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Miss Nettie McNeil, whilst employed at "Stonehurst" as housemaid at the wage of 15s. per week: Start at 6.30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., breakfast; 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; 1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., lunch; 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.: extra duty, 2½ hours: total, 10½ hours. Monday, 13 hours; Tuesday, 10½ hours; Wednesday, 11½ hours (relieving waitress); Thursday, 7 hours (half-holiday); Friday, 10½ hours; Saturday, 10½ hours: total, 63 hours: Sunday, 13½ hours: grand total, 76½ hours. Sunday: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., breakfast; 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., dinner; 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., duty; 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., tea; 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.: total, 13½ hours. (Long Sunday: One week 71½, and next week, being a long Sunday, 76½.)

Mr. F. Carter, employed at "Glenalvon" as porter: Start at 5.15 a.m. and work till 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. alternately. Monday, 11½ hours; Tuesday, 13½ hours; Wednesday, 11½ hours; Thursday, 14 hours; Friday, 13½ hours; Saturday, 11½ hours: total, 75½ hours: Sunday, 11½ hours: grand total, 86½ hours.

Mr. Charles Carman, employed at "Glenalvon" as waiter at £1 5s. per week: Start 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.; 9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Monday, 11½ hours; Tuesday, 11½ hours; Wednesday, 13½ hours; Thursday, 13½ hours; Friday, 11½ hours; Saturday, 13½ hours: total, 75 hours: Sunday, 11½ hours: grand total, 86½ hours. Neither half-holiday nor a Sunday off.

Miss E. Sutton, employed at "Glenalvon" as head housemaid at £1 per week: Start 6.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (5 p.m. to 6 p.m. off); 6 p.m. till 10 p.m. and 8 p.m. alternately. Sunday: start at 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (5 p.m. to 6 p.m. off); 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Half-holiday every second Sunday from 2 p.m. Monday, 16 hours; Tuesday, 14 hours; Wednesday, 16 hours; Thursday, 14 hours; Friday, 16 hours; Saturday, 14 hours: total, 90 hours: Sunday, 15 hours: grand total, 105 hours per week; and on the Sunday off the number of hours worked are 98.

I would like to say this place is in direct competition with houses like the Grand Hotel, and do a similar business. For instance, the Supreme Court Judges spoke of this place, and it is in direct competition with the Grand Hotel, Star Hotel, and Royal Hotel. The principal portion of their business is a publichouse business.

Mr. W. Smith, chef at Star Hotel, Albert Street (later of "Kingscourt"): Started daily at 7 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.; 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—11 hours: total, 75 hours. Sunday: Start 7.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Some weeks worked 75 hours and other weeks 72½ hours. Wages: Chef, £2 12s. 6d.; second, £2; third, £1 7s. 6d. Average to cook for, 70. Staff, 9 hands—4 housemaids (15s.), 3 waitresses (15s.), 1 pantrymaid (15s.), 1 porter (£1). Done two balls and no pay.

Mr. W. Knight, whilst at "Cargen": Start 7.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (off till 4.30 p.m.); start 4.30 p.m., work till 8 p.m.—11 hours. The above hours were worked upon an easy day, but upon a heavy it was work from 7.30 a.m. till 8 p.m. without a break. Monday, 11 hours; Tuesday, 11 hours; Wednesday, 11 hours; Thursday, 11 hours; Friday, 11 hours; Saturday, 11 hours: total, 66 hours: Sunday, 7 hours: grand total, 73 hours for an easy week. Total of hours worked for a heavy week would be 83½, at the rate of 11½ hours per day. No half-holiday. 40 guests—7 of a staff and 3 of a family = 50. 2 housemaids, 2 pantrymen, 1 waiter, chef, and a youth 8s. per day.

I might state, however, in connection with this establishment, that they have just built an addition which will make it the largest boardinghouse establishment in New Zealand. I have here a cutting from the *Auckland Star* that there is another large boardinghouse establishment to be built in Auckland at a cost of £12,000. Two new residential hotels.

Mr. W. Knight, whilst at "Kingscourt": Start 7 a.m., work till 3 p.m. without a break; start again 4.30 p.m. and work till 8 p.m.: total for that day, 11½ hours. Monday, 11½ hours; Tuesday, 11½ hours; Wednesday, 11½ hours; Thursday, 11½ hours; Friday, 11½ hours; Saturday, 11½ hours: total, 69 hours: Sunday, 11½ hours: grand total, 80½ hours. One week's working-hours total 80½ hours. No half-holiday.

