

88. And you have gone up to 260?—Yes; that was the highest.

89. In July?—Yes.

90. I see you have brought this return down to the 25th July, and there is a reduction going on?—Yes.

91. It is now, on the 25th July?—One hundred and forty.

92. And there have been no admissions there apparently since the 20th July?—That is so.

93. On the 19th July forty-nine came in: where did they come from?—Trentham. There is a small sheet attached to the return showing where the men were discharged to.

94. I see that out of 371 discharged, seventeen went to the general hospital, two to Berhampore, sixteen to the Upper Hutt, seventy-eight back to Trentham, and 258 to their own homes?—Those who went to their own homes went on sick-leave.

95. And of those who went to the general hospital, did any die?—I never heard of any.

96. Not from Kaiwarra?—Yes, one—Murawai: that was the only one that I can remember who died.

97. *Dr. Martin.*] When was he sent in from Kaiwarra?—I think it was the 22nd June.

98. How long have you been at Kaiwarra?—Since the 18th June.

99. You have measles cases at Kaiwarra?—Yes. Mr. Hornsby, M.P., made a statement in the House that a man had been carried unconscious into Kaiwarra and had remained there for three days. I want to quote this: "*Somebody should be punished.*"—Mr. Hornsby (Wairarapa) asked if the Minister would take some steps to secure the punishment of the persons responsible for the lamentable happenings that were being reported to the House. He mentioned the case of a man who had been taken from the Trentham Camp to the Kaiwarra Hospital in an unconscious state, and whose parents had received no notice at all of his serious illness. The man had been unconscious for three days, and had been near to death. The Hon. Mr. Rhodes protested that the member had not had the courtesy to give notice of the question, so that information regarding the case might be secured. Mr. Hornsby: I have only been in possession of the facts for the last hour or two, and I have been out to Kaiwarra to see the man. Mr. Rhodes: An hour or two would have been ample for inquiries to be made. As to punishment, I have to find out if this statement can be substantiated. Mr. Poole: There are hundreds of such cases. We all have letters."

100. Was that during the time you were in charge?—Yes. Mr. Hornsby came to me with a letter to see the patient.

101. Who was the man?—Private G. G. Pearson. Mr. Hornsby had a letter from Mr. Rhodes asking to be allowed to see this man.

102. Do you remember that man coming to the hospital?—He came from the Wellington Hospital and not from Trentham.

103. Was he unconscious when he came?—No, quite well; he came in a motor-car.

104. Was he unconscious in your hospital?—No; he was never in bed in my hospital.

105. Was he up when Mr. Hornsby came?—Yes; that was the day before that question was asked.

106. Did Mr. Hornsby have any conversation with you?—He just asked me to be allowed to see the man.

107. Were you present at any conversation between Mr. Hornsby and the man?—No.

108. *The Chairman.*] There is no foundation whatever for the suggestion made in that extract you have read?—None at all.

109. Where is the man now?—He has gone on sick-leave.

110. Where to?—Wairarapa—Masterton, I believe.

111. What is his name?—G. G. Pearson.

112. Was he a private?—Yes.

113. From Masterton?—Yes.

114. Is that the only case that Mr. Hornsby came to see?—I believe so.

115. Did you ever see him there at any other time?—I cannot remember his being there at any other time.

116. Is there any other matter you have to bring before us?—Mr. Salmond was asking about Private Oliver being at Kaiwarra. I find he was there as an orderly. That was long before I was there. He was sent to Berhampore on the 27th April from Trentham. He was there for a few days, and was about four days in bed suffering from influenza. Then he was sent to Trentham and transferred to the infantry. On about the 7th May he was sent back from Berhampore to Trentham.

117. He was sent back sick?—No. I made inquiries from some of my orderlies at Kaiwarra.

118. Have you any other matter you wish to bring before us?—That is all.

119. You remember that Dr. Purdy left Berhampore to go South on the 2nd June?—Yes, sir.

120. Was there any Medical Officer in charge of the hospital during his absence?—He mentioned that Major Elliott would be out, and Major Elliott called on the following day.

121. What did Colonel Purdy tell you?—I would not be certain, but he said Major Elliott would be out, and that I was to ring him up if anything went wrong.

122. How often did you see Dr. Elliott there during Colonel Purdy's absence?—Twice.

123. Twice between the 2nd and the 6th June?—Yes.

124. *Mr. Salmond.*] Was he specially sent for?—No.

125. Did he come back to the hospital after Colonel Purdy returned?—He came back on the Sunday, when the place was inspected by the Minister of Public Health.

126. And not after that?—No.

127. Did he come with them?—Yes.

128. Was Dr. Clay's visit the only occasion when you had occasion to summon a doctor?—Yes.