5s., and 7s. costs, for a breach of sections 31 and 52, by entering into an agreement with the Rouse and Hurrell Company that his son, aged 14½ years, should work in their factory for one year without wages.

Pahiatua.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, against Tan Foon, a Chinese storekeeper, for failing to close on the statutory half-holiday; fined 1s., and 7s. costs.

OCTOBER, 1903.

Auckland.—Mr. John C. Hendle was proceeded against for a breach of the Shops Act in employing an assistant after hours on the statutory half-holiday. A penalty of 5s. was imposed, with 7s. costs. Mr. E. H. H. Thorn was also fined the sum of 10s., with £1 9s. costs, for a similar offence. Messrs. Parker, Lamb, and Co., sawmillers, were proceeded against by the Inspector of Factories for a breach of section 39 of the Factories Act, for neglecting to notify him of the occurrence of an accident at their sawmill. The Magistrates convicted the defendants, and a penalty of £2 was imposed, with 9s. costs.

Hastings.—Messrs. Land and Heighway were summoned before Mr. A. Turnbull, S.M., for a breach of the Factories Act by employing a boy under sixteen years of age without a permit; a penalty of £2 was imposed, with 7s. costs, and solicitor's fee £1 1s.

Wellington.—Messrs. James Smith and Sons were fined 5s., and 7s. costs, for a breach of the Factories Act, by working assistants later than 6 p.m. without a permit. The offence was admitted.

Mangaweka.—One case against Mr. J. H. Wiltshire, under the Factories Act, for employing a girl under the age of sixteen years without a permit. Defendant convicted and fined 10s., with 7s. costs.

Invercargill.—(Factories Act): One case against Mr. James Donnelly, for failing to thoroughly cleanse and limewash rooms of a bakehouse. The Magistrate convicted, and a penalty of £1 was imposed, with £2 11s. costs.

NOVEMBER, 1903.

New Plymouth.—(Shops Act): Mr. J. Colesby, for employing an assistant on the half-holiday, was summoned by the Inspector of Factories. The Magistrate convicted defendant, who pleaded guilty, and a penalty of 5s. was imposed, with 7s. costs, and solicitor's fee 10s. 6d.

Wanganui.—Mrs. Margaret Clark, for keeping a servants' registry office open without a license, was fined 5s. without costs. Messrs. Newham and Brady were fined 5s., and 7s. costs, for each of three charges of breaches of the Factories Act by failing to give a holiday on Labour Day to three employees. Messrs. Young and Collins, for a similar offence, were fined 5s., and 9s. costs; the same firm were also fined 5s., and 9s. costs, for employing a lad without a permit.

Wellington.—(Shops Act): Mr. T. G. Dean, for failing to grant a whole holiday on the King's Birthday (9th instant) to two girls, was fined 10s., and 7s. costs.

Christchurch.—Mrs. K. C. Thompson was summoned by the Inspector of Factories for a breach of section 16 of "The Servants' Registry Offices Act, 1895," for receiving £1 fee, being 12s. 6d. in excess of the fee prescribed by regulations, from the servant, and for receiving £1 from the employer for the same engagement; the Magistrate inflicted a fine of £5, and £3 18s. costs, on the first information, and £2 on the second. Miss M. Carrick, for a breach of section 33, subsection (1), by working two girls on Labour Day, was fined 5s., and 7s. costs; Miss Carrick was also fined 5s. for working the same two girls without a permit on the evening of the 16th October.

DECEMBER, 1903.

Auckland.—Messrs. John Hall and George Johnston, of Otahuhu, were proceeded against for a breach of section 8 of the Shops Act by not granting a half-holiday to their assistants. The Magistrate, Mr. Brabant, dismissed the cases. A further charge against Mr. Johnston, under section 13, for employing a boy more than fifty-two hours per week, was also dismissed.

Whangarei.—Mr. H. S. Hill was fined £1, and 10s. 6d. costs, for employing a lad under eighteen on Labour Day (breach of section 33 of "The Factories Act, 1901").

New Plymouth.—For employing girls after hours without a permit Miss Mary O'Connor was fined 5s., and 7s. costs, and £1 1s. solicitor's fee. The same defendant was also charged for failing to keep the outer door of factory unlocked while work was proceeding. This charge was dismissed.

Wanganui.—Mr. Joseph Westbrooke, for keeping his shop open on the statutory half-holiday, was fined 1s., with 7s. costs.

Napier.—For failing to give an employee the half-holiday under "The Factories Act, 1901," Mrs. McFarlane was fined 10s., with £1 8s. costs.

Palmerston North.—The U.F.C.A., for a breach of section 2 of "The Factories Act Amendment Act, 1902," by employing persons later than time stated on Inspector's warrant, was convicted, and fined £1, and £1 8s. costs.

Mr. Simmons was fined £1, and £1 8s. costs, for employing his milliners after hours without a permit.

Christchurch.—For working her girl employees in excess of the hours allowed by the Factories Act Miss M. Goodey was fined £1, and 7s. costs. On a second charge, for working the same girls for more than four hours and a quarter without a meal on five days in the same week, the defendant was fined 5s., with 7s. costs. Mr. A. Hunt and Miss A. Hynes, for keeping their shops open on the statutory half-holiday, were both convicted, and fined £1, with 7s. costs, each.

Waimate.—Messrs. R. Inskter and G. Shackleton and Mrs. Florence Dowl were each fined 10s., and 17s. 6d. costs, for failing to give their employees a half-holiday under "The Factories Act, 1901."

JANUARY, 1904.

Napier.—Messrs. Newton and Co., for breaches of "The Shop and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," by employing their assistants on the statutory half-holiday, were fined 5s., and 7s. costs, on each charge (four cases).