Miss M. Brown, employed at "Glenalvon" as housemaid-waitress, at the wage of 17s. 6d. per week: Start 6.45 a.m. on to 4 p.m. (off from 4 till 6.30 p.m.); 6.30 till 8 p.m., day on duty. Start 6.45 a.m., on to 10 p.m. Sunday: Start 7.15 a.m. to 1.45 p.m. (off from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m.); 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. three Sundays in the month. Off one Sunday in the month from the hour of 1.45 p.m. Monday, 10 hours; Tuesday, 10 hours; Wednesday, 10 hours; Thursday, 14½ hours; Friday, 10 hours; Saturday, 10 hours: total, 64½ hours: Sunday, 10½ hours: grand total, 75 hours worked on a Sunday on, and on a Sunday off 71 hours. Sundays on, from 7.15 a.m. to 10 p.m. without a break.

Miss Edith Flowers, whilst employed at "Cumarvo" as waitress at a wage of 17s. 6d. per week: Start 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.; 9.15 a.m. to 2 p.m., to 7 p.m.; 7.15 p.m. till 8 p.m. Monday, 13 hours; Tuesday, 13 hours; Wednesday, 13 hours; Thursday, 13 hours; Friday, 13 hours; Saturday, 13 hours: total, 78 hours: Sunday, 11 hours: grand total, 89 hours. 89 hours Sunday on, and 87 hours Sunday off.

Miss May McRorie and Miss Christie, employed at "Cargen" as waitress at £1 per week and pantrymaid at £1: Start 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. (breakfast); 8 a.m. to 12 noon (lunch); 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. (dressing); 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; 8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.: total, 10 hours. Monday, 10 hours; Tuesday, 8½ hours; Wednesday, 8 hours; Thursday, 9½ hours; Friday, 8½ hours; Saturday, 8 hours: total, 52½ hours: Sunday, 7 hours: grand total 59½ hours. Sunday start 7.30. 2 waitresses, 1 pantrymaid, 3 housemaids, 1 porter, 1 pantryman, 2 cooks: total staff, 10.

Miss Isabel Adams, late of "Glenalvon," employed there three weeks as waitress at the wage of 17s. 6d. per week: Start 7 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.; 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: total, 9 hours 45 minutes. Monday, 9½ hours; Tuesday, 9½ hours; Wednesday, 14½ hours; Thursday, 9½ hours; Friday, 9½ hours; Saturday, 9½ hours: total, 63½ hours: Sunday, 9½ hours: grand total, 73½ hours. Got one half-holiday on a Sunday from 2 p.m. once a month. Staff, 18.

Miss Amy Hill, whilst employed at "Glenalvon" as kitchenmaid at the wage of 10s. per week: Start 6.30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; 9.15 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; 1.45 p.m. to 4 p.m. (4 p.m. to 5 p.m. off); 5 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Sunday hours, 7 a.m. till 3 p.m. without a break; 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., excepting 15 minutes for each meal. Monday, 11½ hours; Tuesday, 11½ hours; Wednesday, 11½ hours; Thursday, 11½ hours; Friday, 11½ hours; Saturday, 11½ hours: total, 70½ hours: Sunday, 10½ hours: grand total, 81 hours.

Mr. E. J. Casby, employed at "Glenalvon" as kitchenman, at the wage of £1 5s. per week: Start 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. (off from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m.); 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. Every other Sunday off from 3 p.m. Monday, 13 hours; Tuesday, 13 hours; Wednesday, 13 hours; Thursday, 13 hours; Friday, 13 hours; Saturday, 13 hours; Sunday, 13 hours: total, 91 hours long week; short week, 87 hours.

Miss McFadden, employed at "Arundle": Start 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. or 9.30 p.m., nights on duty; start 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., nights off duty. No half-holiday. Monday (duty night), 13 hours; Tuesday, 11 hours; Wednesday, 11 hours; Thursday (duty night), 13 hours; Friday, 11 hours; Saturday, 11 hours; Sunday, 8 hours: total, 78 actual working-hours.

None of these people, except those employed at Stonehurst, were getting a holiday of any kind. After citing these cases to the Court (and, as I said before, these cases were very carefully prepared) I endeavoured to show to the Court that these establishments were in direct competition