

Wellington to what they do in Christchurch. We concentrate our energy in making the organization we are associated with more powerful. In Christchurch it appears to me that the anxiety of those who take a particular part is to get into as many organizations as possible, none of which are completely organized.

65. So that the fact of these people not being connected with the Trades Council here is really because they are not properly looked after by the organizers?—They have not been organized into unions.

66. Speaking of the needs-wage suggestion, you told us there was a letter in the *Evening Post* nearly two years ago, and you considered the writer was the father of the suggestion?—So far as my knowledge goes.

67. Then, speaking of the Bill immediately afterwards, you say, “We take it his intention is” so-and-so?—Yes.

68. Then, the inference must be that the writer of that letter, who does not sign his name, was either the person who made a speech in which he enlarged on this scheme, or the Minister in charge of this Bill?—We do not say it is the Minister in charge of the Bill.

69. You suggest it was one of those two people?—What I say emphatically is that the views contained in the two-column letter in the Wellington *Evening Post* are now in this Bill—even the very words “needs wage” and “exertion wage.”

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