

but not the whole of the remainder of the staff. The larger hotels might give one of their men that particular night.

4. When would he come on duty?—He would finish at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, and he would not turn to until 10 o'clock on Monday night. I was asked to urge that point strongly on the Committee.

5. Supposing he asked to go to the theatre on Monday night?—He would change with the other man.

6. In the smaller hotels the boss would take over the work in the meantime?—We should have nobody able to look after the place, and in a case like my own I suppose I should have to stay on myself.

7. *Mr Hardy* ] Do you move hotel-porters much?—I do not think that night-porters are changed very often. The man I have has been with me pretty well for three years.

8. You speak of term holidays: in the event of a night-porter leaving you in the meantime, would you approve of paying him for the holiday to which he would have been entitled?—Oh, yes! we would pay him.

9. In the event of your dismissing him, would you pay him in addition to his wages?—The Bill provides for that.

10. *Mr McLaren*.] Do you consider the four days suggested in lieu of the half-holiday equal to a half-day per week?—It would be six days and a half for the thirteen weeks; but if you work it out on the basis of the meal-hours it is four days, and that is the basis on which we work it out.

11. It is not equal to a half-day per week?—I think you would find out that there would be a great deal of difference.

Mr PRYOR further examined. (No. 8.)

*Witness* There is one thing we have all forgotten which was mentioned last year: in the busy seasons like Christmas, Easter, and race times, where it is found impossible to give a half-holiday in a week, we ask for the right to give a full holiday the next week.

*Mr McLaren*.] Do you want a clause to that effect?—Yes.

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